

STAMFORD DOWNTOWN

MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER



Turning Point Owners Chris and Nicole Hallowell and staff at 1 Greyrock Place



Turning Point's Quinoa Grain Bowl

TURNING POINT OPENS AT THE CAFÉ SPACE IN STAMFORD URBY...

Stamford Urby welcomes new owners and operators, Chris and Nicole Hallowell, to the former Roost café location (1 Greyrock Place) now called Turning Point Coffee & Wine, which opened in early June. The Hallowells are not new to Stamford, as they are the owners of [Turning Point Coffee & Wine Bar](#) located at 55 High Ridge Road which opened four years ago, as well as the recently opened [Turning Point Cheese & Provisions](#) at 71 High Ridge Road, both located in the Bull's Head Shopping Plaza. The couple, who share a passion for organic nutritious food, met in New York City and have lived in Stamford for the past 9 years. They are proud to be known for their coffee as it is roasted right here in Stamford.

Chris describes the focus at Urby's Turning Point as "healthy, homey and satisfying". Both Chris and Nicole are excited about their beautiful Stamford Downtown location and look forward to receiving a liquor license shortly and hope to add live acoustic music. The Hallowells invite you to stop in for a delicious breakfast sandwich or grilled cheese on their popular rustic multigrain bread or enjoy a quinoa grain bowl at lunchtime in the beautiful outdoor garden.



Kiwanis Park - Photo Credit: Happyhaha Photos (top left and bottom) and PJ Kennedy, Hey Stamford! (top right)



KIWANIS PARK PLACEMAKING PROJECT

The Kiwanis Park Placemaking Project is the first project to emanate from Stamford Downtown's newly created Public Realm Enhancement Plan. The project at Kiwanis will beautify and re-activate an underutilized space within the geographic heart of the downtown while fostering communal gathering and pedestrian connectivity between Atlantic Street and Summer Street. The project includes the creation of a communal seating area constructed from South American Hardwood, which was chosen for its sustainable attributes as it is long lasting and an environmentally-friendly alternative to plastic building products. Stamford Downtown retained local muralist Lauren Clayton to design and install two murals. The first forms a colorful walking path drawing pedestrians from the park's entrance at Atlantic Street to the rear steps leading toward Summer Street. The second mural is a 3D, anamorphic representation of a marquee billboard complemented by hand prints that encourage interaction for photo opportunities. All landscaping was reimagined and replaced at the site with native plantings and trees, and festoon lighting has been strung between the four decorative light posts at the site to encourage nighttime use of the park.

Along with the park's improvements, the pedestrian corridor was designated "Sandy Goldstein Way", recognizing Sandy Goldstein, Stamford Downtown's longtime president. Sandy helped start the business improvement district in 1991 and by her retirement in 2019, the Downtown had been completely transformed to the vibrant community it now is.

FLEXI-PAVE INSTALLATION ALONG BEDFORD STREET



Tree on Bedford Street with new Flexi-Pave

Over the course of Spring 2022, the City of Stamford oversaw the installation of environmentally-friendly tree bed treatments along each side of Bedford Street. Stamford Downtown advocated strongly for such tree bed treatments so as to improve the health of Downtown’s urban forest and pedestrian environment. The new tree bed treatment created by a firm named Flexi-Pave is a heavy-duty porous pavement made from recycled passenger vehicle tires and stone, molded together with a urethane binding agent. This material allows water to pass through to the tree root system.

When installing the Flexi-Pave product, the City removed the existing, metal tree grates that lift from the ground when the tree root system grows resulting in a tripping hazard. The Flexi-Pave product also expands as the tree root system grows further promoting the health of the tree.

In addition to improving tree health and reducing the tripping hazards, the Flexi-Pave product enhances the aesthetic of the street-level environment and reduces the need for regular maintenance such as weed removal. Stamford Downtown will work with the City to expand these tree bed treatments throughout Downtown.



Corner of Bedford Street and Spring Street weedy patch transformed into a small pollinator garden with the help of Future5 and the Pollinator Pathway group

STAMFORD DOWNTOWN ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE & AMBASSADOR SERVICES MAY STATISTICS



3,188
TRASH (LBS)
REMOVED



1,346
HOURS CLEANING
SIDEWALKS



491
PUBLIC
ENGAGEMENTS



20
HOURS
GUMBUSTER
WAS USED



8x
DOG WASTE
WAS REMOVED



8
HOURS
PAINTING

SUMMER 2022

ART IN THE PARK



FREE ART WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES!

presented by the **Stamford Art Association**
 sponsored by the **City of Stamford**
 and the **Stamford Rotary Trust Fund**

at **MILL RIVER PARK'S**
Whittingham Discovery Center

9:30-11:30am

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| Saturday, July 9 | • Open to the public |
| Saturday, July 16 | • Instructed by Art teachers |
| Saturday, July 23 | • Elementary & Middle School |
| Saturday, July 30 | • No registration necessary |
| Saturday, August 6 | • Art supplies provided |
| Saturday, August 13 | • Take home art! |

Stamford Art Association 39 Franklin Street, Stamford CT 06901
<http://www.stamfordartassociation.org> 203 325 1139

PORTRAITS AT WINFIELD STREET COFFEE



Saturday, July 9th from 10 am - 1 pm

96 Broad Street, Stamford, CT (next to The Ferguson Library)
 Featuring celebrated artist Wing Na Wong painting in oils with live model plus variety of people and animal portraits on display.



Saturday, August 13th from 10 am - 1 pm

96 Broad Street, Stamford, CT (next to The Ferguson Library)
 Featured Artist Deb Howland-Murray works in pastel or charcoal to create a self-portrait.

Free. Reservations not required. Rain or shine.
 Sponsors: CSOPA, Stamford Downtown, and Winfield Street Coffee

Stamford Downtown

2022

Summer Events



Alive at Five

On The Pure Life® Stage
In Mill River Park

- July 14 All-American Rejects
- July 21 X Ambassadors
- July 28 Walk the Moon
- Aug 4 T.I.



Farmers Market

New Location ↓
Veterans Memorial Park

- Saturdays, June 11 through October 29
- 9am-2pm



Arts & Crafts on Bedford

Bedford Street

- June 11 & September 10
- 10am-6:30pm



Summer Restaurant Weeks

Participating Downtown
Stamford Restaurants

- August 15 through August 28



Free Fitness Classes

Latham Park

- May through September



HedgeFun

Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit

- June through September



Open Play Chess

Latham Park

- Saturdays, June 11 through September 10
- 1pm-3pm



Learn more at stamford-downtown.com/events



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. Information that may be obtained as part of this free service includes:

- 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 SFHA, EPB Staff will inform the interested party that federal law requires the purchase of flood insurance 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 (rclausi@stamfordct.gov). When Covid-19 emergency Protocols are relaxed, the EPB will resume processing in-person flood map information requests at our offices on the 7th Floor of the Stamford Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut 06904. Walk-in service will generally be available between the hours of 8:00 AM and 12:00PM, Monday through Friday.

To ensure the accuracy of our response, flood map information requests should include some basic data to help 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,

Robert E. Clausi
Executive Director