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New restaurants in July in Phoenix give us Italian food, tacos, poke, BBQ

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(Photo: Dominic Armato/The Republic)

Two dozen restaurants opened across Phoenix in July, including one with an Arizona-focused menu in Tempe, an Italian spot in Litchfield Park and a vegan Mexican eatery in Glendale.

A pair of closings included a longtime favorite in downtown Chandler and a Chinese restaurant in Scottsdale.

NOW OPEN:

Cotton & Copper

Warm Pima wheat rolls with smoked honey butter, cornmeal-crusted chicken and charbroiled local beef burger are among the offerings on the menu overseen by chef Tamara Stanger, formerly of Helio Basin Brewing Company. (story/entertainment/dining/dominic-armato/2018/06/18/tamara-stanger-leaves-helio-basin-cotton-and-copper-tempe/712677002/). The restaurant, at Warner and Rural roads in Tempe, also has an extensive, Arizona-themed cocktail menu from Sean Traynor, previously with Counter Intuitive and UnderTow.

Details: 1006 E. Warner Road, Suite 113, Tempe. 480-629-4270, cottonandcopperaz.com (<http://cottonandcopperaz.com/>).

The Latin Kitchen

BJ Hernandez, the woman behind the now-shuttered Havana Cafe, teamed up with Elisa Nolan to open this [new restaurant in Mesa](http://story/entertainment/dining/dominic-armato/2018/07/18/eat-here-first-july-new-restaurants-phoenix-cuban-indian-sandwiches/664622002/) (story/entertainment/dining/dominic-armato/2018/07/18/eat-here-first-july-new-restaurants-phoenix-cuban-indian-sandwiches/664622002/). You'll find Cuban and Puerto Rican dishes such as tostones, empanadas, Cuban sandwiches and bistec plates. It's serving lunch only, for now. Dinner will be added in the coming months.

Details: 540 W. Broadway Road, Suite 101, Mesa. 480-306-7266, [latinkitchenaz.com](https://www.latinkitchenaz.com) (<https://www.latinkitchenaz.com/>).

Hatter and Hare

The [Alice in Wonderland-themed bar](http://story/entertainment/dining/2018/07/12/hatter-hare-bar-restaurant-opens-phoenix-alice-wonderland-theme/773624002/) (story/entertainment/dining/2018/07/12/hatter-hare-bar-restaurant-opens-phoenix-alice-wonderland-theme/773624002/) opened on Seventh Street, just north of Bethany Home Road, in the former Joe's Midnight Run space in Phoenix. Cocktails have whimsical names such as the Humpty Dumpty and Cheshire Cat, and the food menu includes toasted sandwiches, salads and bar snacks. Glass Half Full Restaurant Group also runs Camp Social, a [camping-themed restaurant](http://story/entertainment/dining/2018/07/12/camp-social-restaurant-opens-phoenix-camping-themed-food-decor/400923001/) (story/entertainment/dining/2018/07/12/camp-social-restaurant-opens-phoenix-camping-themed-food-decor/400923001/), next door to Hatter and Hare.

Details: 6101 N. Seventh St., Phoenix. 480-865-2447, hatterandhareaz.com (<http://hatterandhareaz.com>).

Hash Kitchen

The Maggiore Group (The Sicilian Butcher, Tomaso's and Tomaso's When in Rome) opened its [third Valley branch of Hash Kitchen](http://story/entertainment/dining/2018/06/12/hash-kitchen-breakfast-brunch-restaurant-hiring-chandler-maggiore-group/675380002/) (story/entertainment/dining/2018/06/12/hash-kitchen-breakfast-brunch-restaurant-hiring-chandler-maggiore-group/675380002/), a breakfast and brunch restaurant housed in the former Panera space at Raintree Ranch Center in Chandler. It serves hashes, Benedicts, waffles, biscuits and gravy and mimosa flights. Check out the impressive build-your-own Bloody Mary bar.

Details: 2855 W. Ray Road, Suite 4, Chandler. 480-909-4270. Two Scottsdale locations at [hashkitchen.com](https://www.hashkitchen.com) (<https://www.hashkitchen.com/>).

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Mi Vegana Madre

The former food truck is now a restaurant in Glendale that serves vegan-friendly traditional Mexican cuisine. Dishes include tacos al pastor with soy meat marinated in mild chile sauce; tacos San Lorenzo made with nopales; and vegan empanadas.

Details: 5835 W. Palmdale Ave., Glendale. 623-934-0358.

Papa Paul's Brick Oven Pizza & Pasta



Lasagna from Papa Paul's Brick Oven Pizza & Pasta in Litchfield Park. (Photo: Courtesy of Papa Paul's Brick Oven Pizza & Pasta)

From the Brooklyn-bred Mahoney family, this charming Italian restaurant opened across the road from The Wigwam resort in Litchfield Park. You'll find bruschetta, arancini, pizza, salads and rotating pasta specials on the menu. Save room for the tiramisu.

Details: 118 N. Old Litchfield Road, Litchfield Park. 623-215-6850, search "[Papa Paul's Brick Oven Pizza & Pasta](https://www.facebook.com/PapaPaulsLitchfieldPark/?ref=br_rs)" (https://www.facebook.com/PapaPaulsLitchfieldPark/?ref=br_rs) on Facebook.

Matty G's Steakburgers

Sports and steakburgers are served in equal measure at this California import. The Field of Dreams burger comes with two steakburger patties, ghost pepper cheese, sauteed mushrooms, pickled jalapeño and chipotle aioli. Tacos, carne asada fries, chili cheese fries, fried pickles and frozen custard round up the menu.

Details: 1958 E. Brown Road, Mesa. 480-306-7406, search "[Matty G's Steakhburgers & Spirits Mesa Location \(https://www.facebook.com/mattygsmesa/\)](https://www.facebook.com/mattygsmesa/)" on Facebook.

Zookz Sandwiches

This destination for [round grilled sandwiches \(story/entertainment/dining/2018/07/16/zookz-sandwiches-opens-downtown-phoenix/773726002/\)](https://www.azcentral.com/story/entertainment/dining/2018/07/16/zookz-sandwiches-opens-downtown-phoenix/773726002/), opened in downtown Phoenix. Zookz sandwiches are made with a special press that seals the edges so the fillings don't fall out. Varieties range from a Thanksgiving-inspired creation to a breakfast sandwich with the signature "Zookz Zinger" cream cheese sauce. The new location is open on weekdays, but the Uptown Plaza restaurant in central Phoenix is open daily.

Details: 1 N. First St., Phoenix. Also, Uptown Plaza, 100 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix 602-279-0906, zookzsandwiches.com (<http://zookzsandwiches.com>).

Kwench Juice Cafe



The Dragon Bowl at Kwench Juice Cafe comes with açai or pitaya, banana, strawberry, pineapple and almond or coconut milk, and is topped with kiwi, blackberry and granola. (Photo: Jennifer McClellan/azcentral.com)

Raw juices, juice shots, smoothies and juice cleanses make up the liquid portion of the menu at this newcomer to the Arizona Center in downtown Phoenix. For food you can chew, try the açai or pitaya bowls.

Details: Arizona Center, 455 N. Third St., Suite 1200, Phoenix. kwenchjuicecafe.com (<http://kwenchjuicecafe.com/>).

Ramen Hood

The fast-casual, build-your-own ramen bowl restaurant opened in north Scottsdale's Gateway 101 shopping center. First, pick noodles or rice, then choose a protein such as cha siu pork or gyudon beef. Add a broth, like tonkotsu, spicy miso or tomato. Then dress up your bowl with any vegetables, spices and toppings. The menu also features steamed bao, gyoza and karaage fried chicken appetizers.

Details: 15807 N. Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd., Scottsdale. 480-275-8104, ramen-hood.com (<http://ramen-hood.com>).

Dutch Bros

The first location in Chandler, this Dutch Bros has two drive-through lanes to (maybe) make lines shorter. Either way, it features the brand's signature coffee, smoothies, teas, freezes, Dutch Bros private-label energy drink, Dutch Bros Blue Rebel and nitrogen-infused, cold-brew coffee.

Details: 3665 W. Chandler Blvd., Chandler. Other locations at [dutchbros.com](https://www.dutchbros.com/) (<https://www.dutchbros.com/>).

La Señora

The new concept inside the Saguaro hotel in Scottsdale showcases Mexican-inspired dishes, including a cactus quesadilla, Sonoran hot dog, shrimp avocado ceviche tostada and sopapilla sundae. Drinks include aguas frescas, Jarritos, beer, wine and cocktails like the Oaxaca Old Fashioned and Saguaro Belle. It's also open for breakfast and weekday happy hour, from 3 to 6 p.m.



The Cuckoo Chicken bowl at Meatballz in Scottsdale, which includes a chicken meatball, mac and cheese, blue cheese, scallions, Parmesan cheese, chopped bacon and a special sauce. (Photo: Courtesy Meatballz)

Meatball lovers will rejoice for this new spot in north Scottsdale. Start by picking classic beef, spicy pork, vegetarian or chicken meatballs. Then choose one of the many sauces, from pork bolognese to spinach-almond pesto. Finish it off in slider, grinder or "Saucy Ballz" form. Wine and beer are available.

Details: 7342 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale. 480-306-8600, meatballzinc.com (<http://meatballzinc.com>).

NPX – A Neighborhood Joint

This family-friendly sports bar in northeast Phoenix serves lunch and dinner, plus weekend brunch. The menu features appetizers, sandwiches, salads, entrees and a kids' menu. Signatures include Arizona tortilla rolls, Ray's root beer and Koffee Kölsch short ribs, and Ashley's biscuit chili. Happy hour is generous: from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. The drink menu includes craft cocktails, wine, beer and spirits.

Details: 4717 E. Bell Road, Phoenix. 602-788-7134, npx.life (<http://npx.life>).

Sol Azteca Mexican Kitchen

The new restaurant in east Mesa offers hearty, authentic Mexican fare like red chile burritos, enchiladas, chile relleno and street tacos. The menu also features what might be less familiar to some, including tampiqueña, a traditional Mexican steak dish; and huaraches, a long, thick corn tortilla topped with refried beans and other goodies.

Details: 9265 E. Baseline Road, Mesa. 480-656-9060.

Thai Chili 2 Go



Thai Chili 2 Go is a quick-serve Thai restaurant with six locations in metro Phoenix, five of them in the southeast Valley. (Photo: Chanelle Sinclair)

This local Thai joint opened its fifth Southeast Valley branch, near Williams Field Road and Santan Village Parkway in Gilbert. The menu features dishes such as Thai dumplings, panang curry, drunken noodles, sweet-and-sour rice and green curry. There is also a location in Scottsdale at The Promenade.

Details: 1887 E. Williams Field Road, Suite 101, Gilbert. 480-566-8061. Other locations at tc2go.com (<http://tc2go.com/>).

Salad and Go

Now open near Rittenhouse and Ellsworth roads in Queen Creek, this local healthy fast-food spot serves more than 10 kinds of salads, such as Greek, Cobb, barbecue ranch and Southwestern Caesar. All salads can be ordered as wraps. Kids can order cucumber pinwheels, turkey wraps and peanut butter and banana wraps. Smoothies and breakfast are also available. More locations are planned around Phoenix.

Details: 21429 S. Ellsworth Road, Queen Creek. Other locations at saladandgo.com (<http://saladandgo.com/>).

Chipotle Mexican Grill



A burrito from Chipotle Mexican Grill. (Photo: Courtesy of Chipotle Mexican Grill)

Build a monster-size burrito at this colossus of the fast-casual industry. Burrito bowls, tacos, chips and salads complete the menu. Now open at Royals Palms of Mesa shopping center.

Details: 1229 E McKellips Road, Suite 102, Mesa. Other locations at [chipotle.com](https://www.chipotle.com) (<https://www.chipotle.com/>).

Uno Mas Cantina

You'll find quesadillas, tacos, burritos, nachos, salads and margaritas at this Mexican restaurant near Chandler Boulevard and Desert Foothills Parkway in Ahwatukee.

Details: 1327 E. Chandler Blvd., Suite 108, Phoenix. Search "[Uno Mas Cantina](https://www.facebook.com/UnoMasCantina/)" on Facebook.

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Ono Hawaiian BBQ

Grab a Hawaiian barbecue chicken plate and a couple of Spam musubi at this island-inspired, fast-casual restaurant. Kalua pork, Island fire chicken, chicken katsu and crispy shrimp also are offered. Now open at Christown Spectrum shopping center in Phoenix.

Details: Christown Spectrum, 1818 W. Montebello Ave., Suite 110, Phoenix. 602-973-0088, [onohawaiianbbq.com](http://www.onohawaiianbbq.com/) (<http://www.onohawaiianbbq.com/>).

Cici's



A selection of pizza offerings from Cicis. A new location opened near Christown Spectrum Mall in Phoenix. (Photo: Courtesy of Cicis)

The fourth Arizona location of the pizza buffet chain is now open at Superstition Springs. The casual, family-friendly spot features a wide range of pizza combinations, from spinach Alfredo to zesty veggie, in traditional, flatbread, deep-dish and stuffed-crust styles. A salad bar, wings, pastas and garlic cheesy bread also are available. Cici's boasts more than 250 locations in 32 states nationwide.

Details: Superstition Springs, 1411 S. Power Road, Mesa. 480-582-4008, [cicis.com](http://www.cicis.com) (<http://www.cicis.com/>).

NOW CLOSED:

La Stalla Cucina Rustica, the longtime downtown Chandler restaurant that specialized in Italian food.

Tang Dynasty, a traditional Chinese restaurant with karaoke and private rooms in south Scottsdale.

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