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1872 Café Will Re-Open Tomorrow!

The Rochester landmark café known as the **1872 Café** will re-open tomorrow, **August 18th** under the ownership of the Rochester based **Salvatore's Pizza Family**.

The **1872 Café** originally opened on September 20th, 2012 as part of the Voters Block Community. The Voters Block Community was a \$20 million project that is scattered along West Main Street. The project focused on 431 West Main Street, where **Susan B. Anthony** illegally cast a ballot for Ulysses S. Grant for President. She had 15 others follow in her footsteps and she was later arrested for her actions in 1872 near the site of the café.

The project included a historic rehabilitation of the Wertz building, an 8-unit apartment building, the **Frederick Douglass** Apartments, 28 residential units, 10 commercial units, 45 newly constructed single family homes and duplexes and a \$2 million memorial designed by local artist, **Pepsy Kettavong**, which the cafe overlooks.

In early January 2015, **Rev. Mary Ramerman** of the **Spiritus Christi**, a Rochester church and the owner of the café, looked for someone to take over the ownership of the **1872 Café**. Unfortunately, she was unable to find an owner and on March 15, 2015, manager of the café, **Michelle Austin-Stritzel**, was forced to shut the doors of the **1872 Café**, that is, until now.

Now, the **Salvatore's Pizza Family** will operate the **1872 Café**. "This is another Rochester jewel that is so important to our city," said **Salvatore 'Soccer Sam' Fantauzzo**, the CEO and Owner of **Salvatore's**. "The **1872 Café** will remain the same and we will offer donuts from **Donuts Delite**, and a new pizza concept," said **Fantauzzo**.

The **1872 Café** will be opened from 7AM-7PM 7 days a week with former employees operating the café. A portion of the profits will go to **Spiritus Christi** through Home Leasing, which is operated by President/CEO **Cathy Sperrick** and **Nelson Leenhouts**, the Chairman/CEO.

The **Salvatore's Pizza Family** brought back the historic **Garage Door** in 2009, **Donuts Delite** in 2010, the **Rochester Lancers** in 2011, **Arthur Treacher's Fish and Chips** in 2014, and in 2015 the **1872 Café**!

The grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony with Mayor Lovely Warren will be Tomorrow, August 18 at 10:30AM. The 19th Amendment was ratified on August 18, 1920. .

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