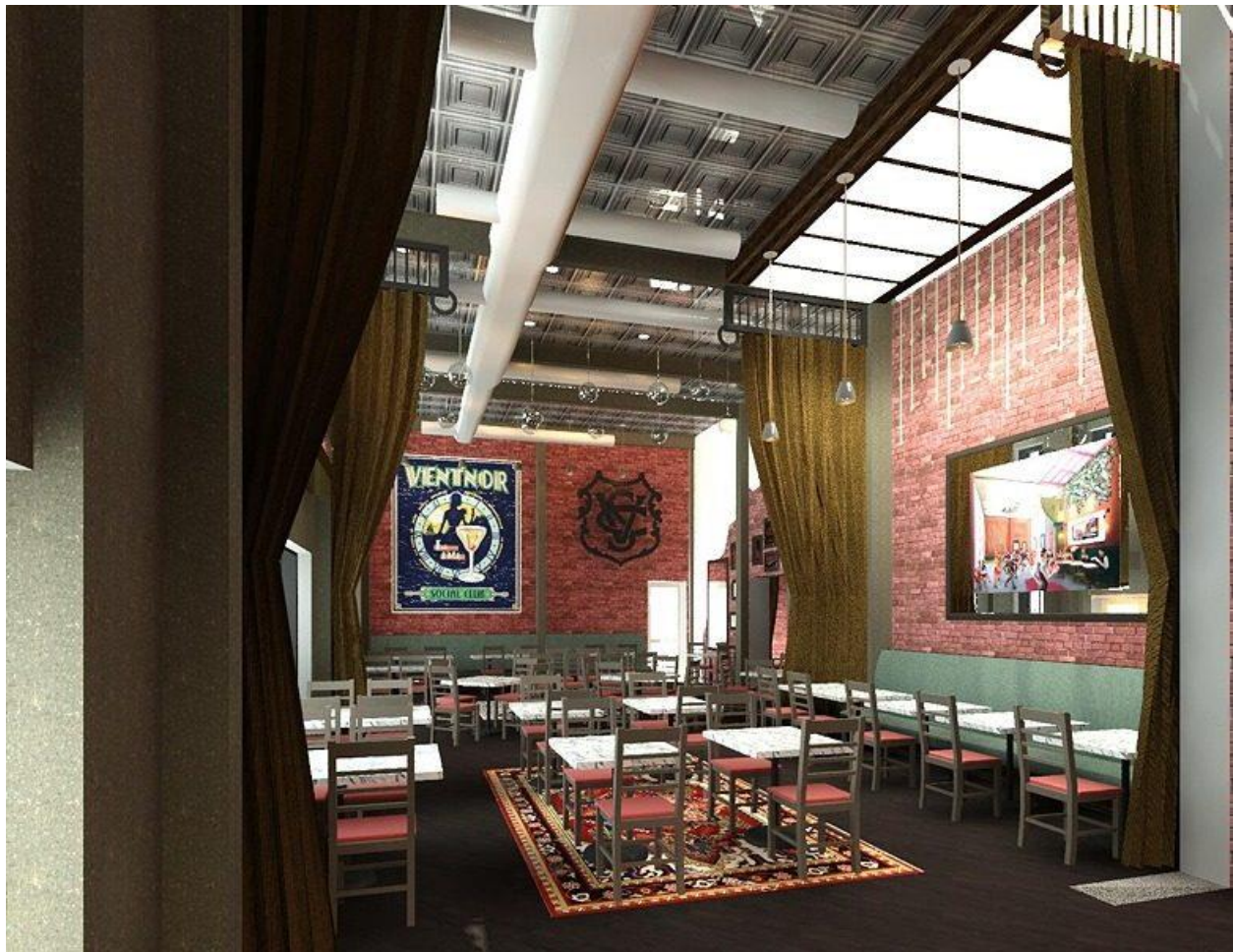


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New Eateries to Open in the Historic Ventnor Square Theater This Spring

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A rendering of the second floor restaurant space to open in the historic Ventnor Square Theater. Image courtesy of Architetra

In the Works:

—The historic Ventnor Square Theater is finally seeing new life again—and new food. After some years in disuse, Jersey Cape Partners purchased what were essentially the bones of the old Art Deco theater from the veteran Frank Entertainment Group, the plan was total revitalization, including a brand-new theater and a restaurant. The space itself had last been in operation in the early 2000s and both the new restaurant and theater space are scheduled to open in Spring 2020. There will be two smaller movie theaters and one larger live theater. The restaurant, **Ventnor Burger Bar**, will seat 120 diners and offer funky but familiar gastropub fare (think gourmet burgers, cheesesteak egg rolls, calamari, etc.). You can take your food into the movie theater, FYI. There will also be a lounge attached—Nucky’s Lounge, named for [this real character from Boardwalk Empire](#)—and the public is welcome to both restaurant and bar even if they don’t plan on seeing a show. Paoli-based Architetra architecture firm has been chosen for the restaurant design concept—early sketches show it updating the 1920s Art Deco vibe by about a century (2020, ahem), with modern lines and eclectic textures. **Ventnor Burger Bar**, 5211 Ventnor Avenue, Ventnor City; no phone yet.