

STAMFORD DOWNTOWN

A MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER

ALIVE @ FIVE
in partnership with
RECKSON + BevMax
21+ Only

9.02
Jon Batiste

9.09 | Chelsea Cutler + Jeremy Zucker

9.23 | Third Eye Blind
Sponsored by Reckson

9.30
Ludacris
Sponsored by NBCUniversal

SEPTEMBER 2021 **NEW LOCATION: MILL RIVER PARK**

9.01 | Blues Traveler

9.08 | Boyz II Men

Morgan Stanley presents
WEDNESDAY NITE LIVE

9.22 | Village People

9.29
Jefferson Starship
Sponsored by Frank Mercede & Sons

Advance Tickets \$25 Purchase at stamford-downtown.com/events

Cheers to Izet's Leather & Shoe Repair for 35 Years!

Congratulations to Izet Music, owner of **Izet's Leather & Shoe Repair**, who is celebrating a 35 year anniversary at his Landmark Square store located at 60 Atlantic Street. As a young man, Izet learned his shoemaking trade working as an apprentice for his uncle in what is now known as Montenegro (formerly Yugoslavia). Izet then moved to New York City and worked at the famous Mamma Leone's restaurant for many years.

One day, Izet now a young man in his early 30's, was seeking a passport for his son and discovered that a trip to Stamford's Landmark Square passport office could save him hours in line, compared to New York City's passport office. Traveling to Stamford, he was "very impressed with the town". At the time, he was planning to open a restaurant but soon decided it would be better if he returned to his native trade and open a shoe repair shop.

As engaging as his fine craftsmanship, we salute Izet, for his perseverance in maintaining a fine leather store in the heart of our Downtown.



Izet Music at his 60 Atlantic Street store

Public Realm Enhancement Plan



Examples of Tactical Urbanism

Stamford Downtown has contracted with Stantec, a multi-disciplinary urban planning, engineering, and landscape design firm, to devise a Public Realm Enhancement Plan. Stantec will assist Stamford Downtown with creating a prioritized inventory of public spaces throughout Downtown. Such spaces may include public parks, sidewalks, spaces between buildings, and publicly accessible spaces within privately held properties. Once Stantec creates this priority listing, they will then create plans to deploy tactical urbanism concepts at the three sites deemed the highest priority.

As described by the Center for New Urbanism, tactical urbanism refers to the approach of implementing short-term, low-cost, and scalable demonstration projects that test alternatives to infrastructure, design, and uses in the public realm. Tactical urbanism may include colorful crosswalks, converting on-street parking lots into pop-up parks, or transforming impervious surfaces into green spaces. Such projects will further transform Stamford Downtown into an attractive setting with visually unique spaces that spur pedestrian activity, communal gathering, and innovation.

Smoke Times Opens



Outside of Smoke Times

Stamford Downtown welcomes our new store **Smoke Times** to 108 Bedford Street, a unique tobacco shop selling a variety of items including 15 international cigar brands attractively displayed in their climate-controlled glass room. All types of tobacco-related wares can be found here as well as a wide selection of electronics. Ahmed Kariem, Smoke Time's Manager is happy to show you around their fourth Connecticut location after Norwalk, Danbury, and Stratford.



Inside of Smoke Times (108 Bedford Street)

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The Stamford Art Association & The Stamford History Center Present an In-Person Art Exhibit "History Through the Artist's Eye" at the Stamford History Center 1508 High Ridge Road, Stamford, CT July 1 - August 15



After The Hunt circa 1943, Norm Siegel



Keeping Social Distance, Maria Friscia



My Neighborhood, Mary Ann Glass

The **Stamford Art Association (SAA)** and the **Stamford History Center (SHC)** have partnered to create a special event looking at the broad perspective of how history is represented in the artist's work, i.e., how an artist uses history - personal or communal - to inform their work. This in-person exhibit is not focused on Stamford but on how personal memories or views and experiences influence one's art. The exhibition is being held at the Stamford History Center, 1508 High Ridge Road, Stamford, CT until August 15th. "History Through the Artist's Eye" is a multimedia juried show with cash prizes and a reception on Sunday, July 18th from 2 pm - 4 pm at the Stamford History Center.

The juror is Dr. Thomas A. Zoubek, President and Executive Director of the Stamford History Center for the past 20 years. Dr. Zoubek has a Ph.D. in Anthropology from Yale and has curated numerous exhibits at the Stamford History Center.

For more information and to see the virtual exhibition, click [here](#).

2021 Summer Events IN STAMFORD DOWNTOWN



Street Beats
THURSDAYS, JUNE - AUGUST | 6-8pm
Live music throughout Stamford Downtown



JUNE - SEPTEMBER
An outdoor musical exhibit!



JUNE 12 - OCTOBER 30
9am-2pm | WIC & SNAP accepted



SUMMER RESTAURANT WEEKS
STAMFORD DOWNTOWN
AUGUST 16 - AUGUST 30



JUNE 12, AUGUST 7 + OCTOBER 2
10AM- 6:30pm



Open Play Chess
SATURDAYS, JUNE 12 - OCTOBER 2
1-3pm | Latham Park

FREE Fitness Classes
JUNE - AUGUST | Latham Park
Yoga, Zumba, Afro-R&B, Boot Camp and more!



Visit our site for a full list of events and details.