

Highlighting Hamden Small Businesses: #1 Fish Market

One of Hamden's best kept secrets is looking to change that title. For 29 years Bob McNeil, owner of #1 Fish Market has been serving people from all over the New Haven Region. "I attract people from all over. I'm a destination, people make a special trip to come to #1," said McNeil, "I currently serve a third of Yale's faculty, top surgeons and probate judges." However he would still like to see more of the Hamden community visit his shop.

In the coming months, it'll be harder to miss #1 Fish Market. McNeil plans on starting the first phase of his expansion in the next couple of weeks. Already featuring a wide and fresh selection of fish, McNeil plans on featuring more of his organic farm's products as well as prepared foods.

McNeil has long been a fixture on State Street. He grew up around the corner from #1 Fish Market's current location. After working at other fish markets, McNeil tried to fill a void in the neighborhood by opening his fish market in 1979 and subsequently moving to the current location. Not only did McNeil fill the void, but he consistently receives accolades for his business. #1 Fish Market has been voted as the New Haven Advocate's Best Fish Market for nine years in a row.

"My goal is to provide the best, freshest fish possible along with the best service possible and for everyone to leave #1 happy," said McNeil.

For more information about #1 Fish Market please visit their website at <http://numberonefish.com/> or visit their store Monday through Saturday, 9AM- 6PM at 2239 State St.

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