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'Brick by Brick' winners announced

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One of the region's most prominent developers and Buffalo's newest cultural attraction are among those being honored at the sixth annual *Business First* Brick by Brick awards.

The awards ceremony, set for Sept. 17 at the Avant building in downtown Buffalo, will honor projects in seven real estate and development categories.

This year's Golden Brick award will be given to the recently opened **Burchfield-Penney Art Center** on Elmwood Avenue. The Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to Dennis Penman, executive vice president of **M.J. Peterson Real Estate Corp.**

"The breadth of this year's nominees shows just how diverse the region's economic development scene truly is," said Jack Connors, Business First publisher and president. "When you have nominees from Dunkirk to Niagara Falls, it says a lot."

The nominated projects are:

- Best Office: **Evans Bank NA** branch on Elmwood Avenue in Buffalo; mixed-use One Buffalo Street project, Hamburg; and Village Park Commons project, Hamburg.
- Best Educational: **Daemen College** Research and Information Commons; Lakewood Memorial Library expansion in Lakewood; and the **St. Bonaventure University** Friedsam Memorial Library Rare Book Wing.

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- Best Historic Restoration or Renovation: The 95 Perry St. building in Buffalo; Hodgson Russ' renovation of the Guaranty Building; and the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site, also in Buffalo.
- Best New Construction: **Goya Foods** Distribution Center in Angola; Niagara Falls Municipal Complex; and Sonwil Distribution Center in Buffalo.
- Best Medical: Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital expansion; Omni Pain & Wellness Center in Hamburg; and the St. John Baptist Hospice in Buffalo.
- Best Retail and/or Restaurant: Dunkirk Boardwalk Market; Gigi's Restaurant renovations in Buffalo; and Pano's Restaurant expansion, also in Buffalo.
- Best Townhouse, Apartment, Condo or Residential: Crocker Sprague/**Chadwick Bay Lofts** in Dunkirk; the Felician Sisters of St. Francis Provincial House in Buffalo; and the Greythorne Patio Homes in Amherst.

The nominees were selected by a three-person panel:

- Jennifer Aiple, executive director, Greater Buffalo Building Owners & Managers Association
- Keith Belanger, senior vice president, **M&T Bank**, and chairman, **Buffalo Place Inc.**
- David Stebbins, vice president, **Buffalo Urban Development Corp.**

This year's Brick by Brick awards are sponsored by the **Bonadio Group**, **Community Preservation Corp.** and **Frey Electric Construction Co.**

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