

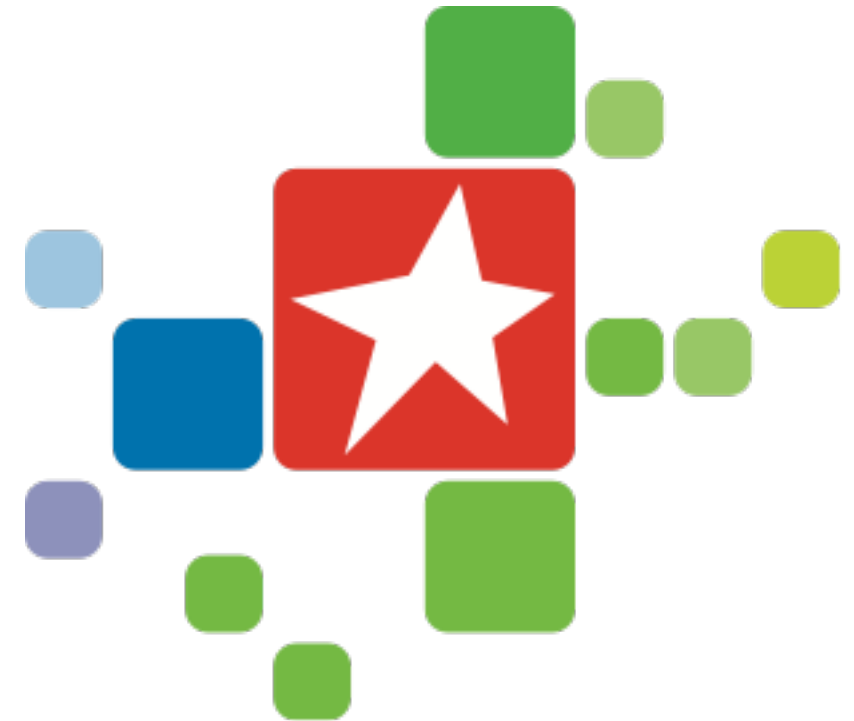


WHAT IS GRCVB?

The Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau (GRCVB) is the official and accredited destination marketing organization for all of Wake County.

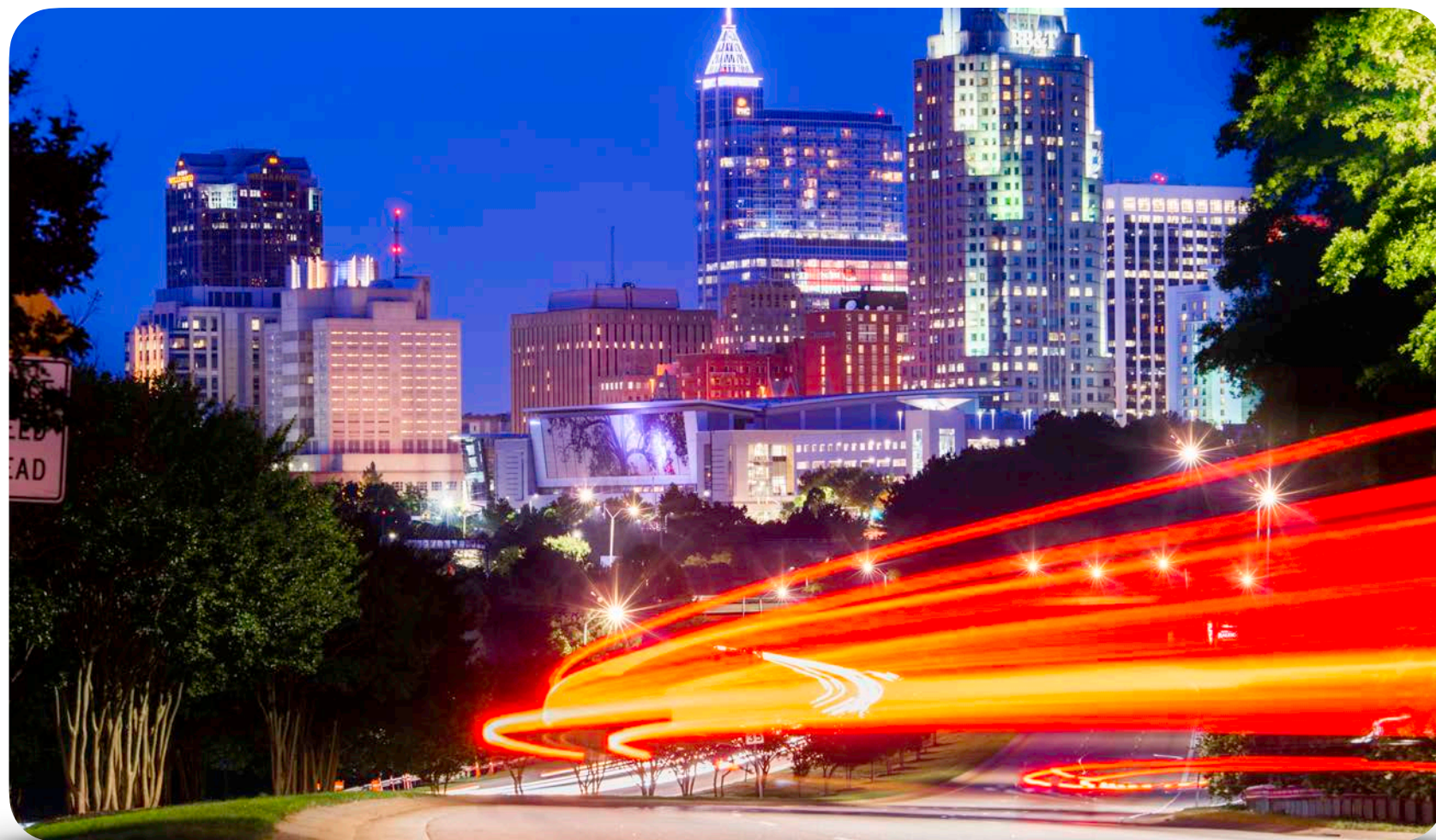
Our vision is to be the prime visitor advocate and regional leader of destination marketing and product development in Raleigh.

As our vibrant county continues to grow, strong alliances and seamless cooperation among local partners will be the hallmark of our future.



DESTINATION POSITIONING STATEMENT

Raleigh is a thriving Southern capital city shaped by the passionate minds of its residents.



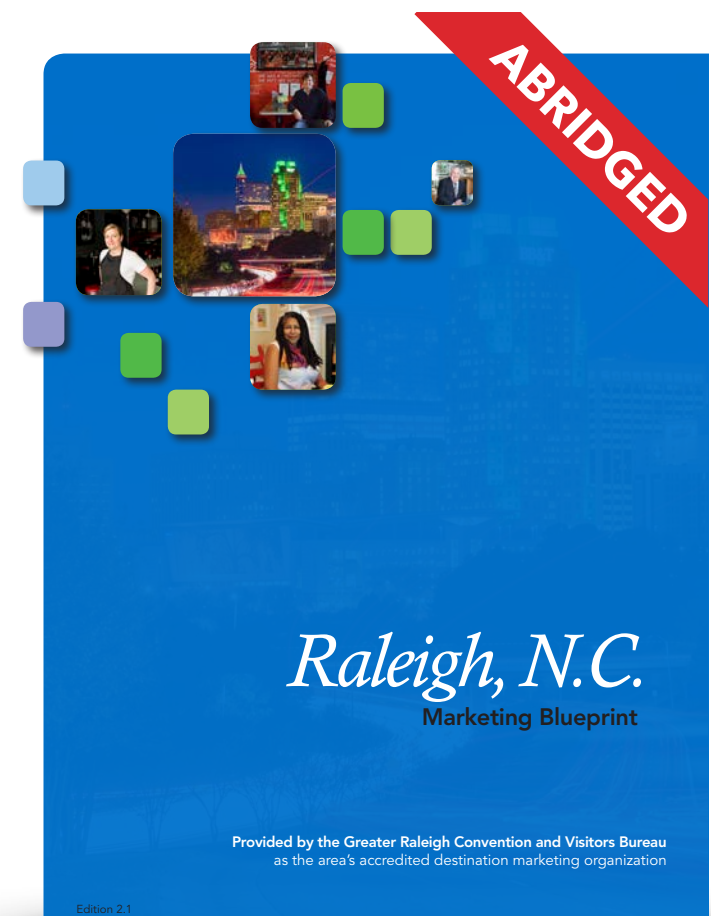
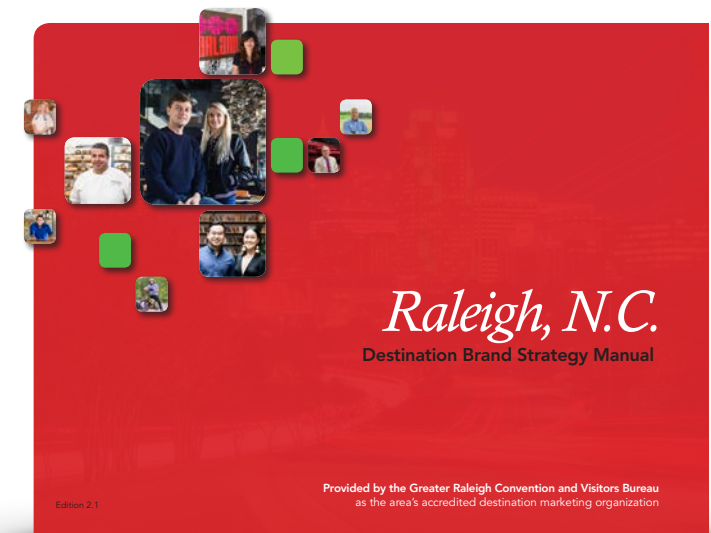
DESTINATION POSITIONING STATEMENT, [CONTINUED]

Smart and savvy locals are the lifeblood of the city, the brains behind its educational institutions, renowned research facilities, historic preservation efforts and enviable rankings for a quality of life that is physically represented through lush greenways and natural parklands.

Travelers intrigued by Raleigh's long list of superlatives will discover that its entrepreneurial locals are responsible for its emerging success and for the fostering of its cultural heartbeat, including museums, arts, live music, craft culinary and beverage scene, handcrafted goods and historic experiences.

DESTINATION BRAND PROMISE

Visitors to Raleigh will depart feeling enriched by what they have experienced in this Southern capital city, thanks to Raleigh's smart and passionate residents who are shaping the growth of the historic city's emerging creative businesses, innovative festivals and food establishments, passionate music and sports scenes and modern cultural experiences.



IT'S ABOUT THE PEOPLE



Sumit Vohra
CEO and Chief Drinking Officer
Loneider Brewing Company

Sumit's story
More than 10 years ago, Sumit Vohra decided to quit his day job in tech and start doing something he was passionate about: crafting high-quality, great-tasting ales. A short time later and with the help of friends, he began commercially distributing **Shotgun Betty**, a German-style Hefeweizen, and **Loneider Brewing Company** was born.

Located close enough to **RAI International Airport** to hear jets roaring by, Loneider Brewing Company is primarily a distribution and brewing hub, but visitors can also enjoy fresh beer at the onsite tasting room, aptly named **The Hideout**. Sumit and his team offer **tours of the operation**, ensuring that guests leave with a better understanding of the care that goes into crafting each brew.

Hailed as one of the top breweries in the country, Loneider Brewing Company is an intrinsic part of N.C.'s flourishing craft beer scene. And in a place as diverse as Raleigh, this Texas-themed brewery not only fits right in but also finds itself perfectly complemented by a supportive and enthusiastic beer culture that enjoys celebrating the story behind a good brew almost as much as imbibing the beer itself.

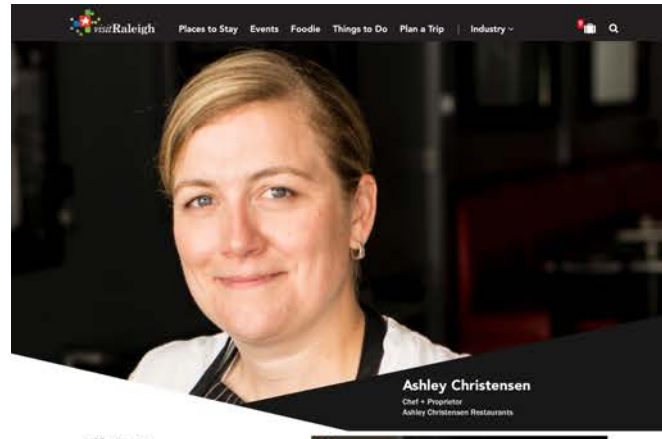
Make a trip
You can find their beers all over N.C. and beyond, but visit the brewery to get the full Loneider experience. Mentioned above, **The Hideout** is Loneider's taproom and social spot, the perfect place to taste their beers. "Here at **The Hideout**, this is more where we showcase our beers," Sumit explains—the beers taste the freshest right at the source. You can also visit Loneider in Five Points in Raleigh or Wake Forest at their newest **Hideouts**.

Order up a flight to taste a variety of their award-winning brews or grab yourself a pint. Staples and must-tries include:

- **Shotgun Betty Hefeweizen**, featuring a rich, banana-olive nose and refreshing dry finish.
- **Sweet Jack Brown Ale**, a complex beer balancing a nice hop bitterness with a generous amount of chocolate and aromatic malts.
- **Happy Hi-Yo IPA**, a straw-colored ale hopped with Columbus and Amarillo and rounded out by a mild body from the malts.
- and **Pinecrest Pale Ale**, a West Coast style American pale ale that uses several hop varieties to produce a unique and beautiful hop aroma with a balanced



"We have a West Texas-themed brewery in Raleigh, North Carolina, making a German-style Hefeweizen, run by a guy from India. I think that explains the diversity of what Raleigh is about."



Ashley Christensen
Chef & Proprietor
Ashley Christensen Restaurants

Ashley's story
A fierce philanthropist and accomplished restaurateur, chef Ashley Christensen is known to many as the face of Raleigh's booming food scene. Since opening **Poole's Diner** in 2007, her work—both in the kitchen and the community—has earned the attention and admiration of foodies everywhere.

More than a decade of hard work, restaurant expansions and many accolades later, Ashley received the **Outstanding Chef Award** from the **James Beard Foundation** in 2020, the highest individual honor for a chef at the "Oscars of the food world."

Far from kitschy, Ashley's dining, dining and event spaces are smart, stylish and inviting, the sort of places where you're just as likely to see tuxedos as T-shirts. Focus is on the food, which is seasonal, simple and precisely executed, using a bounty of fresh ingredients, many grown on artisanal farms or harvested from the nearby coast.


Ashley's sixth restaurant—a Neapolitan-style pizza shop with a playful, vintage vibe—opened in downtown Raleigh in summer 2020.

Ashley has gained national attention from such publications as **Bon Appetit**, **Gourmet**, **The New York Times**, **Southern Living** and **Garden & Gun**. She has appeared on **Food Network's** popular series **Iron Chef America** and **MSNBC's Your Business**.

Her specialty is comfort food, a nod to her childhood with a father who traveled frequently for work. Foods like fried chicken and macaroni and cheese, helped remind him of home, no matter where he was on the road. Today, with dishes like **Besley's chicken biscuit** with pickled green tomatoes and honey and the famous macaroni as guests at **Poole's Diner**, Ashley creates that same sense of home with visitors to Raleigh.

Make a trip
A visit to Raleigh is not complete without dining in one of Ashley's restaurants. And you can't go wrong with any of them. Pick one. You're guaranteed to be talking about the innovative flavors in each of her dishes, each uniquely created and each uniquely Raleigh.

VISIT ASHLEY'S RESTAURANTS



"I find a great deal of joy and inspiration working right here in Raleigh, N.C. There is something about being in a certain place at a certain time."




Photo credit: Lisa Schickel (macaroni on pizza), Angie Mason



Lionel Vainet
Owner and Chef
La Farm Bakery

Lionel's story
Growing up in France, it's no surprise Lionel Vainet developed a passion for bread. At 18, he joined a renowned artisanal guild and traveled the world learning the rich tradition of baking fantastic breads, ultimately earning the coveted title of **Master Boulanger**.

When you spend years traveling the globe, you become a bit of an expert on what makes a place feel like home. When Lionel and his wife decided to plant roots, they chose Cary, N.C. Drawn to the diversity, intellectual energy and Southern hospitality, they soon decided to open **La Farm Bakery** in 1999.

Lionel began connecting with local farmers, makers and artisans to find like-minded people with a focus for organic, heirloom flour and ancient grains. The result is an amazing variety of handmade artisan breads with a depth of flavor that makes for a memorable and nutritious food experience.

In the past two decades, Lionel has been a three-time semifinalist for the **James Beard Foundation Outstanding Baker award**, and **La Farm Bakery** has grown from a 200-square-foot facility to three flourishing locations in Cary, with a full staff member—bringing the taste and aroma of fine European-style baked goods to a hungry community.

Make a trip
Experience centuries-old bread baking traditions in a modern-day boulangerie (bakery) and café at one of the three **La Farm Bakery** locations in Cary.

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LOCATIONS WHERE WEIRD MEETS



"There's a warmth in Raleigh that will make you want to come back to solve the mystery of such a beautiful place."



Read about these Passionate Minds and more at visitRaleigh.com/passionate-minds



To access the Raleigh, N.C., brand kit,
provided by GRCVB, go to:

RALEIGHNCBRAND.COM

DESTINATION VALUE PROPOSITION

Visitors to Raleigh will leave feeling enriched and energized by their experiences—whether dining/food, event/festival, music or sports experiences—thanks to the investment made into this historic capital city by a smart, passionate, inventive local population.



IMPACT OF TOURISM

- ★ In 2022, Wake County had 17.8 million visitors who generated \$3 billion in direct spending.
- ★ Tourism directly supports the employment of over 24,000 people (FTEs) in Wake County who earn a payroll of more than \$830 million.
- ★ Read more about the impact of tourism at visitRaleigh.com/partners/resources-research/



BUSINESS PLAN

GRCVB's annual Business Plan contains: recent and projected travel and tourism trends, a visitor profile for Raleigh/Wake County and new and revised goals and talking points for the coming year.



2023-2024 Business Plan

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BUSINESS PLAN [CONTINUED]

Each CVB department's major goals, objectives and strategies are then summarized, and measurable performance objectives are both recapped for the previous year and forecast for the new year.

Review the 2023-2024 Business Plan here: visitRaleigh.com/partners/business-plan/



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ANNUAL REPORT

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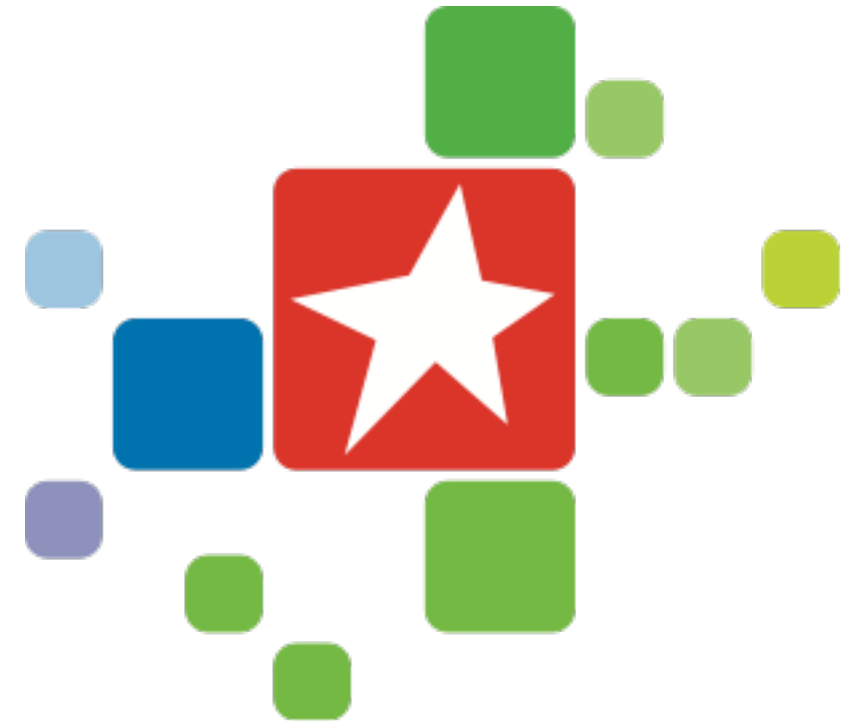
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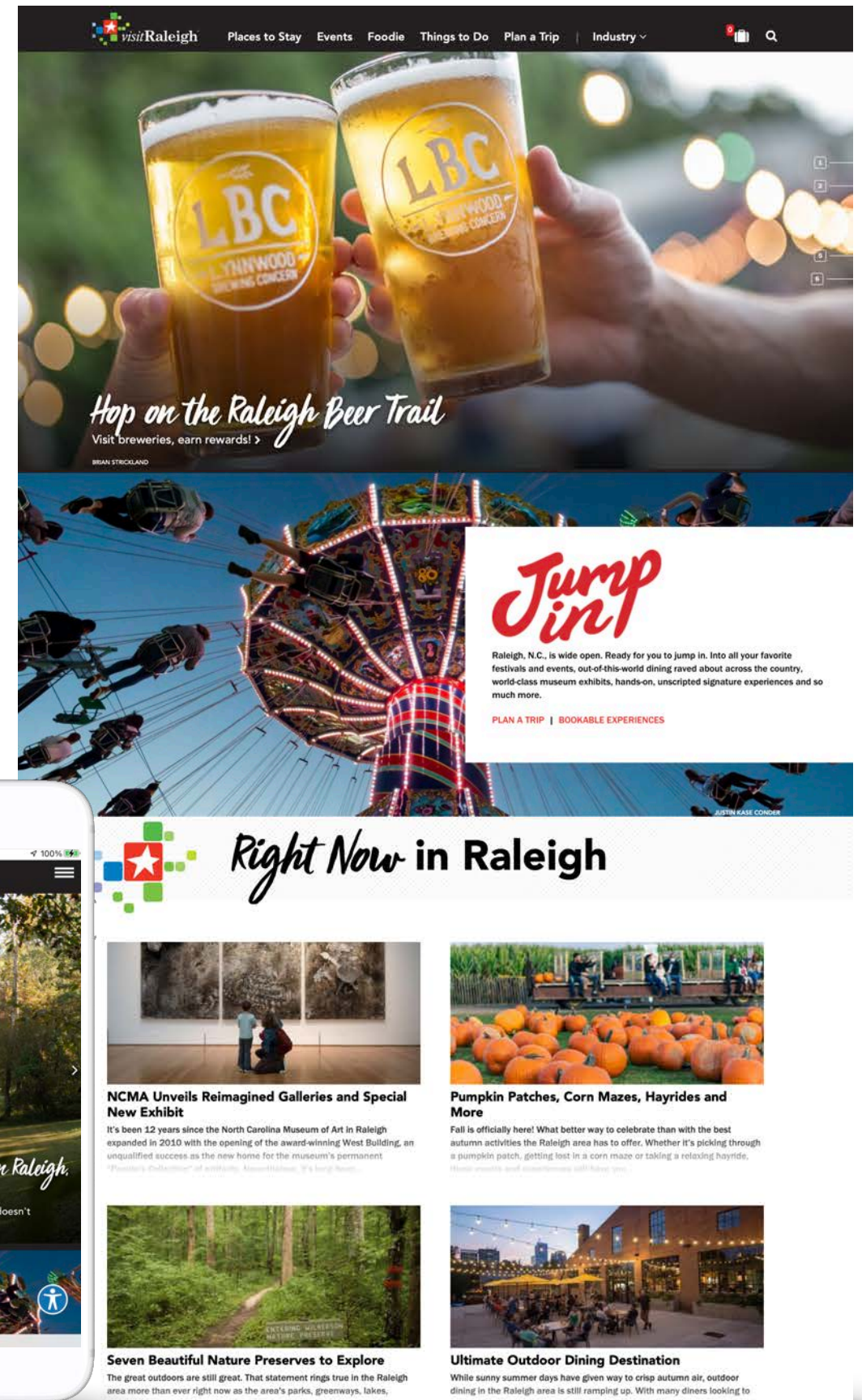
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Jun.2020 Occupancy %	-48.3%	40.0%	44.7%	42.2%
Jun.2020 ADR	-29.8%	\$76.24	\$87.77	\$92.15
Jun.2020 RevPar	-63.8%	\$30.53	\$39.28	\$38.88
2020 YTD Occupancy %	-36.7%	46.6%	43.3%	43.1%
2020 YTD ADR	-14.3%	\$93.21	\$89.81	\$109.04
2020 YTD RevPar	-45.8%	\$43.41	\$38.85	\$47.02

The monthly report
can be found at:

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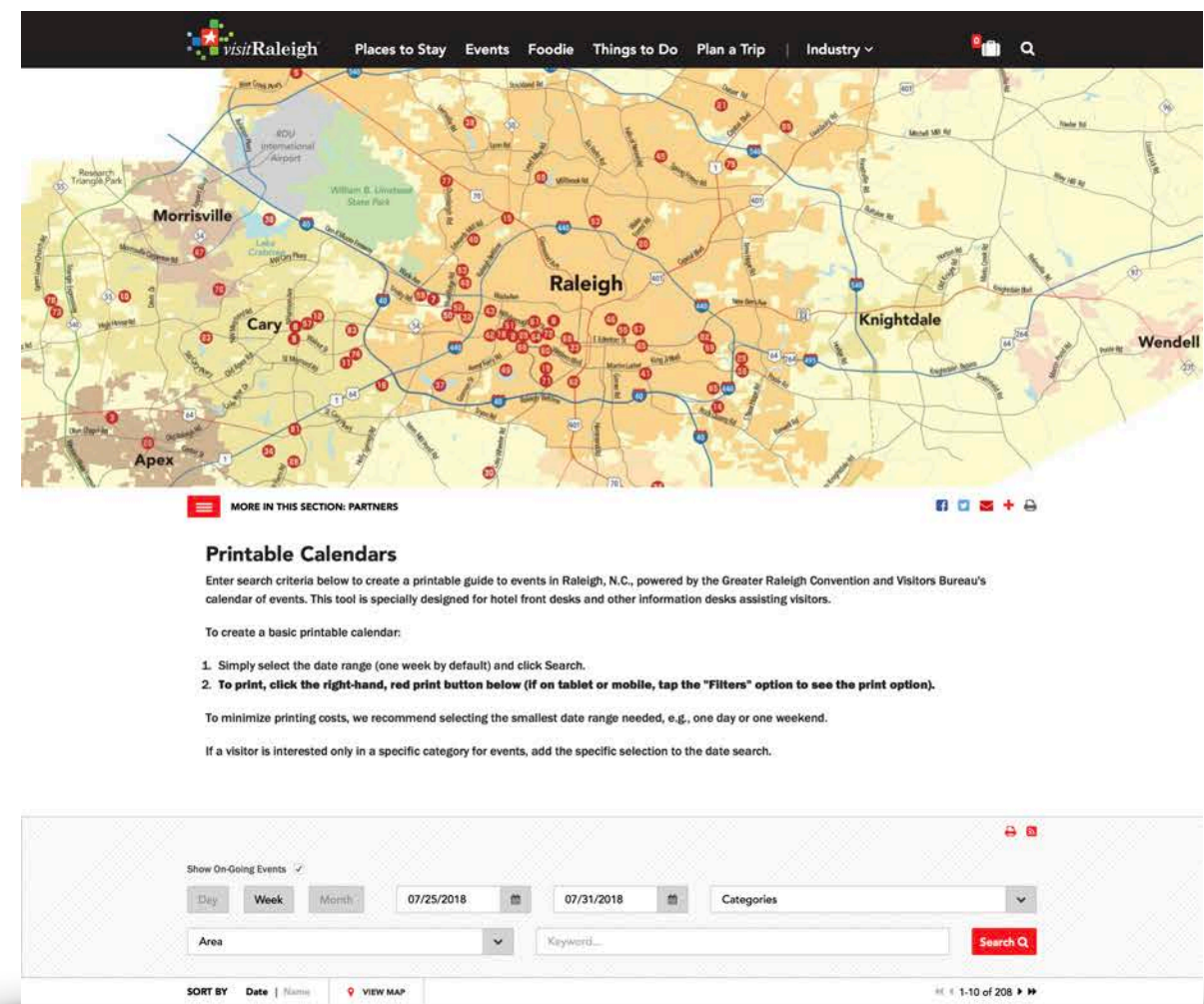
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS: HOT HAPPENINGS

Use visitRaleigh.com's Hot Happenings page to print a list of events happening during specific dates.



visitRaleigh.com navigation bar: Places to Stay, Events, Foodie, Things to Do, Plan a Trip, Industry

Map showing Raleigh, NC area with event markers (red dots) and labels for Morrisville, Cary, Raleigh, Knightdale, and Wendell.

Printable Calendars

Enter search criteria below to create a printable guide to events in Raleigh, N.C., powered by the Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau's calendar of events. This tool is specially designed for hotel front desks and other information desks assisting visitors.

To create a basic printable calendar:

1. Simply select the date range (one week by default) and click Search.
2. To print, click the right-hand, red print button below (if on tablet or mobile, tap the "Filters" option to see the print option).

To minimize printing costs, we recommend selecting the smallest date range needed, e.g., one day or one weekend.

If a visitor is interested only in a specific category for events, add the specific selection to the date search.

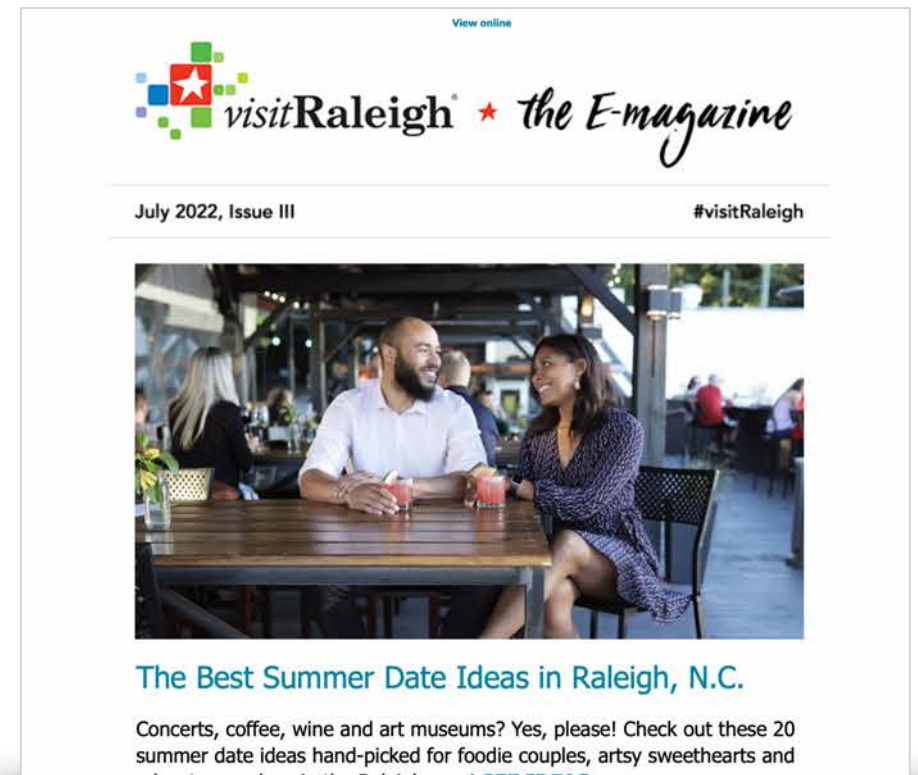
Search interface showing date range (07/25/2018 to 07/31/2018), categories, and a search button.

Sort by: Date | Name | View Map

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COMMUNICATIONS

- ★ **visitRaleigh the E-magazine:**
(for consumers and GRCVB partners)
 - Features energizing, enriching travel tips and articles, events and more
 - Official travel email of Raleigh, N.C.
- ★ **Tourism Talk: (for GRCVB partners)**
 - Weekly GRCVB partner communication about visiting group arrivals and upcoming events, plus news, special promotional opportunities and other announcements from GRCVB



PARTNER MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



- ★ **Tourism Talk Live:** Learn about ways your business can partner with GRCVB to attract new customers in current and upcoming marketing campaigns and promotions.
- ★ **Guest Service Gold® Classes:** Customer service training program for hospitality industry partners.

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