Winter 2020 Scoop: Dining and Food + Beverage News

Newport Burger Bender: Newport and Bristol Counties' most savory burger competition returns Feb. 14 to 23 with even more mouthwatering ways to shake of winter's cabin fever. Coinciding with the Newport Winter Festival, 39 thirty-nine burgers ranging from meaty messes to plant-based palate pleasers will heat up the competition, all vying for the coveted trophy and burger bragging rights. To learn more about the contenders and get in on all the aioli-dripping, arugula- or Applewood smoked bacon-topped action, click here.

A Mano Pizza & Gelato food truck: Enjoy authentic Neapolitan pizza that is 100% handmade. Pizzas take between 90 and 120 seconds to cook in the brick-oven aboard the truck which was imported from Naples, Italy (the birthplace of the margarita pizza!). The dough is made up of only four ingredients and has a 72-hour fermentation process, all under the direction of Chef Simone who was born, raised and classically trained in Italy.

<u>Aquidneck Growers' Market</u> is hosting their winter market at the Easton's Beach Rotunda in Newport (ground level), rain or shine. Find seasonal, locally sourced foods including fresh vegetables and fruit, pasture-raised meat, farm fresh eggs, fresh and smoked fish, artisan breads, pastries, a selection of prepared foods and freshly squeezed juices.

<u>The General's Crossing Brewhouse</u>: Experience the second smallest brewery in the first smallest state featuring the freshest beer available served straight from the brite tank. Enjoy up to four unique styles on tap at any time in a cozy nook in the heart of beautiful Jamestown. Beer to go in cans or growlers.

<u>Twelve Guns Brewing</u> has opened in Bristol featuring a taproom and brewery making American pale ales, stout, Berliner Weisee, New England style IPA, Nitro Cream Ale, Belgian Wit and more. Enjoy draft pours, flights, growlers and six-packs.

<u>Umi's Asian Cuisine:</u> This small Broadway eatery by chef/owner Mindy Zhang serves Asian cuisine including sushi, hibachi, pad Thai and new Chinese food.

<u>Yagi Noodles</u>: The only restaurant in Rhode Island to feature fresh handmade whole wheat ramen, this pop-up ramen restaurant by Chef Basil Yu serves a variety of ramen with Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Southeast Asian influence. Through April 1.