



# DTBC NEWS

Monthly news from Bay City's Downtown



## Knepp's Takes on New Life

810 Washington Street, The former Knepp Department Store, is a 30,000 square foot, four-story anchor in the heart of our downtown. After sitting vacant for several years, a small team will be transforming the space into a multiple unit commercial/hospitality and residential mixed use space.

"We've been looking for the right property for over a year to develop a mixed-use space that promotes community attachment, renewal and pride," said Jenifer Acosta, project partner in 810 Washington Bay City, LLC and owner of Acosta Real Estate & Development. "We are looking to add a sense of playfulness and fun to downtown Bay City with this project and are excited to get started."

Construction is slated to start in the fall of 2022 and conclude by Summer of 2023.

## Did you know?

Bay City is older than Canada!

Bay City was first established in 1837, and was incorporated as a city in 1865. The British Parliament passed the British North America Act in 1867, and the Dominion of Canada was officially born on July 1, 1867!

## Around Downtown

**Feb 3, 6-7:30pm -Succulent Terrarium Workshop**  
\$40, Regent Floral and Mercantile

**Feb 4, 6-9 pm-Marsupial Creampie**  
Tavern 101

**Feb 5, Candle Making**  
\$25/\$35, Studio 23

**Feb 6, 12-4 pm Valentine Dip & Shop**  
512 Unique Home Decor & Gifts

**Feb 8, 7:30 pm-Tuesdays @Jake's with Josh Sharrard**  
Jake's Corner Lounge

**Feb 10, 7:00 pm-HHM Film Series**  
"Not-Too-Cold-For-Shorts"  
\$7, State Theatre

**Feb 11, 5 pm-Valentines Cookie Decorating**  
\$25, Lex & Co\*

**Feb 12, 11-1:00 pm-Angel Energy Class**  
\$20, Sunflower Healing Studios\*

**Feb 12, 11-3 pm DOWNTOWN'S HOT COCOA HOP**  
Alice & Jack Wirt Library, Little House, My Secret Garden, Nelsen & Co., Painterly Pottery, St. Laurent Brothers., The Sunshine Shoppe, Uptown Girl

**Feb 12, 5 pm- For the Love of Pinball Split Flipper Tournament**  
Crazy Quarters Arcade

**Feb 13, 6-11 pm-Super Bowling Sunday**  
Washington Lanes

**Feb 14, 10-5 pm -Customer Appreciation Event**  
Free giveaways, Bay City Electric Light and Power City Hall, 301 Washington Ave

**Feb 20, 1 PM Free Movie Sunday, "Luca"**  
State Theatre

**Feb 24-6:30 PM Chill, Chat &Color**  
Leopard Print Books inside Sunshine Shoppe

**Feb 27-Mar 1 Eat Great Food Festival**  
Wenonah Park, [www.eatgreatfoodfestival.com](http://www.eatgreatfoodfestival.com)\*

\*Requires Registration

## Welcome Downtown Kenz & Rose!

*Downtown welcomes a new clothing store on Saginaw Street*

Melissa Correa is the founder of Kenz&Rose, a new family-owned boutique. The clothing store located at 820 Saginaw St. features a wide variety of clothing for women and children of all sizes. (Men's clothing and shoes will be added in the near future!) "We carry anything from lounge wear to nights out on the town," said Melissa. "We also have a beautiful selection of curvy sizes as well!"



After establishing their business online in September, Melissa and her husband knew they wanted to open our storefront Downtown. "We landed next to one of our favorite restaurants, Old City Hall, and next to our friend who owns Quality Shoe Repair. We are so blessed to have such a huge opportunity and to be a part of such a great community," Melissa said. She added, "We are so blessed to have such a huge opportunity and to be a part of such a great community. We look forward to watching downtown continue to grow into a place everyone can enjoy!"

## BarqueBC Turns One

Barque, (/bärk/) noun: "The caramelized, crunchy, delicious meat that forms on the edges of a roast during the smoking process." said Tim Schmidt, the owner of BarqueBC. "It is also the style of sailing ship that has two square rigged masts." Actually, few years ago a barque ship was in Bay City for the Tall Ship celebration."

In February 2021 BarqueBC (home of the Pocket Taco) introduced Bay City to their unique BBQ-style taqueria. After finding his location at 818 Washington Ave., Schmidt got to work, even building the benches and tables in the restaurant. What inspired the BBQ-meets-taco twist? "My wife and I ate at a few places like this while we were traveling, and thought it would be a great fit in Bay City."



"Barque is such a gem!" Said Emilia Gutierrez, Do-All Inc. President and long time Bay County resident. "I've never had a meal I didn't love. But, what I love the most is the way the staff treats their customers like family. We always feel welcome." BarqueBC is open Tues-Friday, 10:30-8 pm, Sat until 9 pm and Sunday 11-3 pm.

## Community Board

Canned Food Art Sculptures and Chili-Cookoff coming March 12th.  
Applications for facade grants now being accepted by the DDA/DMB.

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