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Jory Bergman & Mark Edwards
Owners of Pub Republic: Best New Restaurant



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Mark Edwards and Jory Bergman stand inside their popular new restaurant, Pub Republic, which combines tasty urban pub fare with a fun, casual atmosphere.

A smile, good service & great food

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Good food, fun atmosphere, affordable — and easy parking? This is the unexpected combination you can find at Pub Republic, located in an industrial park setting off of Lakeville Highway, and winner of the Petaluma People's Choice Award for Best New Restaurant.

With a sophisticated but casual design, the restaurant offers diners a variety of upscale, even healthy “urban pub food.” In fact, their produce comes from another People's Choice Award-winner, Green String Farm, just minutes away.

“We wanted to have the kind of food that would be nutritious and tasty...and a few things to satisfy those guilty pleasures as well,” chuckles Jory Bergman, co-owner along with Mark Edwards.

“For example, every kid's plate comes with apples and carrots.”

Edwards, who has extensive experience in the restaurant business, works together with Bergman to pair the food with an assortment of beers and wines.

“We have a changing selection of beer on tap, focusing on small, craft brewed and seasonal beers,” says Edwards. “We also have bottled beer and we have ‘beer flights’ where customers can sample light and dark beers.”

The layout of the restaurant gives patrons options to sit in the bar section where there's a big-screen TV with sports shows, or a separate room that is a little further from the action. There is also an outdoor patio, surrounded by trees and landscaping, with heaters for cool nights.

The popular new restaurant is open day and night, with brunch on weekends and live music on Saturdays.

“We're starting to build our late-night business now,” explains Bergman. “We plan to have dinner available for the crowd that wants a little later dining experience.”

A friendly staff handles the steady stream of customers, which ranges from families to couples and groups of friends. “We get a real mix of customers,” says Bergman, “and we believe that a smile and great service is as important as the food.”