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## Pizza Man – Milwaukee, WI

Known for its cozy, romantic interior, rustic materials and extensive wine list, Pizza Man was a Milwaukee institution since the 1970's. In July of 2010 the restaurant, along with the adjacent tenants in the building, burned to the ground. Pizza Man reopened in August of 2013 in a 6,785 square foot space a few blocks from the old location. The opening was the most anticipated opening of any Milwaukee restaurant in recent history.

The main objective was to recreate the experiences that made Pizza Man so beloved. We began by understanding what qualitieswere important in the old space and developing creative, cost effective ways to capture them in the new space. The original location was small, with few windows and a capacity of only 55. The new location had approximately ten times more window space and a capacity of 225, so retaining the cozy feel would be a challenge in the larger space.

Stepping through the wood entry one steps into a wine cellar. Instead of being stored in the basement, up to 1000 bottles are featured and framed by the rusticbrick arched back bar. Warm materials and textures recall the old Pizza Man. The base of the bar glows with backlit panels constructed from wine bottlebottoms. The brick perimeter walls are exposed, some are painted, some were left in their current rustic condition. Reclaimed wood is used everywhere and it is a tradition for patrons carve to their names into the booths and walls.

Seating varies throughout the space. Café type seating is placed along the glass for lunch time dining with more intimate booth seating placeddeeper into the space. In the private dining room, diners are seated at a custom table made from repurposed wine barrels and are surrounded by wine bottles. There is also a romanticbooth for two tucked away under the stairs.

Cost saving, handmade elements are prevalent. Light fixtures were fabricated using repurposed wine bottles, barrels and even antique jelly jarswith pulleys. A colorful, custom chandelier made from iron and wine bottles punctuates the two story opening above the stairs which were constructed with posts from a barn and a two story iron screen.

The second level was an opportunity to create something special and surprising. A portion of the roof was removed to form an outdoor dining terrace. It is ringed by garage doors that when opened, blend the interior and outdoor dining. Locating the kitchen on the second floor allowed the windows on the first floor to be left open for the patrons. Placing it in the back also provided better access to the alley for deliveries.

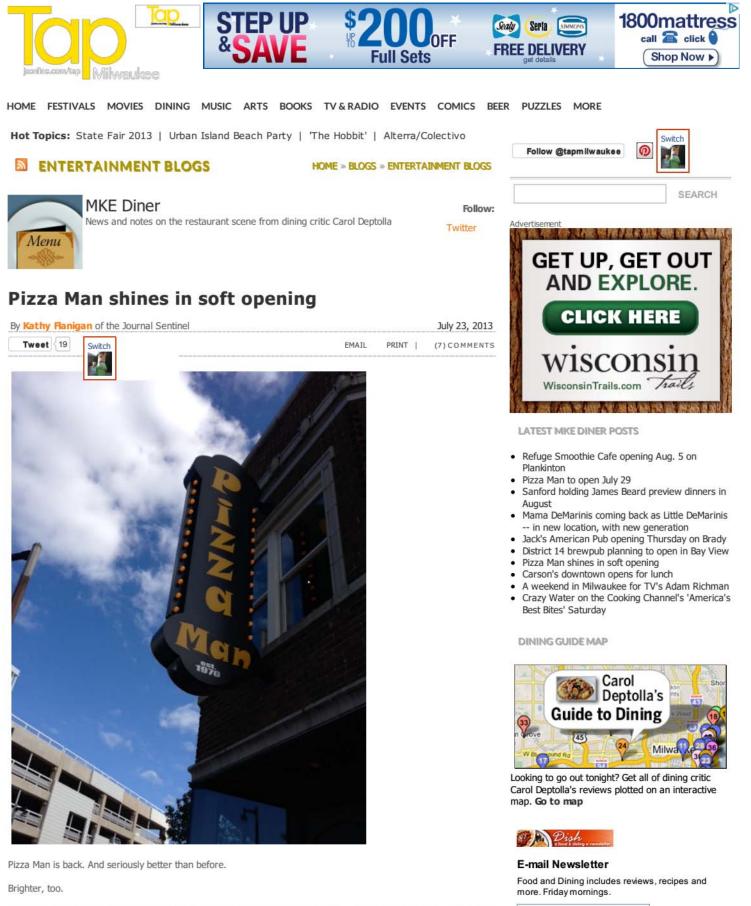
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Same sign. Same artichoke cream cheese pizza on the menu. Same broad selection of wines. Well, close enough, the restaurant hopes to fill a wine room -- one with seating for 20 -- with 3,000 bottles of wine. Currently there are eight wines on tap (using a fancy keg system), 12 craft beers on tap and more wines by the bottle.



It's bigger. The former Pizza Man had seating for 55 diners. The new two-story Pizza Man has seating for 225, including those on the balcony overlooking Belleview Place.

A soft opening Tuesday night tested the wait staff for the third time as crews cleaned up, added tablecloths and served a limited menu of appetizers, sandwiches, entrees such as spaghetti and a trio of desserts.

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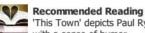
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Rinka Chung Architecture, Inc., designed the restaurant to take advantage of great people watching along Downer Ave. and Belleview Place but kept the tin ceilings and dark rustic look familiar to the previous Pizza Man. A rustic staircase to the second floor (and a second bar) shows off a painted and exposed brick wall punctuated with a generous chandelier fashioned out of empty and colorful wine bottles. Upstairs is light and takes advantage of open doors to the patio to shine. The wood trim is even lighter upstairs.



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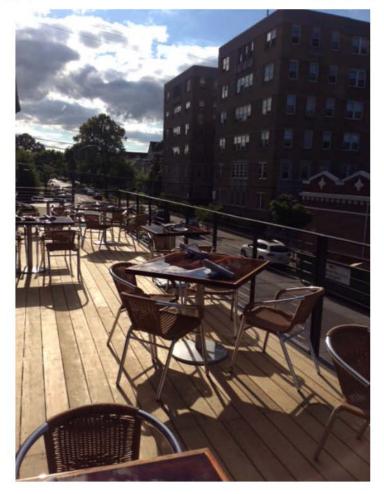
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Owner Mike Amidzich and general manager Heather Korte greeted guests throughout the night. Amidzich gave a tour of the wine room which will host private parties. Korte promised more wines and a grand opening date around mid-August.

As Korte spoke, a woman peered excitedly in the front door.

"It's a construction zone by day," Korte said, oblivous of the window cleaner left outside next to one of the restaurant's many large windows.

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door (which opened and closed, thanks to the power of pulleys and weights), darkly stained wooden booths, and walls hung with shelves of jars featuring Italian specialties like olives, roasted red peppers and canned beans.

If a comparison is even fair, Pizza Man was the historic equivalent of Lombardi's (http://www.lombardisoriginalpizza.com/newyork.html) (New York), Santarpio's (http://www.santarpiospizza.com/) (Boston), and Giordano's (http://www.giordanos.com/) (Chicago). The interior of Pizza Man itself was a historic marker, since it became a Milwaukee tradition to write or carve one's name or other messages on the wooden booths. The restaurant also garnered accolades for its huge wine list

(http://www.onmilwaukee.com/bars/articles/bestwinelisto9.html), which included over 500 wines from California, Washington and Oregon.

The loss of the restaurant was palpable. Countless blog posts and articles around town recounted memories of good times and great food. And, for many, the memories of Pizza Man went well beyond the pizza.

Chef Kevin Sloan of The Pabst and Riverside Theaters rated the Pizza Man's escargot high on his list

(http://onmilwaukee.com/dining/articles/escargotday.html) of favorite dishes in Milwaukee.

"It wasn't that they did anything unusual with their preparation, more so that they kept it simple and consistent," he recollects.

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swimming, or better yet drowning, in a pool of garlic butter is a great way to enjoy them which is exactly what they did at Pizza Man, serving them with thick sliced garlic toast. I've

cooked them at home a few times since ... I gussy them up a little more with shallots and booze before involving butter and fresh parsley, and although it's good, it's just not the same."

Though it's been a long time in coming, Pizza Man has returned. I got the opportunity to experience its new location at 2597 N. Downer Ave. this past week.

The question lurking in everyone's minds is likely to be, "will it be the same?"

The answer is yes. And no.

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The new location, designed by Rinka Chung Architecture, Inc., reflects a similar charm of the old Milwaukee icon established on the East Side street corner more than forty years ago. The familiar sign that graced the exterior of the North Avenue location is displayed out front. Exposed brick, a tin-look ceiling, and dark – though yet unmarred – wooden booths offer up hints of the old look and feel.

But, the new location is roomier. The former Pizza Man had seating for 55 diners. The new twostory version has seating for 225, including quite a number on a balcony that overlooks Belleview Place. The space is comfortable and bright with plenty of windows. And, with two bars on the premises, no one will need to look for a beer at a nearby corner tavern while they wait for a table.

The new location also has myriad updates including trendy Edison-style light bulbs in the fixtures above the bar, reclaimed wood features and exposed duct work. Soon the private wine room on the lower level will hold an extensive collection of varietals. Among the impressive details, a rustic staircase leading to the second floor sports a chandelier fashioned out of colorful wine bottles.

But what about the food?

Die-hards will be happy to know that everything seems on par. Chef Zachary Baker, formerly of Lake Park Bistro, has worked hard to replicate the flavors that made Pizza Man famous.

From butter-drenched escargot to the familiar ultra-thin crust pizzas, the menu remains largely familiar. The classic artichoke a la mode pizza has been updated to include halved cherry tomatoes in place of slices, but the cream cheese doppled pie has all the charm of its former self.

The menu has something for everyone, including salads, pasta dishes, and even burgers. And vegetarian diners will have plenty of options, including a potential dish called the "Leaf eater" featuring curried cauliflower and Brussels sprouts.

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Deep dish pies will make their return when the restaurant opens. And a brand-new gluten free pizza crust will be making its debut in the coming weeks. Gluten free pasta is also on the docket, according to Chef Baker, who says he's currently looking for a variety of wheat-free pasta that really shines.

"I'm really happy," owner Mike Amidzich told me as we visited at the bustling bar on Friday evening.

And he has a right to be. The new Pizza Man looks like it's on the right track. And the public will be able to experience it, in all of its glory, sooner than first thought.

Although the restaurant has been somewhat elusive about its official opening date, and most have predicted a date in mid-August, a reliable source at the restaurant told me that Monday, July 29 would be the day.

"Let's just say that around 4 p.m. on Monday the 'private party' sign on the door will be gone," he said.

Starting today, Pizza Man will be open daily from 4:00 p.m. to 2 a.m. Takeout will be available starting a few weeks from now. No delivery option is planned at this time.

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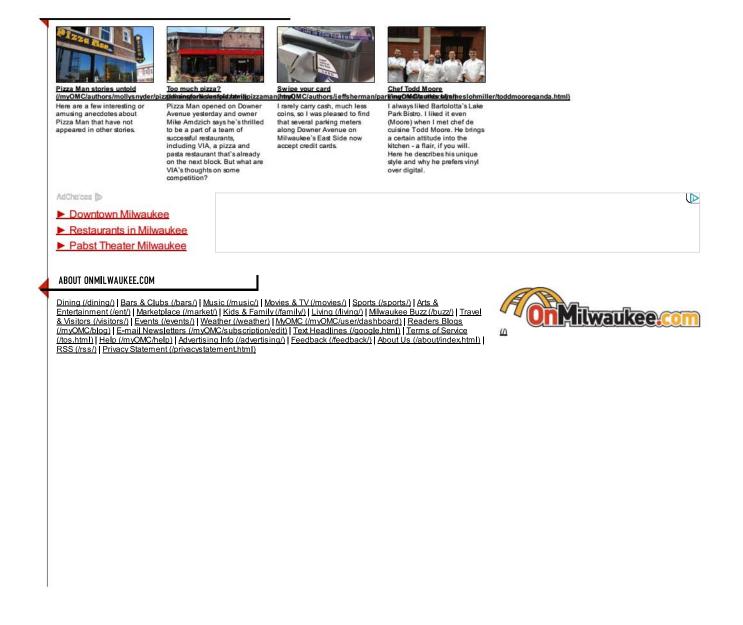


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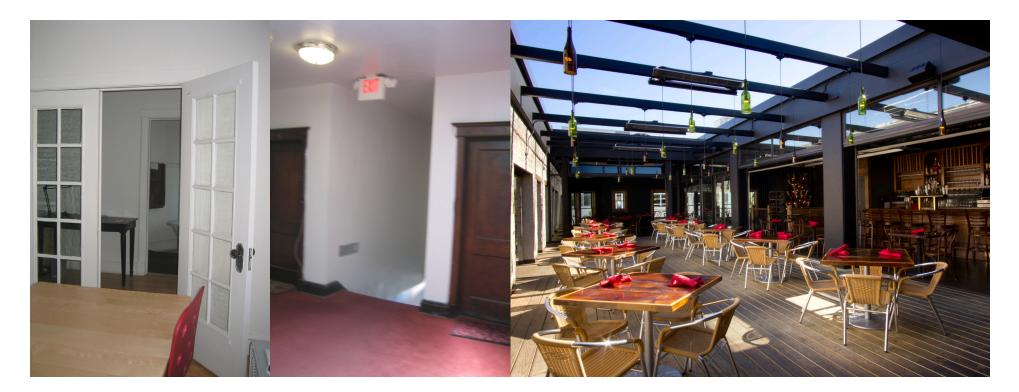
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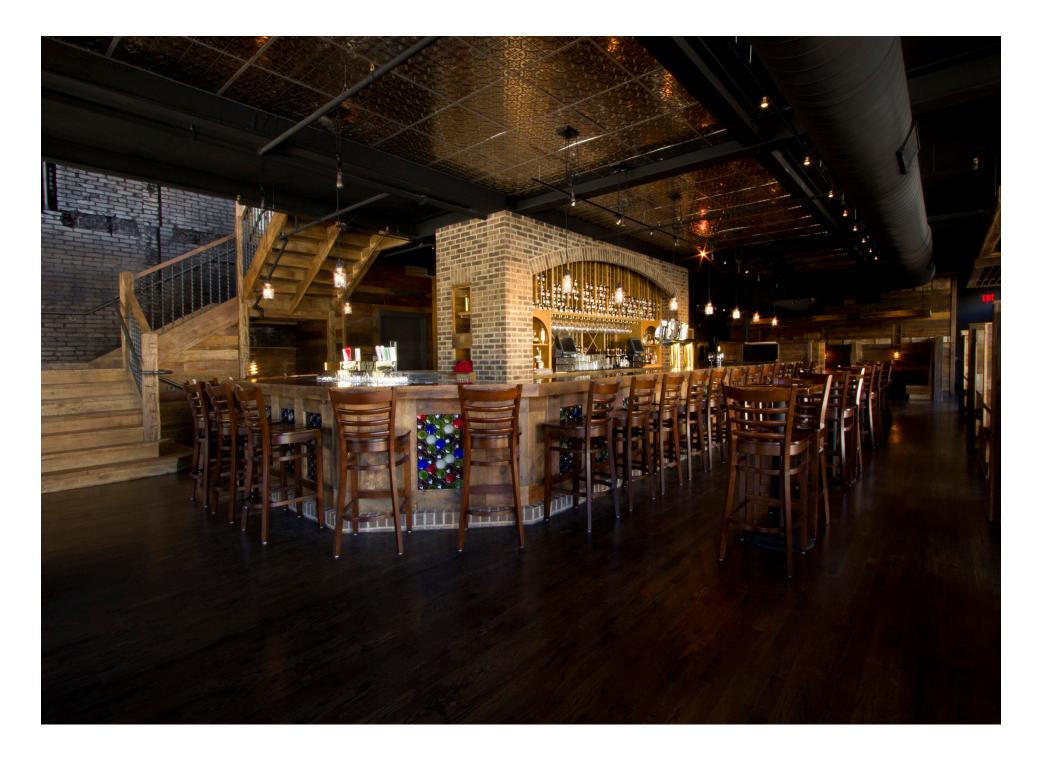


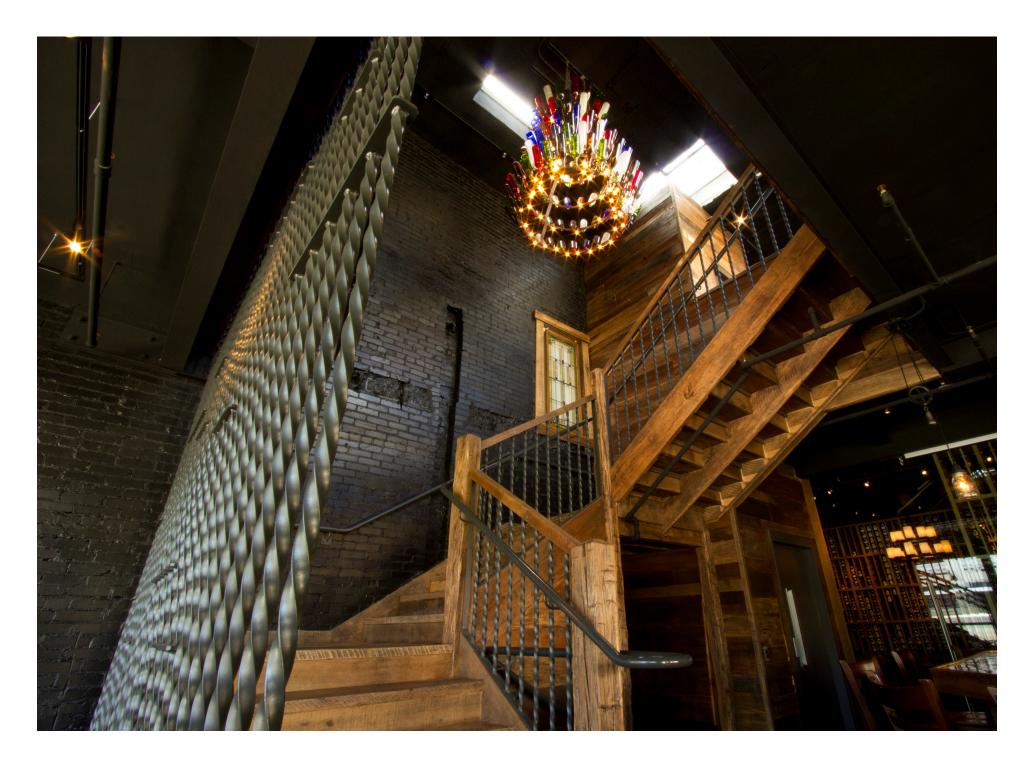
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Pizza Man Second Floor - Before (Housed Four Apartment Units) Pizza Man Second Floor - After







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