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LIVING SIDE DISH

Gurney's Resort adds neighbor's oceanfront property

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Look for an ice cream alternative? Try rice cream.

The Rice Cream Shoppe at 195 Bleecker St. is slated to open in January in a 775 square-foot space with 17 seats.

Chef-owner Carmen Cioffi has come in with 50 recipes. Fifteen flavors will always be on offer, while an additional five to be added on a rotating basis, including vegan, low-fat and gluten-free options. Flavors will run from classics like French vanilla chip to the more exotic kheer (cardamom, currants and nuts).

Now that the holiday season is in full swing, consider these singular bubbly suggestions: Champagne Charles Heidsieck Brut Reserve, which is 40 percent Pinot noir, 40 percent Chardonnay and 20 percent Pinot Meunier; and Zonin Prosecco Black Edition, a blend of 90 percent glera and 10 percent Pinot noir.

We hear ... Toro Ironworks of Greenpoint has launched two vegan taco options made with jackfruit, a meat alternative that has a texture similar to that of pulled pork.

