

## Biergarten Haus Opens

Dr. Granville Moore's & Sticky Rice Plan Expansion

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**DC** in July brings to mind three things: fireworks, grilling outdoors and summer heat. The urge to get out of town can be strong. In that spirit, I'm starting this month's column with a couple of local escapes that will have you feeling like you're on vacation.

### A Taste of Germany on H

Lines have been out the door ever since Biergarten Haus (1355 H St. NE, [biergartenhaus.com](http://biergartenhaus.com)) opened in mid-June. The combination of a large, outdoor drinking area and World Cup Mania proved an irresistible draw for the crowds that have swarmed the new watering hole. I was there live-blogging the event opening morning, and I watched familiar face after familiar face walk in, look around and smile.

Biergarten Haus will no doubt be a hit with locals, as well as visitors to the neighborhood. In addition to the dinner menu, Biergarten Haus also has a breakfast menu, and soccer fans took full advantage of it that day, ordering up mountains of pork schnitzel.

With 12 beers on tap and many more in bot-

tles, you'll need to visit often if you want to sample them all.

### Summer Film Series at the Atlas

Movie madness is in full swing this summer at the Atlas Performing Arts Center (1333 H St. NE, [www.atlasarts.org](http://www.atlasarts.org)). As I mentioned last month, the Atlas is running three concurrent film series this summer. Cinema al Fresco, a series of films either made or set in Italy, will be a balm for those suffering from summer wanderlust. Café concerts will be held between shows, and Schneider's of Capitol Hill will hold wine tastings in the lobby. The other two series are '70s family movies (aka the Gen X nostalgia series) and Gay 101 (classic films traditionally embraced by the gay community).

### Expansions in the 1200 Block of H

Not to be upstaged by the recently announced merger of the Red and the Black (1212 H St. NE, [www.redandblackbar.com](http://www.redandblackbar.com)) and Palace of Wonders (1210 H St. NE, [www.palaceofwonders.com](http://www.palaceofwonders.com)), Sticky Rice (1224 H St. NE, [www.stickyricedc.com](http://www.stickyricedc.com)) and Dr. Granville Moore's (1238 H St. NE, [\[moores.com\]\(http://moores.com\)\) have each announced plans to expand. Sticky Rice will take over the building next door \(a vacant church located at 1222 H St. NE\) to gain 40 additional seats. Dr. Granville Moore's intends to gain seating by digging out the basement. The total number of new seats has not been announced.](http://www.granville-</a></p>
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### Our Place Coming to H Street

The southwest corner of Sixth and H Street has been the source of much speculation as residents wondered about ongoing construction. Wonder no more. The space is slated to become a sports bar called Our Place. The owners, who have backgrounds in security and law enforcement, hope to cater to local residents and tourists alike.

### Alfresco Dining Dreams at Ethiopic

The owners of Ethiopic (401 H St. NE, [www.ethiopicrestaurant.com](http://www.ethiopicrestaurant.com)) are getting closer to their hopes for a sidewalk café. Community response to the idea has been overwhelmingly positive, and the streets should be more hospitable once the construction on that end of the corridor wraps up in August. Personally, I can't wait to enjoy a little azifa

LEFT: Biergarten Haus brings a bit of Bavaria to H Street. RIGHT: Streetscape construction on the corridor is about 60 percent complete.





Mussels fans rejoice at the news of Granville's expansion.

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### Angelico Out, Desperados In

The not-yet-open pizzeria formerly known as Angelico la Pizzeria (1387 H St. NE, [www.angelicopizzeria.com](http://www.angelicopizzeria.com)) has changed its name to Desperados Pizza. Construction in preparation for the restaurant, which will also serve casual Mediterranean fare, continues. It should be noted that 1387 H St. is a wood structure and a rather large building for the H Street Corridor. In the meantime, the owners have applied for a liquor license that would include a summer garden with seating for 24 patrons.

### Art Man B. K. Adams Strikes Again

A series of colored bikes ride through the air, and smiling barrels gaze out at their audience. Surveyors of this scene aren't standing in an art gallery. They are standing in the 300 block of H St. NE, looking at the future home of a Giant grocery store. Local artist Bryant K. Adams recently completed his second installation on the lot. Adams works mostly in found objects and seeks to interject a little beauty into the mundane.

### H Street Construction Reaches Milestone

The District Department of Transportation recently implemented a new traffic pattern on a portion of H Street in preparation for moving the construction to the southern lanes between Third and Seventh streets. The north side of the road on that stretch is substantially complete. According to DDOT, the project,

between Third and 14th streets is now about 60 percent complete. The change means drivers will once again be allowed to park in the northernmost lane in the 500 and 600 blocks of H Street.

### Adopt an H

Those brightly colored H planters dotting the H Street Corridor are seeking new homes. As streetscape construction enters the final stages, the DC Greenworks (1341 H St. NE, [www.dcgreenworks.org](http://www.dcgreenworks.org)) designed planters, must yield their space to trees. If you are interested in getting one of the H planters for yourself, contact Ashley at DC Greenworks (202-518-6195). The planters are free, but there is a \$75 fee if you have one delivered. This is pretty cool opportunity to take a little bit of H Street home with you.

### Upcoming Arrivals

The new owners of the restaurant under development at 1245 H St. NE had an unexpected set back the other day when a car in the Auto Zone (1200 H St. NE, [www.autozone.com](http://www.autozone.com)) parking lot punched a hole in the side of their building. The restaurant, known by the working name Drew before it changed hands, will be a bistro.

Rita's (1014 H St. NE, [www.ritasice.com](http://www.ritasice.com)), that much celebrated purveyor of ice custard, is set to open the doors on its H Street location very soon.

*For more on what's abuzz on and around H Street, you can visit my blog [frozentropics.blogspot.com](http://frozentropics.blogspot.com). Send tips or questions to [inked78@hotmail.com](mailto:inked78@hotmail.com). ★*

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