



## Atlanta restaurant news

### Saying hello and goodbye to notable eateries

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In our fast-paced city, we're always saying hello to some businesses and goodbye to others. During the last two weeks of this month, you have a chance to bid farewell to two notable eateries, one that's been a part of the scene for three decades and another that opened just last year. You can also give a fine Southern welcome to two new eateries, one in Decatur and one in Alpharetta. If you've never been to the landmark Atlanta restaurant [Pano's and Paul's](#), get moving. You now have until the end of the month to check out the Buckhead spot, which had previously planned to close after Valentine's Day weekend. The restaurant is now expected to stay open through Feb. 28. Pano's and Paul's is part of the Buckhead Life Restaurant Group. The company is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year with \$29 meals at many of its eateries. The deals will be updated regularly, so check the company's Web site for details.

Until Pano's and Paul's closes, you can try four courses of the restaurant's classic dishes for \$29. At [Pricci](#), you can have a three-course meal focused on the flavors the Piemonte region of northern Italy. Explore another region of Italy at [Veni Vidi Veci](#), which offers a \$29 three-course meal called Tuscan Treasure. At [Nava](#), \$29 gets you three courses of Santa Fe specialties, while at [Buckhead Diner](#), you'll be served American classics from the South and the North. The 30th anniversary specials continue at [Kyma](#), where five courses of Greek cuisine are being served for \$35. At [Bluepointe](#), a three-course Thai meal is \$35. If you still have lobster tastes, and the means to support them, check out Lobster Fest at [Chops Lobster Bar](#). Three courses of lobster dishes are \$49. [Atlanta Fish Market](#) is offering all-you-can-eat stone crabs for \$59. For more about the Buckhead Life Group and its restaurants, visit [www.buckheadrestaurants.com](http://www.buckheadrestaurants.com).

**Goodbye, Maxim Prime:** You have until the end of February to have one last drink or meal at [Maxim Prime](#) at the Glenn Hotel. The restaurant, which made its debut in spring 2008, is set to close on March 1. Reportedly, the eatery, which is associated with Maxim magazine, will reopen somewhere else in Atlanta, but details of its move have not been announced. At the Glenn, the restaurant's location will become part of a larger banquet and meeting facilities. For more about the hotel, visit [www.glennhotel.com](http://www.glennhotel.com).

**Hello, Leon's:** If, like us, you love the [Brick Store](#) in Decatur, then make a beeline for [Leon's Full Service](#). Located in a former gas station and operated by the owners of Brick Store, the new gastropub offers a menu with a seasonal focus, as well as an extensive beer list.

The pub opened last week to a bit of fanfare, as the first pint that was served had been auctioned off on eBay for \$2,650. The money raised will go to help the employees of Trakside Tavern and 5th Earl Market, which were both closed after a fire in January. If you'd like to help the employees out, you can send a donation to 5th Earl Restaurant Employee Fund, Decatur First Bank, Attn. Ann Berg, 1120 Commerce Drive, Decatur, Ga. 30030 or visit [www.5thearlmarket.com](http://www.5thearlmarket.com) for more information.



**A new spot in the suburbs:** If you're in Alpharetta (or don't mind driving to the suburbs to check out a new restaurant), then head to [Kozmo Gastro Pub](#). The restaurant celebrated its grand opening on Jan. 30. On the restaurant's menu, which features American favorites, no item is more than \$13. The menu includes hamburgers,

salads, fried chicken and a notable macaroni and cheese. The eatery also serves up a variety of cosmopolitan-based cocktails that include the Kozmo and the Kozmorita, as well as wine and beer.

Kozmo Gastro Pub is located at 11890 Douglas Road in Alpharetta and opens for dinner at 4:30 p.m. seven nights a week. Brunch is served on Saturday and Sunday. Call 678-526-6094 or visit [www.kozmogastropub.com](http://www.kozmogastropub.com).

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