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What's New in Southern Indiana's riverside communities

Jeffersonville, Ind. (April 12, 2017) – New restaurants create an explosion of flavor, plus new maker spaces, shopping, and the addition of Abbey Road on the River await visitors to SoIN in 2017.

It was 50 years ago (today) Sgt. Pepper taught the band to play...



Visitors will find a magical mystery tour in Jeffersonville on Memorial Day weekend, May 25-29. The Beatles-inspired music festival **Abbey Road on the River** will be held in Big Four Station Park at the base of the Big Four Bridge.

Nearly 20,000 people are expected over the festival's five days. The entire community of Jeffersonville will transform into a Fab Four, Beatles haven. The festival will kick off

with a free concert by Jake Clemons on May 25. That's guaranteed to raise a smile...

New to SoIN Culinary: Portage House, Parlour, Hull & High Water

The fare at **Portage House** (right) is elevated and the buzz at **Parlour** is social and fun. The two restaurants – owned by one local group – have brought even more excitement to downtown Jeffersonville.

Portage House chef, Paul Skulas, features everything from grilled cheese to Indiana grown ribeye to showcase Midwest cuisine. He also features Broadbent country ham and raw oysters.



Parlour (left) opened on April 5 at the base of the Big Four Pedestrian Bridge. After a walk across the Ohio River, guests can dine in the lounge or dining room, or play corn hole and relax in the beer garden with more than 40 beers on tap

A new concept, **Mesa Collaborative Kitchen**, is scheduled to open this summer in New Albany. Its a demonstration kitchen where different local chefs hold cooking performances and guests can interact and watch as they prepare, then eat the meals. Also in New Albany, the owners of Gospel Bird – a popular fried chicken restaurant – are working on their new seafood eatery, **Hull & High Water**.



Agri-tourism pioneers at Huber's Orchard, Winery, & Vineyard continue to forge new paths with their spirit making operation, **Starlight Distillery**, introducing a vodka, gin, and bourbon whiskey to the market in 2014. The Indiana distillery recently ranked at the top in a traditionally Kentucky-dominated field. Starlight Distillery was first in attendance in *Louisville Business First's* ranking of Bourbon/Distillery Attractions. The distillery is aging much of its Carl T. Bourbon Whiskey; distribution, therefore, is limited to only nine states. Grains for their

spirits are grown on the family's ancestral lands that date back to 1843 when Simon Huber immigrated from Baden-Baden, Germany.

Do, Learn, Experience: Arts and Culture in SoIN

Downtown New Albany dining scene has been buzzing, and night time entertainment will soon follow with the addition of **TheatreWorks of Southern Indiana**. Its opening show in the inaugural 2017-18 season will be Neil Simon's comedy, "Rumors." TheatreWorks of Southern Indiana will provide stage opportunities for adults who have graduated from the area's K-12 arts programs, which are some of the most highly-celebrated in the country.

In Jeffersonville, the **Clark County Museum** opened in 2016 and will be part of the soon-to-be-designated **Jeffersonville Arts and Cultural District**. Plans are underway to paint a mural on an unsightly water tank and install solar powered pathways. Also in the mix are **Maker13**, a space to find your inner engineer, and **Silica**, where artistic expressions are fired in both manufactured and handmade pottery.

Updates

Shopping for him or her is a snap in the walkable downtowns of new Albany and Jeffersonville. Not just for women, men ages 18 to 80 can find casual wear or sport coats and suits at **HIM Gentleman's Boutique**, which opened in late 2016. The store caters to me and features \$20 ties at the "Tie Bar," bow ties custom made by 15-year-old entrepreneur Ethan Thomas, who lives in SoIN, and even swimwear. The new **Dream Boutique** joins a host of women's boutiques in New Albany, like **Pearls on Pearl**, **Dress and Dwell**, **Colokial**, and **Mariposa Consignments**. Shoppers looking for home fashions will love shops like **Madhouse**, **Copper Moon Gallery**, **Mesh**, and **Earth's Art**.

The **Interpretive Center at the Falls of the Ohio State Park** reopened in 2016 with redesigned, interactive exhibits and has proved immensely popular. In fact, 2016 visitation numbers doubled since 2014 (its last full year). Visitors can walk through time tunnels to interactive exhibits telling tales of the Devonian Sea, pioneer history, converging cultures and the Falls' habitat today. A new film tells the story of **Lewis and Clark's meeting on the banks of the Ohio River** in present day Clarksville.

Visitors can take guided tours of **Rose Island** every weekend this summer at Charlestown State Park. In the 1920s and 30s, the Belle of Louisville brought visitors up river to the amusement park located on the banks of the Ohio River. This year, hikers can hear about its then state-of-the-art facilities and see some of the park's remnants like the "Walkway of Roses," dancehall, swimming pool, and antique picnic tables. Info: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2986.htm>

The new **TownePlace Suites** at the base of the Big Four Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge will open in 2017. The 93-room hotel's exterior is being built to fit in with Jeffersonville's historic Rose Hill neighborhood.

Southern Indiana offers a riverside experience on the Ohio River's north bank. The Kentuckiana region includes the historic downtowns of Jeffersonville and New Albany, the town of Clarksville, as well as the agricultural communities of Starlight, Sellersburg, Borden, Georgetown, and more. Visit www.GoSolN.com for more information.

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