

# STAMFORD DOWNTOWN

A MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER

**STREATERIES**  
*in*  
STAMFORD DOWNTOWN

## Outdoor Dining Returns April 1!



Closed streets & parking spaces  
transformed into outdoor dining



Please respect posted  
guidelines, observe  
social distancing and  
wear a mask at all  
times when you're not  
seated and eating.

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## NEW RESTAURANT ALERT: QUARTIERE

Owners Martin Bates, Joe Criscuolo, and Aldo Criscuolo are opening a new restaurant this month at 51 Bank Street called **Quartiere**, meaning “neighborhood” in Italian. Their vision is a neighborhood spot for great artisanal pizza, fresh-made pasta, tasty salads, and more. “We all share the same values in creating an elevated casual dining experience that is delicious, craveable, and affordable, and speaks to the local trattorias of the old country,” explains Martin. Italian flours are used to make Quartiere pizza dough (in an Italian mixer) while Italian Semolina is used for the pasta. Gluten-free pasta and pizza are available and all fresh-made pasta can be prepared to purchase and cook in your own home.

This cozy attractive restaurant seats 65 inside in addition to its outdoor patio seating. Quartiere is open from 5 PM - 11 PM Monday through Friday and all day on the weekends starting with brunch. Lunch hours will be announced shortly. Visit Quartiere's [website](#) for their menu and more details!

## MILK N COOKIES - COOKIE CAFÉ & CEREAL BAR OPENS



Milk N Cookies Employee Jimmy



Owners George Spirou and Lou Apicella

**Milk N Cookies - Cookie Café & Cereal Bar** (163 Bedford Street) opened to eager customers on Saturday, February 27th. This upscale cookie shop serves premium fresh baked cookies as well as a full cereal bar where customers may infuse their cereal of choice, into ice cream and milkshakes or decide to just have a bowl of cereal.

The concept was created by friends who shared a sweet tooth and a passion for creative breakfast twists. Both Lou Apicella and George Spirou, owners of the Stamford location, are excited to bring their unique concept to Stamford offering a “family-friendly dessert spot where kids and adults of all ages can relax.” This is Milk N Cookies' first Connecticut location after Mamaroneck, New York, and the Garden State Plaza in Paramus, New Jersey. View their offerings and more information [here](#).



## STAMFORD VETERANS PARK PARTNERSHIP'S VETERAN & MILITARY HISTORY PROGRAM

What brought you to serve?  
 What branch of the military did you serve in?  
 What was your most challenging moment?  
 What was your proudest moment?  
 What lessons did you learn and want to share with others?

Let Stamford Veterans Park Partnership honor your voice or that of a family member – we want to listen and to learn.

Participating in the SVPP's Veteran & Military History Program will not only help inform others about veteran and military history, but it will also help tell the story of the formation of our country and underscore the sacrifices made by those who fought for our freedom. This collection of stories will be made available on SVPP's [website](#) and will be featured in their online education highlights.

If you have any questions or would like more information about this program, please contact Colleen Harkey, SVPP Executive Director at [harkeyvpppartnership@gmail.com](mailto:harkeyvpppartnership@gmail.com), or (203) 803-9086.

To access the online and printable form, please click [here](#).



## STAMFORD'S ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE

As the nation moves toward a carbon-neutral economy in order to combat climate change, more-and-more car manufacturers are introducing models of Electric Vehicles (EVs). The success of the nation's effort to transition away from automobiles that rely on the traditional combustion engine is to ensure EV owners have easy access infrastructure to charge their cars. Stamford is fortunate in that its Transportation, Traffic and Parking Department (TT+P) has already been contemplating solutions to the real-world challenges facing EV owners.

As described by Luke Bittenwieser from TT&P, Stamford has the most publicly accessible electric vehicle charging stations in Fairfield County. The City is home to three 40 Amp fast charge, parking spaces in the Bell Street, Summer Street, and Bedford Street Garages. The Bedford Street Annex Parking Lot is the home to two (2), thirty (30) Amp charging spaces. The TT&P is currently in the process of adding a fourth charging space in each of the parking garages located within Stamford Downtown.

As stated by Mr. Bittenwieser, the electricity – serving the City-owned electric vehicle charging spaces – is free; however, EV owners must still pay for the parking space. In addition to the publicly offered spaces, several private parking garages and lots offer electric vehicle charging. The steps taken by the TT+P exemplify the many exciting initiatives cities, such as Stamford, are taking to prepare for a carbon-neutral future.



Stamford Downtown would like to thank the following generous individuals for donating 25 pianos for our upcoming art exhibit, *The Piano Project in Stamford Downtown*. Artists will paint and decorate the pianos that will be displayed on the sidewalks and parks of Stamford Downtown for all to play and enjoy during Summer 2021.  
**THANK YOU!**

Patti Benni  
Heather Borden Herve  
Marie Camacho  
Daniel Camoes  
Doug Carlson  
Barb Cassidy  
Kevin Geignetter  
Amanda and Liz Granath  
Reverend Maxwell Grant  
Lucas Groener  
Larry Hallett  
Mary Hamilton

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Steven Jarrett  
Val Morgera  
Brandon Ortiz  
Jamie Rose  
Jami Sherwood  
Larry Shiner  
Nika Skvir-Miliakal  
Mike Sullivan  
Gisela Verma  
Allison Vetter  
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