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Howard County Restaurant and Craft Beverages Weeks

Discover your NEW favorite summer dish or drink while supporting local restaurants

Highlights:

- New name: Howard County Restaurant and Craft Beverages Weeks (previously known as Howard County Restaurant Weeks & Craft Beverages)
- New dates: August 12 - 25, over thirty-five (35) participating locations
- Special menus, something for every taste and every budget
- Gift certificate giveaways

HoCoRestaurantWeeks.com

Ellicott City, MD (August 8, 2024)

Visit Howard County is pleased to announce the launch of its summer restaurant weeks campaign and a new name, Restaurant and Craft Beverages Weeks. Mark your calendars for a culinary event spanning over two weeks, from August 12th to 25th, featuring over 35 participating locations. Howard County Restaurant and Craft Beverages Weeks invite you to savor extraordinary dining experiences, showcasing the rich tapestry of restaurants that call this community home.

Visit Howard County is partnering with iHeart Radio and giving away gift cards to participating restaurants via online drawings with radio stations Z104.3 Baltimore's #1 Hit Music Station, 93.1 WPOC - Today's Best Country, and 102.7 JACK-FM - Playing What We Want for Baltimore. Restaurant Weeks enthusiast can enter the drawing via the links below:

WPOC: <https://wpoc.iheart.com/promotions/enter-to-win-a-100-gift-1683373/>

WZFT: <https://z1043.iheart.com/promotions/enter-to-win-a-100-gift-1677070/>

JACK: <https://1027jackfm.iheart.com/promotions/enter-to-win-a-100-gift-1677070/>

Howard County's culinary scene is renowned for its diversity, and during Restaurant and Craft Beverages Weeks, it will truly shine. Whether you're in the mood for cool summer classics, international flavors, or innovative creations, the menus of our participating restaurants have something for everyone.

Embrace the spirit of supporting local by indulging in Restaurant Weeks. Express your affection for the local food scene and the dedicated chefs who bring it to life. Embark on a culinary journey today and discover your next favorite dining spots!

Delight in [The Common Kitchen](#), a unique food hall providing an extraordinary culinary journey with international cuisines and universal favorites. Or try [Blowfish Poke & Grill](#) for fresh and delicious Hawaiian dishes including poke bowls, Hawaiian beef ramen, and build your own salads! [RANAZUL Kitchen & Wine Bar](#) offers an international array of delicacies and taste sensations complimented with fine wines in an

intimate, elegant setting. [Clove and Cardamom](#) brings a variety of globally-inspired dishes enriched with subtle Indian spices.

At [Konstantine's Greek Taverna](#), situated in scenic Highland in a beautifully restored inn, experience a classic Greek kitchen with a passion for serving good food in a place filled with friends, family, and laughter. Don't miss out on the authentic Korean barbeque menu at [ChosunHwaro](#), where carefully curated cuts of meat are grilled right at your table. Also be sure to try [Gyu-Kaku](#) for an authentic Japanese yakiniku (grilled barbecue) dining experience where friends and family share premium cooked meats over a flaming smokeless grill, while sipping on Japanese sake, shochu, and frosty cold beers.

New to Restaurant and Craft Beverages weeks is [Cazbar](#) where you can experience the rich flavors of Turkey through an exquisite menu with a lively atmosphere, and traditional entertainment.

Highly decorated Chef Daniel Wecker at [The Elkridge Furnace Inn](#) is classically trained in French cuisine and dedicated to next level hospitality and culinary excellence with locally sourced farm-to-table menus.

In Maple Lawn, participating restaurants include [Galliano Italian Restaurant & Wine Bar](#) featuring a variety of Little Italy-style dishes and specialty delights in an upscale restaurant and wine bar. Other Maple Lawn treasures to explore and include [Hudson Coastal Raw Bar & Grille](#), [Lib's Grill](#), and [Kloby's Smokehouse](#).

In Columbia, try the [The Turn House](#), owned by Howard County native Thomas Zippelli. Thomas, a River Hill High School alum, passionately promotes the "Eat Local" message, focusing the menu on seasonal and local items. Another Columbia gem to explore is [Lāk Columbia at Merriweather Lakehouse Hotel](#), owned by a local family, offering a delightful dining experience.

Also, in Downtown Columbia, don't miss, [Cured/18th & 21st](#), [Chicken + Whiskey](#), [The Walrus Oyster and Ale House](#) and new this year, [Smashing Grapes Kitchen & Wine Bar](#) and [Blackwall Barn & Lodge](#). Just outside Downtown are [Victoria Gastro Pub](#), [The Periodic Table](#), [Tino's Italian Bistro & Wine Bar](#), and [Uno Pizzeria & Grill](#).

In Ellicott City, the menu at the [White Oak Tavern](#) uses the best local, seasonal, and sustainable meats and produce whenever possible and offers a wide range of beer styles to pair with your meal. Ellicott City additionally beckons with [EC Diner](#), [Manor Hill Tavern](#).

For a culinary adventure, head to Mount Airy and experience [Bolder Food/Drink](#).

Anticipate exciting new additions to our continually growing roster of participating restaurants and prepare to unveil fresh culinary delights that will become your cherished favorites.

For more information, visit HoCoRestaurantWeeks.com and explore the FAQ page.

"Summer Restaurant and Craft Beverages Weeks is a great opportunity to explore all that Howard County's culinary scene has to offer," said Howard County Executive Calvin Ball. "From fresh Hawaiian dishes to Korean barbeque and French cuisine, everyone can find a meal that satisfies their palate among our diverse collection of restaurants. By participating in Restaurant and Craft Beverages Weeks, you are also contributing to our sense of community as we all support our local businesses and entrepreneurs."

"What could be better than eating a good meal at a restaurant, taking advantage of promos and special menus, all while supporting wonderful small businesses," said Deb Jung, Howard County Council Chair and representative for District 4. "I hope Howard Countians will take advantage of these last days of summer and eat and drink at Restaurant Weeks' participating restaurants."

"The dining public loves restaurant weeks for their great deals and the opportunity to try something new," said Marshall Weston, President and CEO of the Restaurant Association of Maryland. "But we can't forget how important the restaurant industry's employees are to the overall economy and our communities. Ninety percent of restaurants are small businesses that employ fewer than 50 people—it makes sense to celebrate and support them."

"Howard County Restaurant & Craft Beverages Weeks showcases the incredible diversity and talent of our local culinary scene while significantly boosting our economy," said Jennifer Jones, CEO for Howard County Economic Development Authority. "By participating, residents and visitors not only treat themselves to exceptional dining experiences but also play a crucial role in supporting local businesses and maintaining the vibrant character that makes Howard County a premier food and drink destination."

"As a locally owned, family-run, small business, we always participate and appreciate Howard County's Restaurant Weeks," added Tricia Hudson, Co-Owner of Hudson Coastal Raw Bar & Grille and Board Chair of Visit Howard County. "This is an opportunity to sample the culinary dishes from our county's small businesses that are the backbone of our economy. Food enthusiasts can discover local gems from downtown Columbia to the smaller tucked in spaces like Highland, Maple Lawn & Glenwood. The late summer months are a great time to enjoy fresh fish, refreshing Crushes, and delicious sun-ripened tomatoes. Your dining adventure through Howard County will show that we are an area full of great restaurants with excellent service that will bring you back again and again."

"Howard County Restaurant Weeks are great for both foodies and restaurateurs," said Chad Price, the owner of Ranazul Kitchen & Wine Bar. "It gives diners a chance to discover and try all the wonderful restaurants we have in Howard County, and for owners it fills seats during the slower seasons of the year for a minimal expense. Its a win-win for everyone!"

"Get ready to tantalize your taste buds during Howard County Restaurant and Craft Beverages Weeks!," added Kristi Simon, President & CEO for the Howard County Chamber. "Join us in celebrating our vibrant culinary scene full of diverse eateries while supporting our local businesses and discovering new favorite restaurants."

"We hope residents and visitors alike will immerse themselves in diverse flavors, exceptional dining options, and a community-building spirit that promises lasting memories and newfound appreciation for Howard County's thriving restaurant scene.", added Amanda Hof, Executive Director for Visit Howard County.

Visit us online at [visithowardcounty.com/howard-county-restaurant-weeks](https://www.visithowardcounty.com/howard-county-restaurant-weeks) for a complete list of participating restaurants.

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