

# STAMFORD DOWNTOWN

## MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER



Maarten Baas' clock at Urby Stamford. Photo Credit: Tyler Sizemore/Hearst Connecticut Media



### NEW ARTWORK AT URBY STAMFORD

A new art installation from Dutch designer Maarten Baas is now up and running at [Urby Stamford](#) (1 Greyrock Place). The work is a round 10-foot-diameter flat structure with a bright yellow ring around it and a digital screen in the middle. Graffiti artist Adele Renault's figure is visible through a translucent display, spray-painting numbers onto the screen to resemble a clock face and drawing hands to represent the hour and minutes of that clock. Appearing trapped inside the timepiece, every 24 minutes, a second figure emerges to wash away Renault's graffiti, causing her to start again.

This is the latest in Baas' series of works titled "Real Time" consisting of people manually creating and erasing the hands on a clock each minute. The Stamford clock display is taken from a 12-hour video of Renault physically acting out the entire piece shot at Baas' art studio. Displaying real local time, the piece works both art and a functional clock.

Per the press release, Baas shared, "Graffiti is edgy and creative, but it is also temporary, like everything we do. It has to be quick and powerful because it can be gone in a minute. The biggest enemies of graffiti are officials who decide to have it scrubbed. We played off that by having someone come in every 24 minutes with a high-pressure hose to wash it all away, causing Adele to start over."



Top Left: Owners Fred Ndoj (l), Bessi Shabanaj (r) with staff. Top Right and Bottom: Interior of Handlebar Salon

## HANDLEBAR SALON OPENS IN STAMFORD DOWNTOWN

Congratulations to Fred Ndoj and Bessi Shabanaj, owners and operators of the newly opened Handlebar Salon CT located at 513 Summer Street, just a few doors down from Siena Ristorante. As the website says, “Handlebar isn’t just a barbershop... we’re a place to hang out, get a great haircut, and leave looking and feeling like a million bucks.” The new establishment features 14 working stations, a lounge area, and a small coffee bar.

After celebrating their fifth year owning the flagship Handlebar Men’s Salon, at 23 Court Street in White Plains, New York, the partners became interested in Stamford. They were attracted to its remarkable growth and development, vibrant atmosphere, and its strong sense of community.

At the new Stamford location, the partners aim to bring their expertise in hospitality and exceptional customer service, to their new valued customers. Fred describes it as a commitment to high-end quality.

*“We believe in offering high-quality services that make people feel welcomed and ensure they have an excellent experience. Our commitment to delivering excellence extends to every aspect of our business. From the moment you step through our doors, you will be greeted by our friendly and attentive staff who are dedicated to meeting your needs. Our team is well-trained and passionate about providing top-notch service to create a welcoming and comfortable environment for all.”*

Click [here](#) to book an appointment.



Left and right: Interior of Knitted House. Center: Owner Amy Chopra

## WELCOME TO KNITTED HOUSE

There is a newly opened home design store adjacent to La Jolie Salon, Color Bar & Spa at 388 Summer owned by Amy Chopra. Raised in Connecticut, Amy is the Creative Director of Knitted House, which is a small business based in Stamford, CT where “we simply love rugs, and rugs love us back.” Over some time, Amy has collaborated with a clientele of home stagers and interior designers daily in Fairfield County and throughout New York including Manhattan and The Hamptons.

Amy elaborates on the store’s objective for choosing Stamford Downtown as their flagship location:

*“At Knitted House, the aim is to inspire everyday living through one-of-a-kind (handpicked) rugs and décor, offering various budget-friendly options to reflect your lifestyle and personality.”*

Stop by today to see what would liven up your home!

Connect with [Knitted House](#) at 388 Summer Street on the lower level. To book an appointment, email [Amy@knittedhouse.com](mailto:Amy@knittedhouse.com) or call (203) 602-4128.

## STAMFORD DOWNTOWN ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE & AMBASSADOR SERVICES JANUARY STATISTICS



## REMEMBERING REVEREND DOCTOR TOMMIE JACKSON



Rev. Dr. Tommie Jackson  
(Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church)

In honor of Black History Month, Stamford Downtown would like to call attention to Black members of our community who have had a significant impact on the conditions and future of our neighborhood. This year, we take a solemn moment to honor the late Reverend Tommie Jackson. Dr. Jackson was the longtime Deputy Director of the City’s Urban Redevelopment Commission and, for over 20 years, was Pastor at Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church located on the eastern edge of Downtown. In those dual roles, Dr. Jackson had a profound impact on both the physical and the spiritual realm at the core of our City and for that, Stamford Downtown will be ever thankful.



### VOTE ON MARCH 5TH!

Election season starts early in 2024. In most Stamford neighborhoods, including Downtown, there are elections on March 5th for the Democratic City Committee. The winners will play an important role in nominating candidates for local, state, and federal elections.

To find out your polling location, visit [DCC Primary Elections](#) and vote to make your voice heard.

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 **Women's Business  
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### ~ Participating Restaurants ~

4th Quarter Bar & Grill • Acuario Restaurant • TheAmericano • Bar Rosso  
Barcelona Wine Bar • Bari 167 • Bedford Hall Craft Kitchen & Bar • Blackstones Steakhouse  
The Capital Grille • Capriccio Café • Chez Vous Bistro • Columbus Park Trattoria  
Divina Modern Italian • Fin Il Japanese Restaurant • Fish Restaurant + Bar  
Flinders Lane Kitchen & Bar • Garden Catering • Hudson Social • Kashi Sushi Lounge  
Kotobuki Japanese Cuisine • Kouzina Greek Taverna & Bar • Kyushu Ramen & Sushi  
Noches de Colombia • Peter Chang • Quartiere Neighborhood Italian  
Siena Ristorante • Terra Gaucha Brazilian Steakhouse • The Towne Parlor Pizza & Pints  
Tomatillo Taco Joint • Tutti Pazzi • ZAZA Gastrobar + MORE!

For menus and details visit [stamford-downtown.com](http://stamford-downtown.com)

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Couple in front Kissing Clock on Bedford Street



### KISSING CLOCK ON BEDFORD STREET

Countless couples come from far and wide to the Kissing Clock in the heart of Bedford Street, to sneak a smooch (and take a photo) in front of Russ Hollander’s Master Goldsmith studio, at 154 Bedford Street. Russ designs commissioned pieces, sells rare estate jewelry, and has grown into Connecticut’s largest private label wedding band and engagement ring manufacturer, winning Best of the Gold Coast over 50 times.



## THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

