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Newport Restaurant Week Returns in November

A new lunch price point and optional “premier” dinner menus make their debut.

Newport (R.I.) October 26, 2018 – More than 55 restaurants throughout Newport and Bristol counties will participate in the fall edition of Newport Restaurant Week November 2-11, 2018. Celebrate the cuisine of the Classic Coast by savoring two-course prix fixe lunches for \$20, three-course prix fixe dinners for \$35, and a selection of three-course “premier menu” prix fixe dinners for \$50.

“The new premier menu at Cara allows the culinary team to showcase some of our finest dishes at an affordable price point. This will be our first Newport Restaurant Week since unveiling Cara this year, which was occupied for the last 15 years by the former Spiced Pear Restaurant,” says The Chanler’s proprietress, Lani Shufelt. “We look forward to having Newport’s visitors and residents alike experience our thoughtful, curated three-course prix-fixe menu with unique twists.”

Now in its 12th year, Newport Restaurant Week has become a favorite among residents, fellow Rhode Islanders and travelers looking to sample the local flavor of our diverse and dynamic destination.

“We are very excited to be a part of Newport’s restaurant scene and love the opportunity to jump right into our first Newport Restaurant Week!” says Clayton Canning, general manager at Bar and Board Bistro. The Thames Street eatery, which opened in September, will be serving both lunch and dinner prix fixe menus.

Participating restaurants are added to DiscoverNewportRestaurantWeek.org regularly and their menus are added within 24 hours of receipt. Discover Newport encourages all participating restaurants to submit their lunch and/or dinner menus as early as possible to give diners a comprehensive scope of all the divine dishes being offered and to plan accordingly.

This year, Newport Restaurant Week is proud to work with two non-profit community partners: Eating with the Ecosystem and Strawless by the Sea.

Eating with the Ecosystem believes that both chefs and consumers can play an important role in supporting our marine ecosystems and local fishing communities. By enjoying a diversity of local seafood and adapting our diets to changing ecosystems, we can maintain healthy marine food webs and support resilient fishing communities.

Strawless by the Sea is a collaborative campaign to eliminate plastic straws throughout Newport. Plastic straws are among the top 10 items found during beach cleanups along our shoreline but more than 10,000 straws per month have been eliminated in the city since the program's launch this spring. Newport Restaurant Week is the perfect time for restaurants to make a voluntary commitment to stop offering plastic straws or stirrers and instead, foregoing them altogether or offering a sustainable alternative such as bamboo, paper, glass or stainless steel. Sign up or learn more here: strawlessnewport.org

Diners, chefs and restaurateurs can interact with one another throughout the event by using the hashtag **#NPTRestaurantWeek** on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. For an ongoing, real-time index of observations and images throughout the destination, users can include the hashtag **#TheClassicCoast** in their posts.

Newport Restaurant Week is proudly sponsored by Discover Newport, OpenTable, Strawless by the Sea and Eating with the Ecosystem.

ABOUT NEWPORT RESTAURANT WEEK

Newport Restaurant Week was established in 2006 as an annual event to encourage both residents and visitors to Newport and Bristol counties to experience the vast culinary talent in our destination at an affordable price. The event's mission is to stimulate local business not only at restaurants but at retail and lodging partners as well. In 2008, Newport Restaurant Week expanded to a bi-annual event; one taking place in early spring and the other in late fall. Restaurateurs often create menus that showcase seasonal ingredients and promote local artisan food and wine purveyors. Many offer vegetarian and gluten-free alternatives to patrons with food allergies or special dietary requirements.

ABOUT DISCOVER NEWPORT

Discover Newport is the official destination management organization (DMO) dedicated to promoting the City of Newport and the eight surrounding coastal townships in Newport and Bristol counties, Rhode Island. These include Barrington, Bristol, Jamestown, Little Compton, Middletown, Newport, Portsmouth, Tiverton and Warren. As a non-profit organization, Discover Newport partners with stakeholders throughout our tourism and hospitality industry to market the region as a premier destination for business and leisure travel. Learn more at DiscoverNewport.org.

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