

NT eyeing Dyngus Day

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Break out the sausage and crank up the polka. The City of North Tonawanda is looking to host a Dyngus Day celebration. The council expressed support for a proposal by Joseph Marranca, chairman of the North Tonawanda Neighborhood Watch, during its Tuesday work session.

According to Marranca, tentative plans would include a day of celebration and a parade down Oliver Street, potentially ending at Dom Polski's – an historic social and cultural club dedicated to the celebration and promotion of Polish culture. The overall aim of the project – aside from the usual fun associated with the Polish heritage holiday – is to provide a boon to local businesses, particularly those on Oliver Street.

For the parade, the Neighborhood Watch is requesting permission to close Oliver Street starting at 11th Avenue through 1st Avenue from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, April 5. Presence by the North Tonawanda Auxiliary Police was also requested.

The pitch was met with support by council members, including 2nd Ward Alderman Eric Zadzilka.

"I think it's a great idea. I'm a hundred percent behind it," Zadzilka said. "I think it's going to be very successful and ... it'll help the businesses along Oliver Street. People like to celebrate this. Buffalo and the surrounding areas have pride (for) Dyngus Day and I think it'll go very well; and I look forward to seeing how it how it comes out. And I think it'll be the first of many."

The sentiment was also shared by Council President Robert Pecoraro, who had full confidence in the NT Watch and its abilities to coordinate the event.

"We are a very ethnic-oriented city and this highlights one of those big, powerful ethnic groups in the Polish community for Dyngus Days, and we applaud (Marranca's) effort. We know the NT SEE DYNGUS, continued on Page 15

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code enforcement right now to give them a template on which to devise a blueprint for all businesses to allow outdoor seating. That way everybody doesn't have to come up with their own unique plans," Pecoraro said. "They already have a set of guidelines, so we're working on those guidelines now because we absolutely want businesses to succeed – and they'll succeed if we allow them the latitude to do it within certain parameters."

Good coffee and outdoor seating aren't the only things to look forward to Dailey's Webster Street property. The mixed-use property will eventually include El Gringo Mexican Cantina in the storefront adjacent to SPoT Coffee, as well as second-story apartment units and additional commercial tenants.

In a press release, Michael Zimmerman, director of community development, stated, "Redevelopment of this iconic mixed-use building in our downtown will draw new visitors to the Tonawandas, add jobs, and leverage the ongoing state and local investments made in our downtown."

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