



## Power City scores touchdown with Buffalo Bills-inspired bagels

Western New York has Buffalo Bills fever.

With the team winning its first two playoff games – at home, for the first time in a quarter-century – the team’s red and blue colors are showing up in myriad forms.

In Niagara Falls, the Power City Eatery deli and coffee house recently debuted Buffalo Bills-inspired bagels with colorful red and blue stripes weaved into the white dough.

Owner Joseph Hotchkiss said, “We’ve done multicolored bagels in the past for things like Christmas and St. Patrick’s Day. And when they made the playoffs, it was kind of like a lightbulb that went off.”

Making a Buffalo Bills bagel is more challenging, “as opposed to making one batch of dough, we have to do three separate batches for the two other colors,” Hotchkiss said. “It adds to our labor time, for sure. It’s a more lengthy process. And it’s also a two-day process. We make the dough on one day, and then they rise overnight. And the next day, we boil and bake all the bagels.”



The process been worth it, Hotchkiss said.

“Absolutely. We sold a little over 1,200 Bills bagels this week, which is up. The previous week we sold like 350,” he noted. And, “We’ve been shipping them all

across country” – as far away as Alaska. “It’s been fantastic.”

Hotchkiss said the bagels are sold out – but might return if the Bills beat the Kansas City Chiefs this weekend and advance to the Super Bowl.

Pictured are the Power City Eatery Buffalo Bills bagels. (Images courtesy of the eatery)

“I don’t know if it’s going to be next week, because there’s usually a gap between the AFC Championship game and the Super Bowl; so, it’ll be the week before the Super Bowl. We’ll start taking orders – probably,” he said.

The Village Bake Shoppe owner Mike Fiore said Power City Eatery is “a wonderful newer business to the downtown Niagara Falls area.” He lauded its breakfast sandwiches and said it feels like a big-city deli, but with a homey Niagara Falls feel. “Great ownership; wonderful employees; great place for meetings and gatherings, or just have a cup of coffee with someone when exploring the falls. The food is great; the catering is wonderful, as well, to share with colleagues or offices, or as a thank you to someone with their sandwiches and bagels.”

Power City Eatery is open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 444 Third St.

## IN THE NEWS

### Makeover planned at Schoellkopf

The Schoellkopf Health Center is about to get a \$300,000 facelift. Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center announced all three units at Schoellkopf, including the David’s Path Hospice Unit, would be included in work scheduled to begin Feb. 1.

Schoellkopf’s facility and staff provide subacute care and long-term skilled nursing care along with rehabilitative services for patients recovering from surgery, stroke and other conditions and procedures. End-of-life care in David’s Path is provided in partnership with Niagara Hospice. The center features all private rooms to provide dignity for all its residents.

“We know a facility that is home-like enhances the patient experience, promotes better health and aids in quicker recovery,” Memorial President and CEO Joseph A. Ruffolo said. “These upgrades are designed to make Schoellkopf patients and residents feel at right at home.”

The Schoellkopf project includes:

- ✓ Needed facility repairs;
- ✓ Hallway upgrades, including new decorative trim and top rails;
- ✓ The removal of aged and fraying wallpaper from hallways and rooms; and
- ✓ A fresh coat of paint for all 120 patient rooms.

### Handicraft lottery

Applications for the 2021 Native American handicraft sales permits are available for the summer season at Niagara Falls State Park.

Applications are available at the Niagara regional administration office at Prospect Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, or online at <http://nysparks.com/parks/46/details.aspx>. Masks are required to pick up in person. To have an application mailed out, call 278-1714 and leave a name and current mailing address.

Entries are due by Friday, March 5. The drawing will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 8, outside of the Orin Lehman Visitor Center at Niagara Falls State Park. Six names will be drawn. Applicants must be present to be selected. COVID-19 protocols will be followed and all participants will be required to wear masks.

In order to be eligible for the lottery, applicants must be 18 years of age or older and registered as a Native American or provide verifiable proof of Native American heritage.

For additional questions, contact Mary K. Dugan at 278-1755.

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