

Chapel West *feeds* New Haven.

Ten blocks, 26 kitchens, and the shops, hotels and homes between them. Since 1986.

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BIG NEWS

Our new website is live!

In September we launched a brand-new chapelwest.com, built to help you find everything along our ten blocks, from York Street to Sherman Avenue. It's the perfect way to celebrate our 40th year: the district has been serving Chapel Street since 1986. Here's what you'll find:

Business Directory →

All 48 district businesses in one place, from dining and shopping to salons, housing and hotels, sorted by category.

Interactive Map →

See every business on one map and get directions. Can't decide where to eat? Spin the wheel and let it pick dinner for you.

Walk the District →

A self-guided stroll in eight easy legs, listing every business in the order you'll pass it, with tap-to-call phone numbers along the way.

What's Happening →

A live feed of posts from the district's businesses, plus our weekly roundup of specials, live music and openings.

New Haven Notables →

Ever wondered about the faces on the Chapel Street banners? Meet all 32 New Haven notables and their stories.

Newsletter Archive →

Every issue of Chapel West News we have online, going all the way back to 2007, plus a sign-up to get the next one.

Explore chapelwest.com

◆ Events Coming Soon

SAT OCT 24 • NOON TO 2 P.M.

Sip & Savor: A Mocktail & Small Plates Tour

Stroll Downtown New Haven and enjoy a signature mocktail and a chef-made small plate at five restaurants, including Chapel West's own **Heirloom at The Study**. The other stops are Sherkaan Indian Street Food, Harvest Restaurant & Wine Bar, ZINC New Haven and Pacifico.

\$30 + fees · All ages · Rain or shine · Includes a tote, two-day shop deals and free all-day parking at the 150 York St Garage. Spots are limited. [Get tickets](#)

SUN NOV 1 TO SAT NOV 14

New Haven Restaurant Week

Two Chapel West favorites are serving prix-fixe menus all two weeks long. Grab a friend and taste your way down Chapel Street. [See all the menus.](#)

Heirloom · 1157 Chapel St · Coastal farm · \$25 lunch, \$55 dinner

Atelier Florian · 1166 Chapel St · Belgian-French · \$25 lunch, \$45 dinner

SAT NOV 28

Small Business Saturday

Start your holiday shopping close to home. Find books at Book Trader Cafe, comics and gifts at Alternate Universe, art supplies at Hull's, and one-of-a-kind finds at Group W Bench and More Amour Boutique. Then refuel at one of our 26 places to eat. Carolers will be strolling just down Chapel Street from noon to 3 p.m.

NEW NEXT DOOR

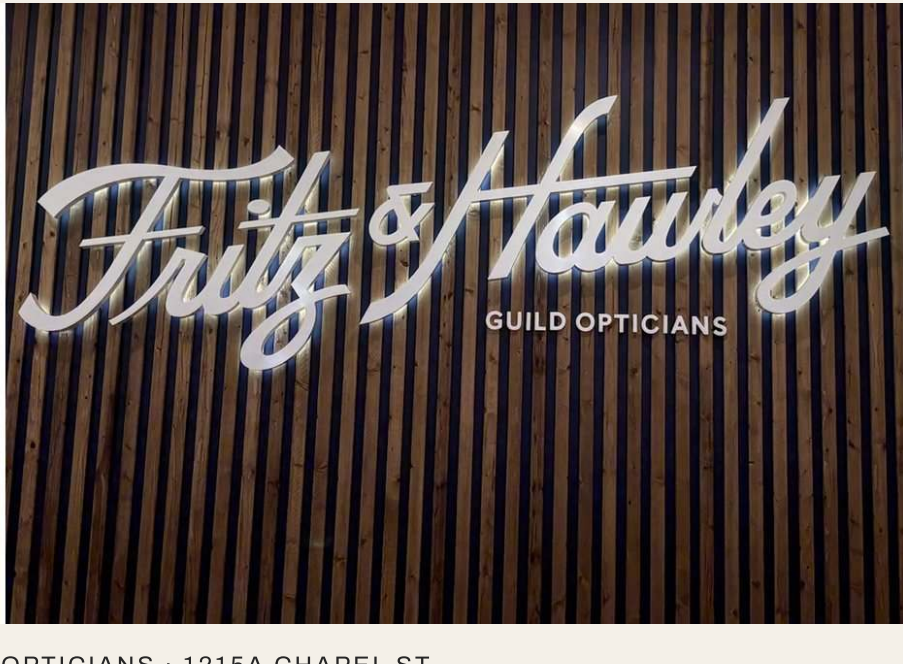
Two new restaurants just opened in our neighboring district

Our neighbors are growing, and that's good news for everyone on Chapel Street. Say hello to **Twirl**, fresh pasta bowls · 260 College St, and **Between Bread**, sandwiches and cocktails · 1008 Chapel St. Make a night of it: dinner next door, then dessert or a nightcap in Chapel West.

For live music, pop-ups and weekly specials across the district, check [What's Happening](#).

Run a weekly deal, class or happy hour? We want to feature every corner of Chapel West. See how to post it to our live feed under For Our Businesses.

◆ Business Spotlight



FRITZ & HAWLEY GUILD OPTICIANS · 1215A CHAPEL ST

125 years later, back where it all began

Owner Manny Colón has worn glasses his whole life, but he didn't set out to be an optician. He studied music at Western Connecticut State University, stumbled into the eyewear world 19 years ago and fell in love with it. He went on to earn his optician's license in Connecticut, one of the toughest states to get one: typically two years of schooling, two national board exams and a hands-on state practical.

In 2018 Manny bought Fritz & Hawley from Russell Fritz, a grandson of the founding family, who had been running it. The business traces its roots to 1855 and was established in 1900 on Chapel Street. By 1934 it was the first air-conditioned retail store in Connecticut, and at its peak it had six shops across the region. In 2020 he took over this location at 1215A Chapel St, and last year, for the company's 125th anniversary, he brought the Fritz & Hawley name home.

"It was nice to bring it back to Chapel Street and be back to the fabric of the neighborhood."

MANNY COLÓN, OWNER

But ask his customers what makes Fritz & Hawley special, and they'll tell you it's how the shop makes *them* feel valued. Shoppers say picking out glasses here feels like a treat, not a chore, with a gallery wall of bold colors, rare shapes and independent frames you won't find just anywhere. Manny loves helping each client discover a pair that feels like them, and he's there for the adjustments that keep it feeling right.

Stop in for: eye exams, eyewear, contact lenses, custom frames and lenses, plus repairs and adjustments.

Hours: Tue to Fri, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. · Saturdays by appointment

Visit Fritz & Hawley

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◆ For Our Businesses

CITY GRANTS RECAP

Missed the Sept. 30 info session? Here's the money on the table.

The City of New Haven's economic development team shared three grant programs for small businesses:

Leasehold Improvement: 50% back on interior improvements and equipment, up to \$15,000.

Facade Improvement: 50% back on awnings, lighting and storefronts, up to \$30,000 (\$60,000 for corner buildings).

Working Capital Grant: up to \$10,000 for general business needs.

Read the Full Recap

FOR DISTRICT BUSINESSES

NEW ON THE WEBSITE

Get your business on our live feed

Our [What's Happening](#) page is a live feed straight from the businesses of Chapel West: what's on tonight, what's open late, what's fresh out of the oven and what's new on the shelf. It's a great way to reach everyone who visits chapelwest.com looking for a place to eat, shop or stay.

Use it to share:

- Daily specials and happy hours
- Live music, pop-ups and events
- New menu items, products and arrivals
- Grand openings, holiday hours and sales

Want to learn how to get your updates on the live feed? Email **Chris Hauman** and he'll walk you through it.

Email Chris · info@chapelwest.com

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