

# Dartmouth's Mirasol's Cafe to close for two weeks

From Mirasol's Cafe's IG:

"After much deliberation, we have made the difficult decision to close the cafe this Sunday at noon for two weeks.

We have taken the consideration of our staff, our families and the recent regulations to heart and felt that this was the best decision for us and for the community. We have made the cafe a beacon of sanity from the world's ailments and we will continue to be that when we re-open... in the meantime we will ramp up CHiPPi production for your caffeine needs, we will have coffee beans ready for you and if you want some guacamole to take home...yeah, we got that.

Much love, please be safe everyone ♥️

Saturday Hours: 7am-3pm

Sunday Hours: 7am-12noon"

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## GotChew food delivery service has you covered during the dine-in restriction

As Massachusetts officials enforce a State of Emergency due to the coronavirus, restaurants are being impacted in a significant way, being forced to serve food through delivery and pick-up orders. Luckily, New Bedford and much of the Southcoast area is being serviced by locally owned and

operated GotChew food delivery company.

**Currently, many GotChew partners are offering free and discounted delivery during the dine-in ban:** Freestone's, Not Your Average Joe's, Sweet Ginger, Café Bon, Faneeks, Scottie's Pub, Barrett's Alehouse & Waterfront, People's Pressed, Buster's Sports Pub, Fay's Restaurant, Valley Top Tavern, Adriana's Mexican Restaurant, Mari Pizzeria, Nuno's Restaurant, Bayside Fairhaven, Cyd's Creative Kitchen, Tropical Smoothie Café, Juice'd Cafe, Spicy Lime, and Café Arpeggio.



GotChew adheres to CDC guidelines for sanitation and precautions and offers a 'contact-free delivery' service. Customers can request 'Contact-Free' delivery using their Special Instructions Box at check-out screen. Provide drivers with instructions on how you best want your order delivered.



**Are you a restaurant that needs to add online ordering and delivery?** GotChew can have you set up within two days. There is no sign-up fee. Head over to [www.gotchew.co/partner](http://www.gotchew.co/partner) and fill out the application.

Are you looking for work? GotChew is hiring drivers! Click here to apply: <https://www.gotchew.co/driver>

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## **New Bedford's "Slainte Irish Pub" to change hands and re-open as an arcade and eatery**

Did you grow up in the 1980s or 1990s and have fond memories of spending a day at places like "The Dream Machine" playing games like Dig-Dug, Robotron, Centipede, Pac-Man, and others? Well, you'll soon be able to take a stroll down memory lane and bring out that little kid inside.

Fairhaven residents Lauren and Adam Katz will be taking over downtown New Bedford's Slainte Irish Pub and re-open the location as a coin and token operated 80-90s arcade with a kitchen, bar, function rooms, sidewalk seating, as well as the rooftop seating the Irish Pub was known for.

The husband and wife duo will feature dozens of stand-up arcade machines, skeeball, a bar offering among other things dozens of craft beers on tap, as well as a yet to be determined menu. Have a birthday, anniversary, work party or other special events to celebrate? You can utilize one or both function rooms which seat up to 50 people.

While the idea of an arcade will, of course, attract a younger crowd, anyone 18 or under will have to be accompanied by a parent or guardian up to 8:00pm, at which time it's "Sorry kids! Game over."

The Katzes are gunning for a Memorial Day opening pending

approval by the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission and transfer of the liquor license.

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# **Todd Baptista's Doo Wop XVIII: The Hitmakers Returns to the Zeiterion on March 28th!**

by Sean McCarthy

Todd Baptista knows what goes into an enjoyable evening of doo wop music. As the producer of dozens of doo wop concerts and the author of five books devoted to the musical genre, Baptista will once again enliven the stage of the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center with the sounds that gave birth to rock-and-roll, sounds that resonate with both the young and those who will enjoy revisiting their youth. There is a timelessness to doo wop music. The sounds that were embraced by the youth of the 1950's and early 1960's continue to be enjoyed by people of all ages, bolstered by the devoted fans of the genre as well as those who created it and continue to enjoy performing it. Grab your tickets **HERE**



Baptista will once again bring the sounds of some of doo wop's most classic artists with "Doo Wop XVIII: The Hitmakers," a concert that will feature the Flamingos, The Original Chantels, The Majors, and Kid Kyle – a two-and-a-half hour performance dedicated to the classic sounds of doo wop. The show will take to the stage of the Zeiterion on Saturday, March 28th with a 7:30 p.m. start. Tickets are \$45, \$49, and \$59, and can be purchased at [zeiterion.org](http://zeiterion.org), by calling (508) 994-2900, or at the Zeiterion box office at 684 Purchase St. in downtown New Bedford.

**But Baptista also knows that these evenings can include something special that goes beyond the performance – after the show the artists will be available in the lobby to meet with audience members, having conversations and signing autographs, an opportunity for fans to be up-close and personal with the people who have provided them with so many memories.**

*"This music was special to a lot of people when they were young, and it will always be special to them," Baptista says. "Popularity may change and they may not be on the top of the*

*charts anymore, but for the people who grew up listening to it that music is always in their heart. To relive that with the original artists and get a chance to meet them and see them face-to-face is unique and special. The artists enjoy it as much as the audience members."*

And the acts that will be performing at the upcoming concert are some of doo wop's most prized performers. The headlining act, the **Flamingos**, are members of the Rock-and-Roll Hall of Fame, and they are also the subject of Baptista's most recent book, "The Flamingos: A Complete History of the Doo Wop Legends," which will be available at the show. The star of the Flamingos' performance will be Terry Johnson, who arranged and sang on the iconic 1959 hit "I Only Have Eyes For You," as well as writing and singing on the classic "Lovers Never Say Goodbye." His romantic tenor voice was also featured on hits such as "Mio Amore," and "Love Walked In," along with memorable ballads including "Golden Teardrops," and "I'll Be Home."

**The Original Chantels** will feature three original members and are known for favorites such as "Maybe" and "Look In My Eyes." The group scored 10 nationally-charting hit records beginning with "He's Gone" in 1957. **The Majors**, an act out of Philadelphia, will feature original bass vocalist Ron Gathers on hits such as "A Wonderful Dream," "She's A Troublemaker," and "Tra La La."



The evening will also include a high-energy performance by **Kid Kyle**, a 25-year old crooner who recently released his fifth album, "Can't Help Falling In Love." Kyle has spent more than half of his life on the concert stage and breathes new life into some of the classic hits of the early rock-and-roll era.



At the age of 52, Baptista is a New Bedford native who resides in Westport. He has produced 36 doo wop concerts beginning in 1998. He has been hosting shows at the Zeiterion since 2006.

"These shows are about giving flowers to the living, it's



about honoring the pioneers while they're here to perform it," Baptista says. "You can enjoy what they offer today. Sometimes I think about my dad during a performance. He's the one who introduced the music to me and kindled my passion. He's been gone for 15 years, but I still think about him enjoying the show and how he would react." "Life in our era was a lot simpler than it is today," says Louis Harris Powell of the Original Chantels.

"The music was something that could create memories and it was something you could definitely dance to. It made you feel happy. We didn't have electronics and we didn't have flashing lights, we'd just get up there and sing to our audience." "Music was a different animal in the 50s and 60s," Johnson says. "Music helped people fall in love, there was more communication. We didn't have cell phones and things like that, the words meant a lot, they were meaningful."

"I'm a lifelong fan of the music and the men and women who made it," Baptista says. "I build the show, produce the show, and host the show from the perspective of a devout fan. As a fan, I select and suggest songs for the sets and other parts of the presentation all from that perspective. When the audience really responds to an artist and that artist really takes it in and enjoys it, it's a mutual love affair and that feeling never gets old. It's magical."

"It always feels good to be on stage playing my music," Johnson says. "It feels the same way it did when I was 17. At the time I was just doing what I loved but eventually, songs were being used in movies and on television. Doo-wop has stayed alive decade after decade."

"What's interesting to me is that there are so many teenagers who know the music and sing it," Harris Powell says. "I can go online and punch in the name of a song and there will be high school kids singing the songs that we were singing back in the 50s. People are bringing their grandchildren and great-grandchildren to the shows and the kids know all the words to



the songs.”

“The fans are what’s most important, they keep us entertainers alive,” Johnson says. “They make us feel like we have a purpose. I always love the chance to meet with the fans.”

“For all of us musicians it’s unimaginable that we’re still singing after all these years,” Harris Powell says. “We get the audience’s energy – it makes us feel good. The fans help us to do what we do. It’s a beautiful thing to sing these songs that meant so much to people.”

“Quality lasts and great music will endure,” Baptista says. “People enjoy the simplicity of the songs, the message of love as opposed to hate and controversy and the beauty of the harmonies. Doo wop represents a simpler time, a more innocent time, one that people – not just the folks who lived through it – would like to experience again.”

**Get tickets here:** <https://zeiterion.org/doo-wop-hitmakers/>



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# New Bedford's "People's Pressed" juice bar to open second location in Padanaram Village

Fans of the downtown New Bedford juice bar, People's Pressed, will be delighted to know that the popular destination will be expanding into a second location.

Unfamiliar with People's Pressed? Dartmouth native Amanda Desrosiers opened her doors in March of 2018 based on the many juice bars she encountered while traveling to participate in one of her favorite hobbies, rock climbing – something that requires you to pay special attention to how you fuel your body for the physicality that characterizes the activity.

The New Bedford location at 141 Union Street offers fresh-pressed juice, as well as a variety of juice cleanses, energy potions, smoothies, wellness shots, teas, Kombucha, and coffee. If you have an appetite, you will find a number of fruit bowls and in the "Slices" section saliva-inducing treats like Avocado Bacon Coconut (gluten-free toast topped with creamy avocado, greens, bacon coconut, drizzled with cashew, tomato-vinaigrette, pink salt, and pepper), Avocado and Hemp Seed toast, Avocado, tomato, and balsamic toast, and Almond Butter, Banana, and Strawberry toast.

You can check out the on the menu [here](#).

The new location will be at the former Village Harbor Sweets on Elm Street, next-door to the popular Sail Loft eatery. The new menu will be almost identical to the old one, with the

possibility of a few new ideas. You'll just have to check them out during their grand opening to find out!

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# Alma del Mar Accepting 6th Grade Applications in New Bedford

Alma del Mar is now accepting 6th Grade applications for the 2020-21 school year!

As their Frederick Douglass Campus continues to grow, they are thrilled to be able to offer 6th Grade as a second entry point for New Bedford children. Alma anticipates admitting 100 new 6th graders for the 2020-21 school year. **APPLY TODAY** by filling out an application **HERE**.

**All applications for the 2020-21 school year are due by 5:00 PM on February 24th.** The lottery for the 2020-21 school year will be held on February 26, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Alma del Mar holds a lottery every year to make a new waiting list for each academic year. Please follow the link to fill out an application. You may also call us at 774-206-6827 to have an application mailed to your home.



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ALMA DEL MAR FINALIZES ENROLLMENT PLAN

Sixth Grade will serve as permanent second entry point at new campus

NEW BEDFORD – Nearly 100 new sixth grade scholars, along with 100 new kindergarten-aged children, will join the Alma del Mar community in August 2020. The two grades will serve as the primary entry points for New Bedford children joining the charter public school as it continues to grow its enrollment.

Alma was awarded an additional 594 seats for a second campus in New Bedford in January 2019. This second campus opened in August 2019 to 200 children in K-2 and sixth grade. This was the first year sixth grade was an entry point for new scholars, as kindergarten has previously served as the primary entry point since the school opened in 2011.

Alma prides itself in providing a rigorous yet highly supportive education to every scholar who walks through its doors. Alma middle schoolers are the highest performing middle schoolers on state MCAS tests in the city.

“We heard from a lot of families last spring who were looking for additional middle school options for their children,” said Will Gardner, Executive Director at Alma. “We are happy to be able to offer our middle school program to a greater number of families as we grow our enrollment. In just a few years, we will be graduating nearly 150 well-prepared eighth graders every spring.”

At full enrollment, the Douglass Campus will serve 50 children per grade in grades K-5, and 98 children per grade in grades 6-8. Alma’s Ottiwell campus will continue to serve 450 scholars in grades K-8, with 50 scholars in each grade.

The Douglass Campus’ larger sixth grade cohort will be selected as part of the school’s enrollment lottery on Feb. 26. Applications for New Bedford children entering grades Kindergarten through Eighth grade are due by 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 24, and may be completed online at Alma’s website, [www.almadelmar.org](http://www.almadelmar.org).

**About Alma del Mar Charter Schools:**



Alma del Mar Charter Schools operates two charter public schools in New Bedford. The schools are tuition-free. Alma's mission is to put every one of our scholars on the path to college and to challenge them to be service-minded leaders. We achieve this mission by providing a demanding and supportive education to every scholar who walks through our doors. Alma has a longer school day, a longer school year, high expectations for all scholars, and outstanding teachers from across the country. We currently serve 650 scholars across two campuses.



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**Mass            Saints            Basketball**

# Tryouts Starting on February 3rd in Fairhaven

Do you have kids THAT love to play basketball?

Did you know that the Mass Saints is the largest AAU basketball organization in Southern Massachusetts? The Saints mission is to provide our players a solid basketball foundation in a competitive environment, so they can have fun, improve their skills and maximize their basketball potential. **Their program consists of both boys and girls teams which compete from the 3rd grade through Varsity levels of play. There is no cost to try out.**

Be a part of this volunteer run and non-profit organization! **Tryouts start on Monday, February 3rd at the Leroy Wood at 60 Sconticut Neck Road, Fairhaven.** Check out the full schedule below and follow Mass Saints on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MassSaints/>



## MASS SAINTS 2020 SPRING TRY-OUT SCHEDULE

Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup> Leroy Wood School 60 Sconticut Neck Rd Fairhaven, MA

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls 5:30-7:00

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls 7:00-8:30

Tuesday February 4<sup>th</sup> Leroy Wood School 60 Sconticut Neck Rd Fairhaven, MA

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys 5:30-7:00

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys 7:00-8:30

Wednesday February 5<sup>th</sup> Leroy Wood School 60 Sconticut Neck Rd Fairhaven, MA

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls 5:30-7:00

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls 7:00-8:30

Thursday February 6<sup>th</sup> Leroy Wood School 60 Sconticut Neck Rd Fairhaven, MA

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys 5:30-7:00

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys 7:00-8:30

Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup> Freetown Lakeville Middle School 96 Howland Rd, Lakeville, MA

Boys Varsity 3:00-4:00

Monday February 10<sup>th</sup> Leroy Wood School 60 Sconticut Neck Rd Fairhaven, MA

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys 5:30-7:00

Boys Varsity 7:00-8:30

Tuesday February 11<sup>th</sup> Leroy Wood School 60 Sconticut Neck Rd Fairhaven, MA

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls 5:30-7:00

Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup> Leroy Wood School 60 Sconticut Neck Rd Fairhaven, MA

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys 7:00-8:30

You can register for tryouts on our website [www.MassSaints.org](http://www.MassSaints.org) there is no fee to tryout

Makeup tryouts for various grades TBA

Fees are \$300 for players who already have their uniform and \$400 for players who do not. **All players will receive a new Nike basketball back pack!**





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## Spotlight: New Bedford's Churrascaria Novo Mundo

Looking for some amazing holiday platters? Here's a sample of what Churrascaria Novo Mundo at 98 County Street in New Bedford has to offer. Contact (508) 991-8661 or stop by today!

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# **Spotlight: Fall River's Famous Churrascaria Portuguese BBQ & Grill Family Restaurant**

Check out some of the amazing food at Famous Churrascaria Portuguese BBQ & Grill Family Restaurant on 144 Rodman St. in Fall River. Lunch special: 1/2 Chicken with Fries and Rice for \$6.99. Try the grilled octopus, Portuguese steak, kabobs or chicken, and ribs. Open for lunch and dinner 7 days a week.

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## **The AHEAD Employee Store is OPEN to the Public Dec. 14th, 15th and 21st.**

If you're in New Bedford and looking for holiday gifts, we've got great news: the AHEAD® Employee Store is open to the public on Saturday, and Sundays through December 21st. You'll find first-quality overruns, some irregulars and thousands of items to choose from. New items are added every single day. You have THREE more shopping days to take advantage some some awesome deals. Stop in this weekend from 9am to 2pm.

From Hats to Fleece's, leather goods and accessories there is something for everyone!

**DECEMBER BLOW OUT SALE!**

**December 21st 9am to 2pm.**

Located in the New Bedford Industrial Park (Exit 7 off of RTE 140)

270 Samuel Barnet Blvd.

Shop their online store: <https://aheadusashop.com/>

Employee Store selection changes DAILY. Online discounts and promos are good for online sales ONLY.

CASH or CREDIT is accepted.

Follow them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/aheadusa/>



<https://www.newbedfordguide.com/event/the-ahead-employee-store-is-open-to-the-public-for-2019/2019-12-14>