

FOOD & DINING

New South End cocktail lounge with rotating drink lineup opens this week in Charlotte

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Blue Door, a new cocktail bar from the team behind Trio nightclub, is opening its doors this week in Charlotte's South End.

You can start checking out what Blue Door has to offer when its grand opening begins Friday, Oct. 4 at 5 p.m. in the former Bardo restaurant space.

Look for a rotating cocktail menu in an intimate but welcoming setting that's specially designed to "encourage meaningful connections and unforgettable nights."

"We wanted to create a place where we'd want to hang out —somewhere comfortable yet exciting, where you can relax and still have a great night out," Eric Gussin, who co-founded the place with Kate Gussin, said in a news release.

Mike Guzmán — named in the U.S. Bartenders Guild's Top 30 World Class U.S. Bartenders — will lead the cocktail program at Blue Door as the creative director/operator.

The Gussins aim to provide an elevated cocktail experience, "focusing on quality, sustainability and inclusivity," where you can also host private events or chef-led dinners.

"We've been a part of the Charlotte hospitality scene for a while now, and we saw a gap — places either felt too stiff or too chaotic," Eric Gussin said.

"With Blue Door, we're creating a space where our guests can feel at home, whether they're grabbing drinks with friends or looking for an intimate event space."

BLUE DOOR

Location: 1508 S Mint St, Charlotte, NC 28203
Hours: Monday-Sunday, 5 p.m. to close.
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New York-style bagel chain opening new location in South Charlotte shopping center

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You'll be able to experience a taste of "The Big Apple" in Charlotte thanks to a New York-style bagel shop opening in November.

Jeff's Bagel Run is setting up shop in Blakeney Town Center in the space formerly home to SAS Cupcakes, which closed in June due to the cost of rent and the rising costs of goods.

The Florida-based business, run by Jeff and Danielle Perera, came to be when they "decided to take matters into their own hands" after moving down South where there were a lack of options to get authentic New York-style bagels, the company website says.

From what started as "the bagel run" of personally deliver-

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JEFF'S BAGEL RUN

Jeff's Bagel Run is planning to open a handful of shops in the Charlotte area.



TRIPLE C BREWING CO.

Triple C owner Chris Harker loads up cans filled with water at the brewery. The water will go to help victims of Hurricane Helene.

Charlotte businesses rally to aid Helene victims in NC

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BLAZE PIZZA

Location: Multiple
Blaze Pizza's Asheville team members have been affected by the storm, and the team is launching a GoFundMe to help them. The pizzeria has been part of the Asheville community for 10 years and has ties to Charlotte — and entrepreneur Jimmy Sierra is the franchise owner for Blaze Pizzas in the Charlotte, Gastonia and Asheville markets. Details are incoming and we'll update this story online at CharlotteFive.com when they are available.

CANTEEN AT CAMP NORTH END

Location: 1824 Statesville Ave #100, Charlotte, NC 28206
The Canteen at Camp North End is able to purchase supplies at a wholesale rate. Venmo donations to @good-company-noda and owners Joey Hewell and Scott Lindsay will use the money to purchase supplies and take it to people who need it in Western North Carolina.

COFFEE REPUBLIC

Location: Multiple
Coffee Republic is collecting donations at any of its North Carolina locations, including Huntersville, Denver, Mooresville, Cornelius, Matthews and Ballantyne. Suggested items include baby formula, children's medicine, diapers, pet food, flashlights, batteries and more.

ARRICHION

Location: 125 Winona St, Charlotte, NC 28203
Arrichion's yoga and circuit training studio in Charlotte will be hosting a special donation-based mystery stone class Oct. 5 at 10 a.m. with proceeds going to Red Cross of North Carolina. The studio is asking for a \$15 minimum donation for the class open to all members and nonmembers.

ARTISAN VEGELATO

Location: 301 W John St #5356, Matthews, NC 28105
At Artisan Vegelato, 10 percent of all sales will be donated to Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee hurricane relief.

THE COWFISH SUSHI BURGER BAR

Location: 4310 Sharon Rd, Charlotte, NC 28211
The Cowfish Sushi Burger Bar in Charlotte will be collecting donations until Thursday, Oct. 3 to deliver to victims in Western North Carolina. The restaurant is accepting non-perishable food, pet food, cleaning supplies, toiletries, tarps, plastic utensils, sunscreen and more.

DUCKWORTH'S GRILL & TAPHOUSE

Location: Several locations in the Charlotte area
Duckworth's, The Cellar at Duckworth's and Link & Pin are donating 5 percent of total sales across all Duckworth's and Link & Pin locations to Hearts With Hands beginning Wednesday, Oct. 9. Additionally, The Loft at Duckworth's will also be donating 5 percent of total sales, beginning Thursday, Oct. 10.

EEZ

Location: 16925 Birkdale Commons Pkwy F, Huntersville, NC 28078
EeZ Fusion & Sushi in Birkdale Village is accepting donations until Thursday, Oct. 3 for victims in western North Carolina. The Lake Norman restaurant is collecting nonperishable food, cleaning supplies, toiletries and more.

THE EVENING MUSE

Location: 3227 N Davidson St, Charlotte, NC 28205

The Evening Muse and Tosco Music are donating all the money from open mic nights on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 to hurricane relief in Western North Carolina. Bring items to donate as well when you come out for open mic.

FRED & JUNE'S BOOKS

Location: 248 N Main St, Mooresville, NC 28115
At Fred and June's Books, 10 percent of in-store sales this week will be donated to the N.C. Relief fund.

GOODVETS CHARLOTTE

Location: 1713 Central Ave, Charlotte, NC 28205
At GoodVets Charlotte's Plaza Midwood location, drop donations of pet items, including pet food, collars, leashes, carriers, blankets and first aid or human needs, including nonperishable human food, blankets, feminine hygiene products, water and first aid.

GREAT WAGON ROAD DISTILLING CO. NODA AND LOCAL BREWERIES

Location: 610 Anderson St, Charlotte, NC 28205
Great Wagon Road Distilling Co., in partnership with other Charlotte-area breweries, is collecting supplies for victims in Western North Carolina. Water, first aid supplies, toiletries and other essential items can be dropped off at the following locations in addition to its NoDa location:

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'We're doing this for Charlotte': BayHaven Food and Wine Festival returns for fourth year

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The BayHaven Food and Wine Festival is returning to the Queen City for its fourth year from October 4-6 at Savona Mill in West Charlotte.

This festival is a celebration of Black foodways and the culinary traditions of the African Diaspora, featuring music-themed dinners, exclusive tastings and pairings, barbecue

bashes, educational panels and more. Tickets for individual events start at \$75.

THE WHY

The BayHaven Festival was founded by chef Greg and Subrina Collier — the duo behind 3rd & Fernwood, Leah & Louise and Uptown Yolk — with the intent to spotlight diverse voices in the culinary industry. Chef Greg is a 4x semifinalist and nominee for the James Beard Awards, and the couple



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Restaurant owners Subrina and Greg Collier noticed a lack of Black communities at other food festivals, and started the BayHaven Food and Wine Festival to create a festival that championed Black spaces and food.

won Charlotte Magazine's 2018's Charlotteans of the Year. However, the restaurateurs have transcended these titles, and certainly didn't allow their work to stop in the kitchen, even as they started getting

national recognition. They saw a gap in the food festival market across the Southeast — a stark lack of Black voices, chefs and industry

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