

STAMFORD DOWNTOWN

MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER



Catalyst Owners Joe and MacKenzie Baglione



SPRING INTO ACTION THIS SEASON!

Catalyst, a new boutique fitness center located at 81 Summer Street (across the street from Sally's APizza) expands to Stamford Downtown after having an established, successful Greenwich location of 10 years. Husband and wife team, Joe and MacKenzie Baglione, are excited to welcome you into their brand new studio with state-of-the-art equipment and elevating group classes including: boot camps, functional fitness classes, and yoga. The well-rounded fitness experience will help patrons achieve their fitness goals.

Joe explains the couple's shared passion and philosophy, "*Stamford Downtown is the perfect location for our new small business because of the young and fit demographic. The area is bustling with young professionals who are looking for a convenient and effective way to stay in shape. Catalyst has the solution for just that. With our focus on functional fitness, our clients will be able to improve their overall fitness and strength, which will help them in their daily lives.*"

GRAND OPENING

APRIL 22, 2023

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

2 FREE Group Fitness Classes

Class 1 at 10:00 AM

Class 2 at 12:00 PM

For all class schedules and descriptions, visit catalystmvt.com.

Farewell Maryann Rockwood!



Maryann Rockwood

"Retirement does not necessarily mean the end, it could also mean the beginning of something new and exciting and opens the door to the next adventure,"
shares Maryann Rockwood.

The staff and Board of Commissioners at Stamford Downtown want to thank Maryann Rockwood on her more than twenty years of support and dedication to our organization and everything that we do for the residents, workers, and visitors to our downtown. Maryann has been a long-serving Executive Administrator for the organization, working primarily behind the scenes to ensure that all the important stuff got done. With her constant reminders and institutional memory, Maryann will be missed and we congratulate her on her well-deserved retirement and know she'll never be too far away to sell drink tickets at [Alive At Five](#) if we need her!



IN ANTICIPATION OF MOTHER'S DAY, MACY'S IS HOSTING A BEAUTY TREND SHOWCASE SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND AT 11AM

Presentations by representatives from Lancôme, Clinique, Estée Lauder, Chanel, Dior, Michael Kors, and Versace will be offering samples and giving tips on skincare, fragrances, and cosmetics. Seating is limited to 40 people, so gather your girlfriends! \$20 gift cards are available to use at the event when you register with Maria.Haritopoulos@macys.com.



Puerto Vallarta Stamford Team

Mural by Ben Keller

PUERTO VALLARTA TO OPEN LATE APRIL

Opening in late April is the much anticipated [Puerto Vallarta](#), located in the Stamford Town Center Plaza at 230 Tresser Boulevard. Marking their eighth location in Connecticut, Puerto Vallarta restaurants are all located across the state, with the closest location in Fairfield operating for the past three years,

Owner Esquil Rodriguez is thrilled with this new location in Stamford, boasting over 200 seats plus an expansive patio for outdoor dining. The 20-foot tequila wall is a must see in the beautiful restaurant with over 100 brands of tequila represented. The artwork was all created by local Connecticut artists. The signature art piece in the restaurant is a mural done by artist Ben Keller (see above).

Mr. Rodriguez's pride and joy, however, is the unparalleled authentic Mexican cuisine, best enjoyed along with fine hand-crafted cocktails made with all natural ingredients. *"Puerto Vallarta Stamford has been a dream of mine for many years. A dream that is now becoming a reality. My hope is to give the people of Stamford a totally new perspective on Mexican cuisine,"* describes Mr. Rodriguez.

Chris Lara, local real estate agent with The Febbraio Group, not only found the location for Puerto Vallarta, but worked together with Connecticut architectural firm QA+M for much of the interior design components. He knew that this was the perfect location for Puerto Vallarta complemented by the new energy that Terra Gaucha and The New York Comedy Club Stamford has brought to the plaza.

PICKLEBALL AMERICA BECOMES A NEW ANCHOR TENANT AT STAMFORD TOWN CENTER



Renderings of Pickleball America at Stamford Town Center

Pickleball America will become one of the largest indoor pickleball venues in the world with 28 indoor courts, as it takes over an 80,000 square foot anchor space in the Stamford Town Center mall this summer. Once occupied by Saks Off 5th, the 2-story retail space will be rolled out in two phases – Phase 1 will begin immediately with the first floor (43,000sf), with the second floor (37,000sf) opening thereafter.

Dan Stolzenbach, General Manager of the Stamford Town Center is extending a warm welcome... *"We're absolutely thrilled to welcome Pickleball America to Stamford Town Center. This will be one of the largest indoor pickleball clubs in the world when it opens later this year, and it's destined to become not only a great community gathering space, but a fun entertainment option for the residents of downtown. With pickleball being the fastest-growing sport in the U.S., we know this will be a huge success. It also works perfectly with our focus on health and wellness, and we intend to bring in complementary tenants like stretch labs, cryotherapy, infrared sauna, athletic wear retailers, pro shops, juice bars, and more."*

The facility will have a lounge, café, childcare, and full locker rooms with showers. The venue is partnering with several professional associations, leagues, and clubs, as well as the USA Pickleball Ambassadors and Coaches in the tristate area to offer private and group instruction. The complex will be opened seven days per week to accommodate all desired hours of play for kids to seniors. In addition to Pickleball, the venue will become a multi-use flex space for tournaments, exhibitions, and a wide variety of events.

The business was created by four local Stamford professionals who joined forces to launch a "Sports-tainment" center focused on the fastest-growing sport in the world. According to a recent report from the Association of Pickleball Professionals, more than 36.5 million people played pickleball at least once from August 2021 to August 2022.

"Sports-tainment, a sports-first experience, appeals to not only avid players but to people who may want to try something new," said Jay Waldner, Co-Founder. *"We are hoping to inspire and encourage the community to join a healthy and fun form of socializing,"* by uniting all levels of players. Pickleball America plans to open in late Spring but one can sign up for memberships and more information now by visiting pickleballamerica.us.

STAMFORD AND KRAMATORSK, UKRAINE: SISTER CITIES



Left: Mayor Caroline Simmons, Congressman Jim Himes, and UAI Brian Mayer with local and state officials
 Right: Kramatorsk's train station on the 1 year anniversary of the attack

Stamford, Connecticut recently became sister cities with Kramatorsk, Ukraine in a show of solidarity with the residents and businesses of a community in Ukraine with similar characteristics. Both cities are centers of commerce and regional transit hubs. Unfortunately, Kramatorsk's train station was bombed on April 8, 2022 (1 year ago!), causing the deaths of dozens of civilians who were trying to evacuate the city. This tragic event has highlighted the urgent need for aid and support in Kramatorsk, and Stamford hopes that this sister city program will provide some much-needed relief to the affected communities.

The City of Stamford is so grateful to the people of Stamford, CT for standing behind the people of Kramatorsk, Ukraine in their time of greatest need. Tax-deductible donations can be made and earmarked for Kramatorsk at ukraineaidinternational.org/donate (select Stamford / Kramatorsk from the dropdown menu to earmark)

Ukraine Aid International (UAI) was founded by Brian Mayer, Marshall Mayer, and Liz Olegov in April 2022 to deliver humanitarian aid to civilians in Ukraine on the front lines who need it most. More information about their mission and how they help Ukrainian civilians can be found at ukraineaidinternational.org.

STAMFORD DOWNTOWN ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE & AMBASSADOR SERVICES MARCH STATISTICS



3,155
TRASH (LBS)
REMOVED



14
HOURS REMOVING SNOW
FROM STORM DRAINS



242
PUBLIC
ENGAGEMENTS



29x
GRAFFITI WAS
REMOVED



687
HOURS CLEANING
SIDEWALKS



18x
REMOVING
DOG WASTE

STREATERIES
in
STAMFORD DOWNTOWN

Outdoor Dining Returns
Spring 2023



Closed streets & parking spaces transformed into outdoor dining



STAMFORD DOWNTOWN RESTAURANTS

- 16 Handles • Acuario Restaurant • Bar Rosso • Barcelona Restaurant and Wine Bar • Bari 167 • bartaco
 Bedford Hall Craft Kitchen & Bar • Bedford Thai • Blackstones Steakhouse • Bradford's Grill & Tavern • Brick House Bar & Grill
 Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar • BV's - Bobby V's Restaurant & Sports Bar • California Tortilla • Cantina Mexicana
 The Capital Grille • Capriccio Café • Chakos Latin Cuisine • Chez Vous Bistro • Chickens Gone Wild • Chutni Biryani & Noodle Bar
 Cilantro Restaurant • Çka Ka Qëllu • Columbus Park Trattoria • Cosechas Restaurant • Curley's Diner • Divina Modern Italian
 Fairfield Pizza • Fiesta on Main Restaurant and Pisco Bar • Fin II Japanese Restaurant • FISH Restaurant + Bar • Flinders Lane
 Fuji • Garden Catering • Great Wall Chinese Restaurant • Honey Joe's Family Coffeehouse • Hudson Social • InThai Restaurant
 Jerkyz • Juice Kings • Kashi Stamford Japanese • Kotobuki Japanese Restaurant • Kouzina Greek Taverna & Bar
 Kyushu Ramen • La Perle Restaurant & Bar • Lorca • Love Meat Korean BBQ • Lucky's Classic Burger & Malt Shop
 McDonald's Restaurant • Mecha Noodle Bar • Milk N Cookies • Navaratna • Ninja Bubble Tea • Noches de Colombia
 ONE Club Tequila Lounge at the Marriott Residence Inn • Original Pappas' Pizza • Peter Chang Stamford • Pieology Pizzeria
 Pokemoto • Quartiere Neighborhood Italian • Remo's Brick Oven Pizza Company • Riviera Maya Mexican Restaurant
 Roasted • Sally's Apizza • Sam's American Bistro at the Stamford Marriott Hotel & Spa • The Sandwich Maestro Kitchen
 Seasons • Shah's Halal Food • Siena Ristorante • Subway Sandwiches • Sushi X II • Taj Indian Cuisine
 Terra Gaucha Brazilian Steakhouse • Tiernan's Bar & Restaurant • Tigin Irish Pub • Tomatillo Taco Joint
 Towne Parlor Pizza & Pints • Turning Point Coffee & Wine • Tutti Pazzi • The Whale Tea Stamford
 Winfield Street Coffee • ZAZA Italian Gastrobar

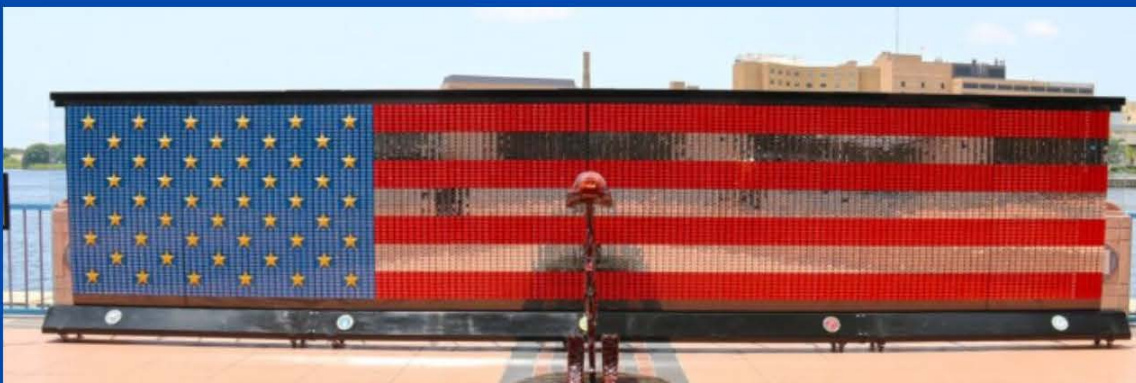
STAMFORD VETERANS PARK PARTNERSHIP

**Welcomes The
VAU Fallen Heroes Memorial
Dog Tag Flag
to Veterans Memorial Park**



**SVPP Welcome & Honor Ceremony
Monday, May 1st at 5 PM ~ Veterans Memorial Park
160 Atlantic Street | Stamford, CT**

ALL ARE WELCOME!



**The Memorial Flag will remain in the park from
May 1st through May 20th**

**Learn more about the event and
Stamford Veterans Park Partnership
Contact Colleen Harkey harkeyvpppartnership@gmail.com**

**Learn about VAU: <https://www.vetsau.com/>
VAU Fallen Heroes Memorial Dog Tag Flag video:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqkHtp_lzaQ**