

DISPATCH NOW IN DC

FAB FEBRUARY

From food to furnishings, here's to a month of discovery. *BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY*

GIVE While the Make-A-Wish Foundation Gala is virtual this year, it will be no less inspiring or entertaining. The program, Evening of Wishes: Hope From Home, will feature interactive, kid-friendly activities; wish stories; live wish experiences; and a special auction. A number of ticket and sponsor levels will be offered. *Tickets from \$100, Feb. 28, 5pm, wish.org/midatlantic*

STAY Hotel Madera and Firefly Kitchen, located near Dupont Circle, have undergone a complete remake. The property, which opens this month, features large rooms, street-side balconies and expansive windows overlooking the historic neighborhood. This spring, look for a revamped menu at Firefly and plenty of outdoor-patio seating. *From \$299 per night, 1310 New Hampshire Ave. NW, 202.296.7600, hotelmadera.com*

SHOP MGM Resorts recently unveiled its first streetwear boutique, SHYFT: Sneakers + Apparel, which opened at MGM National Harbor. Designed by one of the resort's own employees, the dynamic space features works from local artists and hard-to-find apparel and accessories that look as phenomenal at a summer rooftop soiree as they do a Wizards home game. Brands include Louis Vuitton x Supreme, G-Star Raw, Psycho Bunny, Yeezy and Anti Social Social Club. *101 MGM National Ave., Oxon Hill, Md., 301.971.6081, @shyfstyle*

ESCAPE The Inn at Willow Grove, a Forbes Four-Star sanctuary in Orange, Va., offers a Valentine and Vineyards Weekend Feb. 12-14. The getaway includes luxe two-night accommodations for two, a bottle of prosecco and chocolate-covered strawberries upon arrival, a 50-minute massage for two at the Inn's Mill House Spa, chef Andrew Eppley's tasting menu dinner at Vintage and two passes for a wine-tasting excursion to nearby Barboursville Vineyards. *Package rates from \$1,205, 14079 Plantation Way, Orange, Va., 540.317.1206, innatwillowgrove.com*

In addition to Italian fare, look for amaro cocktails at the recently opened Stellina in Shirlington.

DINE Restaurateur Antonio Matarazzo and chef Matteo Venini, who are alumni of Lupo Verde, bring Stellina Pizzeria to The Village at Shirlington this winter. The restaurant will offer a menu similar to its DC flagship at The Edison at Union Market: homemade pastas, panini, neo-Neapolitan pizzas and plenty of the Italian street foods Matarazzo and Venini ate growing up. More faves making the move from the DC location: amaro cocktails from Ivy City's Don Ciccio & Figli, along with Italian wines and beers. *2800 S. Randolph St., Arlington, stellinapizzeria.com*



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