PSbklyn Offers a New Twist on 'Family-Friendly'

The gastropub opens next week on Union Street, complete with an arcade for the kids.

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A new Union Street restaurant is packing serious game.

Arcade games that is - complete with skee ball and air hockey.

<u>PSbklyn</u>, the hotly anticipated gastropub that will officially open to the public next week in the old Bussaco space, hopes to give new meaning to the term "family-friendly."

Booths in the back of the eatery are outfitted with DVD players to keep the kids occupied through dinner, and alongside beers on tap, the restaurant offers up draft root beer. The menu offers standard classics that most people will like – pizza, burgers, salads – and is priced to be family friendly, too.

And let's not forget the restaurant's basement, which has been converted into a veritable rec room that co-owner Steve Sohmer said will always be staffed with someone to keep an eye on the kids as they duke it out on Pac-Man or Cruis'n Exotica, a car racing game.

"We wanted to make it a beautiful place for everyone to come to," said Sohmer, a retired Wall Street man who lives in Jericho, Long Island. "We have milk shakes for the children, spiked milk shakes for the adults."

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Of course, with menu items like wood-fired wild mushroom and roasted winter vegetable pizza, the emphasis here is clearly on the food.

"Everything is with a twist," said Sohmer, referring to the eatery's pizza, which is made with a goat milk infused crust.

Chef Adam Goldgell's menu is comprised of a number of salads, burgers, pizzas, entrees and small plates (a bargain at two for \$10). Sohmer said that absolutely everything at the eatery is made from scratch, from the hand-rolled pretzels to the tomato sauce for the pizza.

The restaurant "soft opened" this week for friends, family, and area residents who were lucky to get a reservation, but will officially open sometime late next week.