



Artist Laurie Guzda

SPACESHIPS MAKE A SPLASH IN HAWLEY, PA!

Last year, after deciding not to proceed with an auction for *Space Invasions*, Stamford Downtown sought to find a way to do some good with the stunning originally designed fiberglass “spaceships.” Stamford Downtown asked Laurie Guzda, longtime Stamford Downtown’s *Art in Public Places* artist, if she knew of any opportunities. Guzda came up with the idea of sending them to Lackawaxen County, Pennsylvania, where she lives, to be used a fundraising effort for Growing Lackawaxen.

Growing Lackawaxen located in Hawley, Pa., is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of those who live there through art, music, community gatherings and to support of neighbors in need.

Guzda and her counterpart, Jeff Shook, Supervisor of Lackawaxen Township, arranged for a truck to pick up 10 sculptures in Stamford, and starting in April, they were displayed on the Toe Path, which banks along the Lackawaxen River. According to Guzda, the community’s reaction to the sculptures was “overwhelmingly positive and created a buzz. It gave kids something to do during pandemic isolation that allowed for social distancing and fun!”



Auction Participant

Following the Stamford Downtown model, on September 5th, the spaceship sculptures were auctioned off and raised over \$16,500. A majority of the funds will be donated to the Lackawaxen Care Cabin, the community’s local food bank. Stamford Downtown is thrilled to be part of such a wonderful event!



Auction Staff and Participants

Juice Kings - Coming Soon!

Juice Kings will be Stamford's newest all natural, fresh fruit and vegetable juice and smoothie bar. It will be located in the heart of Stamford Downtown at the newly renovated 36 Atlantic Street and is planning to open its doors on October 1st.



Jeff Osta and Renel Domond



Renel Domond, Jeff Osta, Nagi Osta and Shelly Nichani

Stamford natives and great friends Jeff Osta of NAGI Jewelers and Stamford activist Renel Domond shared a passion for healthy living. Through their relationship, both Renel and Jeff wanted to make healthy-nutrition a realistic option for everyone. They envisioned a healthy juice and smoothie bar which would source and serve all fresh, non-frozen juices and smoothies as a way to build a healthier Stamford community.

Each offering is uniquely curated by both owners to ensure that each item is not only tasty but contains ingredients to boost the immune system and supercharge the body and mind.

At Juice Kings, they know providing nutrient rich and delicious products is important because when you are feeling refreshed, then you will perform better. Their goal is to inspire people to live a healthy lifestyle and achieve a higher quality of life.

Their menu will consist of over 40 juice and smoothie items in addition to protein drinks, Irish Moss, wellness shots, and coffee. Juice Kings are here to promote healthy, great tasting and nutrition-rich products which are affordable and accessible to everyone.



Tutti Pazzi Italian Restaurant + Bar (269 Bedford Street)



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Tutti Pazzi Italian Restaurant + Bar (formerly Quattro Pazzi) at 269 Bedford Street may have had a name change but they are still offering the same amazing food, great atmosphere, and excellent service.

"TUTTI PAZZI," meaning everybody's crazy!, is ready for you to indulge in freshly made pasta, local seafood, and Italian wines. Open daily for lunch and dinner, it also has two private rooms for all your event needs and provides catering.

Customers can make reservations by calling the restaurant ((203) 324-7000) or using [OpenTable](#). Takeout and delivery are available through [UberEats](#) and [GrubHub](#). Check out their new menu now at tuttipazzict.com and follow them on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) as @tuttipazzistamford.

This September, Stamford Downtown welcomed two Stamford native artists to grace our retail windows along Bedford Street



Lauren Clayton is thrilled to showcase some of her recent work in her hometown at 108 Bedford Street. Founder of Studio 162, a boutique art and graphic design company based in Stamford, Clayton designs for local non-profit organizations as well as numerous small businesses in the area.

Another talented Stamford artist, Jean Benoit, is displaying his lifelike oil paintings at 172 Bedford Street. A self-taught artist, Benoit has devoted himself to be a lifetime student of the arts. His creative endeavors are labors of love, drawing inspiration from all aspects of the universe. His work has been exhibited in dozens of local galleries.



Stamford Downtown Partners with Ginkgo

Stamford Downtown has partnered with Connecticut-founded startup Ginkgo to re-imagine Stamford Downtown's mapping and operations. Ginkgo's founder, Starling Childs, is a graduate of Yale's Graduate School of the Environment, and founded Ginkgo to assist Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) with data management and planning services.

More specifically, Ginkgo allows BIDs to assemble and analyze a wide variety of downtown-based data including property ownership, valuation, demographic measures and land use classification. Stamford Downtown staff is utilizing Ginkgo to undertake several projects, including creating an inventory of street level fixtures such as lights, trees, tree beds and amenities such as signage and banners. Stamford Downtown is also mapping ground floor uses to assist with land-use planning for downtown. In the upcoming months, Stamford Downtown will provide updates regarding the progress of these projects.