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Record crowds were attracted to the first four weeks of Alive @ Five. Let the following pictures whet your appetite for the rest of the series!



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Stamford Partnership Celebrates 30th Year Anniversary

On May 21st, the *Stamford Partnership* hosted a sold-out luncheon and symposium for 170 civic, corporate and government leaders at UConn Stamford, to mark the Partnership's 30th year anniversary. Founded in 1978, Stamford Partnership's mission was to act as a catalyst for economic development in the community through the collaboration of leaders in business, government and community. Several significant programs and organizations were initiated through the efforts of the Partnership: the *Chamber of Commerce*, the *Downtown Special Services District*, the *Eastside Partnership* and *Westside Revitalization Zone*. The Partnership was instrumental in bringing the UConn Stamford Campus Downtown and in creating more affordable housing. Kathleen Walsh, President and CEO of the Stamford Partnership is also a vital member of DSSD's Board of Directors. The day's highlights included a retrospective of the Partnership's 30 years by distinguished past & present supporters of the partnership including David Anderson, Charles Judd, Pam Koprowski, Duane Hill, Sandy Goldstein and the current Chairman of Stamford Partnership, Eric Dale. The celebration culminated with an inspirational speech about the future delivered by Stamford Mayor, Dannel Malloy.



Cranes in Stamford Downtown

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's cranes all around Stamford Downtown. Throughout the Downtown, construction sites include Old Town Hall, Highgrove, RBS and Trump Parc.

After rebuilding the front plaza and cleaning the exterior, the first phase of Old Town Hall's interior renovation is underway. According to Michael Freimuth, Stamford Director of Economic Development, the \$2.9 million construction project includes asbestos abatement, reconstruction of basement slabs, installation of drainage systems, reconstruction of underground culverts and relocation of utility vaults. The second phase, the full renovation of the building approved by city Board of Representatives and the allocation of federal tax credits to fund the project, is also underway.



Trump Parc

Christa Segalini of Beckerman Public Relations is enthusiastic about the progress of Highgrove, a 95 unit high-end condominium complex. The foundation for the building was poured in September, 2007, and now the high-rise is above grade level. It is anticipated that Hunter Roberts Construction Group will be pouring concrete slabs throughout the remainder of the summer and into the fall, during which time the building's residential floors will take shape. Highgrove should be "topped out" by the end of the year, with exterior wall work beginning by late summer. With the accelerated progress and pace experienced, Highgrove is on track to meeting its expected completion date of late summer, 2009.

The Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) is in the process of constructing Connecticut's largest environmentally responsible building. According to Project Manager, Phil Hobbins, RBS selected this location for its new North American headquarters in Stamford because of its connectivity to multiple urban transportation hubs, its unique ability to support a superior environmentally responsible development, and for its high visibility. The 1.1 million square foot building has a 3000 employee capacity. Completion of the RBS building will be in early 2009.

Trump Parc, soon to be the tallest building in Stamford Downtown, is currently pouring the roof. Jessica Rohm, Senior Managing Director of Cappelli Enterprises, Inc., predicts, "Trump Parc Stamford will be completed in approximately 12-14 months and will be the premiere high-rise condominium complex in the city."



Highgrove

www.stamford-downtown.com

Pops in the Park

Pops in the Park, presented by Seaboard Properties and HSBC on the Heineken Stage, is a three week long series presented during July in Columbus Park on Wednesday Evenings, July 16, 23 and 30 at 6:30 pm.



July 23: BARBARA COOK

"Broadway's favorite ingénue," Barbara Cook, is a silvery soprano with her purity of tone and warm presence. She has delighted audiences around the world for more than 50 years. Recently, Miss Cook performed at two sold-out concerts with the New York Philharmonic at Lincoln Center.
www.barbaracook.com

July 30: BOWZER'S ROCK 'N' ROLL PARTY

Don't miss Bowzer's Rock 'n' Roll Party starring Bowzer and The Stingrays, Jay Siegel and The Tokens, with Special Guest Lynn DiMenna. Jon Bauman's portrayal of "Bowzer," leader of "Sha Na Na" for fourteen years, is that of a hilarious, gangly greaser who actually stalked the streets of Brooklyn when he wasn't appearing with the group. "Bowzer" has resurfaced as one of the most multi-dimensional performers in show business today, with his Rock 'n' Roll Party.
www.bowzerparty.com



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Arts, Crafts & Blues on Bedford

Saturday, September 13 – 12 pm-9pm

Sunday, September 14 – 12 pm-6pm

Arts, Crafts & Blues on Bedford on the Heineken Stage is back for its fourth year in Stamford Downtown. Shop at 85 craft and artisan boutiques on Bedford Street, which will be closed to traffic for the weekend. Dine at our extended sidewalk cafes while you listen to an amazing Blues lineup.

Saturday, September 13 - Blues

2:00 Doug Wahlberg Band

3:30 Chris Berado & The DesBerados

5:00 The Lustre Kings

6:30 Special Guest!

Sunday, September 14 With a Touch of Jazz

Presented by J.P. Morgan Chase

1:00 T.B.D.

1:30 Ralph Lalama Quartet

3:30 The Galvanized Jazz Band



Don't miss the Imagination Station with Stamford Museum & Nature Center featuring "hands on" activities for kids!

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RESTAURANT AND RETAIL

Brides on Bedford



On Tuesday, May 13th, Bedford Street merchants hosted a special "Open House" to welcome the busy wedding season. The early evening event was designed for brides, grooms, their family & friends and event planners.

Highlights of the evening included a Marissa Bridal Gown Trunk Show at The Bridal Suite, a meet and greet of Fairfield County's top photographers, videographers, floral designers and wedding cake designers at James Daniel Entertainment & Video. Hair styling ideas for the wedding party were demonstrated at Reflection's Salon. Event goers enjoyed shopping for wedding & shower gifts at Downtown Golf, Artistic Hand Blown Glass and Schokolad Chocolate Factory, which displayed its enormous chocolate fountain in the window. Bedford Street restaurants also participated in the evening festivities. Those offering "specials" included The Brick House Bar & Grill, Republic Grill and Remo's Brick Oven Pizza Company. Flowers and pastries were donated by Ruth Ridgeway Events & DiMare Pastry Shop.

Wine Tasting

Stamford Downtown's new wine sponsor, Ste. Michelle Wine Estates, presented a wine tasting this spring hosted by



Members of Stamford Tables and Michael Wylie of Ste. Michelle Wine Estates

Stamford Tables at Ferrante restaurant. Members of Stamford Tables and guests were invited to taste several of the company's outstanding labels including Columbia Crest wines which are now showcased during the Alive @ Five FREE Summer Concert Series.

Garden Catering



New Home of Garden Catering

Home of the famous "High School Special" (fried chicken & French fries piled high), Garden Catering has opened its seventh location adjacent to Columbus Park at 235 Main Street (the former Victory Deli). Garden Catering's philosophy is to provide top quality products at a fair price with fast and courteous service. Stamford native, Kevin Keagan, is enthusiastic about the new Columbus Park location and is looking forward to being part of the thriving Downtown community. Stop in at Garden Catering and rediscover that old familiar taste!

Stamford Downtown Restaurants in Zagat

Stamford Downtown Special Services District and Stamford Tables congratulate Columbus Park, Il Falco and Mona Lisa for being rated by Zagat as part of *America's 1,000 Top Italian Restaurants*. In addition, congratulations to napa & co. for receiving an "Excellent" by Patricia Brooks of *The New York Times*.



Stamford Tables Presents Summer Restaurant Weeks

August 18 through September 1, 2008

Participating Restaurants include 122 Pizza Bistro, Aria Restaurant, Bennett's Steak & Fish, Black Bear, Columbus Park Trattoria, Dragonfly Restaurant & Lounge, Emme of Capri, Ferrante, g/t/a/n/d, Il Falco Ristorante, Kujaku Sushi & Hibachi, Mitchell's Fish Market, Mona Lisa Ristorante, Remo's Brick Oven Pizza Company, Republic Grill Asian Bistro, SBC Restaurant & Brewery, Telluride, Tigin Irish Pub, Twenty of Stamford and Zody Café.



New this year in partnership with Stamford Hospital and Stamford Youth Foundation, Stamford Tables will host Kid's Fans 5-2-1-0, a program designed to promote healthy eating habits and fitness in children and families. All children under 12 will be offered a \$6.95 lunch or \$9.95 dinner at participating restaurants.

For details and menus, visit www.stamford-downtown.com