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Visit Howard County

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Howard County Summer Restaurant Weeks

Highlights:

- July 24 August 7, 2017
- 30 restaurants participating
- Fixed Price Menus from \$15 \$45
- Tag for Swag contest gives diners chance to win prizes for posting photos to social media www.HoCoRestaurantWeeks.com

30 Howard County restaurants will offer fifteen days of fixed price menus showcasing refreshing summertime meals and highlighting local ingredients.

Ellicott City, MD (July 2017) - Visit Howard County's Summer Restaurant Weeks run July 24 - August 7, 2017. Howard County's top restaurants are serving up savings with special menus that feature refreshing twists on summertime favorites that will feel light on your wallet. Participating restaurants will offer fixed price chef's menus ranging from \$15.00 to \$45.00 (beverages, tax, gratuity not included, promotions and menus vary.)

"Our Restaurant Weeks are a highlight of the summer. The variety and options are fantastic – 30 restaurants offering fixed price meals and innovative dishes," said County Executive Allan H. Kittleman. "We look forward to this opportunity every year to try out new restaurants and visit favorite spots. I encourage residents to get out and support local restaurants and enjoy a fabulous meal in the process."

Amanda Hof, Director of Tourism Development for Visit Howard County coordinates the program and adds "we have a great variety of restaurants participating this year. There is truly something for everyone. All the familiar favorites are back as well as many new restaurants. Restaurant Weeks is a great opportunity for visitors and residents alike to experience the local culinary scene."

Also not to miss during Restaurant Weeks is the 7th annual Film 'Feast'ival, July 25, at Clark's Elioak Farm from 4:30 - 8:30 pm. This year's event will include a farmers market, food trucks, samples from restaurants participating in Restaurant Weeks, music and an artisan market. In addition, 'Feast'ival goers will have the chance to taste locally produced beer from Manor Hill Farm Brewery and spirits from Lost Ark Distilling Co. The featured film is "Forgotten Farms." It is the real-life story of New England Dairy Farms and talks about the challenges they face with today's dairy industry. These are the same challenges that Howard County family owned dairies face. It is a must-see film. In between the two showings there will be a panel discussion of the film. There is a \$5 charge for each seating of the film, one at 5:00 pm and one at 7:00 pm. Proceeds from the film showings will be donated to the Howard County Farm-City Scholarship Fund.

HOWARD COUNTY SUMMER RESTAURANT WEEKS, PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS as of July 18, 2017:

5485 Restaurant and Bar AIDA Bistro Alexandra's American Fusion Baldwin's Station BOLDER food/drink Centre Park Grill Clyde's Columbia Elkridge Furnace Inn

Great Sage Grille620

Kelsey's Restaurant and Catering

Kloby's Smokehouse

La Palapa

LongHorn Steakhouse

Maggianos Little Italy

Nora's Kabob

Petit Louis

Ranazul

Season's 52

Stella Notte Ristorante

Tersiguel's French Country Restaurant

The Alehouse Columbia

The County Cork Wine Pub

The Grill

The Iron Bridge Wine Co

The Kings Contrivance Restaurant

The Melting Pot

The Turn House

Town Grill at Fosters Country Store

Victoria Gastro Pub

An up-to-date list of participating restaurants is available at www.HoCoRestaurantWeeks.com along with behind the scenes YouTube videos of top chefs preparing their farm-to-table and dock-to-dish feasts.

Tag For Swag Photo Contest

Diners enjoying Howard County Restaurant Weeks are encouraged to post pictures of their meals with the hashtag #HoCoRestaurantWeeks. Participants could win dining certificates from local restaurants!

TWEETS

#HoCoRestaurantWeeks is back! Cool summer food at sizzling hot prices, July 24 - August 7 HoCoRestaurantWeeks.com

Plan to experience #HoCoRestaurantWeeks! 30 restaurants to choose from! July 24 - August 7 HoCoRestaurantWeeks.com

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Visit Howard County (501c6 not-for-profit) is recognized by Howard County Government and the Maryland Office of Tourism Development as the official Destination Marketing Organization for Howard County, Maryland and funded by a legislated 2% of the county hotel tax, allocated through Howard County Government. Visit Howard County's mission is to increase, develop and promote tourism in Howard County by featuring the county's unique location, sites, services, products and people. We are the first and foremost source of information on all that is wonderful about visiting and living in Howard County, Maryland.

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