

# Touring the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood with \$5 dollars

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(Plain Press, October 2009) Saturday September 26th marked the unveiling of the new streetscape lining Detroit Avenue in the Detroit Shoreway Neighborhood of Cleveland. Nestled between West 45th Street and W. 85th, the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood is poising itself for a renaissance. For years, eating and drinking establishments have been backbone of every great modern commercial renaissance. This along with practical shops and grocers creates a “true neighborhood” where families and visitors can park their cars and, within walking distance have everything they need to eat, work and play.

## RESTAURANT REVIEW

From an eating and drinking standpoint, the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood is heading in the right direction. Luxe, the Capitol Theater, Latitude 41, La Boca, The Happy Dog, and The Gypsy Bean and Baking Co. are just a few of their dining and entertainment selections to choose from, lining the newly redone Detroit Ave in the heart of the Gordon Square District. I struggled to just choose one place out of these many delightful locations so I decided to write about two of them. One of my biggest reasons in writing restaurant reviews for the Plain Press is my ability to hopefully accentuate establishments that have immense financial value to our readers. The Stone Mad Pub and The Big Egg fulfill those reasons while personifying the eclectic feel of the neighborhood without losing focus on service and ambiance.

### Stone Mad Pub

Stone Mad Pub is nestled on a neighborhood corner on West 65th Street in the heart of the Detroit Shoreway Neighborhood. Stone Mad Pub walks the balance between a landmark location with a world-class design and build and, a neighborhood eatery.

If Cleveland has taught us anything, a restaurant must have this balance in order to find long-term success. On those cold winter months or those slow Monday nights, a loyal neighborhood following will carry you through the day. With the roll out of their “\$5 Happy Hour Menu” Stone Mad Pub understands this theory first hand. Between 3pm and 7pm every Monday to Friday you can chose from Sliders, Buffalo Chicken Tenders, Mussels and a Selection of Salads each all just five bucks and made fresh to order. If you are thirsty, you can wash one of these five-dollar dishes down with many drink specials starting at only two dollars.

Stone Mad Pub is a vision and a dream of one man that “made it happen” and, while chomping down on a \$5 Happy Hour Slider and a pint of Guinness you might be lucky enough to meet owner “American Pete” Leneghan. He holds court daily, meeting and greeting his guests and, once you meet him you will understand why his charisma and charm would even make the “Queen” of England fall off her thrown.

## The Big Egg

Another Landmark in Cleveland, The Big Egg Restaurant is a staple in The Detroit Shoreway Neighborhood. Since 1970, The Big Egg has been a late night haunt for most Westsiders but it has had its share of ups and downs over the years. Recently re-opening in January under new ownership, The Big Egg is on a fast track come back.

Another true American greasy spoon, The Big Egg shows huge value and portion sizes. They feature a full line of breakfast, lunch and dinner selections served all day long. The Big Egg has most of their breakfast selections priced under four dollars, in fact, they have a daily breakfast special for just over two dollars.

Even though the breakfast is a tasty value, the highlight of The Big Egg is its “5 dinners for under 5 bucks”. This promotion is unbelievable. For five dollars, you can choose from Fish and Chips, Veal Cutlet, Chopped Steak, Shrimp in the Basket, or Spaghetti and Meat Sauce. These items come with your choice of a side (except for Spaghetti and Meat Sauce), soup or salad and a DESSERT! Are you kidding me?

For all you Late Nighters don't fret, The Big Egg is still opened 24 hours on Friday and Saturdays so you can still get your 3 a.m. omelet fix. Whether its 9am or 2am, The Big Egg truly understands the Cleveland Market price point and its current economic state. That along with great service and consistency will ensure this establishment will have another thirty years run without breaking an egg.

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Five out of Five Shamrocks

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Four out of Five Shamrocks