



McDuff's Bar and Grille

RIVER KNOLL STARTED AS A BARTENDER AT MCDUFF'S, AND EVENTUALLY ROSE TO OWNERSHIP AT THE SAME DOWNTOWN ESTABLISHMENT

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I started working at McDuff's Bar and Grille as a bartender 11 years ago. Through the years, I continued taking on more roles until I did everything. When the former owner became sick, I stepped into the general manager role in addition to doing the day-to-day stuff. Eventually, I took the next step and bought the business.

I love it here. I love the atmosphere. I love that people are happy when they come in, and if they're not, I like being able to make them happy. It's a place where they can relax and unload. It's their retreat after work, their place to celebrate, and where they can go after football games and volleyball games. Wayland is a very small community, and this is its spot.

And although I don't live here, I live in the next town over, I've

worked in Wayland for 22 years. I'm invested in it. I've watched how it changes, and I'm adjusting, adapting, and growing with it because I enjoy watching this place grow. That's the passion that keeps me going.

– River Knoll, Owner, McDuff's Bar and Grille



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