

# Packard

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### Wedding Menu



# The History of Packard Plaza

The Packard Plaza was built in 1927. It was originally named the National Building because its owner was also the founder on the New National Hotel on Jefferson Street. The National Building became known as the Packard Building when it's first and basement floors housed a Packard car dealership.

In later years, the first floor became "The National Garage", which serviced all makes of cars. Traveling salesman would leave cars there over weekends to be serviced while they lived in downtown hotels.

The second floor of the Packard Building called "Thoma Brothers Recreation", sported 16 bowling lanes and a billiard parlor. The Thoma brothers, who owned and managed the recreation center, were prominent bowlers of the late 1920's and early 1930's.

The rooftop was perhaps the most popular feature of the Packard Building. Named the "The National Roof Garden", it was one of the major dance floors in the golden days of the big bands. Complete with a bar and garden, it hosted many well-known performers. Among them were Lawrence Welk and his orchestra, The Benny Goodman Orchestra, Tex Behnke and Tiny Hill.

The slogan of the National Roof was "*You pay her a compliment when you take her to the roof.*"

The National Building was designed by architect Frederic Klein. He also designed the Madison Theatre, the oldest theatre in Peoria. The National building is best identified by its large arches partially filled with glazed terra-cotta reliefs. It also shows off spiral corner columns of an Italian renaissance style façade.

From 1885 to 1926, an old bath house stood where the Packard Plaza now stands. The Sulphur Springs Sanitarium was the home of artesian baths. This building was razed in 1926 to make room for the National Building.

The Packard building was used for storage of city equipment for the past several years. It was restored as the Packard Plaza in August, 1991. In 2006, Packard Plaza was again updated and refreshed.

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# Your Wedding at Packard Plaza

Thank you for your interest in Packard Plaza, one of Peoria's premier landmarks located in the heart of Downtown Peoria. Originally built in the 1927, the building has been newly upgraded to enhance the classic look that era. The grand staircase and split-level ballroom overlooking the Illinois River are reminiscent of a time when the Peoria elite danced the night away to big bands and ballroom music.

Combine the grandeur of times past with today's amenities and technology and you have the perfect venue for your next event. Packard Plaza offers a variety of rooms to accommodate a small group setting or a grand social occasion. Free parking is available in our attached parking deck after 6PM during the week and all day Saturday and Sunday, with direct handicap accessibility to the building. Wireless Internet, LCD Projector and a Light and Sound System are just some of the conveniences available to you when booking an event at Packard Plaza.

After 14 years in operation, One World Catering has taken over the operation of Packard Plaza, offering full service catering, prepared on site by our Executive Chef and served by our courteous staff. Our professional team of educated catering representatives has numerous resources at its disposal, including state of the art catering and booking software to help you plan your next event or fundraiser.

Let Packard Plaza make your wedding day the most perfect day imaginable. Our goal is to provide you and your guests an enjoyable evening of celebration. This is made possible through the cooperative efforts of our Event Coordinators and Executive Chef, along with a friendly and professional team of servers and bartenders. With our assistance you can relax and enjoy an evening with your friends and loved ones.

In this menu we have created customized wedding packages. Our primary goal is to accommodate all of your needs. Take your time to leaf through the pages. Sketch out your ideas. Discuss your likes, dislikes and everything in between. When you're ready, call us to set an appointment to meet with one of our Catering and Event Coordinators to discuss the choices you have made. In the event that you have a menu in mind that differs from what you see here or should you have any special dietary needs, our experienced culinary team can create a customized menu for your special day.

Our team at Packard Plaza is here to advise and guide you through the planning process. Every detail is important to us because we want to ensure your complete satisfaction with your menu selection and reception.

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# The Wedding of a Lifetime at Packard Plaza

There is no room rental fee when having your reception at the Packard Plaza when you meet the minimum number of adult entrées of your choice. This minimum is based on which room you choose and the month and day of your reception. Choose from any of the package structures below.

## Our Wedding Package:

Packard Plaza's hospitality included with every wedding booked.

Champagne toast, ice sculpture, round mirror and centerpieces, linens, chairs, silverware, raised platform for head table, cake cutting, coffee and iced tea service.

A complimentary hotel room is included when you guarantee more than 150 guests.

## Our Preferred Wedding Package

Includes the basic package plus cheese and cracker display and audio visual display, beer & wine reception. Your additional investment is \$15.00 per guest.

- **Beer & Wine Reception**-Beer and wine to thank your guests for sharing your special day, domestic draft beer, assorted house wines and soft drinks.

## Our Majestic Wedding Package

Our most popular package includes the preferred package plus elegant chair covers, hors d'oeuvres reception, cocktail reception, and luxury suite upgrade subject to availability.

Your additional investment is \$28.00 per guest.

- **Elegant Chair Covers**-Includes white chair covers and your choice of color accessory.
- **Hors D'oeuvres**-One hour of appetizers will certainly occupy your guests while they anticipate the arrival of the bride and groom. Includes: Fresh vegetable tray with dip, assorted cheese and crackers, fresh fruit collage and your choice of any three hors d'oeuvres from our ala carte menu (market priced items not included)
- **Cocktail Reception**-Entertain your guests with six full hours of well, call and premium brand liquors, wines, domestic draft beer and soda. Bar closes during dinner service.
- **Luxury Accommodations**-After a joyful but exhausting day, step back, relax and settle in for a romantic evening in one of Mark Twain Hotel's spacious Jacuzzi suites. A great way end a truly memorable day! (Subject to availability)

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All prices subject to sales tax and service charge



















