

# City of Newburgh

## Press Release

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### City of Newburgh Celebrates Grand Opening of the Wherehouse Restaurant



The City of Newburgh celebrated the official “Grand Opening” of The Wherehouse at 119 Liberty St on Friday, Sept. 25. Manager Patrick Tarpey (pirate costume), Bartender Anita Rodriguez, Assistant Manager Samantha Donlay, and server Joey Ricci cut the ribbon, with the assistance of Wherehouse co-owner Michele Basch, (far left), Acting City Manager Richard Herbek, Deputy Mayor Regina Angelo, Mayor Nicholas Valentine, manager, co-owner/chef Daniel Brown, and architect, James Hartford.

On Friday, Sept. 25, City of Newburgh officials and the Orange County Chamber of Commerce joined owners Daniel Brown and Michele Basch in celebrating the Grand Opening of the Wherehouse Restaurant. Although the Wherehouse has been open for several months, the celebration marks the end of “prohibition” and the granting of its liquor license.

Mayor Nicholas Valentine commented, “It’s great to see further commercial development along the Liberty Street corridor. It is the dream of the City of Newburgh to have every building occupied with new and creative specialty businesses. The Wherehouse is a great asset- especially since they are local people investing in their community.”

The Wherehouse Restaurant offers delectable smoked and grilled meats, a varied vegetarian menu, and decadent desserts from its American Comfort Food menu. Chef/owner Daniel Brown even brings back some staples from the Great Depression, such as Butter Beans and Rye. While waiting for your food, feast your eyes on the funky 60s décor, including the Wherehouse’s original Rock Posters and LP covers.

Chef Dan, born in Tarrytown, has honed his skills working in restaurants in Boston, New York City, Westchester and the greater Metro New York area.

He said, “I was taught to love the table, the meal, the talk and the pleasure derived from sharing a feast made by Mildred, my Swedish grandmother, with my friends and family. Mildred held her large, boisterous, Viking family together with love and food.”

Dan started cooking for his family at a very young age. A Vietnam era veteran, upon his return from the Far East, he entered the food industry with the goal of someday owning and running his own restaurant. The voyage he took to achieve his goal was “challenging, torturous at times and mostly full of great laughs and late dinners.”

Dan and Michele found their space on Liberty Street in a 150 year old building and restored the storefront to its original beauty.

The Warehouse, open for lunch and dinner, buys most of their goods locally: produce from the great Hudson Valley farms, local ice cream and desserts. All meats are smoked on the premises. The Lounge and the back dining room offer space for private parties, live music and open mike nights. For more information, call (845) 561-7240.