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ONE WEEK AWAY: Record 32 Downtown Syracuse Restaurants to Dish Out Three Courses for \$25 (or Less) for Downtown Dining Weeks

New This Year: Downtown hotels offering special Sleep-Over Package:

\$185 room rate, \$25 credit for dinner & free parking

February 15 – March 1

Syracuse, NY – To the delight of foodies and dining enthusiasts throughout Central New York, the 13th annual serving of Downtown Syracuse Dining Weeks returns **one week from today** with a **record 32** participating restaurants! Presented by Visions Federal Credit Union and the Downtown Committee of Syracuse, Inc., Downtown Syracuse Dining Weeks starts **Wednesday, February 15**, and continues through **Wednesday, March 1**.

Each of the participating restaurants - all **locally owned** - will serve **three courses** for **\$25 or less**. This year, **five** are new to the promotion: **Niko's Family Italian Restaurant**, which has been a Hanover Square staple for decades; **Khao Gaeng**, which celebrated its grand opening in March, 2016; **Apizza Regionale**, which opened in April, 2016; **Eleven Waters**, which opened in the Marriott Syracuse Downtown in August, 2016; and **Original Grain**, which opened in the Pike Block in September, 2016. A full list of participating restaurants is posted on the [Downtown Committee's website](http://www.downtownsyracuse.com) (and the following page). The community is encouraged to check out the menus on the Downtown Committee's website.

"As a member-owned not-for-profit credit union, Visions values the Syracuse community, and we are proud to sponsor one of the community's most popular events - Downtown Syracuse Dining Weeks," said Mandy DeHate, Visions Federal Credit Union assistant vice president of marketing. "This winter dining event is a showcase of the locally owned businesses this area is known for. Visions is committed to supporting this community and building relationships. We are excited to participate in Downtown Dining Weeks."

New this year, Downtown hotels are getting involved with the Downtown Dining Weeks promotion, offering a special "**Sleep-Over Package**." Guests may stay at the Courtyard by Marriott Syracuse Downtown at Armory Square, the Residence Inn by Marriott Syracuse Downtown at Armory Square, the Jefferson Clinton Hotel, or the Marriott Syracuse Downtown* for a special **\$185 room rate**. As part of the package, guests will receive a **\$25 credit for dinner** at one of the participating Downtown Dining Weeks restaurants in addition to **free parking**.
**Please note, at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown, the \$25 voucher is only redeemable at its restaurant, Eleven Waters.*

"Every February, guests look forward to Dining Weeks and the opportunities to sample the high-quality cuisine unique to Downtown Syracuse," said Merike Treier, Downtown Committee of Syracuse executive director. "Now that hotels are involved, we hope that guests will extend their stay downtown and experience the **full flavor** of 24/7 life throughout our community. Bring your family and your friends! Choose a restaurant – or several! – and pair it with a visit to a museum, arts, or sporting event. There's something for every palette; menu **and** activity wise."

The popular winter dining event started in 2005 as a way to stir up business during what is typically a slower time of year for dining in Downtown Syracuse. The once-a-year promotion has grown every year since, continuing to attract new restaurants and an estimated 50,000 diners from all over Central New York each year.

“Spot the Chef’s Hat” Contest: Dining Weeks patrons can look forward to the continuation of the “Spot the Chef’s Hat” contest this year, first launched during the 2016 presentation of Downtown Dining Weeks. Each restaurant will have at least one chef’s hat placed somewhere visible in the dining area(s). Diners are encouraged to spot the chef’s hat, take a picture of it, and email the picture – or a thorough description of its location- to mail@downtownsyracuse.com, explaining **where** and in **what** restaurant they saw it. All correct guesses will be entered into multiple drawings for gift cards/gift certificates. Winners will be notified through email.

Parking: Five parking areas will offer discounted rates during Downtown Syracuse Dining Weeks. From **Sundays through Thursdays**, starting at **5:00pm** for **\$5**, guests may park at the **Atrium Garage** ([map](#)), **Clinton Street Garage** ([map](#)), the parking lot at **Fayette and Walton Streets** ([map](#)) and the parking lot at **Fayette and Clinton Streets** ([map](#)). These parking facilities are managed by Syracuse Parking. Guests may also park at the National Grid Parking lot, located across from Dinosaur Bar-B-Que, located at North Willow and North Franklin Streets ([map](#)) for **\$5** on **weekends** and **weeknights** after **5:00 pm**. This lot is managed by the Downtown Committee.

Downtown Syracuse Dining Weeks receives additional support from Kinney Drugs, Lemon Grass Bistro Èlèphant Steakhouse, Pastabilities, Prime Steakhouse, Dupli, Syracuse NewTimes and Tablehopping Magazine.

Participating Restaurants:

317 at Montgomery	317 Montgomery St.	315-214-4267
Apizza Regionale*	260 W. Genesee St.	315-802-2607
Aster Pantry & Parlor	116 Walton St.	315-373-0031
Bistro Èlèphant Steakhouse	238 W. Jefferson St.	315-475-1111
Black Olive	250 S. Clinton St.	315-399-5599
Byblos Bar & Grill	316 S. Clinton St.	315-299-6512
Byblos Mediterranean Cafe	223 N. Clinton St.	315-478-3333
Clinton Street Pub	127 W. Fayette St.	315-424-1187
Creole Soul	128 E. Jefferson St.	315-530-4178
Dinosaur Bar-B-Que	246 W. Willow St.	315-476-4937
Eleven Waters*	500 S. Warren St.	315-554-3541
Empire Brewing Co.	120 Walton St.	315-475-2337
The Evergreen	125 E. Water St.	315-870-3500
Funk ‘n Waffles	307-313 S. Clinton St.	315-474-1060
Indian Tandoor Halal Restaurant	232 Harrison St.	315-565-4099
Khao Gaeng*	208 W. Genesee St.	315-424-8424
Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub and Restaurant	301 W. Fayette St.	315-424-1974
Lemon Grass	238 W. Jefferson St.	315-475-1111
Liehs & Steigerwald	117 E. Fayette St.	315-299-4799
Maxwells	122 E. Genesee St.	315-299-6633
The Mission Restaurant	304 E. Onondaga St.	315-475-7344
Modern Malt	325 S. Clinton St.	315-471-6258
<i>Modern Malt Bakeshop is also offering a lunch deal</i>	<i>315 S. Clinton St.</i>	<i>315-472-0515</i>
Niko’s Family Italian Restaurant*	125 E. Water St.	315-475-7000
Original Grain*	302 S. Salina St.	315-299-5011
Otro Cinco	206 S. Warren St.	315-422-6876
Pastabilities	311 S. Franklin St.	315-474-1153
Peppino’s Neapolitan	409 S. Clinton St.	315-422-8811
Prime Steakhouse	101 E. Water St.	315-299-8047
Sakana-Ya Sushi Bar	215 Walton St.	315-475-0117
SKY Armory	351 S. Clinton St.	315-473-0826
Syracuse Suds Factory	320 S. Clinton St.	315-471-2253
The York	247 W. Fayette St.	315-701-0636

An asterisk signifies a new restaurant to participate in Downtown Dining Weeks.

About the Downtown Committee of Syracuse, Inc.

The Downtown Committee of Syracuse, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit, professional downtown management organization representing all property owners and tenants within the central business district. The Downtown Committee undertakes programs to improve downtown's image, strengthen its economic base, increase its attractiveness, and assure that it's clean, safe and accessible. For more information, please visit www.downtownsyracuse.com.

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