

# STAMFORD DOWNTOWN

MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

### STAMFORD DOWNTOWN: 2025 YEAR-IN-REVIEW & 2026 OUTLOOK

As 2025 closes, we reflect on Stamford Downtown's transformation into a premier mixed-use destination for residential life, entertainment, and leading-edge industry.

Significant progress is visible along Broad and Bedford Streets, where two prominent projects at 74 and 130 Broad will add over 400 high-end residential units to our market. Simultaneously, an innovative "Complete Streets" project at Bedford and Forest Streets is creating a permanent outdoor dining area and landscaped parklet, while reconstruction at Prospect and Forest Streets has greatly improved pedestrian safety.

To minimize construction disruption, Stamford Downtown has invested in an AI-based chatbot and new wayfinding signage. These tools ensure patrons know businesses remain open and encourage use of the Bedford Street Garage to reduce traffic congestion.

Our iconic Holiday Lighting program expanded this year to the Greyrock and Broad Street corridors, featuring over 300,000 LED lights. Signature events like the Parade Spectacular and Heights + Lights welcomed 100,000 visitors, while expanded placemaking activities—including Bark-in-the-Park and WineFest—continue to enliven the public realm. Our Ambassador Program also grew, launching a new Welcome Center at the historic Palace Theater to serve residents and visitors alike.

Looking ahead to 2026, we anticipate the renovation of the historic Avon Theatre and the state-led redevelopment of the Stamford Transportation Center. We remain committed to initiating more Complete Street projects, further integrating UConn-Stamford into our city center, and promoting the Stamford Town Center's growth as a hub for experiential retail.

Thank you for a remarkable 2025. We, at Stamford Downtown, look forward to a busy New Year as Downtown continues its trajectory as the dynamic center for urban life in Connecticut and throughout the region.





## GENTLEMAN'S GROOMING LOUNGE

Stepping into the newly opened Gentleman's Grooming Lounge at 1 Atlantic Street is a step into old-world elegance. Owner Peter Palushi and Goni Gega come from a family of talented and professional barbers, so naturally he was destined to become one. His family moved from Kosovo to Croatia, where he spent his days as a young child watching and observing the different barbering techniques that would soon make him stand out amongst his peers. At age 9, he performed his first shave on one of his relatives and it was then that he knew he wanted to become a master barber.



### Best Barbershop Stamford Men's Haircuts & Shaves Stamford

Experience top-quality grooming and personal care at Gentleman's Grooming Lounge in downtown Stamford, CT. Book your appointment today for a refined grooming experience.

© Gentlemans Grooming Lounge

Peter has traveled to Italy, Germany, Switzerland, the Netherlands, England, Austria, and Canada. He worked for some of the best establishments in the world such as Truefitt & Hill, which originally served as the main barbers for the British Royal family and New York's prestigious The Art of Shaving. His knowledge and experiences have fine-tuned his craft into a quality that distinguishes him from everyone else. He continuously stays on the cutting edge of the latest styles and trends, perfecting his methods and mastery, to ensure the highest quality for all customers. Peter has even developed his own product line sold in the shop.

Stamford is Peter's 4th location after White Plains, Rye and TriBeCa. Book an appointment at <https://www.gloungestamford.com> or call 203-276-0111 to look your best for the busy holiday season. Grand opening offer: 10% discount in December and January.



## STAMFORD DOWNTOWN HOSTS THE 15TH ANNUAL DECK THE DOWNTOWN A HOLIDAY WINDOW/FAÇADE DECORATING CONTEST

To ensure that our Downtown looks dazzling for the festive holiday season, Stamford Downtown is hosting its 15th annual storefront façade decorating contest called “Deck the Downtown”. This year’s event features 25 Stamford Downtown businesses.

This popular event asks the public to select our winners by casting a vote online through Wednesday, December 24th at 5PM using this [link](#). All voters will be automatically entered to win a \$100 Stamford Downtown Card (our digital gift card redeemable at 50+ downtown businesses). This year, we are awarding two cash prizes of \$700 each to Best of Show to one restaurant and one retailer/service provider. Once all votes are tabulated, Best of Show winners will be announced with the prize money awarded by Stamford Downtown dedicated to permanent spring façade improvements at the winning businesses in collaboration with Stamford Downtown.

**Place your vote today for one in each category:**

### **Restaurants:**

16 Handles	219 Bedford Street
Acuario Restaurant	78 West Park Place
The Americano	261 Main Street
Bank Street Events	65 Bank Street
Bar Rosso	28 Spring Street
Bedford Hall Craft kitchen & Bar	135 Bedford Street
Bradford's Grill & Tavern	83 Bedford Street
Columbus Park Trattoria	205 Main Street
Fiesta on Main Restaurant	249 Main Street
Garden Catering	235 Main Street
Hudson Social	128 Bedford Street
Kouzina	223 Main Street
Lorca	125 Bedford Street
Lucky's Classic Burger & Malt Shop	209 Bedford Street
Ninja Bubble Tea – Korean BBQ	225 Summer Street
Seasons	29 Bank Street
Tigin Irish Pub	175 Bedford Street
Winfield Street Coffee	96 Broad Street

### **Retailers/Service Providers:**

La Jolie Salon	388 Summer Street
Salon Shahin	66 Broad Street
Scout Adventure	13 Broad Street
U&I Deco Fine Arts & Framing	96 Bedford Street
United Home & Patio	441 Summer Street
Verde Galerie 105 Broad Street	105 Broad Street
The Wine Room Stamford	95 Atlantic Street



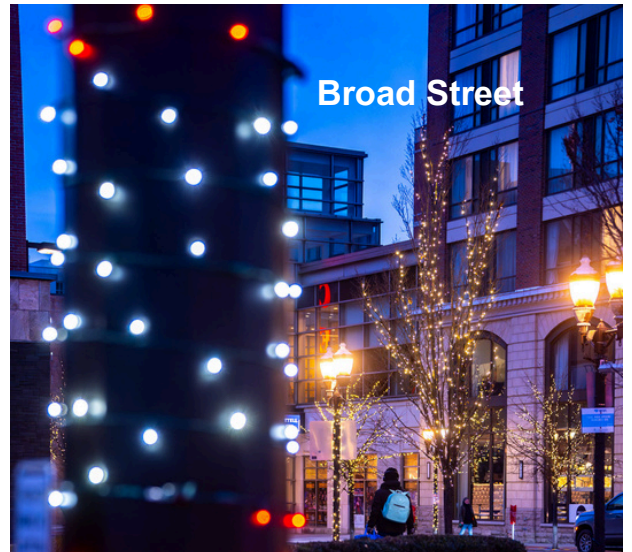


## STAMFORD DOWNTOWN'S ICONIC WINTER LIGHTING PROGRAM



**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR  
EXPANDED WINTER LIGHTING  
PROGRAM**

**[CHECK IT OUT HERE: LINK](#)**





**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO JOINED US!  
WHAT A SPECTACULAR 2025 PARADE DAY!**

**STAMFORD DOWNTOWN**  
**PARADE**  
**SPECTACULAR**





# 35+ DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY PARTY VENUES

*'Tis the season to book your holiday party before it's too late!*

WHETHER YOU'RE PLANNING AN INTIMATE GATHERING OR A CORPORATE EVENT, THERE'S NO SHORTAGE OF PLACES TO EAT, DRINK, AND BE MERRY IN STAMFORD DOWNTOWN.



[Explore Holiday Venues](#)



## THE PALACE STAMFORD

Enjoy many special holiday performances!

DECEMBER 21 | SANTA'S CIRCUS

DECEMBER 27 | THE WORLD BALLET COMPANY: NUTCRACKER

[LEARN MORE >>>](#)



## STAMFORD TOWN CENTER

Holiday fun at the Stamford Town Center!

PHOTOS WITH SANTA

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING  
CONTEST

HOLIDAYS IN HARMONY FREE LIVE  
MUSIC

MERRY MOVIES, HOLIDAY MOVIES  
EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT

BATTLE OF THE TREES

[LEARN MORE >>>](#)



COLUMBUS PARK IN STAMFORD DOWNTOWN

# FIRE & ICE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026, 1-5PM



# WINTER FESTIVAL

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~ Stamford Downtown ~

# Winter Restaurant Weeks 2026



February 16 - March 1

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## HELLO LAMP POST IN STAMFORD DOWNTOWN

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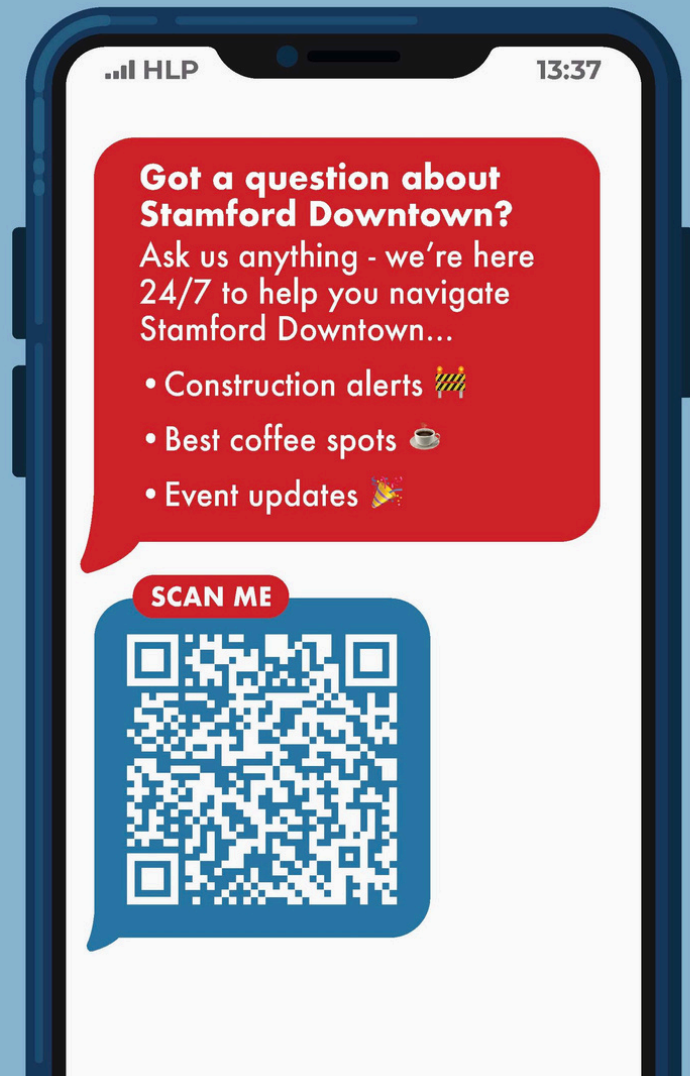
¡Hola!

Bonjour!

# Try out Stamford Downtown's newest Digital Assistant tool!

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DOWNTOWN**  
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Ready to talk to Stamford Downtown?  
Try this Hello Lamp Post link now:

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