

EXCLUSIVE: Knockdown Center in Maspeth is opening two brand-new bars and a dining area



Photos courtesy of the Knockdown Center

The Knockdown Center in Maspeth is getting ready to open two new bar spaces inside the arts and events venue.

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The Knockdown Center, Maspeth's art and events venue located in a century-old factory building, has unveiled its two newest additions, an event bar and the Ready Room bar and dining area.

The event bar will focus on serving visitors of their various art shows and events that take place throughout the year, while the Ready Room will have a small bar and dining area where visitors who may not want to take part in the events going on can relax and have a good time.

Both new bars are made of material from the Knockdown Center that couldn't be used for construction, so instead of getting rid of them, they were repurposed to create a new area of the building.

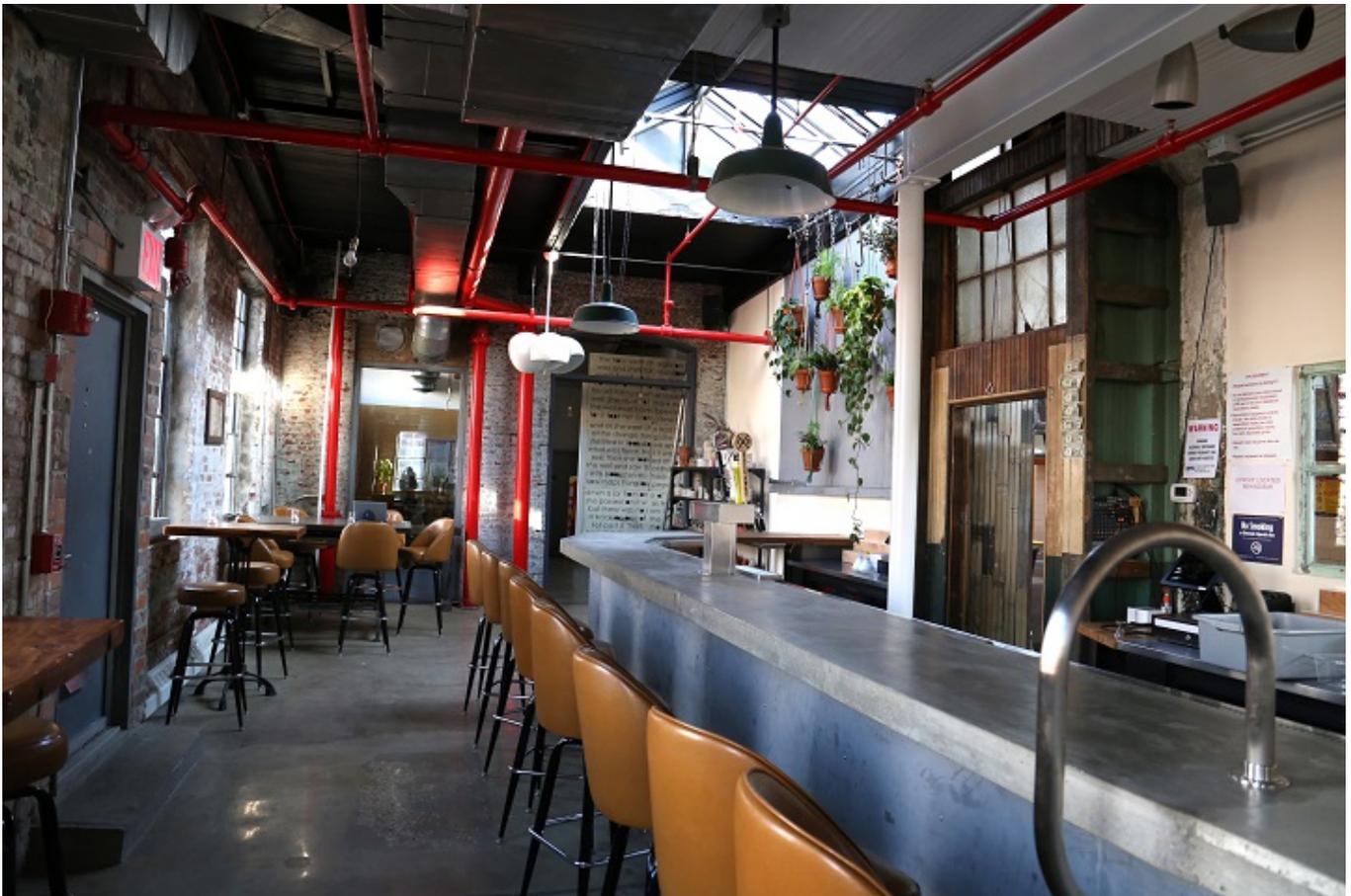
"Our idea here was to really make something that blended in with the building," said Tyler Myers, co-director of the Knockdown Center. "We used parts of the building that we couldn't use. So there's reclaimed floorboards that came from another part of the

building here, there's beadboard that came from other parts of the building. The bars use concrete countertops and are built using repurposed wood taken from other parts of the building. They are designed to blend into the aesthetic of the building, rather than creating a 'dropped in' look."

The Ready Room was the former office space for the door factory and has a very similar style to the event bar and was also made with reclaimed materials from the location.

"We wanted to have a space here that wasn't totally event-driven," Myers said of the new bar. "We are hoping to see a lot of drop-ins coming to the Ready Room. This will allow us to have sustainability, to be here for as long as we can."

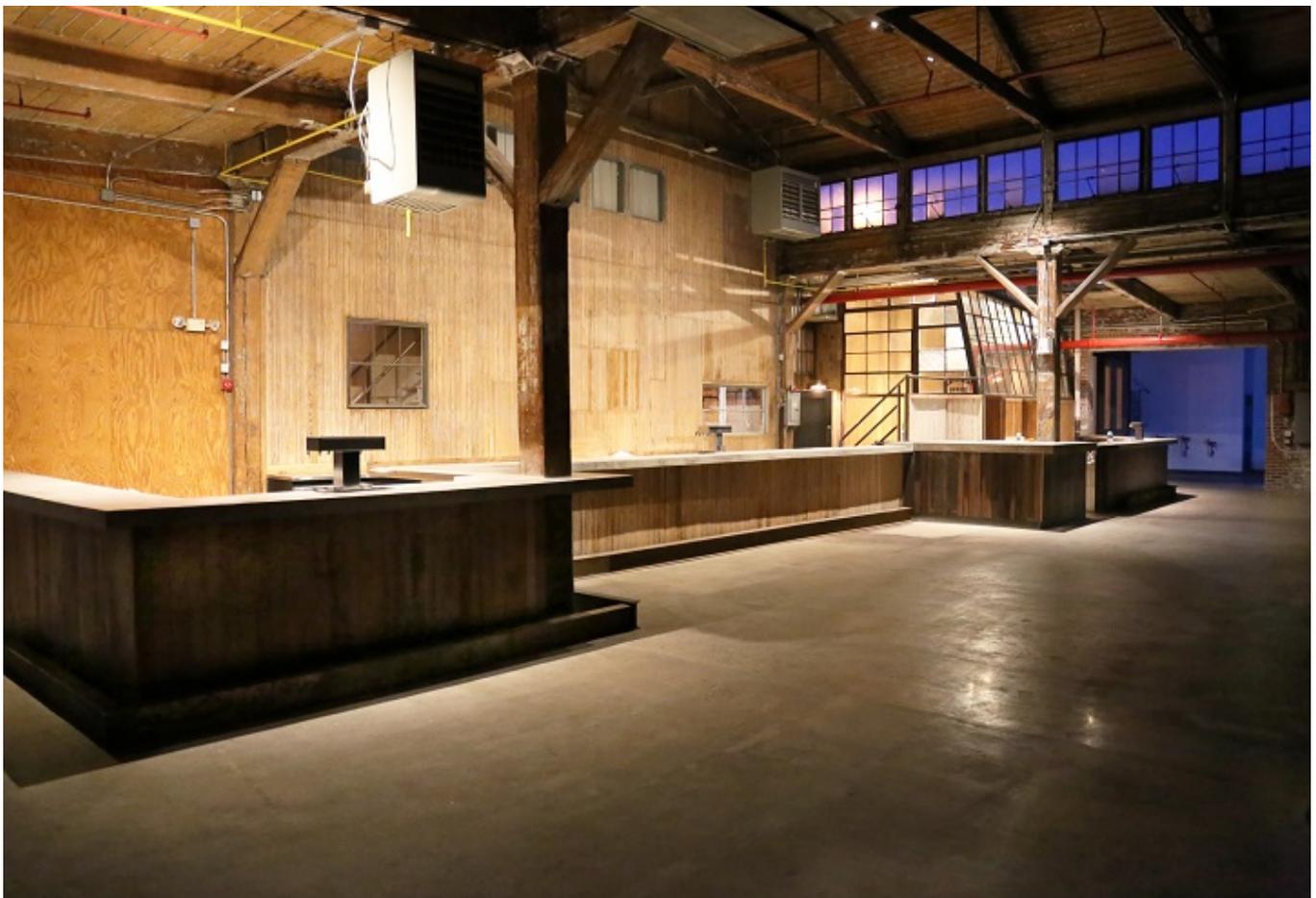
The Ready Room is set to open on June 10 and will be open on Thursdays from 5 p.m. to midnight, Fridays 5 p.m. to 2 a.m., Saturdays from 2 p.m. to 2 a.m., and on Sundays from 2 p.m. to midnight.



The Ready Room Bar



The dining area of the Ready Room



The event bar