

A Message from the Sickles Family

For over 115 years Sickles Market was the Jersey Shore's destination for "The Good Stuff", and we are so pleased to announce that "The Good Stuff" is planned for a comeback.

Sickles is on a path not only to reopen, but also to being the best Sickles Market it can be. That means fulfilling existing obligations and responsibilities. Our doors will open when the timing is right - right in all ways.

As many of you know, our Specialty Food & Garden Center took an unprecedented and necessary pause in March 2024 shutting down to reorganize. We take accountability for the impact this decision made in our very special community. Here at Sickles, we have been very quiet because we have been quietly working. Over the last eight months, we buckled down to make impactful changes.

We are completely aware that there have been reports in the local media. Some words you have read are accurate, and some are not. We know that not all of our past decisions were ideal while we faced extreme challenges that not even a family business as old as ours could survive. Thus, we took a purposeful and actionable pause to look inward. Eight months later, this is where we stand:

We plan on re-opening Sickles Market with the assistance and leadership of "1663", a group of incredibly mindful local investors. Together, we have been working diligently on their plan to purchase the Little Silver Property and our primary collective mission to bring back the Sickles you know and love by Summer 2025.

Before we reached our toughest years from 2020 to 2024, we had always operated our business with great integrity and hospitality, with the intention of staying open through any challenge that may come at us. We made it through fires, economic recessions, Hurricane Sandy, and we thought we had made it through the pandemic. Unfortunately, during those tough years, we over-expanded, overextended, and while the world rapidly changed around us, we couldn't catch up. We did not react in enough time to course correct.

We have spoken to many customers and have heard your concerns. We have also read your heartwarming messages and letters that have come in steady and strong these past few months. We know that we were your happy place for many years, and we look forward to once again holding that title from all of you in the future.

We want to fill your tables and gardens with all of the deliciousness and beauty we have always offered. There will also be new and exciting offerings that we couldn't be more excited to share with you! Stay tuned.

Sincerely,

The Sickles Family