

This Week's Top Dining News

A truck theft at Haydel's, Coming attractions & more

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METAIRIE— Some crazy person stole a truck belonging to **Haydel's** and now the bakery is asking for help recovering the vehicle with promises of one free king cake/week for a year, [Ann Maloney reports](#). Yes, this is for real. [NOLA.com]

LAKEVIEW— The family behind Jester Daiquiris and Magazine Street pizza spot Amici are taking over the recently shuttered **Tony Angello's** with a new concept (yet to be named), [according to Ian McNulty](#), as well as opening a new Creole-Italian spot in the Quarter called Creole Carre. [Advocate]

FRERET— **Village Coffee & Tea Co.**, former java hub at the corner of Freret and Jefferson, [is going to be](#) a Starbucks. Two more chain concepts, Halal Guys and Blaze Pizza, are also headed to the street. [NOLA.com]

MID CITY— Healthy and fast grab-and-go option **Sweg's Kitchen** is now open daily (7 a.m. to 9 p.m.) at 231 N. Carrollton, [Helen Freund reports](#). The restaurant— which features wraps, gluten free pizzas, a juice bar and the like—has locations in Metairie and Mandeville. [Gambit]

NOLA— Early bird tickets [are now available](#) for what's certain to be New Orleans' hottest new festival of 2017, **Top Taco** (March 23 at the Riverwalk). Discounted prices until February 14 are as follows: \$50 general admission tix, \$75 First Tasting tix with early entry, and \$110 for VIP tix which include fun times on the Paddlewheeler Creole Queen. Purchase tickets [here](#). [NOLA.com]

UPTOWN— City planners [have approved rezoning plans](#) for a soul food spot **C&L Restaurant** at 8638 Hickory Street with plans for "red beans and rice, fried chicken, pork chops, ribs, gumbo, fish platters, wings and po-boys." [UptownMessenger]

NOLA— **Boiled crawfish** are hovering at \$5.59/lb very early on this season, [per Todd Price](#): "That price is close to what we paid at the start of 2016. And it's about 30 cents less than the cost of crawfish around this time in 2015." [NOLA.com]