

Restaurant Roundup: Sweetgreen opens second S. Fla. location; Carrot Express expands to Boca Raton

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Sweetgreen

This Culver City, California-based salad chain debuted its second South Florida eatery April 8. Located within CocoWalk in Miami's Coconut Grove, it follows the first South Florida location, which opened in Coral Gables in December. The CocoWalk location occupies 1,990 square feet.

Carrot Express

The concept's eighth location opened April 12 at 10 E. Palmetto Park Road in Boca Raton. Prior to this, all Carrot Express restaurants were in Miami-Dade County. The 1,700-square-foot eatery seats 40 patrons indoors and 64 outside.

Li's Dim Sum

This dinner-only pop-up opened in early April within MKT Kitchen at 1831 Ponce de Leon Blvd. in Coral Gables. Led by Chef [Raymond Li](#), the eatery will only be available for dine-in patrons Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Jeremiah's Italian Ice

This Orlando-based ice creamery opened its seventh location in South Florida at Cooper Square, 9630 Stirling Road in Cooper City. The location, owned by franchisees [Matthew McMillan](#) and [Aycan Lale](#), held its grand opening in late March.

Blue Wave Sushi

From local restaurateur [Memphis Garrett](#), Blue Wave Sushi is a ghost kitchen concept set to launch from Fort Lauderdale in late April. Garrett said he plans to bring the concept to Plantation and Tampa by the end of the year.

Starbucks

Located at 2925 N.E. Eighth St. in Homestead, this newly opened Starbucks is the brand's 76th Military Family store in the U.S. and sixth in Florida. The location, which debuted April 8, will hire mostly military veterans and spouses.

Three-story food hall proposed for historic Walgreens building in Miami

The historic Walgreens building at 200 E. Flagler St. in Miami could soon become a food hall and restaurant space.

Developer and general contractor Stambul Construction owns the building, completed in 1937. The Miami-based company filed plans to revamp it with a three-level food hall, rooftop restaurant and basement speakeasy.

The city's Historic & Environmental Preservation Board reviewed and approved the project April 6, but the plan still needs approval from the city commission before changes can be made to the structure. City commissioners will hear the proposal April 22. Pending approvals, the development will be called Julia & Henry's, named after early developer Henry Flagler and Julia Tuttle, the founder of Miami.

According to site plans submitted to the city, 29 food and beverage tenants would make up the three-story food hall. There would be 738 seats for customers. Additionally, six of the food hall vendors would have outdoor-facing takeout windows.

The ground level would also include a bar, according to site plans reviewed by the *Business Journal*.

Just below, a basement speakeasy called Jolene is planned. The lounge would have its own kitchen, seating, and a private karaoke room.

The fourth floor of the building would house a separate high-end restaurant with outdoor terrace seating. The 6,344-square-foot eatery would seat 54 patrons indoors, with an additional 64 seats outside. In addition to the main dining room, the restaurant will have a six-stool sake bar, an eight-seat sake lounge and an eight-stool outdoor bar.

According to its letter of intent, Stambul Construction would continue to own the property and lease out space to the food and beverage tenants. J&H Hospitality LLC will manage operations and oversee the food vendors.

"The applicant envisions Julia & Henry's becoming a key player in the rebirth of downtown Miami as a culinary and entertainment destination for locals and tourists," a representative for Stambul wrote in the letter of intent. "The project will thoughtfully curate vendors, unique spaces and activities, contributing to the entertainment hub of downtown Miami."

The project would also include a shared office space that could accommodate 300 workers.

Mark Your Calendar: July 4

Possible date for a return to sailing for Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings. The Miami-based cruise giant (NYSE: NCLH) asked the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to revoke its conditional sail order so it may resume voyages from South Florida by July 4. Cruises departing from the U.S. would only allow fully vaccinated guests and crew onboard. NCLH – which owns the Norwegian, Oceania and Regent Seven Seas brands – has not embarked passengers in the U.S. since March 2020.

The Big Number: 90%

Doral-based Carnival Corp. revealed in its first quarter earnings report that cruise bookings were up 90% compared to the prior-year period. As of Feb. 28, Carnival Corp. held \$1.8 billion in customer deposits, including about \$700 million in bookings for 2021. The number is a sign that pent-up cruise

demand is beginning to manifest into planned vacations for cruise companies.