

Midway Lanes

3327 MEMORIAL HIGHWAY #4696, MANDAN

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A staple of the Bismarck/Mandan area is getting an expansion. Midway Lanes, which opened in the 1960s, has expanded their building to include an updated game room and full pizzeria. The newly opened pizzeria, named Fotza Mozzaroni Pizzeria, will take the bowling alley's food to a whole new level.

The expansion has been a long time in the works and dream of owner Jim Mellon who believes the addition will complete the full family entertainment center. "Bowling, pizza, and beer go together. Now we have our bowling, we have our pizza, we have our beer. The game room is an extra feature," describes Jim.



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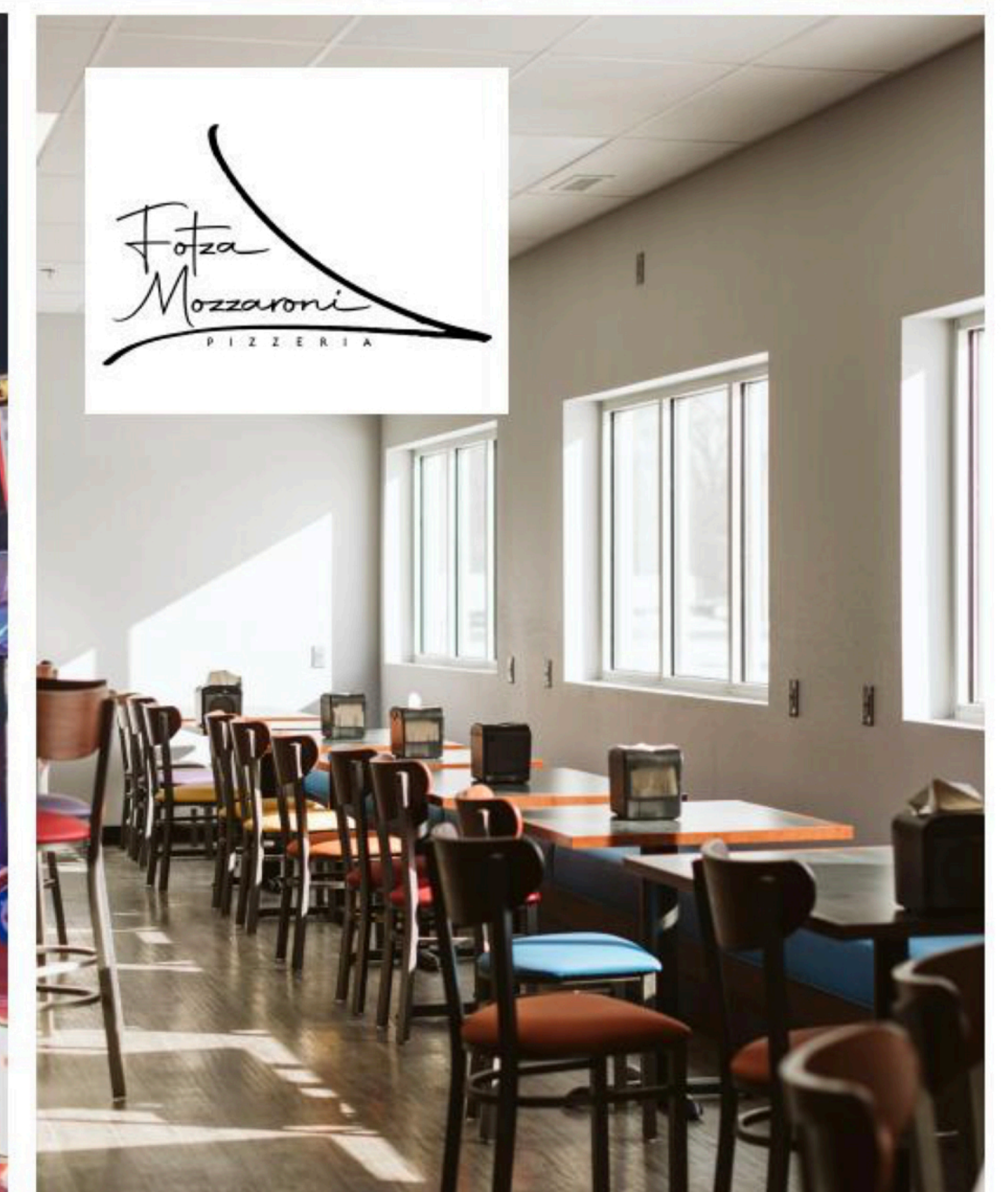


Midway Lanes had a game room before the expansion, but the new one, located in the addition, will be double the space of the old one. When building the addition, high ceilings were an important part of the plans, so taller games could be added to the new game space that couldn't before due to low ceilings. The new game room will also have double the amount of games than the previous game room and feature games for adults and children.

In order to expand, the addition was built on part of the parking lot resulting in the loss of a few parking spots. To compensate, new parking spaces have been added to the back of the building, resulting in more parking spaces than before.

Building in the midst of the pandemic had its challenges for Midway Lanes. When the pandemic hit, Midway Lanes had been okayed to start construction,

leaving them with the choice of stalling the project or plunging ahead. "We've been risktakers our whole lives," explains Jim. "I've been here 55 years. I bought this place when I was 23. It's been our dream to expand. We had to complete the project." With that, construction went ahead on the expansion. With their new space, Midway Lanes hopes to continue to provide family-friendly fun for the entire community.





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