



Griffin Claw owners to open Detroit restaurant in DTE Energy park



By **Dana Afana** | dafana@mlive.com

[Follow on Twitter](#)

on May 12, 2017 at 2:00 PM, updated May 12, 2017 at 2:13 PM

When DTE Energy last year announced it would build a 1.5-acre park adjacent to its Downtown Detroit headquarters, the company promised a restaurant as part of the plan.

The utility this week announced a partnership with restaurateurs Norm and Bonnie LePage, who own Birmingham-based Griffin Claw Brewing Company, to help fulfill that promise.

They'll operate a new eatery in the park at Cass and Grand River avenues.



Renderings released for DTE Energy's restaurant, park project in Downtown Detroit

"They bring decades of experience in operating distinctive restaurant concepts in southeastern Michigan," DTE Energy CEO Gerry Anderson said in a news release.

"The LePage family's culinary point of view will complement the iconic architecture and ambiance of this restaurant."

The LePages, who also run Clubhouse BFD in Rochester Hills and Big Rock Chophouse in Birmingham, plan to open their first Detroit venture in late fall, said Norm LePage.

The new restaurant will be a European-style brasserie featuring Griffin Claw beers, Belgian beers, mussels and more. The most expensive menu item will be \$24, and the majority of dishes will be \$15 or less, he said.

The 4,000-square-foot space will seat about 90 people inside, 40 on a rooftop patio with park and city skyline views and, when the weather is warm, an additional 125 outdoor seats.

The interior will feature a mahogany wooden ceiling and sliding glass walls to offer a "flexible floor plan and plentiful outdoor dining."

"There are so many amazing things happening in Detroit right now and we are very excited to be part of it and to bring our restaurant concept to DTE's new public park," Norm Lepage said in a news release.

"It's been an honor to work with DTE on this project to help create the ultimate outdoor entertainment experience, and of course a special focus on quality food and service."

Touloukian Touloukian, Inc. is the architect for the rooftop space. The interior and patio design is being led by Victor Saroki of Saroki Architecture.