

# STAMFORD DOWNTOWN

A MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER



"Artistic Celebration of Motherhood" at 96 Bedford Street

## Artistic Celebration of Motherhood Exhibition at 96 Bedford Street

This May, in homage to mothers everywhere, the **Stamford Art Association (SAA)** and the **Connecticut Society of Portrait Artists (CSOPA)** have partnered to create a special exhibition called "Artistic Celebration of Motherhood" featuring original art inspired by motherhood ranging from classic portraiture from CSOPA artists to other styles and media by SAA artists, collectively featuring 70 original works created by 51 artists from 5 states.

The gallery space located at 96 Bedford Street was donated for the month by owner Gregory Lodato, a longtime Stamford Downtown owner and Board of Commission member. Mr. Lodato has generously allowed a number of artists this year to showcase their work in short-term vacancies resulting in a wonderful enlivenment of Bedford Street.

Polly Currie, a member of CSOPA, gathered her family together on Bedford Street to view the display and enjoy an early Mother's Day celebration. This was Polly's first exhibit as a new artist. "It was an honor to be a part of this exhibit, my first foray into showing my work publicly. I appreciated the help and encouragement from CSOPA. This exhibit was a wonderful experience in every way!"

This pop-up window exhibit is on display through May 30, 2021. Click [here](#) to view the online exhibition. A [recording](#) of the virtual reception and artists' talks held on Saturday, May 1st, co-hosted by the [Stamford Art Association](#) and [Connecticut Society of Portrait Artists](#) is also available.



Artist Polly Currie's Family from left to right: daughter-in-law Julia Currie, daughter Emily Bowling who is the mother in Currie's painting, "Love at First Sight" (seen behind), son Tucker Currie, Polly Currie, son Neil Currie, daughter Rebecca Ferranti, who is in the painting, "Here I Am" in the virtual gallery, and a friend of Neil's, Jenna Gallagher.

## Columbian & Latin America Restaurants Open in Stamford Downtown

### Chakos Latin Cuisine



**Chakos Latin Cuisine**, located at 78 West Park Place, offers a variety of Latin American dishes. Inspired by the owners' Guatemalan heritage and passion for travel and different cultures, Chef Leo Abundez and Luis Palma, have cultivated a vast menu of culinary delights, utilizing the freshest ingredients from South America.

On Taco Tuesdays, patrons can enjoy in a taco platter with a variety of six tacos (carne adobada, steak and chorizo) and, on Wednesdays, savor parrillada for two with a bottle of wine for sixty dollars. Friday and Saturday nights feature a live DJ spinning Spanish music. And do not miss their Monday-Thursday happy hours (4-7 pm) for margaritas, caipirinhas, and beer specials. For more information, visit [chakoslatinuisine.com](http://chakoslatinuisine.com).

### Cosechas Restaurant

Just down the street at 217 Atlantic Street (across from Safavieh Home Furnishings) is **Cosechas Restaurant**. This family-owned business is operated by siblings Jessica and David Ramirez, with the help of their parents Gloria and Hernan. The original Cosechas Restaurant on Hope Street opened in 2017, but the family was always interested in opening a second location to become part of the unique restaurant culture in Stamford Downtown.

The most popular items are the variety of empanadas which are beef, chicken, cheese, Hawaiian, chicken/chorizo, guava, and spinach, beautifully showcased at the entrance. As well as popular traditional Colombian baked goods which are Pan de Bono, Pan de Queso and Buñuelos. To view menu, see [cosechasstamford.com](http://cosechasstamford.com).





Bigbelly units in Veterans Park

## Bigbelly Receptacles Debut in Stamford Downtown

The newly renovated Veterans Memorial Park will house two pairs of Bigbelly trash and recycling receptacles. As stated by Bigbelly, the firm is the world leader of smart waste and recycling solutions for public spaces. Bigbelly units use sensors to determine the amount of refuse and recycling material accumulating within the units then notifies the unit manager when to empty the receptacles.

In comparison with traditional receptacles, Bigbelly units require fewer visits and maintenance hours thus freeing personnel for other projects within Downtown. Stamford Downtown petitioned the Stamford Veterans Park Partnership to incorporate the Bigbelly units into the park so as to reduce the number of traditional receptacles at the site and to test the utility of these units. If successful, Stamford Downtown will advocate for replacing the large, plastic totes – currently deployed in Stamford Downtown – with Bigbelly units.

## Power Washing Downtown Streetscapes



Ambassador Bob Cornell power washing on Atlantic Street

With the arrival of Spring, Stamford Downtown's Environmental Maintenance Team undertakes a series of projects to prepare the Downtown streetscape for increased pedestrian activity, events, and communal gathering. One such project entails power washing Downtown's most heavily traveled pedestrian corridors. These corridors include the Main Street/Columbus Park area, Atlantic Street between Bank and Broad Street, and Bedford Street.

Stamford Downtown is scheduled to power wash the sidewalks within these areas on three occasions during warm weather months. The Environmental Maintenance Team begins power washing early in the morning so as not to obstruct the morning commute while also deploying a custom-designed system by which to reclaim water so as to prevent waste from this process from entering the stormwater system and thus entering into Long Island Sound.

## Winfield Street Coffee Celebrates 1 Year Since Reopening Post-Lockdown

After reopening one year ago, Breno Donatti, Justin LoCascio, and the team at **Winfield Street Coffee** (96 Broad Street) created their [Giving Back Program](#) in response to the hardship that their communities were facing. It has grown to be a pivotal part of Winfield's mission. In celebration of this milestone, and as a thank you to their community, Winfield handed out 365 packaged chocolate-chip cookies with a free drip coffee on May 15th.

Here's a note from Winfield CEO, Breno Donatti on their reopening:



*"All I have to say is how grateful I am to our staff, vendors, loyal customers, and the community at large. I am privileged to be in this community and be surrounded by such a special and talented group of people. Great milestones always come with great challenges and when we face a problem with the spirit of bettering ourselves and everyone around us, the result can only be positive. Exact 1 year later from those treacherous and uncertain reopening days, I can report that our staff is more resilient than ever and our reach is broadening more each day. Our Giving Back program has become a part of who we are and I am proud to announce that it will become permanent. From the bottom of our hearts at Winfield, thank you for your support."*

# FREE Fitness Classes in Latham Park

MAY 10 - AUGUST 29

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS
					
<b>Afro R&amp;B Heat</b>	<b>Boot Camp</b>	<b>Bollyfitness</b>	<b>Yoga</b>	<b>Zumba</b>	<b>Yoga</b>
AFRO RHYTHM AND BEATS	CHELSEA PIERS	WITH NEHA	CHELSEA PIERS	STAMFORD YMCA: Y WITHOUT WALLS	CHELSEA PIERS
				<b>SUNDAYS</b>	
					
				<b>Total Body Conditioning</b>	<b>Cycle*</b>
				J. LUPPINO FITNESS & CO.	LIFE CYCLE

\*Cycle classes are held in the Bedford Street Piazza behind Life Cycle Studio

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