

ADIB SALLOUM

Meet Adib Salloum, owner of Mediterranean Market and Deli, an authentic Mediterranean and Middle Eastern restaurant and deli that has served the West Palm Beach area since 1972. Here, the downtown discusses the diverse cuisine DowntownWPB has to offer, the joy of small-town charm and the district's endless opportunities.

How I've seen downtown grow:

"West Palm Beach has been my home since 1978, and I can't imagine living anywhere else. I've seen it grow from a sleepy, very seasonable small town to what it has become today.

From the connection of I-95 at Palm Beach Gardens in the mid-80s to the rebirth of Clematis Street, the opening of CityPlace and the improvements of the waterfront on Flagler Drive. Not to mention, the projects currently in progress DowntownWPB will be substantial."

What makes downtown unique:

"DowntownWPB is a very friendly town, and although it has grown, it still has a small-town feeling, where people still know your name. On any given day, I can walk around and almost certainly run into someone that I know."

What I love most about downtown:

"I love the variety of owner/operator restaurants where you can get just about any dish you can imagine."

Where I eat downtown:

"Downtown West Palm Beach has a great selection of cuisine. I like to try all the new restaurants that open. I can enjoy anything from French and Italian to Mexican and Swedish food, depending on what I'm in the mood for. And of course, there's always our Mediterranean Market and Deli!"

Where I shop downtown:

"I enjoy the variety of shops that Rosemary Square, formally known as CityPlace has to offer. I rely on them for anything from gifts, to something unique and special for myself."

Where I play downtown:

"I enjoy working out, which is great because DowntownWPB has several



Adib Salloum inside his Mediterranean Market & Deli. PHOTO BY JIM BERIAU

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gyms to choose from. I also like to walk along the waterfront, particularly right now. I love watching the progress of The Ben, a new Marriott Autograph Collection Hotel, and can't wait to see the finished product. The Clematis area is also my go-to when I want to have some fun with friends."

When I love downtown:

"Of course, I love DowntownWPB during the season when everyone is back in town and getting reacquainted

after the summer. On the other hand, I like the quieter times too. It allows me to take some time to enjoy our area."

Why I want to be downtown:

"Everything new and exciting in our city starts here, and I want to be a part of the growth and the opportunities that it provides. I love meeting people, so naturally downtown is the place to be. It would be a completely different place if it weren't for all of the nice residents and visitors we have."

Why you should visit downtown:

"DowntownWPB has so much to offer year-round. Where do I start? The most obvious and noteworthy events are SunFest, the many holiday events, and the Palm Beach International Boat Show, but there is also the Kravis Center, which brings countless concerts and events to downtown. The historical places are also great to visit, along with the Meyer Amphitheater on Flagler Drive."

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