

2019 Dining News

What's Open, Closed & Coming Soon in Chapel Hill, Carrboro & Hillsborough

Chapel Hill

Open

[Haw River Grill](#) at 261 S. Elliott Rd is open

[Sal's](#) has re-opened at 2811 Homestead Rd.

[Pho Happiness](#) at 508 A West Franklin Street

In East 54, Chef Brandon Sharp has opened [Hawthorne & Wood](#) in the former **Raaga**.

[Blue Spoon Microcreamery](#) in the former Sugarland spot

Swasdee Thai Restaurant on Columbia Street (near the intersection with Franklin Street) has closed for renovations and being converted into a [Cajun Crab House](#)

[Philly Steak Factory](#) is open in the Courtyard on West Franklin Street

Sutton's has opened a second Chapel Hill location. It's in the remodeled atrium at the **Europa Center**. [Check them out here](#).

[Refuge](#) at The Franklin Hotel at 311 W. Franklin Street is a renovated cocktail bar that offers a few shareable food options in the evening. Provides the convenience of dining within your guest room, we also offer evening room service. In the mornings, Refuge becomes a breakfast space for guests of the hotel and the community.

Don Chicken, a Mexican rotisserie with Southern inspired sides, has opened on Elliot Road in the former **Monterrey** location (**Monterrey** moved to **Rams Plaza**). **Don Chicken** is family owned and operated and also serves up some great tacos. [Follow them on Instagram here](#).

Closed

Babalu Tapas & Tacos at the Shops at Eastgate has closed.

Tama Café at 105 E. Franklin St.

Cuban Revolution Express on 401 West Franklin Street

Roots Bistro & Bar in downtown Chapel Hill on East Franklin Street

MidiCi Italian Kitchen at 100 E. Franklin Street

Shanghai Dumpling, downtown East Franklin Street closed due to fire damage.

Sunrise Biscuit Kitchen on East Franklin Street is closed temporarily due to damage from an electrical fire.

Coming Soon

Blue Dogwood Public Market is entering its second year with a couple North Carolina basics: barbecue and ice cream. Joining this summer will be **Big Belly Que** from chef **Garret Fleming**, who was the chef at the acclaimed Motto restaurant in downtown Durham before it closed in July 2017. The second new vendor is Burlington's **Smitty's Homemade Ice Cream**, which is returning to Chapel Hill and opening a satellite location at the food hall's bar. **Blue Dogwood** opened last June at 306 W. Franklin St. Two vendors have recently left **Chocolatay** and **Left Bank Butchery**. [Get all the latest here](#).

[Gizmo Brew Works](#) will open a taproom in the former Rathskeller.

Dame's Chicken & Waffles plans to open in the former BSKi's at 147 E. Franklin Street location in downtown Chapel Hill while [Curry Point Express](#) will take the former Asia Cafe's spot.

[Peño Mediterranean Grill](#) will take the place of Tama Café

The recently closed Sawasdee Thai Restaurant at 110 N. Columbia Street is being converted to a [Cajun Crab House](#).

[Epilogue Books Chocolate Brews](#). **Epilogue**, an independent bookstore and Spanish-style chocolatería, is coming to 109 E. Franklin Street. Enjoy books, chocolate, beer, and coffee.

The folks behind **Italian Pizzeria III** (brothers **Vinnie** and **Angelo**) and **Al's Burgers (Al Bowers)** are joining forces to open **Yellow House Tacos** in the little yellow house behind those two Franklin Street institutions at 104 N. Graham Street.

Japan Express is being built where the former **Pizza Hut** location was on Estes Drive.

Carrboro

Open

Rebranded - [Rise Southern Biscuits & Righteous Chicken](#) at 310 E. Main Street

Looking Glass Café is [Honeysuckle Café & Bar](#) at 601 W. Main Street

Closed

[CrossTies Bistro & Beer Garden](#) (in the train). The Station is the Depot next store is still open.

[Milltown](#) at 307 E. Main Street.

[One Fish Two Fish Poke](#) in the 300 E. Main Street development has closed.

Coming Soon

[Coronato Pizza](#) in the new South Green development on S. Greensboro Street.

Hillsborough

Open

The former **King Street Bar** is now [Yonder: Southern Cocktails & Brew](#) at 114 W. King Street.

James Pharmacy, which replaced **LaPlace Louisiana Cookery** after a five-year run, is open. The new concept serves fresh North Carolina seafood and kept **LaPlace's** creative beverage program, the popular Sunday brunches, and their famous Bloody Mary menu. Also improved outdoor seating and an expanded beer and wine selection. [Check them out on Facebook here](#).

[Tacos Los Altos](#) is open at 126 W. King Street.

[Colorado Burrito Mexican Grill](#) moved from the Daniel Boone Village to 6102 US 70, Mebane

Closed

LaPlace (see above)

King Street Bar (see above)

Coming

[Matthew's Chocolates](#) is moving across street in old Bona Fide Sandwich shop location at 104 N. Churton Street.

Rasoi Ventures announced they are opening a new global tapas-style bistro at 124 King St. – they haven't landed on a name yet. Look for a mid-fall opening. **Keep up with them on Instagram here.**

Carrboro restaurants [Napoli pizza](#) and [Glasshalfull](#) wine bar will partner on a new restaurant slated to open in the space that formerly house Mystery Brewing Public House on 230 S. Nash Street this fall. The new restaurant will carry the [Napoli](#) name, but will venture beyond the pizza and gelato it serves now from its East Main Street restaurant and popular food truck in Carrboro. It also will feature small plates and entrees, some of which will also be cooked in the wood oven.

Send restaurant news to info@visitchapelhill.org. Check back from time to time for dining updates.

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