

# Cornells in Little Italy: Big Doings in Little Italy



Cornells in Little Italy has been a Schenectady staple since 1943. Several generations of capital region families have made Cornell's part of their lives from weekly dinners to special occasions, weddings and baby showers. Cornell's has evolved throughout the changing times of the last seventy decades. Sixteen years ago the restaurant relocated to 39 North Jay Street in today's emerging Little Italy neighborhood. Cornell's is also now owned and operated by Jack and Connie Hume and partner George Ryon who are all immersed in the daily operations and can be frequently seen throughout the dining rooms attending to guests. The former newspaper publisher and his wife were big fans of Cornell's prior to becoming proud owners.

The constant within the changing decades has been the tradition of producing classic Italian cuisine. Executive Chef Mike Pietrolola now champions that ethos. He began his culinary career at age 16 and worked his way up to the Executive Chef status he holds today. He is renowned throughout the capital region for his contributions to highly respected establishments including the Mohawk Club. He is known for his passion and creativity while continuing to honor classic Italian style cuisine. Under Mike's direction, Cornell's has continued to feature time-tested dishes and desserts while incorporating modern twists on old classics. Mike's staff makes fresh cavatelli, meatballs and braciole daily to accompany made to order dishes. Patrons can also look forward to house-made desserts including cannoli and tiramisu.

The Jay Street building's streetscape is reminiscent of an Italian Country Villa. Cornell's' interior décor features a rustic Tuscan color palette showcasing photographs of Italy's iconic regions by Georgia Sheron. The aesthetics are enhanced by crisp cotton linens, spacious tables and comfortable leather chairs in the main dining area. The large L-shaped cherry bar is conveniently adjacent to the state-of-the-art kitchen. There is plenty of room separating the bar service area and patron seating. Guests will find nooks, spacious corridors and segues for mingling along with a Tuscan inspired courtyard and well appointed special events rooms.

**Why Dine Here:** Earned Open Table's 2016 Diner's choice award and Capital Region Living's "Bestie" award for best sauce. It's also a local favorite and convenient spot with lots of parking before a Proctor's show.

**What Will Bring You Back:** Delicious Italian Cuisine with modern twists, classic Italian desserts, friendly service and beautiful décor.

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