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# Cambridge's Central Square Is Getting a Ton of New Food Options Soon – and More Coming Attractions

A weekly roundup of news about exciting restaurants in the works in and around Boston

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Ice cream shop Toscanini's will reopen later this year in roughly its original space on Main Street, part of a new boutique hotel called 907 Main | [Toscanini's/Official Site](#)

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## March 4, 2020 — Lots of Things for Central Square, Guy Fieri Times Two, and More

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*DOWNTOWN BOSTON*

On the heels of his Boston debut in late 2019, television personality and restaurateur Guy Fieri now has *two* more Boston restaurants up his sleeve, replacing Explorateur (186 Tremont St., across from Boston Common) with **Guy Fieri's Boston Kitchen + Bar** and a fast-casual chicken shop, **Chicken Guy**. [Read more.](#)

In other downtown Boston news, the city's unstoppable wave of poke shops will continue [with the opening of Poke City](#) in the former [Wheelhouse](#) space at 63 Broad St. (Wheelhouse, a popular burger shop, closed recently in preparation for its move to the forthcoming food hall High Street Place nearby.) Poke City has an older location near Porter Square in Cambridge.

## CAMBERVILLE

### *CENTRAL SQUARE*

A few more details are out regarding Cambridge's forthcoming boutique hotel 907 Main and its dining options, which will include **Blue Owl**, a rooftop bar; **the Dial**, a restaurant; the return of ice cream shop **Toscanini's**, which was previously located at the site of the hotel; and Belmont bakery **Praliné**. The hotel itself, along with Blue Owl and the Dial, should open in May 2020, with the other two businesses following soon after. Here's a [sneak peek at Blue Owl's menu](#), and here's [the Dial's](#).

In other Central Square news, mixed-use development **Market Central** announced the first two of its ground-floor retail tenants today. **Muku** — a ramen shop from chef Toru Oga, who is also behind [Oga's Japanese Cuisine](#) in Natick, a nearly two-decade-year-old restaurant — will open in May 2020, serving lunch and dinner. **Jaho Coffee Roaster & Wine Bar** — which has several locations in Boston, Salem, and Tokyo — will open in August 2020, serving coffee, pastries, small bites, and more, not to mention natural wines and other alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. The development, which includes three different residential buildings, will include an outdoor covered walkway and marketplace with 15,000 square feet of retail space, so keep an eye out for further announcements as these are just the first two.

### *UNION SQUARE*

Former **Bow Market** pop-up **Perillas**, a bibimbap shop, is making a comeback, rejoining the Somerville market this summer as a permanent tenant. [Read more.](#)

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### *BURLINGTON*

Joining the recently announced forthcoming **Fogo de Chão** at the Burlington Mall will be salad chain **Sweetgreen**, which could open this summer. Sweetgreen is slated for [the Village at Burlington Mall](#), a portion of the redevelopment of the Burlington Mall that will also include Japanese barbecue chain **Gyu-Kaku**.

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### *CHESTNUT HILL*

O Ya's Tim and Nancy Cushman are getting closer to opening their new **family-friendly, wood-fired restaurant Bianca** at Chestnut Hill development the Street, and now they've announced that it will include **a Roman pizzeria with its own identity: Mr. Roni Cups** will open at 33 Boylston St. inside Bianca in late March, serving Roman-style pizza by the slice and pan, along with wood-fired rotisserie chicken, shawarma, and more.

### *QUINCY*

Latin American-inspired cocktail bar **Pearl & Lime**, **a sequel to the Townshend**, could open later this month at 32 Chestnut St. in Quincy Center. Owners Palmer Matthews and Devin Adams have **brought on Jennifer O'Neil as executive chef**; the Cape Cod native has been cooking in Southern California for the last few years, including as executive chef at Leona on Venice Beach. Pearl & Lime sous chef Alex Galvis is an alum of Alden & Harlow and Naco Taco. Expect a rum- and tequila-filled cocktail list from Matthews.

### *EVERYWHERE*

Prepare for a lot more **Kelly's Roast Beef**, maybe. The popular local chain announced this week that it is opening itself up to franchising opportunities in hopes of adding as many as six new restaurants across Greater Boston and elsewhere in New England over the next two years. The company has its sights set on Natick, Quincy, Worcester, and Providence, as well as express locations in mall food courts and at schools. The ultimate goal: 50 total location operating within the next five years. Got between \$900,000 and \$1.7 million available? One of those locations could be yours.

WOBURN

Here comes another **Shake Shack**, as well as **the Broadway Rooftop Bar and Restaurant**, **Surf Seafood**, grain bowl chain **Cava**, ubiquitous cafe chain **Caffe Nero**, and **Panera**. They're all slated to open **at Woburn Village**, an open-air development replacing the Woburn Mall.

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