

Summer 2019 Dining News

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

Chapel Hill

Open

Sunrise Biscuit Kitchen has reopened at its East Franklin Street location after repairs due to an electrical fire.

Don Chicken, a Mexican rotisserie with Southern inspired sides, on Elliot Road, has returned to **Monterrey Tacos & Burritos**. (**Monterrey Mexican Grill** is in **Rams Plaza**).

[Curry Point Express](#) is open at 118 E. Franklin Street in the former Asia Cafe's spot.

Closed

[Ye Old Waffle Shoppe](#) at 173 E. Franklin Street is closed due to repairs but will reopen soon.

[Perennial Coffee](#) has closed at 403 West Franklin Street but will be reopening next door at 401 West Franklin Street in the former Cuban Revolution Express location.

Hops Burger Bar at 140 West Franklin Street has closed.

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

MidiCi Italian Kitchen at 100 E. Franklin Street

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

Bagel Bar on Weaver Dairy Road has closed (see below)

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.](#)

[Deli Edison](#), a project from Sam Suchoff, owner of Lady Edison hams will open in the Bagel Bar location on Weaver Dairy Road near The Pig and The Neighborhood Bar.

[Peño Mediterranean Grill](#) will open soon at 105 E. Franklin Street in the former Tama Café location.

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

Dame's Chicken & Waffles plans to open in the former BSkis at 147 E. Franklin Street location in downtown Chapel Hill.

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.

[401 Main Bar](#), an upscale dive bar is coming to Carrboro soon.

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.

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

Closed

LaPlace (see above)

King Street Bar (see above)

Coming

Rasoi Ventures announced they are opening a new global tapas-style bistro, [Nomad](#), 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@visit Chapel Hill.org. Check back from time to time for dining updates.

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