

# CJ'S OFF THE SQUARE

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REHEARSAL DINNER PACKAGE

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WELCOME TO

# CJ'S OFF THE SQUARE

Your rehearsal dinner is the first celebration of your wedding weekend. It's the moment when family and friends begin to gather, stories are shared, and the tone is set for everything to come. At CJ's Off the Square, we make it easy to welcome your guests in a setting that feels both elevated and inviting.

Nestled in the heart of historic downtown Franklin, our private venue offers exclusive use of our historic home, enchanting garden, and open-air pavilion. Together, these spaces allow your evening to unfold naturally with cocktails in the house, dinner under the chandeliers, and toasts beneath the glow of string lights.

Many families choose a restaurant for their rehearsal dinner. For others, the evening calls for something more personal and private. Here, your event is entirely your own. No shared spaces. No rushing through speeches. Just time to connect and enjoy being together before the wedding day begins.

From chef-crafted menus and candlelit tables to seamless planning and attentive service, our experienced team handles the details so you can focus on welcoming your guests. If you're envisioning a rehearsal dinner that feels thoughtful, relaxed, and worthy of the celebration ahead, we'd love to invite you for a tour.

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THE  
*Venue*  
AT A GLANCE

- Exclusive use of the entire property for your event
- Host up to 135 guests
- Located in historic downtown Franklin, TN, just steps from Main Street
- Professional event coordination, catering, and dedicated event staff included
- Three distinct spaces: historic home, open-air pavilion, and garden
- Flexible flow designed for cocktails, seated dinner, and toasts
- Transparent, upfront pricing based on your guest count



## THE HOUSE

Begin the evening as guests arrive with cocktails and passed hors d'oeuvres in our charming historic home. The parlors provide a welcoming, elegant setting for mingling before dinner.



## THE PAVILION

Dinner unfolds in our open-air pavilion, complete with chandeliers and surrounded by the beauty of the garden. Whether you choose a seated dinner or a more relaxed cocktail-style gathering, this is where the evening's toasts, laughter, and connection take center stage.



## THE GARDEN

The garden is the heart of CJ's Off the Square. It's the perfect place for guests to gather before or after dinner, catching up with friends and family. Whether in the late afternoon sun or under the glow of string lights, the garden provides a relaxed and memorable backdrop for the evening.

"MY SON'S REHEARSAL  
DINNER WAS LOVELY AND  
PERFECTLY EXECUTED.

*Our guests loved the  
gorgeous venue, food,  
and atmosphere."*

MARY HELEN VARNER



A PEEK INTO YOUR

# *Rehearsal Dinner*

*Your evening begins in our historic home, just steps from Main Street. Guests enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres before gathering in the garden and pavilion for dinner and toasts. The flow and menu for your event are completely customizable. Here's a sample timeline to help you envision the experience.*

## **6:00 PM | Welcome Reception in the Historic Home**

Guests arrive and are greeted with wine and passed hors d'oeuvres such as fried green tomatoes with goat cheese and shrimp and grits. Conversations begin as family and friends reconnect before dinner.

## **7:00 PM | Dinner in the Pavilion**

Guests transition to the open-air pavilion and find their seats beneath the chandeliers and string lights.

First Course: Baby spinach salad with strawberries, walnuts, blue cheese and poppy seed vinaigrette

Main Course: Filet of beef and pan-seared chicken served with garlic whipped potatoes, roasted asparagus, and carrots.

## **7:45 PM | Toasts & Introductions**

You may wish to offer a welcome, the best man may share a toast, or the couple may introduce their wedding party. We'll confirm your preferences in advance and guide the flow of the evening.

## **8:15 PM | Dessert Course**

Guests enjoy a Southern favorite such as banana pudding or chocolate pecan pie, served tableside as the conversation continues.

## **9:30 PM-10:00 PM | Evening Wraps Up**

The evening winds down naturally as guests begin to depart at leisure, feeling welcomed and celebrated.



YOUR REHEARSAL DINNER AT  
*CJ'S* OFF THE SQUARE

*The rehearsal dinner is more than a meal. It's the moment your wedding weekend truly begins. At CJ's Off the Square, we create evenings that feel relaxed yet elevated, designed to bring everyone together before the celebration ahead.*

*Venue & Atmosphere*

- Exclusive venue rental for up to five hours of service
- Pavilion chandeliers and string lights throughout the property
- Tables, chairs, linens, napkins, candles, and upscale place settings

*Planning & Service*

- Professional event coordination
- Dedicated servers, bartenders, and cleanup team

*Food & Beverage*

- Choice of seated dinner service or cocktail-style event
- Seasonal chef-crafted menus with Southern favorites
- Dessert display or plated dessert course
- Coffee, iced tea, water, and soft drinks included
- Signature bar service including mixers, garnishes, glassware, and ice. Alcohol is purchased at cost through our preferred provider.

*Signature Touches*

- Personalized seating chart
- Elegant candlelight centerpieces with pillar and votive candles
- Printed menu cards at each place setting
- Access to our design showroom for optional design & decor enhancements



OUR  
*Transparent Pricing*  
GUARANTEE

*Our pricing is designed to be clear and straightforward.  
You'll send the invitations. We'll take care of the rest.*

- **No required guest minimums** on any day of the week.
- **Simple, predictable pricing.** When it comes to events, some costs are fixed while others scale with your guest count. We've designed our pricing to make it easy for you to know where your investment stands as your plans take shape.
- **No mandatory gratuity.** You decide what feels right based on your experience.
- Standard **bar setup and service are included** as part of your experience.
- All **alcohol is purchased at cost** through our catering manager, allowing you to serve only what you want without paying for anything you don't. It's streamlined, stress-free, and a fantastic value.
- Once you book, your base package and per-person pricing are locked in. Optional décor or menu upgrades are available, and we'll always provide a current quote at the time of selection.

## *Your Investment*

*Venue, Event Coordination, Catering, Tables, Linens, Chairs, China, & More*

\$13,995

*plus \$128 per person*

| 50 GUESTS | 75 GUESTS | 100 GUESTS | 125 GUESTS |
|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| \$20,395  | \$23,595  | \$26,795   | \$29,995   |

*Final pricing is determined by your guest list*

*TN sales tax applies to all package pricing*

The Rehearsal Dinner Package is available Thursday and Friday.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED

# Questions

*How many guests can you accommodate for a rehearsal dinner?*

We can comfortably accommodate up to 135 guests.

*Is the venue truly private during our event?*

Yes. Your rehearsal dinner includes exclusive use of the entire property for the duration of your event. There are no shared spaces, outside guests, or overlapping events.

*Is parking available for guests?*

Yes. Guests will find free street parking near the venue and public lots within walking distance of our downtown Franklin location.

*Do you offer different menu options?*

Yes. You may choose between a seated dinner or a cocktail-style reception with stations and passed hors d'oeuvres. Our seasonal menus feature chef-crafted dishes inspired by Southern flavors with modern influence. Sample menus are available upon request or during your tour.

*Can we supply our own alcohol?*

Yes. You will work with our catering manager to select what you would like to serve. Alcohol is purchased through our preferred provider at cost, which is often a significant savings compared to restaurants or hotels.

Your order is delivered directly to the venue, and our licensed bartenders provide mixers, garnishes, glassware, and ice. At the end of the evening, any unopened bottles are yours to take home.

*Can we customize décor or add flowers?*

Absolutely. Elegant candlelight centerpieces are included with every event. If you would like to enhance the design, we are happy to connect you with a trusted local florist. You are also welcome to incorporate personal décor elements, which must be reviewed and approved in advance to ensure they align with venue guidelines.

### *What happens if it rains?*

Rain or shine, your rehearsal dinner is in good hands. Our open-air pavilion is fully covered so your guests can dine comfortably while still enjoying the charm of the garden. If needed, our team can also adjust the flow of the evening to use more of the indoor spaces in our historic home. No matter the forecast, your event will feel seamless, polished, and beautiful.

### *What's included in the rental time?*

Your rehearsal dinner package includes up to five hours of service. While you are welcome to select the start time for your event, most rehearsal dinners begin around 6 pm with cocktails in the house or garden, followed by dinner and toasts in the pavilion, and end with dessert and mingling under the lights. All events must end by 10 PM.

### *I'd love to tour the venue. Do I need to make an appointment?*

Yes, appointments are required to visit the venue. Tap the link on the next page to schedule your visit or call (615) 216-7576.

### *How far in advance should we book our rehearsal dinner?*

Because rehearsal dinners are typically scheduled the night before a wedding, Friday dates tend to book well in advance. We recommend reaching out as soon as your wedding date is confirmed to secure availability. Once your date is reserved, we can discuss when it will be convenient for you to meet with our planning team to discuss the flow of the evening and your menu preferences.

### *I'm ready to book! What's next?*

Booking is easy. To reserve your date, we require a signed contract and a payment of \$4000 to confirm your reservation. Both can be completed online.

We strongly recommend visiting the venue in person to experience the flow of the spaces and ensure it feels right for your event. If you are planning from out of town, we are happy to schedule a virtual tour.

SCHEDULE A

# *Venue Tour*



We'd love to give you a personal tour of the venue, or if you prefer, schedule a quick call with one of our event experts or a virtual tour if you're out of town.

*Schedule Now* 

