

SWBR Helping Syracuse Businesses Create Additional Outdoor Seating

The new PARKlets are creating additional outdoor seating to help downtown Syracuse businesses amid COVID-19.

Parklets for the People of Syracuse was started by local entrepreneur Michel John Heagerty with a goal to raise money to build "PARKlets" for Syracuse businesses.

PARKlets are public seating platforms that convert curbside parking spaces into vibrant downtown community spaces amid COVID-19. The mobile outdoor seating option is a way for local businesses and restaurants to expand their dining space during the pandemic. The first PARKlets have been installed at Kitty Hoynes pub and Pastabilities in the Armory Square neighborhood. Matt Lupiani, Yang Song, and Marlene Rizzo have been working with Michael and the City of Syracuse to help bring the parklets to city businesses.

Funk'n Waffles and Three Lives are slated to be the next local businesses to offer outdoor parklet space for the people of Syracuse.

The new parklets will also coincide with National PARKing Day, which occurs on September 18. The annual event has citizens, artists and activists temporarily transform metered parking spaces into temporary miniature parks, or parklets. This will be the third year in a row that SWBR and Pastabilities have participated in the event.

Check out Parklets for the People of Syracuse GoFundMe page to see how you can help.
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/parklets-for-the-people-of-syracuse>