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Featured Dishes

Must try appetizers, entrees, desserts or cocktails available at local Fox Valley restaurants.

All You Care to Enjoy Fish and Chips $19.95

Georges Bank Haddock – crispy fries – coleslaw – tartar sauce – malt vinegar.

Catch 35 Naperville
35 S Washington St.
Naperville, IL 60540
1-630-717-3500

Thai Shrimp & Scallops

Blistered Green Beans, Shiitake Mushrooms, Sweet Grape Tomatoes, Thai Lemongrass Sauce, Ginger Rice.

Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant
3710 E Main St., St Charles, IL 60174
1-630-940-1000

Falafel

Pita bread stuffed with Falafel, spread hummus, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles and tahini sauce.

Eden on The River
1 Illinois St.
St. Charles, IL 60174
1-630-945-3332

BBQ Octopus

Olive oil poached | White Beans | Tomato | Arugula | Calabrian Chili BBQ Sauce | Lemon Aioli

GIA MIA St. Charles
31 S 1st Street
St. Charles, IL 60174
1-630-415-0770

The Escobar

Cazadores Blanco Tequila, Luxardo, Lime and bitters. Finished with a spicy salt rim and a dehydrated lime wheel garnish.

La Za Za Trattoria
5 S 1st Street
St. Charles, IL 60174
1-630- 443-9304

Tuscan Shrimp & Eggplant

Blackened Shrimp | Roasted Peppers | Lemon Vino | Crispy Eggplant | Chives

Livia Italian Eatery
207 S. 3rd Street
Geneva, IL 60134
1-630-402-6444

Jumbo Chicken Wings

Our Jumbo Chicken Wings that come with special house sauce and Irish Cashel blue cheese dip.

McNally's Irish Pub
109 W. Main Street
St. Charles, IL 60174
1-630-513-6300

Banana Split

Seasonally available for the summer!

Scoops Set of 3
The "Works" Ice Cream (cream cheese & chocolate ice cream, cookie dough, brownie, and fudge ripple)
Bourbon Butterscotch Ice Cream
Cotton Candy and Rhubarb Sherbet
Double Strawberry Sorbet
Mexican Hot Chocolate Gelato
Yuzu Hibiscus Sorbet
Dark Chocolate Sorbet
Salted Coffee Gelato by Kindred Coffee Roasters

Toppings Set of 3
Bourbon Candied Pecans
Banana Caramel Sauce
Fudge Ripple Chocolate Sauce
Roasted Pineapple Sauce
Strawberry Rhubarb Jam
Rhubarb Conserva
Peanut Butter Cups
Cotton Candy
Brown Butter Pizzelle
Salted Chocolate Chi

Niche
14 S 3rd St Geneva, IL 60134
1-630-262-1000

Miso Glazed Chilean Seabass

Jasmine rice, baby bok choy, pickled onions, crushed peanuts.

ROX City Grill
100 W. Main Street
St. Charles, IL 60174
1-630-845-5800

Arroz con Pollo

Tender chunks of grilled chicken on top of red rice smothered in melted queso cheese.
Served with corn or flour tortillas.

Salsa Verde
1850 Lincoln Hwy, St. Charles, IL 60174
1-630-444-0673
(Also has locations in Batavia, Oswego and Yorkville)

Filet Mignon

When people think of Stockholm's, great steak is not the first thing that comes to mind. But our head chef, Dimas Montiel, who has been with us since the doors opened in May 2002, is also a skilled butcher. He cleans and hand cuts each one of our Filets and wet ages them 21 days in house. The entrée is an 8 oz choice, center cut aged Filet Mignon lightly seasoned and grilled to order. Served with our smashed potatoes, fresh steamed vegetables, and choice of cup of soup or side salad.

Stockholm's
306 W State Street, Geneva, IL 60134
1-630-208-7070

The Knockout Martini

Our Signature Martini: SVEDKA Clementine Vodka Infused with Fresh Golden Pineapple

Sullivan's Steakhouse
244 S Main Street
Naperville, IL 60540
1-630-305-0230

Grilled Salmon Crunchy Basil

Grilled Salmon fillet topped with mild sweet chili, bell pepper and fried basil leaves. Served with jasmine rice.

Vinothai
3825 E. Main Street
St. Charles, IL 60174
1-630-443-8461

Chicken Tikka Masala

Chicken tikka masala is a dish of chunks of roasted marinated chicken (chicken tikka) in a spiced creamy curry sauce. The sauce is usually creamy and orange-coloured. There are multiple claims to its place of origin such as the Indian subcontinent and the United Kingdom.

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95th Street Farmers Market to Open

Market to include new and returning vendors with new health guidelines in place

Naperville Park District and the 95th Street Library are pleased to announce that the 95th Street Farmers Market will open for its third season on Thursday, June 4. The Market will be held on Thursdays from 3:00-7:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the 95th Street Library, located at 3015 Cedar Glade Drive in Naperville.

In addition to locally grown fruits and vegetables, other food items for sale include baked goods, organic meat, eggs, dipping oils, nuts, and dip mixes. Non-food items include flowers, plants, candles, jewelry, pillows, hats and more.

Staff has put together a set of health guidelines for the Market, which include mandatory face coverings and other safety measures. A detailed list of safety guidelines can be found at https://www.napervilleparks.org/farmersmarket. Some vendors will allow for pre-ordering through their websites or Facebook pages.

The 2020 vendors are also listed at https://www.napervilleparks.org/farmersmarket and include the following:

- Brit's Sweet Treats – Baked goods - pies, scones, cookies, cakes, and gluten-free items. Visit Brit's Sweet Treats Naperville on Facebook (Available June 11)
- Emmy & J Gourmet – Handmade gourmet dip mixes, bread dipping oils, and bourbon roasted nuts – emmyandjgourmet.com (Available June 18)
- Grumpy Gaucho – Empanadas, chimichurri, and churros – grumpygaucho.com
- London Skye – Jewelry, pillows, hats, and tees – londonskye.com
- Peep Inc. – Certified Organic Pasture Eggs and Pork. Visit Peep Inc. on Facebook
- Six Generation Farming Local, Inc – Fresh Produce – sixgenerationsfarm.com
- Sunset Growers – Cut flowers, hanging baskets, perennials, fishing lures, garden stakes and more
- Tranquility Base Candles – Candles, diffusers and fire rocks – tranquilitybasecandles.com
- Windy Acres Farm – Fresh Produce – windyacresfarmstand.com

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Naperville Food Truck Festival

Hey Foodies! We're returning to the Naper Settlement - the heart of downtown Naperville, to bring you the 2nd Annual Naperville Food Truck Festival. This year's event will be bigger and better - Featuring 30+ of the area's best food trucks, live DJ entertainment, face painter, beer garden, bubble artist and a vendor village featuring local businesses.

In addition, we are hosting a Food Truck Taco Showdown! Several trucks will be featuring tacos on their menu - who will have the best one - you decide! Just eat, and vote on our online FB page poll to help us pick a winner.

This is a family friendly event with entertainment for kids and everyone can enjoy the historical grounds.

Food Truck Lineup (more TBA Soon)
T= taco on menu

- Bricks on Wheels (Neapolitan Pizza)
- The Happy Lobster Truck (Lobster Rolls)
- Pierogi Squad (Polish Cuisine)
- Yum Dum (Chicago's Dumpling & Bao Truck) -T
- Cynthia's Gumbo Express (NOLA style Gumbo)
- Wok N Roll by Bamboo (SE Asian Cuisine & Small Plates)
- My Funnel (Funnel Cakes, Ice Cream & Deep Fried Creations)
- PIKO Street Kitchen (Bao's, Buns, Tacos, Bowls) -T
- Wadda Jerk (Jamaican Jerk - Tacos, Nachos, Rolls, Fries) -T

- Kona Ice (Shaved Ice Creations)
- Hicks BBQ (American BBQ)
- Aztec Daves (Mexican Cuisine) -T
- Da Portable Rican (Puerto Rican & Caribbean Cuisine)
- Coco Cabanas (Slushies, Daiquiri's, Pina Colada's)
- Mamalicious (Jerk & Curry Cuisine)
- Grumpy Gaucho (Argentinian Empanadas)
- Nothing Bundt Cake (Bundtlet Cakes)
- Relish Truck (Hot Dogs, Beef Sandwiches)
- Umbrella Azul (Peruvian Cuisine)
- Taquito Power (Mexican Cuisine) -T
- Pink Taco Chicago (Tacos, Burritos, Sides) -T
- Decadent Flavor (Mini Donuts, Funnel Cakes and Fried Oreos)
- Cheesie's Truck (Gourmet Grilled Cheeses)
- Allegory Truck (Tacos, Natchos) -T
- TCBY Naperville (Fro-yo)
- Cute as a Cupcake (Gourmet Cupcakes)
- Candy & Cake (Milkshakes, Smoothies, Cakes)

Vendors (more TBA Soon)
-Gindo's Spice of Life (Hot Sauces)

(All participants are subject to change)
Want first dibs at your favorite food trucks? We are offering an Early Eater Ticket ($10 in advance online or $15 on event day). Join us from 11am-12pm for exclusive access to the trucks before the general admission session begins @ noon. Kids 10 & under are free with a paying adult.
General Admission into the #NFTF will be $5 in advance online and $10 on event day. Kids 10 & under are free with a paying adult.

Eat for a great cause! A portion of the proceeds from the #NFTF will benefit Community Access Naperville and their mission to empower people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to work in, contribute to, and enjoy their community.
This event is outdoors with large grassy areas for guest seating. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets. Some on-site seating will be available.

NO PETS. NO SMOKING. NO OUTSIDE FOOD & BEVERAGE.

Additional Information:
- Ample free parking will be available! (Nearby parking decks, lots & street parking)
- Food & drink is sold separately from admission
- Cash & Credit is accepted at the gate and by most vendors

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Fox Valley Restaurant Guide

Please support our local restaurants with Pickup & Delivery Orders and by purchasing Gift Cards!

Ballydoyle Aurora
28 W. New York St.
Aurora, IL 60506
1-630-844-0400

Basils Greek Dining
4000 Fox Valley Drive
Aurora, IL 60504
1-630-692-1300

Blueberry Hill Cafe
405 N. Eola Rd.
Aurora, IL 60504
1-630-499-1500

Colonial Cafe & Ice Cream
1961 W. Galena Blvd.
Aurora, IL 60506
1-630-844-2444

Endiro Coffee
29 W. New York Street
Aurora, IL 60506
1-331-256-6683

Gillerson's Grubbery
33 W. New York Str.
Aurora, IL 60506
1-630-340-3719

La Quebrada Restaurant
723 S. Broadway
Aurora, IL 60505
1-630-896-2535

Luigi's Pizza and Fun Center
732 Prairie Street
Aurora, IL 60506
1-630-896-9861

Mike & Denise's Pizzeria & Pub
1760 N. Farnsworth Ave.
Aurora, IL 60505
1-630-820-7447

Oak Street Restaurant & Bar
945 Oak St.
North Aurora, IL 60542
1-630-301-7202

Patio Restaurant of Aurora, Inc.
4400 Fox Valley Center Drive
Aurora, IL 60504
1-630-820-8800

Pomegranate Restaurant
55 S. Commons Drive
Aurora, IL 60504
1-630-692-0009

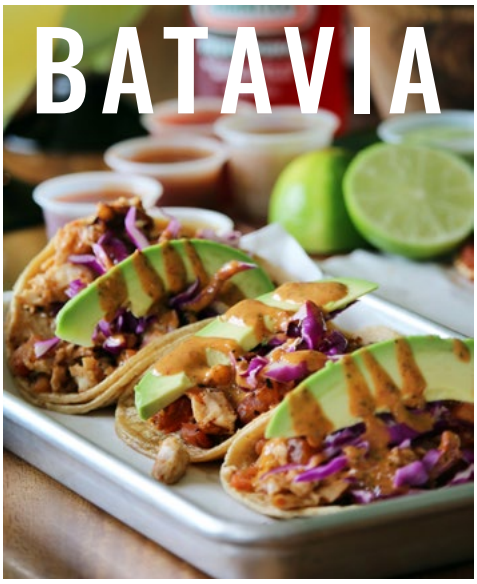
Porto's Peri Peri
4151 McCoy Dr.
Aurora, IL 60504
1-847-528-0014

Spartan House
1032 Prairie Street
Aurora, IL 60506
1-630-340-4546

The Piazza
85 Executive Dr.
Aurora, IL 60504
1-630-978-2088

Two Brothers
Roundhouse, Inc.
205 N. Broadway
Aurora, IL 60506
1-630-264-2739

The Venue
21 S. Broadway Ave.
(US Rte 25)
Aurora, IL 60505



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Batavia, IL 60510
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Batavia, IL 60510
1-(630-406-9177

Crabby Boil
220 Randall Road
Batavia, IL 60510
1-630-454-4392

Crosstown Pub and Grill
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Batavia, IL 60510
1-630-406-0669

Daddio's Diner
134 W. Wilson Street
Batavia, IL 60510
1-630-879-5299

East China Inn
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Batavia, IL 60510
1-630-879-7676

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3 South Batavia Avenue
Batavia, IL 60510
1-630-482-3663

Lumes Pancake House and Restaurant
1902 Fabyan Pkwy
Batavia, IL 60510
1-630-761-9676

Pal Joey's Restaurant
2030 Main Street
Batavia, IL 60510
1-630-593-6600

River's Edge Bar & Grill
12 N River Street
Batavia, IL 60510
1-630-406-9200

Riverside Pizza & Pub
142 W. Wilson Street
Batavia, IL 60510

Salsa Verde
107 N. Batavia Ave
Batavia, IL 60510
1-630-425-3521

Verita Batavia
15 E. Wilson Street
Batavia, IL 60510
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The Village Squire Restaurant

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South Elgin IL 60177
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Elgin IL 60123
1-847-888-4146

Al's Café

43 DuPage Court
Elgin IL 60120
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Elgin IL 60123
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Grand Victoria Casino
250 S Grove Avenue
Elgin IL 60120
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Elgin IL 60120
1-847-529-1324

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2175 Point Boulevard #120
Elgin IL 60123
1-847-836-7662

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Elgin IL 60124
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Elgin IL 60124
1-847-649-3900

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875 Sports Way
Elgin IL 60123
1-847-931-5950

Indulge Show Kitchen Buffet
Grand Victoria Casino
250 S Grove Avenue
Elgin IL 60120
(847) 531-7701

McAlister's Deli
1120 S Randall Road
Elgin IL 60124
(630) 336-5640

Nestle Tollhouse Cafe
5510 Springhill Mall
West Dundee IL 60118
1-847-915-0885

Nick's Pizza & Pub
990 S Randall Road
Elgin IL 60123
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Old Republic Kitchen + Bar
155 S Randall Rd.
Elgin, IL 60123
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Elgin IL 60123
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Grand Victoria Casino
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The Village Squire
125 Washington Street
West Dundee IL 60118
1-847-428-4483

The Village Squire South
480 Randall Road
South Elgin IL 60177
1-847-931-0400

The Walnut Speak Easy
214 Walnut Avenue
Elgin IL 60123
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All Chocolate Kitchen's Primo
29 S. Third Street
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Geneva IL 60134
1-630-232-7717

Atwater's Restaurant & Lounge
15 S River Lane,
Geneva IL 60134
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Geneva IL 60134
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Chianti's
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Geneva IL 60134
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Gen Hoe
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Geneva IL 60134
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1-630-405-5544

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Geneva IL 60134
1-630-262-1000
Livia Italian Eatery
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Geneva IL 60134
1-630- 845-9200

Stockholm's
306 W. State Street
Geneva IL 60134
1-630-208-7070

Villa Verone Ristorante Italiano
416 Hamilton St.
Geneva IL 60134
1-630-232-2201

The Walrus Room
415 W. State, Suite 105
Geneva IL 60134
1-630-881-7557

Wildwood
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Geneva IL 60134
1-630-377-8325

Allegory
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BDS Mongolian Barbeque
221 S. Washington Street
Naperville IL 60540
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Bistro Du Bouchard
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Naperville IL 60540
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Naperville IL 60540
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Santo Cielo
123 Water Street
Naperville IL 60540
1-630-323-0700

Shakou
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Aurora Downtown

WEDNESDAYS AT THE PLAZA REIMAGINED FOR SUMMER CONCERTS

Wednesdays at the Plaza has become a fun summer activity for locals in downtown Aurora. Over the past few years, Aurora Downtown has hosted the free, summer concerts on Wednesday evenings at Millennium Plaza on Stolp Avenue.

This year, the nonprofit group is reimagining the community concerts so that everyone can enjoy them while following Phase 4 public health guidelines. The concert series will continue outdoors at downtown businesses and museums instead of at the city-owned plaza, and they will be livestreamed on social media.

After the city's Special Events team said they weren't approving any events until September, the group looked at creative ways to keep the concert series going.

Aurora Downtown reached out to businesses with ample outdoor space including Tredwell Coffee and Wyckwood House, SciTech Hands On Museum, and Society 57.

“They all said they’d be happy to host outdoor concerts this summer,” said Marissa Amoni, manager of Aurora Downtown. “The series is an important way for us to connect with the community and support local musicians,” she said.

Starting on July 8, the concert series will kick off with Mirabelle and The Paper Boats with opener Demi Clara. The concerts are from 6 to 8 p.m. and will be livestreamed on Aurora Downtown’s Facebook and YouTube pages. Performances will include August West on July 15, The Darling Suns with opener Ben Patrick on July 22, Luis and I with opener Emily Martinez on July 29, Aurora Latin Band on August 5, and Accidentally on Purpose on August 12.

The concerts will have limited audience members, and are not open to the public unless otherwise noted on the Facebook invite. Depending on the venue, there will be some outdoor audience overflow areas.

For more information about the concerts, visit Wednesdays at the Plaza or Aurora Downtown on Facebook.

To find out more about downtown events, visit www.auroradowntown.org.

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Geneva Park District

Phase 4 Restore Illinois allows even more recreational opportunities in Geneva

The Geneva Park District is excited to announce the opening of all playgrounds , including the popular sprayground at Moore Park. “We appreciate the community’s patience as we awaited additional guidance from the Governor, CDC, and Illinois Department of Public Health,” said Sheavoun Lambillotte, Executive Director.

Playground and Sprayground Guidelines:

- No more than 50 patrons allowed on a playground at any given time
- Visitors are encouraged to practice social distancing and wear masks
- Avoid crowded playgrounds and minimize physical contact between kids
- Outdoor playground equipment is not sanitized; use at your own risk
- If you or your child feels sick or has any symptoms of COVID-19, stay at home
- Wash hands with soap and water before and after playing or use hand sanitizer

In addition, both BestLife Fitness Centers are now open with the modified hours of 5:30 a.m. -7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7:00a.m.-5:00p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

"We are extremely excited to allow our patrons and members back into our buildings. While things may look a bit different, we are elated to have our resident's back!" said Sheavoun Lambillotte, Executive Director.

"Combining the guidelines for Health & Fitness Clubs in Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois plan and the Illinois' Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) along with months of staff preparation, we have made modifications to our fitness centers to maximize our member's experience while maintaining a high level of cleanliness and safety." said Nicole Vickers, Superintendent of Recreation.

During the closure, the Geneva Park District staff has performed a comprehensive cleaning of all facilities and has developed an approach to continue to clean and sanitize based on the guidelines provided through the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) .

Plexiglass shields have also been installed at the front desk. There is no child care available at this time, and a mask must be worn, except when you are doing physical activity. Additional information can be found online at https://www.genevaparks.org/bestlife-fitness/. Indoor group fitness classes will resume the week of July 13.

In addition, Mill Creek Pool is open to the general public and also is providing aqua fitness, lap swim, and swim lessons. Pre-registration is required for all programs and is available at genevaparks.org.

"We are thrilled to announce the opening of Sunset Pool in addition to Mill Creek Pool very soon. It is with great pride that the Geneva Park District is able to reopen both of our pools during this global pandemic and offer our community a fun-filled place to stay cool during the summer," said Vickers.

Also, several summer recreation programs will be resuming in July and August including youth volleyball, martial arts, tennis, dance, and All Star Sports classes. In addition, outdoor fitness options and summer camp continue to be popular and are available to sign up for on a weekly basis. All guidelines will be followed and pre-registration is required and can be done online at genevaparks.org.

Peck Farm Park, including Hawks Hollow Nature Playground is now open. For information and hours, please visit genevaparks.org.

"The Butterfly House at Peck Farm Park will open Friday, July 3." Hours will be Monday through Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Sunday 12:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m. In addition, special senior only hours were added on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m. Peck Farm Park Butterfly House Guidelines include: masks must be worn at all times, no food, drinks, strollers, purses, backpacks, bags, or other personal items allowed. We ask all visitors leave all per-

sonal items, including food and beverages, secured in their vehicles. Social Distancing must be practiced at all times and entry will be limited to eight visitors allowed at a time and a time limit will be enforced as visitation demands require," said Lambillotte.

In addition, the Park District is now resuming rental requests for outdoor events at Island Park, River Park, and Peck Farm Park. All rental information can be found at genevaparks.org.

"Birthday party reservations are also available for Stone Creek Miniature Golf as well as limited options at the Stephen Persinger Recreation Center and at Peck Farm Park. I encourage people to visit our website or email us at info@genevaparks.com for any questions regarding birthday parties." said Vickers.

"Thank you to our community for their diligence, patience, and understanding during this unprecedented time. We have missed everyone greatly and look forward seeing you!" said Lambillotte.

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Fox Valley Mall Unveils Series of Family-Friendly Drive-In Movies & Children's Storytimes

Shopping Center Shares Schedule of Exciting COVID-Responsible Summer Activities

Fox Valley Mall, a three-story shopping center serving generations of Aurora/Naperville-area visitors, today announced a series of exciting, yet COVID-responsible, summer movies and storytime activities. In July, the shopping center will show two hit movies, "Grease" and "Footloose," in a drive-in format; the movies will be $6.94 per vehicle, and pre-registration will be required for entry. The shopping center will also host a series of four child-friendly live storytime events in its Center Park in July and August; each event will cost $2.70 per person, and space will be limited as families will be asked to observe social distancing guidelines; therefore, pre-registration will be required. All proceeds from each event will be donated to the Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry, an organization dedicated to ending hunger for both families and individuals in Aurora and its surrounding communities.

"People are excited about the prospect of coming together in public places and sharing enjoyable activities as COVID-19 restrictions begin to be eased. To help them do that, we have planned a number of small-scale events that will allow

attendees to remain socially distant while still experiencing the excitement and fulfillment of sharing fun times at Fox Valley Mall," says Scott Samson, Senior General Manager for the shopping center. "Our family-friendly storytimes and drive-in movies are a great, yet responsible, step in our collective return to normalcy."

Summer Drive-In Movies

On two Wednesday evenings this summer, Fox Valley Mall will present fun-filled drive-in movies. Each movie will cost $6.94 per vehicle with 100 percent of the proceeds being donated to the Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry. The movies will be shown at sundown (around 8:30 p.m.) in the Round 1 parking lot near New York Street. Guests will be asked to remain in their vehicles; as they arrive, they will be guided to socially distant parking spaces to enjoy the movie. No walk-ins allowed; no motorcycles and no vans/buses or tall vehicles (minivans are ok). While these movies are open to the public, space is limited and advance registration (one registration per vehicle) is required. Registration for each movie will be available one week before the showing on the Fox Valley Mall Facebook page or the Eventbrite website.

- "Grease": July 15th: 8:30 p.m. (Registration opens July 8th at 9 a.m. on Facebook or Eventbrite.)
- "Footloose": July 29th: 8:30 p.m. (Registration opens July 22nd at 9 a.m. on Facebook or Eventbrite.)

Center Park Storytime

Children and their families are invited to attend special readings of beloved stories of adventure and excitement as well as a sing-along song on four Fridays in July and August. Each storytime will take place in the mall's new Center Park from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. These events cost just $2.70 per person, and 100 percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry. Social distancing will be required and strictly enforced; therefore, since seating will be limited to 50 people per event space, advance registration will be required for entry. Masks and six-foot distancing will also be required, which means there will be no photos or physical contact with the princess characters. A take-home craft and light snack will be provided to each child (one per registered child) on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last (quantities are limited). Registration for each Storytime event will be available beginning the Monday before each Friday event on the Fox Valley Mall Facebook page or the Eventbrite website.

- "Moana": July 10th: 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Registration opens July 6th at 9 a.m. on Facebook or Eventbrite.)
- "Anna": July 24th: 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Registration opens July 20th at 9 a.m. on Facebook or Eventbrite.)
- "Mulan": August 7th: 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Registration opens August 3rd at 9 a.m. on Facebook or Eventbrite.)
- "Ariel": August 21st: 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Registration opens August 17th at 9 a.m. on Facebook or Eventbrite.)

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Elgin History Museum Reopens on July 8

The Elgin History Museum will reopen to the public on July 8, 2020. The Museum has taken many precautions so visitors, staff, and volunteers can enjoy a safe experience.

- Face coverings will be required to be worn at all times while inside the Museum.
- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the Museum.
- The gift shop / admission area has been updated with a plastic shield to conduct transactions.
- Museum staff and volunteers have been trained in new strict sanitizing procedures.
- Social distancing will be required, and the docents will be there to help guide the flow of people in the Museum.

The Museum will continue to be open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 11am until 4pm.

The Museum is excited to welcome visitors to view a new photography exhibit by Ira A. Marcus entitled “Art in Artifacts: Where History Meets Art.” Ira volunteers his skills at the Museum to photograph artifacts for the Museum’s on-line catalog. In this exhibit, Ira highlights the intrinsic beauty of these historical objects, some with a bit of whimsy. Prints and other merchandise with the images will be available for sale online.

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After finishing the 5k participants can enjoy a free donut compliments of Hahn's Bakery located Franklin and Third Street. This race event is sponsored by State Bank of Geneva, Fidelity Investments – Geneva and Primrose School of St. Charles West and presented by the Geneva Community Chest. For more information and to register, please visit www.dash4donuts.com.

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Dan Lehv Named Dave Tyler USHL Executive Of The Year

Lehv becomes first two-time recipient of the honor

Chicago Steel President Dan Lehv has been named the 2019-2020 Dave Tyler United States Hockey League Executive of the Year, the League announced on Monday. Lehv becomes the only two-time recipient of the Dave Tyler Executive of the Year Award, following his 2012-2013 honor as President of the Dubuque Fighting Saints.

Lehv was named President of the Steel in August 2015 and has overseen the resurgence of the organization since Larry Robbins purchased the team prior to the 2015-2016 season.

“Dan is an accomplished executive, a tenacious worker, a selfless leader, a

humble and kind teammate, a terrific ambassador for our league and a true friend and partner to me and everyone involved in the Chicago Steel," Said Larry Robbins, Steel Owner. "Dan's commitment to the fan experience, the well-being of our players and families and the broader Chicagoland community have enabled our franchise to continue to grow and excel in the USHL while preparing our players and staff for continued success as they move forward in their athletic and professional endeavors."

Under Lehv's leadership, the team has improved in virtually every area of the operation including a 47% growth in average attendance since the 2015-2016 season and an increase in greater than 100% in total revenues.

"I'm proud to accept this award which serves as a reflection of the efforts of our entire staff and the commitment and support of our owner," said Lehv. "The progress we've made over the past five seasons both on and off the ice is truly remarkable and is the product of great teamwork and collaboration. The fact that my peers chose to honor me with this award is most gratifying."

In 2019-2020 as the Steel captured their first Anderson Cup Championship, Lehv guided the team to its fourth consecutive season of increased average attendance. At the time the season was canceled due to COVID-19, the Steel were on pace to achieve record ticket sales in all categories.

This past season marked the team's 20th season, and Lehv led the team's efforts to commemorate the milestone including the development of a special 20th Season logo and design of special jerseys, plus several promotional nights and giveaways.

Lehv spearheaded Chicago's participation in the inaugural Frosty Cup in Dallas, TX which included an outdoor game at the Cotton Bowl, home of the 2020 NHL Winter Classic. When the USHL season was canceled, Lehv created the team's Fan Connection Series as a way for the Steel to engage with new and existing fans during a state-wide shelter-in-place order. The series of webinars included content designed for different audiences and featured Steel staff, players and alumni.

Lehv has been actively involved with the USHL, representing the team on its Board of Directors and currently serving on the League's Executive Committee, Schedule Committee and he is chair of the Investment Advisory Committee.

The award, named in honor of Dave Tyler, whose leadership and dedication was key to the USHL and junior hockey in the United States, is annually presented to an executive from a USHL Member Club to recognize the efforts and contributions to his or her organization. It is voted on by USHL Member Clubs.

For more information and to purchase Steel tickets, call 855-51-STEEL or visit Chicago-SteelHockeyTeam.com.

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Tired of a Crazy Life? 5 Habits to A Calmer Life

BY ANN MARIE GUENTHER, OWNER OF THAT GIRL ORGANIZES

1. Make Your Bed!

Navy Seal Admiral William McRaven and I agree on the positive effects of making your bed every morning. Click the 1:40 second video here to learn more. That Girl Organizes agrees that the Admiral is spot on!

2. Clean as You Cook

I grew up in a kitchen where Dad cooked and left the mess for me to clean up every day. What a waste of time! Instead of him filling the sink and countertops with pots and pans, he could have quickly put them in the dishwasher as he pre-

pared the meal. As a mom who knows her way around the kitchen, I can say that there are always lulls in cooking or a time where I am passing the dishwasher, and I can easily toss cookware in it! It saves time.

3. Clear the Clutter Fast!

Whenever you leave a room, see if there is even one thing that looks out of place. Please pick it up and put it where it belongs! Easy peasy! The tough part, getting the family on board to do the same. It's well worth the ask!

4. Sort the Mail

On your way from the mailbox, sort the junk into one hand and the necessary into the other. Fun fact: 95% of my mail hits the recycle bin before I even open the door to the house. Place the important mail in a wall file or designated spot. I suggest either having a wall file for each person or having two files: FILE and PAY. I pay all of my bills automatically, but if that's not for you, designate a day of the week and set the alarm on your phone to accomplish it when you know nothing is happening. For my household, it used to be Sunday at noon.

5. Meal Plan

Meal planning is NOT boring. Eating tacos four days per week, that is! I have tried different systems in the past 25 years. For years I had a binder with plastic sheet coverings where I'd house my recipes. Also, I had a monthly meal plan by season, as well as grocery lists in the binder. (This sounds crazy now that I see it in print LOL)! Winging it was the worst as I never had all the ingredients I needed. Finally, the digital age came into play, and I found recipe nirvana with PlanToEat.com. It is here that I load recipes we love, create a meal plan using a drag and drop feature, and it prints a grocery list out for me! Do I hear angels singing? Check it out here and even try it FREE for 30 days!

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Beloved & Iconic,

The Arcada Theatre in St. Charles is Re-born

It was on September 6, 1926 that the 900-seat Arcada Theatre first opened its doors to a Vaudeville audience and a short “Our Gang Comedy” film. Eighty years later, Ron Onesti came to St. Charles, Illinois to take over the reins of the theatre, and turned it into one of the most popular live music venues in the country, often referred to as “iconic”.

Now, in response to the theatre’s popularity coupled with Onesti’s desire to create a one-of-a-kind entertainment and dining experience for his guests, the ninety-four year-old gem is getting a facelift.

Actually, it is more like full reconstructive surgery!

Coinciding with the COVID-19 lockdown that shuttered The Arcada since March, Onesti, with new owners Curt and Conrad Hurst, has been re-designing, re-purposing and re-imagining practically every square inch of the building.

“For fifteen years we have been creating life-lasting memories for thousands of music lovers of all ages,” Onesti said. “But the building was tired, hot in the Summer, cold in the Winter. And definitely, restroom-challenged! But then the Hurst’s stepped up, with a civic pride that I have never seen before.”

It began months ago when Curt and Conrad sat with Onesti in his office to get Ron's vision for the future. It was a timely question because Ron was beginning to have some doubts about another fifteen-plus years in St. Charles.

"Its not like I was holding a gun to anyone's head, including the city's," Onesti said. "We just grew this thing to the level of international notoriety with sellout crowds all the time. I could not in good conscience do my thing and bring thousands of concert lovers and legendary performers to our building, and not give them the comfortable and healthy experience they expected. So I thought it may be better if I moved to a bigger and more contemporary venue."

The Hurst's weren't having it. They bought the building, rolled up their sleeves and asked Onesti to come up with a plan that would upgrade the customer experience that would make him WANT to stay.

"Besides all the things that folks clamored for on a regular basis concerning restrooms and HVAC, I began to recall the hundreds of times my thoughts began with the phrase, 'I wish I had (BLANK) at the theatre'. The guys supported every one of my wishes with a 'Sure, that would be great' attitude about EVERYTHING! They have truly been a Godsend."

So the plans began. New bathrooms here, new restaurants there. Upgrades here, demolitions there. New paint, finishes, fixtures, trims, power, fire safety and plumbing. Pretty much everything except razing the building altogether!

The "big" stuff began right away. Installation of fire sprinkling systems for the entire building. Antiquated power sources were replaced by energy-efficient units and wiring. The lead pipes were removed, bright copper pipes were installed. Centralized hot water tanks, beer and soda distribution systems and new walk-in coolers will add to the customer experience.

Floor by floor, the changes will be astounding. Beginning on the third floor, the Club Arcada

Speakeasy has newly done floors and enlarged kitchen and server's facilities. This will mean an expanded menu, faster service and a more beautiful dance floor area.

The second floor will have some pretty major changes happening on it. The small window bar has been expanded to a larger walk-in bar. What used to be the House Pub second-floor event space is now a luxurious VIP experience. It will be a country club-style endeavor with cherry wood walls, upscale food and beverage offerings and celebrity access, when available. Where the second floor rest rooms previously were are newly renovated restrooms reserved strictly for the VIP Room.

The offices down the hall from the bar have been gutted and remodeled as ten new restrooms! Where the Onesti Entertainment corporate offices were located further down the hall is currently being joined together with the second floor of what used to be George's Sporting Goods, the building immediately east of the Arcada. That floor is being transformed into The Arcadian Suites! Nine hotel super-suites, themed and very "experiential".

Imagine staying overnight in the Sinatra Suite, the Elvis Suite, the Zeppelin Suite, the 60s, 70s or 80s Suite, the Motown Suite or the Nashville Suite!

The first floor has the most changes. In the space on the west corner of the building, formerly Starbucks, is now the "Rock 'N Za" wood fired pizza experience. Hand stretched individual pizza, creative salads, grilled and Chicago-style hot dogs, gourmet popcorn and pretzels and flavor-burst soft serve ice cream will be the fare offered.

Rock 'N Za will also be the location of Arcada merchandise available for purchase, and where the visiting bands will sell its t-shirts, photos and CDs. There will be seating for the grab-n-

go food and beverages and a vintage pinball machine corner with games by KISS, Aerosmith, Beatles, ELVIS, Metallica and Guns 'N Roses. A lot going on here!

Further down the main Grand Hallway will be, yes, more restrooms! Another ten facilities!

Where the former Rock Stock store was is now "Bar-Cada", with an enlarged entrance and a full service bar. It will also be the location of Video Gaming and will be open seven days a week. The ticket counter has been retrofitted to the former 1940s Box Office and hi-boy tables will be available.

On the opposite side of the hall is a huge breakthrough in the brick where customers will be able to enter another Onesti dining experience. "Rock 'N Ravioli" featuring some of his best homemade recipes including Chicken Vesuvio Ravioli and the Braised Beef Ravioli will be featured. When the dining is done, a dueling pianos show will commence. So much happening!

Through Rock 'N Ravioli will be an outdoor Venetian-style café with custom awnings, Italian lights and

newly placed brick pavers. It will be a place to enjoy great food and beverages under the stars in St. Charles!

As guests enter the theatre, they will notice a new main bar that is actually shortened a bit to make walking through easier. New carpeting and detailed paint will add to the 1920s vibe. The sound control was moved from the side of the theatre to the center of the room to welcome visiting sound technicians in a more balanced fashion.

The front theatre floor where the banquet-style chairs would be placed has been re-finished with a burgundy epoxy that glimmers with pizzaz. The chairs themselves have been replaced with new, much more comfortable ones, by the same manufacturer that provides the chairs on the floor for the NBA.

The entire stage has been re-finished with reinforced wood and a new decorative stage front. Enhanced stage power, lighting and a broadened backstage area has been added.

The entertainer dressing rooms with still retain its colorful walls with signatures from hundreds of performers, from Mickey Rooney and Debbie Reynolds to Kevin Costner and Shirley MacLaine, from Paul Anka and Frank Sinatra, Jr. to Don Rickles and Howie Mandell. Rockers including Ted Nugent, Gene Simmons, Pat Benatar, Bret Michaels, Burton Cummings, AMERICA, DEVO and the B52s are among the superstars on the sacred walls.

With new floors, ceilings, dining area, showers, restrooms, production office, and even an enlarged awning between tour bus parking and the backstage door will make these dressing rooms some of the best in the country!

Yes, ninety-four years later, The Arcada Theatre is enjoying a revitalization few venues get to boast. But as Onesti puts it, "I have been dreaming about these changes for a long time. Now, they are becoming a reality. I am thrilled that we can show our loyal customers and our beloved bands just how much we appreciate them with better facilities and equipment to make their experience here memorable. And of course, I'll still have my meatballs to give them. They are what REALLY keep them coming back!"

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Wild for Wildlife

If you are wild for wildlife, this is the camp for you! Work on color, texture, and emotion and learn how to imaginatively illustrate animals insects, and sea creatures. The materials used are pencils, ink, watercolor markers, and your choice of items for mosaics.
Begins Mon., Aug. 3

Learn more at www.waterstreetstudios.org

A Window Into Art

Geneva Chamber of Commerce has planned an alternative to Geneva Arts Fair. The month of July is A Window Into Art.

"While the actual event has been canceled due to COVID-19, we still wanted to recognize the talented artists who were juried into the Geneva Arts Fair this year," said Laura Rush, Geneva Chamber of Commerce Communications Manager.

An online gallery of all juried artists can be viewed at https://www.genevachamber.com/geneva_art_fairs.php. Direct links to artists websites where visitors can learn more about each artist and/or inquire as to purchasing artwork.

Additionally, 26 of the juried artists will have a piece of their media on display throughout locations in Geneva. A full list can be found at the above website. Items in the shops are available for purchase.

We encourage everyone to visit https://www.genevachamber.com/geneva_art_fairs.php and experience A Window Into Art this year. Geneva Arts Fair 2021 will be June 24 & 25.

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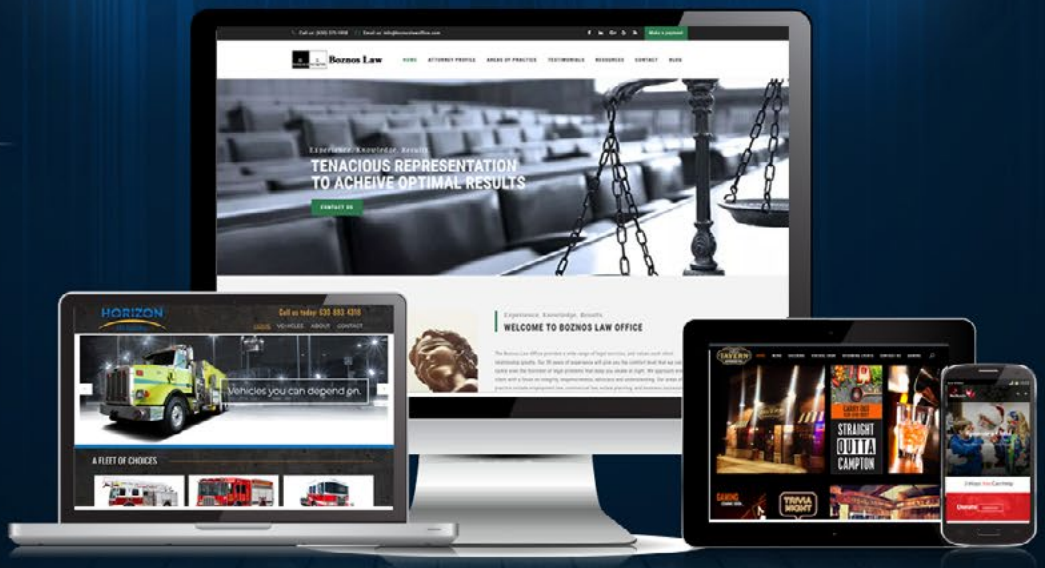

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St. Charles Arts Council's Featured Artist of the Month

Emily Parson

Emily Parson is an award-winning quilt artist from St. Charles, Illinois. Her work has been shown across the United States in galleries and national juried shows, such as "Edge to Edge: Selections From Studio Art Quilt Associates" at the Museum of American Folk Art in New York City, "Quilt National '97 and '99", at the Dairy Barn Cultural Arts Center, Athens, Ohio, and "The Artist as Quiltmaker" at the Firelands Association for the Visual Arts, Oberlin, Ohio.

Emily is best known for her larger-than-life floral quilts. Designed from her own photos, Emily makes a life-size drawing, fuses hundreds of pieces of fabric onto the background, stitches the pieces down, layers this quilt top with batting and a backing layer, and quilts through all the layers. One of her favorite parts of the process is dyeing the vibrant colored fabrics.

Emily grew up in Muncie, Indiana. She graduated with a B.S. in Economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1989. In love with sewing clothes, she worked as a clothing designer in New York City for several years where she happened upon a quilt exhibit and decided to try making a quilt. Fast forward a couple of decades and Emily is now a mom of three teens, teaching quilting, designing quilt patterns and exhibiting her quilt art.

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Get Out To Galena Country

A vacation that's rich in history, unforgettable adventure, and tantalizing local flavors.

Tucked into the corner of Northwest Illinois, is a hidden gem called Galena Country. This captivating location is lush with rolling hills, rich in history and loaded with incredible outdoor adventure, shopping, and dining. Only a few hours' drive from Chicago, Des Moines, Madison and Kansas City, this traveler's favorite is a destination where stories only get better with time.

In Galena Country, you'll see and do things you won't see anywhere else. We believe that history isn't about endings. It's where stories begin. And here, there

are a lot of stories to tell. Because there's a lot of history between us.

Comprised of 11 unique towns and cities, this fascinating destination provides the perfect mix of history, adventure, and authentic experiences that stand the test of time. We know the importance of taking time for the things that matter most. Because the best thing about being where time forgot is that you'll lose all track of it.

The Ulysses S. Grant Home State Historic site remains untouched by modern nuances. Engage in a genuine historical experience with a visit to Grant's home, where many of the furnishings remain original. A short walking distance away is the perfect spot for a picnic. Enjoy the gorgeous views of Galena from Grant Park, situated right in the heart of town.

Pay a visit to Galena's neighbor, Stockton, and strike-a-pose in front of the beautiful mural near Main Street. Grab a bite to eat at JJ & Freddie's, Stella's Café or Checco's, and complement your meal with a delectable treat from Sweet Alice's!

Venture your way to Woodbine for a little shopping at Nature's Treasures after a round of golf at Woodbine Bend Golf Course. If off-the-beaten-path villages and bars are on your list, consider checking out The Nora Bar, in Nora, or JM's Tap in Menominee. Both offer incredible scenic drives with a delicious finish!

Make a pit-stop in Elizabeth, to check out the Apple River Fort State Historic Site. This interpretive visitor center is the site of one of the battles fought during the Black Hawk War. On the weekends, the fort comes to life through ongoing living history activities featuring interpreters garbed in 1830s-style dress.

Journey along historic HWY 20 to East Dubuque, where you will find incredible views of the Mississippi River from Gramercy Park, or while dining at Timmerman's Supper Club. For an even closer encounter with the Mississippi, rent a kayak at Millennium Marina – it's sure to make a splash with everyone along for the ride!

Enjoy craft brews at Pecatonica Beer Tap House in Warren, followed up with a slice from Wally's Pizza. Make your way to Apple River, where you can fuel the vehicle and your soul at Thriving Thistle. Grab some tasty goodies for a hike and be ready for some majestic views at Apple River Canyon State Park.

Travel along the historic Stagecoach Trail to Scales Mound and make a stop at Council Hill Station to quench your thirst and enjoy live music. Before you head back to Galena, make sure you stop in at the Galena Cellars Vineyard and Winery!

Stepping onto Galena's Main Street is like something out of a movie. Looking much like it did when President Grant strolled the streets, the buildings are now home to more than 125 independently owned businesses.

The aroma of freshly popped gourmet popcorn, hand dipped chocolates and chargrilled burgers fill the air as you make your way in and out of exquisite boutique shops. While exploring Galena's downtown, be sure to indulge in mouth-watering culinary flavors. From fine dining to gourmet grilled cheese – Galena Country checks all the boxes for a foodie paradise.

With incredible terrain, outdoor adventure has become a forefront for activities in the area. Glide through the air at speeds of up to 40 mph on a zip line, or partake in one of the many race events. Paddle your way down the Galena River or speed down the Alpine Slide overlooking the Mighty Mississippi. Home to twenty parks and trails, it's easy to unplug and reconnect with nature.

Abundant with agriculture, visitors are offered an opportunity to tour and stay on local farmsteads. Pick-your-own apples, berries, and pumpkins - a family favorite. Top it off with scrumptious homemade apple cider donuts – that's a vacation 'win'!

Whether relaxation or recreation piques your interest, Galena Country is no stranger to impeccable and award-winning accommodations. From resorts and hotels to B&B's and vacation rentals, choose to lodge immersed in mother nature, amidst history, or in the heart of downtown Galena.

Everyone loves a good story. And here. One story always leads to another. People have been coming here to change their perspectives and fortunes for years. Throughout our history we've proudly never been like anywhere else. Because we may be old, but never the same old thing.

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Grand Geneva Resort & Spa and Timber Ridge Lodge & Waterpark In Lake Geneva

From pools to playgrounds to award-winning restaurants and spa, both resorts are fully open as of last week – time to pack the car!

As of June 15, Lake Geneva's Grand Geneva Resort & Spa and Timber Ridge Lodge & Waterpark have reopened their doors with the introduction of the CleanCare Pledge which ensures enhanced cleanliness procedures and social-distancing safety measures.

Social-distancing is easy (and fun) at a 1,300 acre property. Grand Geneva offerings include plenty of outdoor experiences such as miles of beautiful Wisconsin hiking, mountain bike trails, a relaxing resort pool, and motorized scooter rentals. In addition to its luxury suites and guest rooms, the resort also offers guests private villa accommodations. There's also the Well Spa + Salon which is now offering its full service menu with social distancing restrictions, a large fitness facility, plus dining experiences at all of the resort restaurants. Grand Geneva is also home to social-distancing friendly sports with its championship golf courses plus tennis and basketball courts. Guests who book the Stay & Play Free offer enjoy a free round of golf when visiting midweek.

And with its reopening, Grand Geneva Resort & Spa is excited to finally share the news that it has again received the honor of a AAA Four Diamond Award. According to AAA, this prestigious acknowledgement is awarded to hotels with upscale style and amenities with the right touch of service. AAA held over 58,000 inspections for the 2020 awards.

Timber Ridge Lodge & Waterpark also has news to share, having been awarded silver in Travel Pulse's 2020 Travvy Award for best domestic waterpark - an award selected by industry professionals including travel advisors and agents.

From pools to playgrounds, there is plenty of family fun to be had at Timber Ridge Lodge & Waterpark. There's the award-winning waterpark Moose Mountain Falls, mini-golf, an arcade, plus all-suite accommodations for a home-away-from-home experience.

With gas prices more favorable than they've been in years plus the desire for a much-needed long vacation, Americans are expected to pack their cars and get back to the classic road trip this summer and fall. A recent travel survey from The U.S. Travel Association and MMGY Travel Intelligence revealed that 68% of participants currently prefer traveling in their own vehicle – an opportunity to explore some of the country's award-winning destinations within driving distance of home. Located just 90 minutes from Chicago and 50 minutes from Milwaukee, these two resorts are perfect for the summer family road trip. Time to pack the car!

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Wisconsin Dells

Wisconsin Dells is excited to welcome visitors back to “The Waterpark Capital of the World!®” We know how special a place this is to many families. After all, we have been welcoming visitors for over 150 years! You may be wondering what to expect before you pack up the family and head up to the Dells, so we break down some helpful tips for you to plan your summer family vacation with confidence.

Top Tips To Make The Most Of Your Next Wisconsin Dells Trip

Wisconsin Dells is still the vacation destination you know and love, but as you begin the planning process for your next Wisconsin Dells trip, please keep in mind some things may have changed since your last visit to the area. But one thing that hasn’t changed is our small-town hospitality and ability to deliver quality products and services for you and your loved ones.

Area businesses continuously work to keep their spaces safe and welcoming to all. Here’s a breakdown of what you can expect along with some helpful tips to better prepare for your upcoming Wisconsin Dells getaway.

1. PLAN

We know there are many must-see and must do's while in Wisconsin Dells, but it's best to have multiple itinerary options readily available just in case. Most businesses are open, but some may be operating on reduced hours or limited capacities, so be prepared to purchase tickets or make reservations ahead of time.

Plan for increased safety and sanitation procedures for both visitors and staff.

We make doing your homework easy. Head over to www.wisdells.com and plan out your trip itinerary using our Trip Builder Tool, browse our blog section for seasonal ideas and if you haven't done so yet, order the free 2020 Wisconsin Dells Vacation Guide or view the digital version online.

2. CALL AHEAD

Some businesses have had to make adjustments to accommodate new health and safety standards. These adjustments might affect normal operations so it's best to contact local businesses directly regarding hours, capacity & increased sanitation efforts. Things are changing and updating all the time, so verifying information is the best way to ensure a more streamlined visit.

3. GET OUTDOORS

The Wisconsin Dells area is home to dozens of natural and outdoor attractions. Three state parks lay on the outskirts of town along with public lakes, the Wisconsin River and nature trails. Outdoor attractions are a great way to enjoy the scenery while maintaining safe distancing. Remember, many popular attractions can fill up fast on weekends, so call ahead if tickets are needed, or better yet, book your trip during the week.

4. FOLLOW PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES

Follow all safety guidelines set forth by local health officials. Give your fellow visitors 6-feet of space, wash your hands, and/or use hand sanitizer often, and please stay home if you or anyone in your party feels ill. It is not required to wear a mask in public spaces in Wisconsin Dells, but individual businesses may require one so having one handy wouldn't be a bad idea.

5. BE COURTEOUS

Please remember this is bigger than all of us: respect people's space and business decisions. Patience is key. Things might move a little slower or take a bit longer. Remember we are all figuring this out together so we all can enjoy the area... together.

We want to make sure everyone has an enjoyable visit to the Wisconsin Dells area. One of the best ways to ensure a successful vacation is to do your research. Rules and guidelines can change, so make sure you check in with businesses regularly.

Make The Most Of Your Visit:

Now that you have a vacation to "The Waterpark Capital of the World!®" on your calendar, we have some ideas to help make the most out of your time while in Wisconsin Dells.

- Wisconsin Dells has plenty of spacious lodging options, including standalone villas, homes, cottages, campsites and more. Many rental properties lay along natural areas offering trails right outside your front door, allowing for maximum seclusion in nature. Also, several waterpark resorts offer villas and condos for the ultimate spacious experience.
- There is no shortage of flavor in town and Wisconsin Dells restaurants offer a variety of ways to bring all the deliciousness right to you. Dining options include dine-in, delivery, outdoor seating and to-go options. Wisconsin Dells is home to some iconic restaurants, including Ishnala Supper Club, voted #1 Supper Club in the state of Wisconsin. Fun fact, the Wisconsin Dells area has six distinct winery experiences all in close proximity to each other, including one of the state's oldest wineries. Not to mention three breweries, all offering unique Wisconsin based microbrews.

- The list of outdoor attractions and activities in Wisconsin Dells is endless. Guided river tours on the Wisconsin River bring visitors up close and personal to the iconic sandstone bluffs, and nearby Mirror Lake provides a scenic and serene stand-up paddleboarding experience. Outdoor attractions allow for social distancing while keeping families together.
- Don't forget to check out the extensive music scene while in town. Wisconsin Dells businesses offer live entertainment and music well into the fall at outdoor patios and other spacious venues. Free musical entertainment can be heard nightly downtown Wisconsin Dells throughout the summer.
- We know how important souvenirs are; some iconic Dells gifts include fudge, moccasins, cheese and more. Many businesses offer curbside pickup or online purchasing options. You can even get delicious Wisconsin Dells fudge shipped directly to your home.
- Outdoor waterparks may require pre-purchased tickets or might have restrictions in place such as limiting waterpark access to resort guests only. So, purchase tickets online ahead of time to ensure a stress-free visit.

The Wisconsin Dells Visitor and Convention Bureau is here to help you throughout the planning process. Visit us online anytime at www.wisdells.com to find helpful planning tools and a digital version of the 2020 Vacation Guide or give our friendly Welcome Center staff a call at 608.254.8088. Our Welcome Center is conveniently located in downtown Wisconsin Dells to help with any questions or recommendations while you're in town. Remember to use our hashtag #LoveTheDells to share your Wisconsin Dells memories.

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Return To Work Considerations In The "New Normal"

BY BILL BOZNOS, OF BOZNOS LAW OFFICE

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause havoc among the nation's small businesses. Employees have been furloughed, or worse, terminated. "Essential" businesses and small, "non-essential" employers and businesses have been forced to shutter their doors and stay closed or work with very stringent operating restrictions (curbside delivery/pick up, limited store hours, limited access and number of customers at one time, just to name a few). The safety measures seem to have had an effect and now, states are beginning to "re-open" their economies and businesses. As this reopening slowly happens, there are important workplace considerations to be aware of as we all navigate the "new normal." Employers and businesses considering reopening will face a complex patchwork of new legal requirements and practical considerations. Planning

in advance to prepare a Return to Work strategy is essential. Below are considerations that should be taken into account for any proper Return to Work strategies:

Who Comes Back To Work First?

Employers must rely on neutral, non-discriminatory plans of action in deciding which employees should be allowed to return to work. An analysis needs to be conducted as to which employees need to be in the workplace more than others. The analysis should include factors such as skills, knowledge and experience. Care needs to be taken that biases such as age, race, sex or other prohibited considerations are NOT taken into account during this analysis or there will be the very real risk of a costly discrimination action. Employers need to backstop their decisions with a legitimate, non-discriminatory explanation for the steps they took in deciding who comes back when (or at all).

What Kind of Testing Can Be Done To Returning Employees?

Employers and employees are all concerned about the safety of returning workers. Recently, the U.S. Equal Opportunity Employment Commission (EEOC) issued guidelines that allow an employer to make certain disability and related medical exams. These include:

- Employers may ask employees if they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (fever, chills, shortness of breath, sore throat);
- Employers may monitor and test an employee's temperature;
- Employers may require employees with COVID-19 symptoms to leave the workplace and stay home;
- Employers may require employees returning to work to provide a medical fitness for duty certification;
- Employers may administer tests to detect COVID-19 virus before permitting employees to enter the workplace. Any and all test results must be kept confidential and not shared with the employee population
- An employer should explore reasonable accommodations for employees with a pre-existing mental condition that has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 crisis.
- Employers may require employees to wear protective gear (i.e. face masks and/or gloves) and observe infection control practices (social distancing and hand washing/sanitizing).

Is There Liability If A Business Reopens And An Employee Gets COVID-19?

This pandemic will certainly present capricious attorneys with the opportunity to file negligence or intention injury claims on behalf of employees who get sick with COVID-19 as a result of returning to work. The best defense a business can have is to have crafted a well-rea-

soned and medically supported Return to Work Plan. Many agencies, including OSHA have indicated they will look favorably upon employers who follow all medical guidance and make good faith efforts to address hazards and keep the workplace safe. Again, every workplace is different, but your Return to Work Plan should include:

- Keeping employees at least 6 feet apart;
- Rigorous cleaning and sanitizing;
- Testing (if available);
- Eliminating common foods/snacks/coffee areas;
- Making mask mandatory;
- Responding quickly and effectively to isolate exposed areas and people when a worker becomes sick;
- Developing an effective communications plan that is applied consistently;
- Understanding an employee's protest rights – Under the National Labor Relations Act, even non-union employers can be held liable if they interfere with employee's rights to raise safety related issues in the workplace.
- Other considerations can include designing one way aisles, utilizing plexiglass barriers, temporary job restructuring of non-essential job duties, and modifying work schedules and shift assignments.

Develop An Employee Relations Control Plan

This plan will need to anticipate and address labor and employment issues related to the "new normal". Items to consider include whether and to what extent an employee can refuse to return to work for fear of contracting COVID-19, employee privacy issues; liability to visitors to the workplace; what accommodations can be made for employees who are particularly susceptible to the COVID-19 virus; and what are the wage and hour issues associated with reduced duties, hours or health monitoring. The Employee Relations Plan should also take into account training for all employees on safety protocols and social distancing. A review of all employee policies and procedures should be conducted to ensure compliance with the new rules and regulations regarding employee safety.

Unfortunately, there is no "cookie cutter" approach to operating a business in the new normal. All of the advice and considerations set out are dependent on your workforce, your business operation and an employer's business needs. Proactive planning at this stage is critical to ensure as seamless a transition back to operations as is possible given the new world businesses will be facing. It goes without saying that an experienced legal counselor, such as Boznos Law, P.C. can help you navigate through all of these issues.

As you can see, there are a number of questions and areas of potential uncertainty brought about by this national health crisis which can dramatically affect unemployment. We are here to help guide you through these turbulent times. A law firm that concentrates in employment related matters like ours can help navigate this maze of new laws. With over 36 years' experience in advising employers and employees on workplace issues, let Boznos Law work with you to ensure you are ready to meet the challenges posed by the changes to the employment laws. Call Bill Boznos today at (630) 375-1958 or contact us at through our website at www.boznoslawoffice.com.

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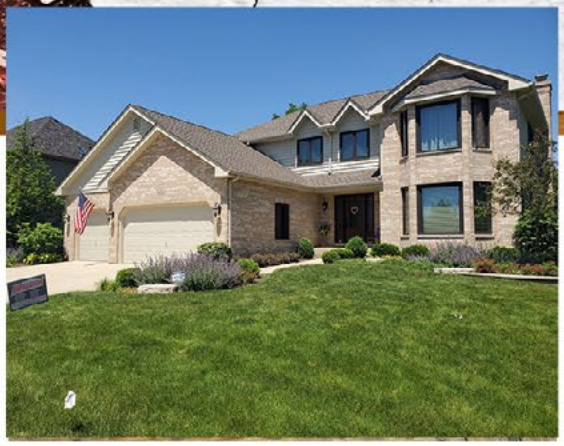

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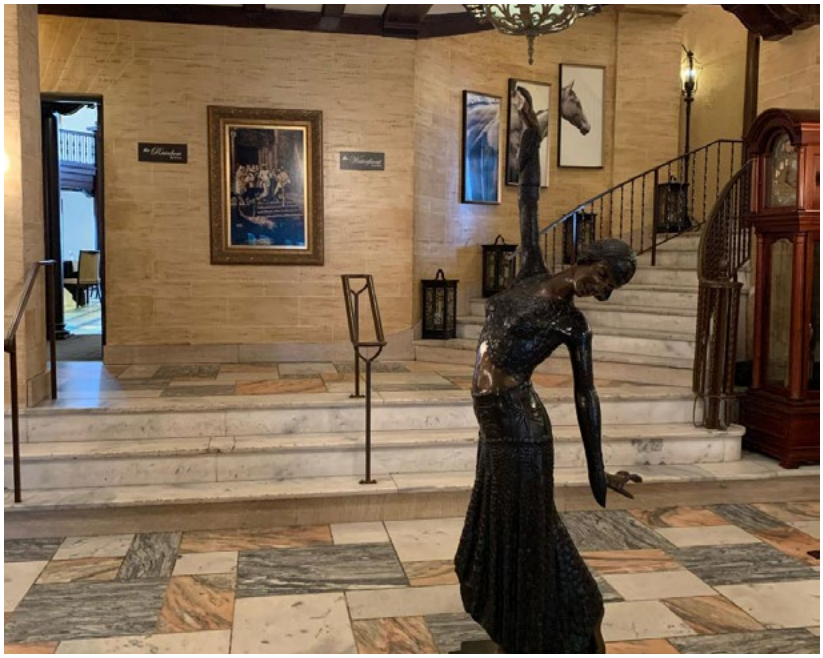

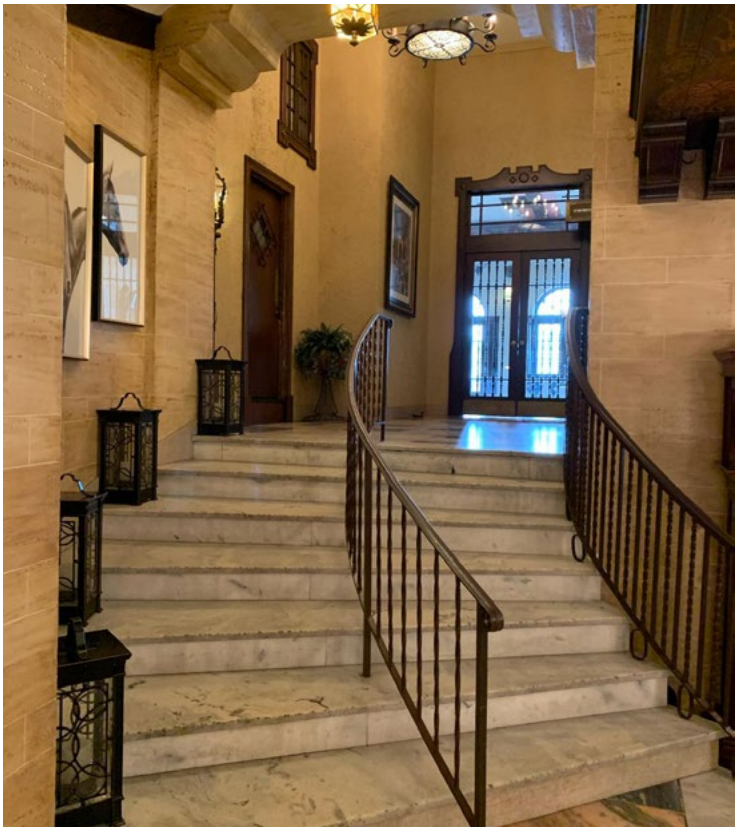

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