

John Howie Restaurant Group Launches ‘Pay It Forward’ Thanksgiving Meals Program for Local Organizations Hopelink and the Northshore Senior Center

Every Thanksgiving for the past 17 years, Chef John Howie has closed Seastar Restaurant & Raw Bar in Bellevue for regular dining and opened it up to host a full three-course, fine dining feast at no cost for more than 650 underprivileged guests. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Chef Howie was forced to cancel his longtime Thanksgiving tradition this year. Despite this, he is still determined to provide holiday meals to local neighbors in need.

Beginning October 20, all John Howie Restaurants will begin accepting orders for completely prepared Thanksgiving feasts. For every Thanksgiving family meal purchased from Seastar Restaurant, an identical family meal will be donated to Hopelink for families in emergency shelter and transitional housing units. For every two Thanksgiving meals purchased from Beardslee Public House, one complete family meal will be donated to the Northshore Senior Center in Bothell. The donated meals will be provided by Chef John Howie in partnership with Charlie’s Produce, Interbay Foods, Medosweet Dairy and Team Breda Real Estate in Bothell.

“Although the Covid-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of my longtime community Thanksgiving event at Seastar, the need is still great – if not greater than in years past – and I want to make sure everyone is still able to enjoy a special and delicious Thanksgiving meal,” commented Chef John Howie. “I will sincerely miss seeing and visiting with those who normally come to Seastar but I hope the Hopelink and Northshore Senior Center recipients know their meal was prepared with the same care and love as always on this holiday.”

John Howie Restaurant Group Thanksgiving Menus

Each Thanksgiving meal from Seastar Restaurant (Bellevue), John Howie Steak (Bellevue) and Beardslee Public House (Bothell) will be available by advance order only. Preorders can be made via each restaurant’s online ordering system or by calling the restaurant directly. Orders will be taken until Friday, November 20th for pick up on Wednesday, November 25th.

Seastar Restaurant & Raw Bar

<https://seastarrestaurant.com>

(425) 456-0010

For every Seastar Thanksgiving meal purchased, Seastar will donate one meal to Hopelink for families in emergency shelter and transitional housing units.

Menu – Serves 6-8 (\$149.95)

- 11-12 pound turkey, brined and roasted
- Yukon Gold mashed potatoes
- Fresh vegetable and herb stuffing
- Haricot verts with porcini mushroom sauce and frizzled onions
- Orange-ginger-all spice candied yams
- Fresh turkey gravy with herbs
- Fresh baked dinner rolls with whipped butter
- Fresh cranberry orange compote

Optional Add Ons

- Dungeness crab dip with sliced baguette
- Individual pumpkin pie crème brûlées
- Sushi Omakase platter

John Howie Steak

<https://johnhowiesteak.com>

(425) 440-0880

Menu – Serves 8-10 (\$249.95)

- 13-14 pound turkey, Applewood smoked and roasted
- Yukon Gold mashed potatoes
- Black truffle herb stuffing
- Charred broccoli preserved lemon, capers and roasted garlic aioli
- Orange-ginger-all spice candied yams
- Fresh turkey gravy with herbs
- Fresh baked parmigiano dinner rolls with whipped butter
- Fresh cranberry orange compote

Optional Add Ons

- Lobster cream and fresh Maine lobster for your mashed potatoes
- Individual white chocolate pumpkin cheese cakes with egg nog sauce
- Chocolate macadamia nut pie

Beardslee Public House

<https://beardsleeph.com>

(425) 286-1001

For every two Beardslee Public House Thanksgiving meals purchased, we will donate one to the Bothell Senior Center.

Menu – Serves 6-8 (\$84.95)

- 10-11 pound turkey, brined and roasted

- Russet mashed potatoes
- Brewing grain soft pretzel-herb stuffing
- Roasted Brussels sprouts with bacon and caramelized onion
- Fresh turkey gravy with herbs
- Fresh baked dinner rolls with whipped butter
- Cranberry sauce

Optional Add Ons

- Jalapeno IPA hummus with carrots, celery and pita bread
- Jumbo Valrhona chocolate chip cookies

“Ordering a Thanksgiving dinner from us will not only make you feel good about gifting a delicious holiday meal to a family in need but will also give our guests a much-deserved day off from cooking,” said Chef Howie. “If ever there was a year for doing things differently, 2020 is the year!”