



GREEKTOWN POISED FOR REOPENING OF DISTRICT RESTAURANTS AND BARS

Greektown's businesses, aided by the Greektown Neighborhood Partnership, have proactively planned for a safe re-engagement of the local economy while pivoting their businesses for the future.

DETROIT, Mich., June 10, 2020 – Greektown is poised for reopening of the restaurants and bars in the Downtown Detroit historic district, as they were permitted to reopen starting June 8, 2020. 19 restaurants and bars are planning to reopen during the week of June 8, many which opened on Monday. Others are planning to reopen mid- to late-June. The entertainment and cultural district, rich in food and beverage, has been deeply impacted by the effects of COVID-19 and has made great strides to address that impact by proactively planning for their future. Aided by their local community development organization, the Greektown Neighborhood Partnership, businesses have adapted their operations to re-enforce a safe, clean, and healthy environment for patrons.

Greektown's restaurants and bars have created safe workplace policies and practices for serving patrons, ensuring safety for all excited to dine and drink out again. Personal protection equipment (PPE) will be worn by staff, and patrons must likewise support public safety by wearing masks and social distancing. "The Greektown district has been a vibrant area within Detroit for decades. Although reopening has many challenges, Greektown's spirit of hospitality and our patrons are at the forefront of everything we do. We look forward to welcoming guests back to our district in a safe manner," said Athina Papas, Board President of Greektown Neighborhood Partnership whose family owns Pegasus Taverna and Atheneum Suite Hotel.

Greektown Neighborhood Partnership is installing public signage in the neighborhood to reinforce social distancing standards, wearing masks, and clean hygiene, as well as patience and kindness during this unprecedented time. "The Greektown community is committed to the safety of our patrons while they enjoy our great local offerings. This will be a different dining and drinking experience than what we were previously accustomed to and we encourage patrons to practice both patience and kindness as we serve you and adapt our operations to keep you and the public safe," said Melanie Markowicz, Executive Director of Greektown Neighborhood Partnership.

The impact of this crisis has hard hit our small business community and we applaud the efforts by local and state officials to provide financial and technical resources. Many businesses were able to take advantage of the Paycheck Protection Program and small business grants – however, relief is still needed to help businesses and property owners carry the heavy burden of being closed and confronting a very different reality. Greektown Neighborhood Partnership, aided by partners at the City of Detroit and the Downtown Detroit Partnership, has spearheaded COVID-19 response efforts, providing businesses with information in real time and opportunities to engage with experts in economic development, human resources, and safety and security. Greektown Neighborhood Partnership is also proud to be a Detroit Means Business Trusted Connector Partner through the City of Detroit's new website to assist business owners during this challenging time:

www.DetroitMeansBusiness.org

We welcome and invite all to enjoy Greektown's restaurants, bars, and businesses yet again in a safe and secure environment.

GREEKTOWN BUSINESSES PLANNING TO REOPEN DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 8 (subject to change)

[Astoria Pastry Shop](#)

[Baltimore Bar & Grill](#)

[Buffalo Wild Wings](#)

[Cold Stone Creamery](#)
[Delmar Kitchen & Bar](#)
[Delmar Detroit Rooftop](#)
[Delux Lounge](#)
[Eat-n-Out Pizza & Gelato](#)
[Exodos Lounge](#)
[Fishbones Rhythm Kitchen Café](#)
[Golden Fleece Restaurant](#)
[The Greek](#)
[Harbor House](#)
[Level Two Rooftop & Bar](#)
[The Old Shillelagh](#)
[Pappy's Sports Bar & Grill](#)
[PizzaPapalis](#)
[Red Smoke Barbeque](#)
[The Well](#)

For more information about Greektown and our COVID-19 Response, please visit www.GreektownDetroit.org.

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About Greektown Detroit

Greektown is a celebrated entertainment and cultural district, serving both Detroiters and visitors from around the world all year round. The traditional center of Detroit's Greek community, the Greektown neighborhood is one of the last surviving Victorian-era commercial streetscapes in downtown Detroit. Lively Monroe Street is the heartbeat of historic Greektown, and our district is bounded by Gratiot, Randolph, Lafayette, and I-375. For more information, visit www.GreektownDetroit.org.

About the Greektown Neighborhood Partnership

Greektown Neighborhood Partnership is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the long-term economic and cultural vibrancy of Greektown. We support and enhance inclusive and equitable opportunities for growth within the district through community and economic development programs, all while celebrating our strong cultural roots. Our organization is charged with implementing the [Greektown Neighborhood Framework Vision](#), a strategic community planning initiative announced last fall, with design strategies focused around connectivity to surrounding neighborhoods and the downtown core, increasing built density, the introduction of new public open spaces connected by activated pedestrian paths, and the creation of a mixed-use neighborhood, expanding uses beyond entertainment. For more information, visit www.GreektownDetroit.org.

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