

RESTAURANTS + BARS

Dining calendar: Metro Detroit restaurant and food news and events



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Mayacamas Vineyards Dinner at Rudy's Prime: Enjoy a five-course steakhouse dinner with Mt. Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon, starting with a chilled shellfish salad, then mushroom risotto, Allen Brothers prime rib eye with charred baby carrot, ramps and watercress and a chocolate dessert. 6 p.m. April 23. \$200 per person. 9 S. Main, Clarkston. (248) 625-3033.

Seven Inning Stretch pairing dinner at Mootz Pizzeria: This seven-course meal features pairings from Griffin Claw Brewing Co. Reps from Mootz and Griffin Claw will provide insight about the pairings, which include a soft pretzel with El Rojo red ale, spicy sausage po' boy with Conflict of Interest IPA and a slice of Mootz' bee sting pizza with Norm's Raggedy Ass IPA, to name a few. 6:30 p.m. April 24. \$75 per person. 1226 Library, Detroit. eventbrite.com/e/mootz-x-griffin-claw-seven-inning-stretch-pairing-dinner-tickets-1304123330989.

Slice for Life at Buddy's Pizza: A portion of the day's proceeds from all 22 Buddy's Pizza locations will be donated to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen for the 49th annual Slice for Life fundraiser on April 28. There will also be an online auction for five seasoned square pans from Buddy's original Six Mile location, which come with a coupon book for free pizza for a year. Learn more at cskdetroit.org/events and find a Buddy's at buddyspizza.com.

Somm Slam Rematch at Testa Barra: Billed as a rematch battle, Testa Barra sommelier Jeffrey Baldwin will compete with guest host and Fox 2 Detroit reporter Charlie Langton. Each will choose a wine to pair with each course in a four-course dinner, and guests vote on which was the best pairing. 6:30 p.m. April 28. \$115 per person (\$148.53 with taxes and gratuity) 48824 Romeo Plank, Macomb Township. testabarra.com/events/somm-slam.

Generations Tea at the Whitney: Get grandmothers, aunts, mothers, daughters and cousins together for a special tea service at this historic destination to kick off Mother's Day weekend. The light lunch includes tea, entertainment and storytelling. 11 a.m. May 9. \$39-\$69. 4221 Woodward, Detroit. exploretock.com/the-whitney/event/541888/generations-tea.

Sip into Spring Wine Dinner at Bavarian Inn Restaurant: Celebrate spring with a four-course dinner with wine pairings. The menu features a chicken and strawberry salad with San Silvestro Moscato d'Asti, smoked shrimp with Meyer lemon herb butter and a glass of Pacha Chardonnay, herb-crusted lamb medallions with a Versant Pinot Noir and finally a strawberry and chocolate mousse with Artigiano Strawberry Bellini. 5:45 p.m. May 9. \$100 per person. 713 S. Main, Frankenmuth. (989) 652-9941 or eventbrite.com/e/sip-into-spring-wine-dinner-at-the-bavarian-inn-restaurant-tickets-1277986444859.

Chef Josie Clemens at Syndicate Ferndale: "Hell's Kitchen" first vegan chef to compete on the show, Michigan's own Josie Clemens will present a three-course vegan meal inspired by summertime ingredients. 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. May 12. \$150 per person. 140 Vester, Ferndale. syndicateferndale.com/ferndale-downtown-syndicate-ferndale-pop-up-event.

A Night in Amalfi at Café Cortina: Celebrating 49 years of business, this upscale Italian favorite will host a five-course menu featuring the authentic flavors of Italy. Premium wine and cocktail packages are available. 6 p.m. June 16. \$160 per person. 30715 W. 10 Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 474-3033. Cafecortina.com.

Detroit Burger Battle at Eastern Market: One of the most consistent and well-attended food competitions in the city, the Burger Battle returns to see which chef wins bragging rights and a trophy. Attendees get unlimited burger samples and can vote for their favorite; there's also a cash bar, DJs and other fun. 1-6 p.m. June 29. \$20 and up. Shed 5, 2934 Russell, Detroit. Burgerbattledetroit.com.

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Bev's Bagels coming to Detroit: Chef Max Sussman is bringing his Bev's Bagels concept to a permanent space in the Core City/Woodbridge area in late spring. This will be neighbors with the Mother Loaf bakery; both businesses are where the Detroit Institute of Bagels used to be. Bev's Bagels, which have been enjoyed as a pop-up business in Ann Arbor, include organic sourdough bagels, bagel sandwiches with smoked salmon, creative schmears and other ethically sourced ingredients. Coming soon to 4884 Grand River, Unit 1B in Detroit.

New cafe to open at Cambria Detroit Hotel: A.M. Buzz is set to open inside this downtown Detroit hotel this spring with coffee drinks featuring Michigan-roasted coffee plus breakfast and lunch cuisine. The cafe's name is a nod to the building's former use as the home to WWJ-AM radio station. "The space pays homage to the building's radio past and features a vibrant cheerful colors in a welcoming atmosphere," said co-owner Christopher Kouza in a press release. It's set to open this spring at 600 W. Lafayette, Detroit. Ambuzzdetroit.com.

Malik Beasley meal at Savvy Sliders: In partnership with Detroit Pistons shooting guard Malik Beasley, Savvy Sliders has launched a "Shimmy Meal" featuring three chicken fingers dipped in boom sauce, fries, Texas toast and a soft drink. The meal launched last weekend and is available at all Michigan Savvy Sliders restaurants for a limited time. Visit savvysliders.com for locations.

Hudsonville Ice Cream drops new flavors: This Holland-based company has dropped a flurry of new products including three new flavors available year round: mint deer traxx, coffee chip and peach cobbler. Hudsonville has also come out with

a Traverse City cheery fudge ice cream bar and a brownie batter cookie dough ice cream bar. Also look for the limited edition tropical twist sherbert, a blend of orange, strawberry and mango. Visit hudsonvilleicecream.com.

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