

PRINCETON: Diners now enjoying Nassau Inn's patio

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Al fresco dining and drinks have landed in the midst of Palmer Square with the recent completion of the Nassau Inn's Yankee Doodle Tap Room outdoor patio area.

"The patio has just been a tremendous addition for us," said Lori Rabon, general manager of the Nassau Inn. "We are extremely pleased."

All the offerings of the Yankee Doodle Tap Room are available outside at the patio area, Ms. Rabon said. And despite the sultry temperatures of late, the outdoor seating is very comfortable with the help of a system of spray-fan misters that was recently installed, she said.

Room renovations continue at the Nassau Inn, as part of a multi-year major upgrade and expansion of the venerable inn located in downtown Princeton, according to Ms. Rabon.

In early spring renovation of 34 rooms was completed, and currently "we've got another section closed down and are working on them," Ms. Rabon said. This closed portion of the Nassau Inn contains 44 rooms, of which 21 are being renovated, she said.

By Labor Day the latest stage of its renovations will be complete, Ms. Rabon said, with a third stage of 42 rooms scheduled for upgrades beginning in December, with completion scheduled for April 2011, she said.

Thereafter, the inn will take a break from renovations for next year's busy Princeton University graduation and Reunions season, before commencing the major renovation of its Colonial Wing, which will take 14 months to complete, Ms. Rabon said.