

## New Restaurants On The Radar: Trattoria Cinque, Forty Eight, Berry Park

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**Forty Eight:** The numerology theme continues! This new midtown cocktail lounge in the McGraw Hill building at

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dark and dreary. Instead, go play ring toss in the backyard at [The Diamond](#), which is located a stone's throw away at 43 Franklin Street, Greenpoint; (783) 383-5030. Dave, the owner, is super nice.