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**BURGER & BEER BLAST EXPANDS,
INTRODUCES EMPIRE CITY CASINO TENT
WITH ON-SITE GAMING AT *WESTCHESTER*
*MAGAZINE'S WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL***

WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NY (May 18, 2016) Burger & Beer Blast is back and bigger than ever at *Westchester Magazine's* 6th Annual Wine & Food Festival. New this year is the Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway Tent, which offers festival-goers a taste of the gaming and gambling with “funny money” (forged money), dining and drinking on site. With more restaurants participating than ever before, everyone is sure to have a favorite burger.

Held at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla on Thursday evening, June 9, Burger & Beer Blast spotlights some of the County's best burgers. Ticket holders will vote for their preferred burger throughout the evening and at night's end, one burger will be crowned with the “Blue Moon Best Burger” award. As the event's official ground beef sponsor, Schweid & Sons, a fourth-generation, family-owned and operated meat purveyor, is providing custom blends of premium cuts of beef as well as Certified Angus Beef®, Wagyu, All-Natural, Hereford, Angus, Chuck and more for the participating restaurants. From beef burgers to lamb burgers to good old-fashioned cheeseburgers, there are patties to satisfy every palate!

“We know everyone will have a great time eating burgers, playing for fun in the Empire City Casino Tent and enjoying the great beer and spirits selection,” said *Westchester Magazine* Publisher Ralph Martinelli.

New to the festival this year, ticketholders can test their luck at the Blackjack, Craps and Roulette tables in the Empire City Casino Tent, where gambling with “funny money” will be encouraged. Signature bites from Empire City Casino's Italian restaurant, Nonno's Trattoria, and specialty cocktails made with Burnside Bourbon, Barrel Hitch Whiskey, Stolen Rum and Double Cross

Vodka, will be available. Lounge-style furniture will provide comfortable seating arrangements for anyone taking a break from the fun.

Restaurants serving up burgers are:

- **5 Napkin Burger** (Yonkers)
- **105-Ten Bar & Grill** (Briarcliff Manor)
- **AJs Burgers** (New Rochelle)
- **Bareburger** (Hartsdale)
- **Bull and Barrel Brew Pub** (Brewster)
- **Campagna** (Bedford)
- **Cedar Street Grill** (Dobbs Ferry)
- **Coals Pizza** (Bronxville and Port Chester)
- **Dan Rooney's Sports Pub** (Yonkers)
- **Dinosaur BBQ** (Stamford)
- **Emma's Ale House** (White Plains)
- **Fortina** (Rye Brook, Armonk, Stamford)
- **Good-Life Gourmet** (Irvington)
- **Infusion American Tapas Music Lounge** (Pelham)
- **License 2 Grill** (Thornwood)
- **Little B's Burger Bar** (Tarrytown)
- **Madison Kitchen** (Larchmont)
- **Market North** (Armonk)
- **Peekskill Brewery** (Peekskill)
- **Piper's Kilt** (Eastchester)
- **Polpettina** (Eastchester, Larchmont)
- **Pow! Burger** (New Rochelle)
- **Prime 16 Tap House + Burgers** (Pelham)
- **Ruth's Chris Steak House** (Tarrytown)
- **Rye House** (Port Chester)
- **Rye Roadhouse** (Rye)
- **Smokehouse Tailgate Grill** (New Rochelle)
- **Squire's of Briarcliff** (Briarcliff)
- **Westchester Burger Company** (White Plains, Rye Brook, Mt. Kisco)
- **X20 Xaviars on the Hudson** (Yonkers)
- **Zuppa Restaurant & Lounge** (Yonkers)

At the entrance to Burger & Beer Blast is the Mercedes-Benz of White Plains Lounge, where ticket goers can try cocktails made with Slovenia Vodka. Manhattan Beer is offering Blue Moon's Belgian White and Belgian Table Pilsner and Captain Lawrence's Hop Commander IPA, Freshchester Pale Ale and Kolsch craft beers to pair with all burgers.

Food trucks and dessert booths serving burger alternatives, will be positioned on either side of the main tent and include The Cookery's Dough Nation, Jimmy's Soft Serve, The Souvlaki Truck, Walter's Hot Dog Truck, Artuso's Pastry Shop and Beascake's Bakery & Breads.

Westchester Magazine's 6th Annual Wine & Food Festival proudly supports two local not-for-profit organizations: Westchester Parks Foundation, committed to the preservation and conservation of 18,000 acres of parks and trails and the Food Bank for Westchester, dedicated to ending hunger in Westchester County.

Visit www.westchestermagazine.com/winefood for complete details on ticket sales.



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Westchester Magazine's 6th Annual Wine & Food Festival brings together the top chefs and wine experts in Westchester County with more than 100 top restaurants and world-class wines from June 8-12, 2016. A portion of ticket sales will be donated to the Food Bank for Westchester and Westchester Parks Foundation.

