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Howard County Winter Restaurant Weeks & Craft Beverages

Warm up with local eats while supporting locally owned and operated restaurants!

Highlights:

- Jan 18th. - 31st, twenty-five, *and counting*, participating locations
- New to-go culinary experiences
- Craft beverages
- Several "first time ever" participating restaurants
- StayCOVIDSafe

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From January 18th to January 31st, discover new culinary experiences in the comfort of your own home during Howard County Restaurant Weeks & Craft Beverages! Whether you opt for convenient curbside pickup, front-door delivery, or choose to dine-in, you'll be supporting locally owned and operated restaurants and craft beverage creators while discovering a variety of delectable dishes and drinks.

Twenty-five, and counting, restaurants throughout Howard County are featuring specialty menu items and beverages as well as bundled meal packages. Beverages, tax, gratuity not included, promotions, and menus and offerings vary.

There is something for everyone. In addition to all the favorite mainstays, several restaurants are participating for the first-time ever including Beef Brothers, Bushel and a Peck Kitchen & Bar, Koshary by Misteka, Neo Pizza, Rathskeller, Spurrier's Restaurant & Bar, Tasty Empanadas, The Periodic Table, Walker's Tap & Table, and Xenia Greek Kouzina.

Howard County's first distillery, Lost Ark Distilling Company, is proud to be sponsoring Howard County Restaurant Weeks & Craft Beverages by means of providing its locally made hand and surface sanitizing spray to participating restaurants.

"Our restaurants have worked incredibly hard during the past year to adapt operations and continue safely offering excellent food, drinks, and customer service," said Howard County Executive Calvin Ball. "I remain committed to our local restaurants not just surviving, but thriving. These next two weeks are the perfect time to

show our appreciation for our restaurant community and continue to support many of these small, local businesses during the ongoing pandemic. With more than 25 participating restaurants and breweries, and many first-time participants, let's use this opportunity to try something new, or an old favorite, and support our neighbors."

"Howard County Restaurant Weeks is an important reminder of how important restaurants and their employees are to every neighborhood and community," adds Marshal Weston Jr, President and CEO of the Restaurant Association of Maryland, "Hundreds of restaurant employees will benefit from everyone making an effort to go out and support restaurants during this time."

"Visit Howard County is proud to be the first destination in Maryland to debut a modified version of restaurant weeks with take-out and delivery options," adds Amanda Hof, Executive Director for Visit Howard County, "Despite challenges of the coronavirus pandemic restaurants are still in demand and a much-welcomed amenity for residents and visitors alike."

Rest assured that participating restaurants and craft beverage businesses are required to follow all CDC guidelines. Be sure to directly contact your business of choice to learn more about their current operating procedures.

StayCOVIDSafe

Be a responsible customer and protect yourself, the wait staff, and respect the needs of fellow customers.

- Wear a mask: Help keep workers – and yourself – safe. Wear a mask until it's time to eat or drink.
- Keep your distance: Stay six feet away from others whenever possible.
- Keep your hands clean: Wash your hands - use hand sanitizer - wash your hands again to be safe.
- Don't risk it: If you feel sick or have been exposed to somebody who has been sick - stay home.

Learn more at staycovidsafe.howardcountymd.gov

Participating restaurants thus far are as follows. Many more are expected to participate:

Aida Bistro & Wine Bar
Alexandra's American Fusion
Beef Brothers Deli & Catering
Bushel and a Peck Kitchen & Bar
Cured/18th & 21st
Elkridge Furnace Inn
Great Sage Organic Green Cuisine
Hudson Coastal Raw Bar & Grille
Kloby's Smokehouse
Koshary by Misteka
La Palapa Grill & Cantina
Lib's Grill Maple Lawn
Neo Pizza & Taphouse
Ranazul Tapas.Wine.Bistro
Rathskeller
Seasons 52 Fresh Grille/Wine Bar
Spurrier's Restaurant & Bar
Tasty Empanadas
The Ale House Columbia
The Periodic Table
The Turn House
The Walrus Oyster & Ale House
The White Oak Tavern
Tino's Italian Bistro

Walker's Tap & Table
Xenia Greek Kouzina

Visit us online at visithowardcounty.com/howard-county-restaurant-weeks for a full list of participating restaurants.

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