

Food Market in Schmidt Keg House

Schmidt Keg House ("Schmidt") has broken ground on a project to re-develop the historic former Schmidt Brewery in Saint Paul. The project, Keg & Case Market, is an ambitious food-centered project which will feature a diverse array of tenants. The project's developer, Craig Cohen, has specifically sought out local, one-of-a-kind operators to lease space. The outer perimeter of the building will be occupied by restaurant tenants while the center will be devoted to a food-focused market of 40 stalls, geared toward chocolatiers, bakers, butchers, cheesemakers, growers and other small-scale operators. The project was made possible through financing obtained from MidWest*One* Bank.

Schmidt has already secured the owners of Corner Table and Revival, Thomas Boemer and Nick Rancone, leading Twin Cities restaurateurs, as tenants. The duo will open one of the restaurants to be featured in the Market.

Other slated tenants include Clutch Brewing, a start-up craft brewery, which will brew beer at the historic site for the first time since 2002. Five Watt Coffee will also open a 50-seat coffeehouse in the project, one that will mirror its Minneapolis counterpart, but will also serve beer and wine. Saint Paul's cult ice cream favorite, Sweet Science, will also open its first scoop shop in the development. O'Cheeze, a food truck, will open its first cheese shop featuring cheese, cheese plates, grilled cheese, cheese merchandise, craft cocktails and wine.

Outside the project, Schmidt will be adding a band shell and a space for a farmers market and other weather-permitting activities and special events.