Cliff Bell's

Imagine that you are a Detroiter enjoying a night on the town in 1935. Prohibition has ended and countless bars and taverns are beginning to pop up in what is now The District Detroit. One of the most luxurious among them, decorated with shiny brass and rich mahogany, is Cliff Bell's self-titled new club.

As founder of several speakeasies during the prohibition era, Cliff Bell has made a lasting impression on the entertainment and bar scene in the city of Detroit. His most famous and successful endeavor is Park Avenue's Cliff Bell's. Bell poured his signature style into his new club, characteristics pulled from his other clubs, like bar stools, which he is said to have first introduced to taverns. There were also new technological elements, like air conditioning and refrigeration. The club was state-of-the-art and was Bell's proudest accomplishment during the years he ran it, retiring in 1958.

Those who have grown up in Detroit or heard stories from relatives may recall that during the 30s, 40s, and 50s Cliff Bell's was on one end of the town's most lively nightlife scene, with the Town Pump at the other end of Park Avenue. The post-prohibition town was buzzing with jazz clubs, Burlesques, and pubs. You may also remember Cliff Bell's by another name. In the 70s and 80s the club was known as The Winery, La Cave, and JB's on the Park.

Though the club closed in 1985, it was opened up again under its original name in 2005. Today you can visit The District Detroit and enjoy Cliff Bell's in all of its 1930s glory thanks to owners Scott Lowell and Paul and Carolyn Howard. Enjoy live jazz music almost every night and a sophisticated menu from executive chef, Joe Susko. Next time you are looking for a night out in Detroit, try Cliff Bell's and be transported to into an authentic 1930s club experience.

Movement Detroit

Get ready to move in The District Detroit next weekend! Movement Music Festival comes to Detroit May 27-29 featuring local electronic dance music artists as well as headliners Richie Hawtin, Testpilot, and Carl Cox. Tickets are still available for Movement, which takes place at Hart Plaza along the Detroit riverfront, and you do not want to miss this one-of-a-kind festival experience.

In addition to enjoying their favorite live music, guests can enjoy numerous food and beverage options such as the Andiamo Food Truck, The Nosh Pit Detroit, Slows BBQ, and Bearclaw Coffee. Local favorite brands will also be represented with booths from Detroit Hustles Harder, Made in Detroit, and ZIPR. One of the most unique features of Movement Music Festival is the Movement Studio- in celebration of electronic music, the Technology Area is accessible to festivalgoers to get a behind-the-scenes look at the production hardware and software that industry leaders are using to produce the biggest hits in electronic dance music.

When you're not busy dancing, you can enjoy complementary yoga sessions offered all weekend from Detroit Yoga Lab. You can also enjoy a visual takeover from German graffiti artist, 1010, who will be creating one of his signature murals near one of the stages.

To keep track of all of the exciting things happening surrounding the Movement Music Festival, be sure to downtown the 2017 Movement Detroit app from the App Store or Google Play. Plan your weekend around your favorite artists' schedule, technology demonstrations, yoga classes, and more! You do not want to miss one moment of Movement!

For more information about Movement Music Festival, visit their website at movement.us.

QLINE

If you've been to The District Detroit for a baseball game or a show recently, you've probably seen the QLINE driving by with "Testing In Progress" stickered onto the windows. In just a few weeks, Detroit's new streetcar will open for the public to make their way down Woodward Avenue from the Riverfront to the New Center.

The mission of M-1 RAIL, the non-profit organization founded in 2007 that is leading this operation, is to create positive economic impact and renewal that will impact the entire District Detroit. The project adds a fun a futuristic look to Detroit's transit system and contributes to the ease and walkability of the revitalized downtown area.

In the midst of testing the streetcar, M-1 RAIL has announced that Carmen Harlan, a former WDIV-TV newscaster and native Detroit resident, will be the voice on-board the QLINE. Harlan was chosen because her recognizable voice will speak to the pride of Detroit, a goal in the conception and construction of the QLINE.

The QLINE will officially open its doors to passengers on May 12, running 6 a.m. to 11p.m. Monday through Thursday; 6 a.m. to midnight on Fridays; 8 a.m. to midnight on Saturdays, and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sundays. Until then, you can watch the streetcars testing along the 3.3-mile stretch of Woodward Avenue and watch this video to stay safe while The District Detroit acclimates itself to this exciting new transportation venture!

Video: https://vimeo.com/205592667