



MARKET MANIA

Our neighborhood is already home to a host of great grocery stores and supermarkets, from Whole Foods and Trader Joe's to Publix and Kroger. But this fall, two new exciting stores are upping the grocery game here in town.

In fact, this summer, specialty grocer **Fresh Market** opened its thirteenth Georgia location in North Druid Hills' Brighten Park shopping center. The 23,000-square-foot store houses a bakery churning out 30 freshly baked breads and 14 pie varieties daily, plus a full service meat counter with freshly ground beef, a wide array of ready-to-serve entrées, fresh seafood delivered multiple times a week and more than 200 imported and domestic cheeses. You'll find 400-plus items in the produce department, which is largely organic, as well as a slew of "bars": juice/smoothie, hot pizza, gelato and coffee.

And **Sprouts Farmers Market** will join the organic grocery scene with their grand opening in Sandy Springs this month, making it their eighth location in Georgia, but their first in Atlanta city limits. Expect plenty of fresh, natural and organic foods at great prices at the new 26,000-square-foot outpost.

A bunch of new grocers are still on the horizon—keep an eye out for a forthcoming **Kroger** in Buckhead's Piedmont/Lindbergh neighborhood in the fall of 2016, and a new **Whole Foods Market** in Brookhaven/Chamblee. The 40,000-square-foot store is expected to open in early 2017.

Top: Fresh Market opened in North Druid Hills' Brighten Park shopping center this summer.

Below: Sprouts Farmers Market opens in Sandy Springs this month.

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Sprouts Farmers Market
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FIRST LOOK:

MASTI—FUN INDIAN STREET EATS

It's been nearly four months since chef Ricky Walia opened Masti—Fun Indian Street Eats in Toco Hills Promenade. Here, we take a first look at the new space:

THE LOOK: Meaning "for fun" in Hindi, "masti" certainly lives up to its name. The lively space is peppered with bright colors, natural woods, photos of Walia's travels through India (which inspired the restaurant) and tantalizing textiles. The 47-seat restaurant also boasts a 30-seat patio, where guests can dine or smoke aromatic hookah in festive flavors like Spiced Chai and Saffron Melon.

THE FOOD: Walia has fused traditional Indian flavors and classic American dishes into one-of-a-kind plates as innovative as they are delicious—think butter chicken tacos, paneer dogs (hot dog buns stuffed with Indian cheese, veggies and spicy sauce) and masala fries topped with onions, tomatoes,

cilantro, crushed paneer and house-made sauce. Our favorite dishes, though, are the most authentic: Nepalese momo (steamed dumplings), North Indian chaat (crispy street food snacks topped with yogurt and chutney) and ras malai (a cream cheese dessert bathed in a floral pistachio milk sauce).

THE DRINKS: Sip on Indian favorites, like Milk Badam (sweet milk with almonds, pistachio and saffron) and Nimbu Pani (Indian-style lemonade with a hint of saltiness) to help cool things off, or indulge in one of their fun cocktails, like the Mumbai Mule.

THE VERDICT: We couldn't be happier Masti is here—this wallet-friendly spot is boosting the ethnic food scene in the area with Indian-meets-American plates in a vibrant atmosphere.

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Top: Masti masala pasta is made with Indian spices and seasoning, penne pasta and a house tikka masala sauce topped with Parmesan cheese, oregano and parsley.

Bottom: The utthapam taco is made with a lentil and rice batter pancake and your choice of butter chicken, spiced keema or paneer bhurji. It's topped with rice, tomato, onion, cheese and a housemade chili-garlic sauce.



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MY BUCKHEAD: MICHEL ARNETTE

You may recognize Michel Arnette, who hails from Buckhead Life Restaurant Group, from his two Brookhaven hangouts: HAVEN, a modern American bistro, and Valenza, a neighborhood Italian spot. Adding to his arsenal, Arnette will open Vero Pizzeria next door this fall. Expect a 6,800-pound Acunto Napoli pizza oven serving up Neopolitan pies in a fast-casual setting. Here is Arnette's guide to Buckhead eats:



■ When I'm craving a quick, cheap bite to eat, I go to Souper Jenny. I love their pretzel bread with chicken salad, and their soups are terrific (My Dad's Turkey Chili is a favorite).

■ Time to celebrate—I'm headed to Aria. Tonya (my wife) and I normally celebrate our anniversary there. We love the short rib entrée.

■ When I've got no time to cook or go out, I get delivery from Annie's Thai Castle. We love their fresh basil rolls and the roast duck with red curry.

■ When it comes to grocery stores, I go to Whole Foods for great prime meats, and I love Peachtree Road Farmers Market.

■ At happy hour, you'll find me at King + Duke—the deviled eggs are awesome and we like the atmosphere. Taking it home? I like Brookhaven Wines.

■ When I'm in the mood for ethnic food, I go to Umi. We like to sit at the sushi bar with Chef Ito. Love to have him surprise us with all the works!

■ Night out on the town and I'm at the St. Regis Bar—it's just a sexy place to have a drink that's almost like a getaway bar, rather than a "be seen" place. The next morning, you can find me at the White House for brunch.

NOW OPEN/COMING SOON

KALEIDOSCOPE BISTRO & PUB

This summer, Kaleidoscope Bistro & Pub got a big makeover—not only was the interior and menu revamped, but the Brookhaven hotspot expanded next door with a 1,200-square-foot space featuring more bar seating, TVs and bathrooms, plus a live music space and a Wood Stone pizza oven. Expect half a dozen new beers on tap, including an exclusive brew made by Red Brick Brewing Company, and nine specialty pizzas.



Brookhaven's Kaleidoscope got a new look—and new menu—this summer.

IL GIALLO OSTERIA & BAR

Mourn no more—though longtime Buckhead favorite Veni Vidi Vici closed this summer, two of the restaurant's employees (chef Jamie Adams and general manager Leonardo Moura) are opening their own spot in Sandy Springs this fall. Fresh handmade pasta is the name of the game at Il Giallo Osteria & Bar (hint: it's best eaten at the chef's table where you can watch him roll and knead), though coastal seafood and charcuterie round out the menu. Don't miss the duck agnolotti with brown butter, sage and pecans—when it was on Veni Vidi Vici's menu, it was featured on the Food Network's "The Best Thing I Ever Ate."

BURN SOCIAL CLUB

Andrews Entertainment District welcomed Burn Social Club this summer, a social club reminiscent of the 1930s, where live music, late night DJs and salsa dancing are complemented by a light food menu, a flavored ice program (don't miss the smoked ice in the Burn Old Fashioned), craft beer and wine, and more than 50 rare bourbons, whiskeys and scotches from around the world.

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