



Pleasant & Main

✕ "Five minutes." When he saw the "For Rent" sign at the old Jack's Grill, that's how long it took Craig Bero to decide to part ways with the Lower Manhattan restaurant scene. After 9/11, he struggled with his restaurant, Cosmopolitan Café, two blocks from Ground Zero. Then came Hurricane Sandy. Then came the rent hikes as the new trade center site neared completion.

Last fall, visiting Housatonic, Bero realized that the old eatery in the center of Main Street was a great location. It had foot traffic, and nowhere in town had breakfast. He closed the deal and spent winter assigning his signature feel—something vintage, something European, and a hint of the old Snyder's hardware that once operated there. Come spring, 300 people jammed in for the open house at **PLEASANT & MAIN**. And Bero learned enough about the village to include homemade galumpkis.

"Seeing these little Polish and Italian ladies getting dressed up to come here for lunch—that just blows me away," says Bero, whose fare is fresh and local. Breakfast and lunch include egg dishes, pancakes, baked goods and—yes!—lattes. Sandwiches, salads, and soups mark lunch. Dinners are an efficient menu of comfort food, like pot roast and stuffed sole. A stone-sided, outdoor courtyard has a view of Flag Rock. —ELLEN G. LAHR

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