

Hello, "Mike Zets". Welcome to <u>YoungstownRecipes.com</u>. A whole lot has been happening since you Subscribed. I'm a bit new to Newsletters (Blogs) so bear with me for the moment. I promise to stay on topic and make future Newsletters a lot less wordy.

As you should know, the Facebook page called <u>Youngstown Recipe Table</u> is winding down to a final close at about the end of this year. Why? Because last summer, FB made some very radical changes in the way **Public Pages** work. The ability to Approve/Decline Membership was taken away from the Admin. Now anyone who wants to join may do so. Also, anyone may post or comment on Public pages, not just Members. This opened our wonderful Community to anyone, anywhere - spammers, hackers, and even purveyors of Porn. - all in the name of being more inclusive. So, to keep that from happening, we were forced to make the page "Private". But then, only members could see our recipes and members' comments. That wasn't ideal, either. How could our community grow and attract new members and new recipes if we hide our light under a "Private" bushel?

So the only really good choice was to leave FB and set up our very own website/blog. Hence, we started YoungstownRecipes.com. That's the short explanation. Trust me, you don't need to read the long version. Let's just say that It took about 6 weeks, thousands of lines of very complicated computer code and talents even I didn't know I had to create our new home. But it's up and running with over 100 Regional Favorite Recipes. And it seems to have gotten a lot of use with over 2,500 visits since it went live. Apparently, a lot of Youngstowners really like what they see there.

And the website isn't exclusive to current or former Youngstown residents. We are open to anyone with an interest in the Recipes that are special to NE Ohio. So, not only were you welcome to Subscribe but so are your friends and relatives, across the country or even around the world. We just happen to think Youngstown Cuisine is the best. Period.

So, let's get to the business of this Newsletter...

Things to know about the New Website -

- The Main Menu has two

dropdowns: **Recipes** and **Cuisines with Recipes** divided into categories like *Breakfasts, Entrés, Cookies, Sides, Salads, and Sauces, etc.*, and **Cuisines** reflect Regional Tastes, like *Italian, Eastern European, French, or American, etc.* **Entrés are** further broken down into *Beef, Chicken, Pork, Turkey, etc.*

- Newest Recipes are shown first.
- All Recipes have Star Ratings and allow Comments.
- Search works on Recipe Names or Ingredients.
- You can **Print** or **Share** any Recipe with the click of a button.
- The Envelope icon shows how to contact us.
- Forum is basically a Chat Room for general discussions.
- Files are our Library of downloadable Cook Books in .pdf format.

Click on the Button below for our **10 Most Recent Recipes...**



We sincerely hope your experience on the new website will be enjoyable. Please feel free to Share this with your friends, neighbors, and, of course, your fellow NE Ohio natives. **Everyone's Welcome!**

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