

# STAMFORD DOWNTOWN

A MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER



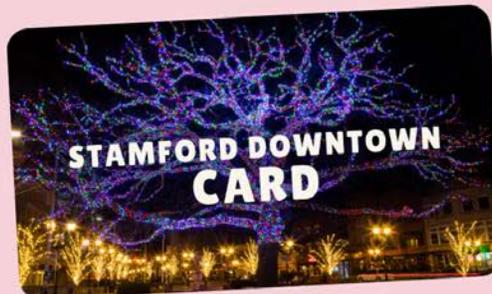
Chris Calderon, Social Service Outreach Ambassador

## INTRODUCING STAMFORD DOWNTOWN'S NEW SOCIAL SERVICE OUTREACH AMBASSADOR

In December 2020, Stamford Downtown's Ambassador and Environmental Maintenance Team welcomed Chris Calderon to provide social service outreach. Chris, who holds a BA in Psychology from the University of Hartford, will utilize his education to act as the primary liaison with the population of individuals who frequent areas of the Downtown and may be in need of various forms of help.

Chris will work to not only connect these individuals with available social services, but closely collaborate with them to ensure they attend scheduled appointments with doctors, therapists, or case managers. He also will work with Stamford Downtown's Vice-President of Operations to further build the organization's working relationships with community partners such as Laurel House, Inspirica, Pacific House and the Stamford Police Department. The addition of this service will help improve the sense of safety, and the quality of the pedestrian environment, within downtown.

## Share the Love



VALENTINE'S DAY IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER.  
SHOW SOMEONE YOU CARE, WHILE ALSO SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES.

THE STAMFORD DOWNTOWN CARD IS A DIGITAL GIFT CARD  
REDEEMABLE AT MORE THAN 40 DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES.  
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE—AND ALL LOCAL!

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## GRAND OPENINGS IN STAMFORD DOWNTOWN

### JERKYZ

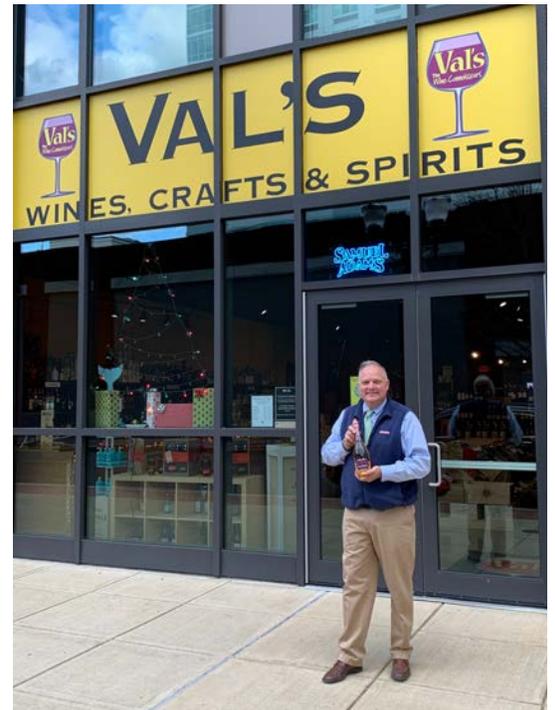
Chef Joab Taylor has brought his native Jamaican fare to Stamford Downtown with the opening of Jerkyz (227 Summer Street). Jerkyz's creative menu is driven by its unique approach to the use of smoke and island herbs and spices. Visit the restaurant today to enjoy an authentic Jamaican street food experience. Takeout and no-contact delivery are also available. To see more of Jerkyz's Jamaican fusion cuisine, visit them on [Instagram](#).



### VAL'S WINES, CRAFTS & SPIRITS

Val's Wines, Crafts & Spirits, located along the Summer Place frontage of 66 Summer Street (the side street facing the Majestic Theatre) is delighted to be a part of the Stamford Downtown business community. Jeb Fiorita has expanded his father's (Val) vision, which started in Greenwich in 1957 in the Stop & Shop Plaza near the Greenwich Library. Jeb opened a second location in the Glenville section of Greenwich in 2017 and on November 21st, 2020 added its third location in Stamford Downtown. Val's Wines, Crafts & Spirits offers a great selection of wines, craft beers and spirits with a knowledgeable and attentive staff!

Pictured right is Peter Olsen, General Manager, excited to meet and serve the Downtown residents, hotel guests, moviegoers, wine enthusiasts and daytime workers.



Peter Olsen, Val's General Manager



The Ferguson Library is doing a short survey to plan for the future. Let them know what you think. Really, it's short!

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*Coming in February*



## STAMFORD DOWNTOWN WINTER RESTAURANT WEEKS

February 15 - February 28

### THE PIANO PROJECT, ART IN PUBLIC PLACES IN STAMFORD DOWNTOWN

The Stamford Downtown Special Services District is calling all artists to submit design proposals for **The Piano Project, Art in Public Places in Stamford Downtown** for jury and possible sponsor selection and exhibit inclusion.

**The Piano Project, Art in Public Places in Stamford Downtown** - similar to the Cow Parade, Horsin' Around, Street Seats, Dinosaurs Rule, Art Shapes and Space Invasion - is an interactive sculpture exhibit. Artists, through a juried selection process, will paint and decorate upright pianos that will be put in place throughout Stamford Downtown. The exhibit will last from June through August 2021 and Stamford Downtown encourages people's enjoyment as musicians or audience. The exhibit will once again engage the talent of the local and regional art community and captivate the imagination of young and old alike. At the conclusion of the exhibit, the pianos will be sold at auction with a portion of the proceeds donated to Project Music.

For more information or to download an application for **"The Piano Project, Art in Public Places in Stamford Downtown"** please visit [stamford-downtown.com](http://stamford-downtown.com). Application deadline is February 16, 2021.

Stamford Downtown is also looking for donations of upright pianos under 50" in working condition by February 16, 2021. We can arrange for pick-up and transportation. Please note: Pianos must be located within 15 miles of Stamford and be easily accessible for moving, no more than a few stairs. Please contact Stamford Downtown at [events@stamford-downtown.com](mailto:events@stamford-downtown.com) or call (203) 348-5285 if you have a piano to donate for this public exhibit in Stamford Downtown.

