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**OGS ANNOUNCES NEW FOOD SERVICE OPTIONS AT EMPIRE STATE PLAZA  
BEGINNING NOVEMBER 25**

***Local companies and national chains will offer something for everyone.***

New York State Office of General Services (OGS) Commissioner RoAnn Destito today announced details of new food service operations at the Empire State Plaza. A number of vendors, including four Capital Region favorites, will begin serving patrons on November 25. In addition, McDonald's and Subway will continue their current operations, and Subway will open a second location on the 29<sup>th</sup> floor of the Corning Tower. Phil's Kitchen will begin serving traditional breakfast in the Pavilion located on the Plaza level and operate the snack bar servicing the ice skating rink. On December 9, Mazzone Hospitality will begin operations at the cafeteria currently known as the Liberty Café located on the north end of the concourse, serving breakfast and lunch from Monday – Friday, operate a kiosk location on the concourse and will have exclusive catering rights for the adjacent Albany Room. An announcement regarding the former Capitol Deli is forthcoming.

“Our customers asked for a diverse and interesting mix of quality food choices at the Plaza, and I believe the new lineup delivers just that,” said Commissioner Destito. “It is especially exciting that local businesses will benefit from activity at the Capitol and Empire State Plaza. With McDonald's, Subway and Au Bon Pain also in the mix, there is something for everyone here.”

The following food service options will be available at the Plaza starting Monday, November 25:

**Main Concourse**

- **Pho Yum Hours:** Monday – Friday 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Pho Yum is scaled down version of Albany's My Linh Vietnamese restaurant that has been a fixture in the Capital Region for 20 years. Pho Yum will feature a hearty, savory Vietnamese noodle soup called Pho and a variety of My Linh summer rolls, Banh Mi sandwiches and Bun vermicelli noodles. A sampling of their menu items can be found at [www.pho-yum.com](http://www.pho-yum.com).
- **'Merican Band Wagon Hours:** Monday – Friday 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
With its freshly prepared foods and fabulous hand-cut fries, The 'Merican Band Wagon was one of the most popular at the Empire State Plaza this summer. The menu includes house roasted angus beef, roasted chicken sandwiches, Philly cheesesteaks with meat delivered directly from Philadelphia, and a variety of homemade sauces and sides. You can find 'Merican Band Wagon on Facebook

- **Capital Q Smokehouse Hours:** Monday – Friday 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
The Albany-based Capital Q Smokehouse truck has been a fixture at the Empire State Plaza for a few years and now visitors will be able to enjoy this favorite year-round. Nothing can beat the taste of slow-smoked specialties including pulled pork, Texas-style beef brisket and pork ribs, along with original sauces and an ever-changing plethora of side dishes. Visit Capital Q online at [www.eatmypork.com](http://www.eatmypork.com).
- **Phil's Kitchen Hours:** Monday – Friday 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Hailing from Jamaica, Phil's Kitchen has been serving up amazing food from its Morton Avenue location in Albany as well as on the Plaza. Phil's is ready to share its delicious authentic Caribbean food that is bursting with flavor with state employees and visitors. Dishes will include jerk chicken, curry chicken and goat, stewed chicken and beef, oxtails, meat and veggie patties, specialty soups and more. Phil's Kitchen can be found on Facebook.
- **Au Bon Pain Hours:** Monday – Friday 6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Recognized by *Health* magazine as one of America's Top 5 healthiest restaurant chains, Au Bon Pain offers a wide selection of soups, salads, sandwiches and fresh baked goods. A full menu, along with seasonal specials and a list of soups are available at [www.aubonpain.com](http://www.aubonpain.com)
- **McDonald's Hours:** Monday – Friday 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
McDonald's will provide a breakfast and lunch featuring their most popular meal items from breakfast sandwiches to burgers, shakes, fries, and salads. A full menu and nutritional information can be found at [www.mcdonalds.com](http://www.mcdonalds.com).

#### **Southwest Concourse**

- **Au Bon Pain Hours:** Monday – Friday 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
A full size version of the Au Bon Pain located in the main cafeteria, this location features extended hours and lots of booths and table space to enjoy a meal. There is also a convenient kiosk location at the base of Corning Tower during the morning and early afternoon to grab a quick coffee and snack.

#### **Plaza Pavilion**

- **Phil's Kitchen Hours:** Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; Friday – 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.; 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday  
Breakfast at the Pavilion will feature cooked to order eggs and sides along with oatmeal and cold cereal. Lunch and skating rink fare will include traditional snack bar items including burgers, hot dogs, chicken tenders and cocoa along with Caribbean sandwiches. Healthy snacks including fruit will also be available.

#### **Swan Street Building**

- **Subway Hours:** Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
The food at Subway offers quick, fresh, nutritious meals that the whole family can enjoy. From Fresh Fit choices certified by the American Heart Association to salads, subs and breakfast sandwiches. A full menu and nutritional information can be found at [www.subway.com](http://www.subway.com).
- **Euro Delicacies Hours:** Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Offering a wide range of Mediterranean and Eastern European foods, from salads and pasta to vegetarian specials and chicken dishes. Among the most popular items are spanakopita, eggplant parmigiana, moussaka, and stuffed peppers, as well as baklava. Visit [www.euro-delicacies.com](http://www.euro-delicacies.com).

*Note: The cafeteria is located in the Swan Street Building's Core 3 basement level. Customers can access the restaurant via the Concourse Level through the Swan Street Tunnel located at the base of Agency Building 4. Handicap access is available by entering the Swan Street Core 4 Building and taking the lobby elevator to 3B.*

**Corning Tower 29<sup>th</sup> Floor**

- **Subway Hours:** Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Starting November 25, this location will offer prepared foods only. A fully operational Subway will be in place on December 9.

To open December 9:

**Northwest Concourse**

- **Mazzone Hospitality Hours:** Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
The former Liberty Cafe will reopen with full-service breakfast and lunch including an artisanal pizza grill, hand tossed salads, a wrap station, a grill menu and more. In addition, a grab-n-go kiosk will be located on the concourse and the Albany Room will be available for private catered functions. Visit [www.mazzonehospitality.com](http://www.mazzonehospitality.com).

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