



Open for biz

Federal Hill's new **In Bloom Restaurant**, a partnership between Chefs Kevin Perry and Cyrus Keefer, doesn't offer one specific type of cuisine — rather a seasonal menu featuring grilled or pan-fried meats, street food, French bread pizza, fresh pasta, and fusion dishes. InBloomRestaurant.com

The Motor House in Station North, a theater, performance space, music venue, art gallery, studio space, and arts hub, now has a new restaurant. **Showroom Cafe and Bar** offers locally sourced comfort food by day and cross-cultural street food, craft cocktails, and local beers at night — all under the direction of Pantry Catering's Executive Chef Daniel Horwitz. Various types of performances are scheduled a few nights a week. MotorHouseBaltimore.com.

Zinburger Wine & Burger Bar opened its first Maryland location at Arundel Mills Mall in Hanover. The menu offers gourmet build-your-own burgers, shakes, floats, and pies and, of course, wine. Zinburger.com.



Hey cat lovers! **Charm Kitty Cafe** opened on Clipper Mill Road in Hampden. Baltimore's first of its kind, the cafe basically offers a place to work in the company of adoptable cats (ya can't bring your own), although they offer



THE NOOK CAFE opened at 801 West Baltimore Street in The University of Maryland's Bio Park Campus. Founded by business partners Lindsay Henry (l) and Jane Pruitt, the new spot offers fresh, homemade, locally sourced salads and sandwiches and catering. The owners have a background in the catering and event industries, with a deep passion for health conscious food. NookCafeBaltimore.com. (photo: Megan Harris Photography)

cookies from Dark Side Cookies and Zeke's coffee. Reservations are available in 70-minute slots, and, since opening, the place is booked weeks in advance! All of the cats are adoptable through the Baltimore Humane Society. Photos of available cats, and those who have found homes, can be found on the website: charmkittycafe.com/cats.

Okay...equal time! **The Dog Chef Cafe** opened at 863 North Howard Street. Trained Chef Kevin Matthews creates custom meal plans and tasty treats that are human grade. AND — you can book a doggie date in the party room. Buy your fur babies moon pies, kale biscuits, and sweet potato fries. LOVE THIS! TheDogChefCafe.com.

Coming soon...

Husband and wife team, Laura and David Alima are opening a second location of their way popular Hampden ice cream shop, **The**

Charmery, at 6807 York Road in Towson. The new spot, set to open in spring or early summer 2018, will have more seating than the original location and a freezer for grab 'n go sales. Next year, production will move from the Hampden shop to the Union Collective in Hampden. I love me some Alimas! TheCharmery.com.

Chaps Pit Beef on Pulaski Highway (there's a second spot in Aberdeen) has signed off on a deal to open its first (2,000-square-foot) franchised location in Frederick and is working on a fourth location in Rockville. ChapsPitBeef.com.

Tropical Smoothie Cafe, a fast casual franchise concept, has signed a lease with Boulevard College Center in Owings Mills, adjacent to Stevenson University. Expected to open by the end of this year, the company operates over 600 locations across the country, including nine restaurants in Maryland and another four under

construction. TropicalSmoothie.com.

Chef/owner of **Jack's Bistro**, Ted Stelzenmuller, is closing the doors to his wildly popular restaurant so he can open a new spot in Canton (with seating for 68) on Hudson Street. It's called...**Blair's on Hudson**. Chef Ted's new menu will feature "regular fare," such as burgers and noodle entrees, as well as some of the most popular dishes from Jack's, like the mac and cheese with chocolate. AND — the whole staff will move across Canton with him. No opening date yet.

What's happening...

Ted Levitt, owner of the iconic Annapolis eatery **Chick and Ruth's Delly** recently announced that he's sold the restaurant. Word is the new owner doesn't plan to make too many changes. Ted's parents, Chick and Ruth, opened the deli over 50 years ago, and it's been a way popular hangout for neighbors and politicians. Side note: Chick and Ruth were friends with my parents. Growing up, I thought Chick's name was Chicken Ruth. Yes, I know, not the brightest bulb, but I WAS a toddler. Good luck Teddy... in this new chapter of your life. ChickandRuths.com.

The **Chasseur New American Bar and Restaurant** (pronounced sha-sur) in Fells Point has expanded the property with a 1200-square-foot third-floor rooftop bar featuring a crush and raw bar, garage doors, and a retractable skylight. The relaxed neighborhood tavern serves up American fare and craft beers. TheChasseur.com

The 44th Annual **Maryland Irish Festival** is set for November 10-12 at the Timonium Fairgrounds. Enjoy traditional Irish food and drink, live music, kid's activities, etc. IrishFestival.com.