

STAMFORD DOWNTOWN

A MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER

WELCOME UNITED HOME & PATIO TO SUMMER STREET



Andy and Adrienne Cunningham in United Home & Patio's Main Floor and Garden Room

Just in time for the warm spring weather! **United Home & Patio** owners Andy and Adrienne Cunningham, are excited to open their two-level store at 441 Summer Street. After 35 years as the General Manager of United House Wrecking, Andy is bringing his vast knowledge of antiques and decorative furnishings to Stamford Downtown, creating a unique experience for downtown shoppers. Adrienne, having spent 10 years as a Senior Media Buyer for Wilton-based Diray Media (an ad agency specializing in direct media and infomercials), is providing her exceptional marketing skills to the store. This dynamic duo, married for 31 years, now embraces a new adventure together, creating a garden oasis in the heart of Stamford Downtown.

The store's lower level features the Garden Room, filled with a plethora of bird feeders and houses, weathervanes, wrought iron garden furniture, and outdoor wall hangings. While the spacious main floor showcases outdoor patio sets in teak, wicker and cast aluminum, antique doors, mantels, chandeliers, and stain glass windows. There is also a host of balcony furnishings, ideal for apartment dwellers.

For more information on United Home & Patio, please visit them Wednesday-Sunday, 10AM-5PM, or view their website [here](#).

TAJ RESTAURANT AT 211 SUMMER STREET A TRIBUTE TO ALL THE CITIES IN INDIA

Restaurateur Finto Antony looked for six months until he found the perfect place for **Taj Restaurant**, his 65 seat chic Indian restaurant, located at 211 Summer Street. Attracted to Stamford Downtown's international cuisine, Finto's second-floor establishment dons a beautiful décor of brightly colored orange walls with plush leather booths. Originally from Kerala, India, Finto's Indian cuisine is a tribute to all the cities in India, which incorporates contemporary plating with impressive table service. "We blend traditional and new flavors, serving both classic and new creations, while preserving time-honored cooking techniques," explains Finto.



Taj owner Finto Antony and mixologist Sanket Sanket Naringrekar

Taj's mixologists are ready to mix up a hibiscus mule, melon guru or sweet pepper margarita, all made with natural tropical ingredients from India. Small plates include smoked tandoori wings, basil malai chicken or masala crab cakes. Specialties of the house include Nadan chicken curry, Mangalorean shrimp or try the favorite Malabari biryani. For details, visit tajstamford.com.

COURTED BY THE COURTYARD

If you have not already done so, treat yourself to a modern Italian experience at the latest Downtown hot spot, **Divina Restaurant**, just off the lobby of the Courtyard by Marriott at 275 Summer Street. Owners Enzo Bruno, Domenico Iovieno, and Walter Cappelli have owned the popular Table 104 on Long Ridge Road for seven years. For the past three years, they have been interested in joining the Stamford Downtown restaurant scene, but it was the enthusiasm of Todd Lindvall, General Manager of the Courtyard by Marriott, that finally encouraged them to anchor in Downtown.



Divina owners Domenico Iovieno, Enzo Bruno, and Walter Cappelli

The innovative menu combines traditional Italian fare with a creative twist is what makes Divina "better than great: its divine!" as their [website](#) explains. Wood-fired pizza, homemade pasta, fresh seafood, and imaginative drinks are offered in a beautiful 4,000 square foot, 90 seat, 3 room setting, in addition to the outdoor dining area. The private room can be arranged for 6 or up to 16 guests.

Divina's menu and hours can be found [here](#) or for more content, see their [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

VACCINATING STAMFORD DOWNTOWN'S SMALL BUSINESS WORKFORCE



(Clockwise from top left) Staff of Mecha, bartaco, Acuario and Tiernan's

On April 13th, the City of Stamford launched a special vaccination clinic for Stamford's small business community. Designed to be as simple as possible for our frontline workers this effort gives Stamford consumers peace of mind. The first clinic was held at The Government Center (888 Washington Boulevard), specifically for Stamford's restaurant industry. The site was chosen for its walkability from many Downtown restaurants. City officials were also able to quickly pivot and provide the first of the two-dose Moderne vaccine instead of Johnson & Johnson as originally planned. The clinic will go on for the next several weeks as it continues to serve Stamford's small business workforce.

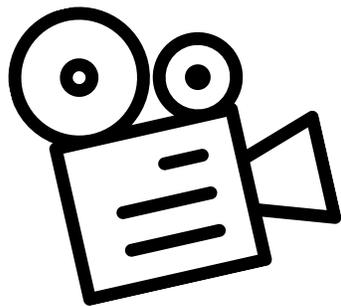
In preparation of the April 13th launch, Stamford Downtown worked in tandem with City of Stamford's Health Department to see that every Downtown restaurant was aware of the program and aided in registering interested Downtown owners, managers, and employees.

The vaccines are being offered to any individual 18 years or older with an ID. Out of state, non-resident and undocumented employees are allowed to registered for clinics. Insurance is not required. If your small business would like to participate in this program, please email City of Stamford's Economic Development Director, Thomas Madden at tmadden@stamfordct.gov.

Netflix Comes to Stamford Downtown

Netflix will be filming the murder thriller "The Good Nurse," from April 12 through May 20 here in Stamford. The true-crime drama will star Eddie Redmayne and Jessica Chastain and tells the story of serial killer Charles Cullen, a nurse who confessed to killing some 40 patients in hospitals in New Jersey and Pennsylvania during the 80s and 90s. The film will be directed by Tobias Lindholm and is based on the book Charles Graeber. Casting calls have gone out for extras to be in the background of the film. So expect to see some local people in the final production! The film production has focused on keeping everything local, with a majority of the production crew staying in Stamford hotels.

The film will be taping at the following downtown locations, so expect traffic delays as the production moves throughout the City.



Downtown Filming Locations

May 11

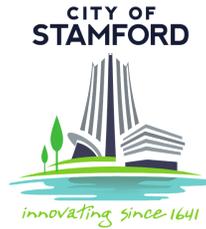
Bedford Street Diner, 935 Bedford St, At Hoyt St

May 13 - 14

Stamford Hotel - Parking Structure, 700 East Main Street

May 17, 18, 19, 20 & 21

UConn Stamford, 1 University Place, Between Broad & North Streets



FLOOD MAP INFORMATION SERVICES

The City of Stamford, Connecticut continues its participation in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS). Help Stamford maintain its status as a Level 7 Community – a threshold that enables Stamford policy holders to enjoy up to a 15% reduction in the cost of flood insurance premiums.

The City of Stamford Environmental Protection Board (EPB) responds to inquiries by owners, agents, bankers, real estate brokers and other interested parties regarding flood mapping, floodplain management and other pertinent flood related information. There is no charge for this service. Information may include the following:

- A determination as to whether a property is situated in or outside of a special flood hazard area (SFHA) as reflected on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Stamford, Connecticut;
- Pertinent flood insurance data for a site such as the flood zone designation, base flood elevation (BFE) and/or the location of the regulatory floodway as reflected on the FIRM for Stamford, Connecticut;
- Available historical flood information; and/or
- Available information regarding the approximate location of wetlands or other sensitive areas.

If a property is situated within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), Environmental Protection Board Staff will confirm that the purchase of flood insurance is mandated by federal law if the property has been financed by a federally backed mortgage or loan. Handouts describing the mandatory flood insurance requirement are available from the EPB.

Requests for flood map and other related information may be made by phone (203-977-4028) or by email (rtalamelli@stamfordct.gov). As Covid-19 Emergency Protocols are relaxed, we shall restore in person requests for information at our offices on the 7th Floor of the Stamford Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard. Walk-up service, when restored, shall be provided by EPB Staff between the hours of 8:00AM and 12:00PM, Monday through Friday.

To ensure the accuracy of our response, the request should be accompanied by some basic information to help our office staff pinpoint the location of the property such as the address, a legal description, or a copy of a current survey, aerial photograph, or the Assessor's Card.

Additional flood information/resources can be found on our website [here](#).

Thank you, and please give me a call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Talamelli
Executive Director/Environmental Planner