

2009 changes for "Diners of New York"

New York City

New York City continues to be in flux, especially in Manhattan, where the Cheyenne Diner's owners decided they want to build condos on the property. Michael Perlman was able to find a buyer for the diner, who have moved the Cheyenne to Alabama.

After a fire in February, the owners of the Tibbett Diner including co-owner Nick Diakakis, have reopened to grateful Bronx residents. Two other diners have also been remodeled. Kellog's Diner sports a blue and silver exterior tall box, which looks to be a job done by DeRaffele. The Court Square Diner has also been remodeled with an extra large upper border of glass block and stainless.

Additions

+ Perry's Restaurant - 3482 Nostrand Ave, Sheepshead Bay - Brooklyn
phone - (718) 934-9800 : make - environmental

Deletions

Celeste Diner - Bronx - *diner gutted*
Cheyenne Diner - Manhattan - *moving to Alabama*
Miss Williamsburgh Diner - Brooklyn - *gutted by fire*
Baychester Diner - Bronx - *demolished to build school*

Changes

Kellog's Diner - Brooklyn
- *diner remodeled by DeRaffele*
Tibbett Diner - Bronx
- *Fire - boarded up, remodeled and reopened*
Court Square Diner - Queens
- *rem DeRaffele 2009*
Golden Dove Diner - Staten Island
- *rem 2009 retro*

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Long Island

The biggest change on Long Island is the two story DeRaffele creation known as the Landmark Diner in Roslyn. Just feet from the old diner, the new diner sports an elevator and two levels of seating, a first for any diner in New York state.

There were also three omissions, including the classic Cook Room which seems to be a local secret enjoyed by regulars.

Additions

+ Omega Diner - 1809 Lakeville Road, New Hyde Park
phone - (516) 354-4666 : make - newer environmental

+ Cook Room - 276 NY Rt 25, Middle Island
phone - (631) 696-4260 : make - Mountain View, rem by Kullman

+ Heritage Diner - 275 NY Rt 25A, Mt. Sinai
phone - (631) 642-3700 : make - rem 2002 by DeRaffele.
Came from Centereach

Changes

Landmark Diner - Roslyn

- *New two story diner built by DeRaffele 2009*

Hudson Valley

One of the biggest stories was the opening of Dan's Diner outside of Spencertown on Route 203 in 2008. The diner that came from Durham, CT was bought by Dan Rundell who spent 10 years restoring his diner. Dan also used pieces of the former Silver Diner from Whitehall which was languishing in Vermont. The diner was rented out for a few months by Jenny Strom but was closed by the winter. The interior of the diner is incredibly original as Dan Rundell even went out of his way to recreate frosted windows that matched the original design.

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+ Dan's Diner - *NY RT 203*, Spencertown
phone - closed : make - O'Mahony 1925, from Connecticut.



Capital District

The Chuck Wagon Diner is nearing completion of its restoration by Tom Ketchum. Tom has so far done a fantastic job of keeping the diner original, and has also restored the original neon sign. The diner was a popular hangout for students of the University of Illinois at Champaign. The diner moved to Urbana and later to Michigan where it never reopened. After spending a month at the New York border, the diner made a snowy trip up Interstate 88 in 2008 to its current location on US Route 20 in Princetown.

Besides some of the openings and closings, two historic Albany diners are for sale. Cliff Brown, owner of the Miss Albany Diner wants to retire and has placed the iconic Silk City

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diner for sale at \$350,000. The rare Comac diner known as Jack's Diner on Central Avenue is also for sale. Jack Murtagh, only the diner's second owner has placed his diner up for sale at \$175,000. Quintessence, a 1948 Fodero has been remodeled on the inside, including a wood and fake tin ceiling. The famous Fodero winged clock was sold by the previous owners, but otherwise, the food has been reported to be just as popular as ever. Another small change is free valet parking for the increasingly popular location between Washington Park and the Albany Medical Center.

Additions

+ Chuck Wagon Diner, US Rt 20, Princetown
phone - closed : make - Mountain View from Urbana, IL



Deletions

Silver Diner - Schenectady - *demolished*

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Miss Port Henry Diner - Port Henry

- *now called Bev's Place*

Menands Diner - Menands

- *diner is closed*

Gilly's Diner - Schenectady

- *now closed*

9 & 20 Diner - Castleton

- *moved to Duanesburg*

Quintessence - Albany

- *open (518) 434-8186*

Catskills

No known changes

Central Leatherstocking

Mostly positive changes have occurred in the last year in Central New York.. The former Neptune Diner that moved from Oneonta to Otego was demolished this year. The diner had many incarnations and never seemed to gain popularity. The owners of Betty's Diner decided to leave New York, leaving the roadside diner in limbo. New owners have renamed the diner Sharyn's Diner and feature delicious pies. The Miss Syracuse and Route 8 diners have also reopened to rave reviews.

Reopening to different views is the A & J Diner on Court Street in Watertown. Current owners and customers have talked about the occasional strange experiences that seem to place A & J's as the second haunted diner in Central New York. The other reopening is Dick & Bert's Hometown Diner. Dick and Roberta Taubman tried retiring after running a restaurant in nearby Bridgeport, but got bored. They have reopened the closed Silk City Diner in Canastota. The former owners of the Hartford Queen Diner in New Hartford have opened a new restaurant

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after being kicked out of the diner that is now known as Raspberry's Cafe and Creamery.

Deletions

Red Bear Cafe - Otego - *diner was demolished*

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Miss Syracuse Diner - Syracuse

- *open (315) 477-9769*

Route 8 Diner - New Berlin

- *open*

Ann Marie's Diner - Canastota

- *renamed Dick & Bert's Diner (315) 697-9991*

Jen's Diner - Watertown

- *now A & J Diner - open (315) 777-4811*

Betty's Diner - Marcy

- *now Sharyn's Diner - open (315) 732-9300*

Western New York

One noted change comes with the move of the former Avoca Diner to the District of Columbia. New owner Patrick Clay is currently working on readying the diner for reopening. A small but gastronomic change find the Lake Effect Diner using more locally grown food on its menu. The Syracuse newspapers hinted at the closing of Doc's Little Gem Diner, but in fact, Doc Good is still going strong, but did report business is off.

Deletions

Avoca Diner - Avoca - *moved to Washington D.C.*

Changes

Coffee Crossing - North Tonawanda

- *closed*