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Salmon fillet atop a capers salad with fresh mozzarella, heirloom tomatoes and greens, is a simple but elegant meal at The Breventer Fish House, shown in a 2020 file photo. GUYANA PRESS PHOTOGRAPHY/CAPE COD TIMES

New Cape Cod restaurants open, old favorites return for 2026 season

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In Cape Cod restaurant news this week, two new restaurants are preparing to open while a third is slated to move from Whitford to Provincetown.

There are also some existing restaurants that are reopening with new looks and new dishes for the 2026 season.

From the ICYMI (in case you missed it) department, we wrote last week about Moto Pizzeria's Sandwich location getting a new owner and a new name (Halter Pizzeria Co.). We also listed a half dozen places to make reservations for Easter brunch, with a wide range of costs.

Renovations are ongoing for Jacqueline's on Twenty Eight

Two weeks ago, we announced the closing, after more than two decades, of DiPuma's Italian Table at 175 Route 28 in West Yarmouth. This week's news is that the space is being renovated for Jacqueline's on Twenty Eight, which the new owners say will feature Italian cuisine, seafood, pasta and more.

"Having moved here for retirement, we unexpectedly embarked on this new venture. We're taking over the former Di Puma's location in Yarmouth, with plans to open by the end of April," reads the Facebook notice. "Our restaurant offers a casual fine dining atmosphere with an old Hollywood theme."

New cafe to open in Provincetown's West End

Resistor Cafe will open this summer.



Twin Aries Ice Cream Shoppe, 27 Route 6A in Sandwich, opened for the season March 16 with nearly four dozen hard ice cream flavors alone, as well as soft serve, no-sugar-added and vegan varieties. LAMAR ABBAS/CAPE COD TIMES

near at Provincetown Inn, which has the local address of 1 Commercial St., the very start of Provincetown's main street through town. The new cafe, with its spiffy art-deco floor and hanging lights, is being advertised as "Provincetown's West End Pick-Me-Up," with plans for baked goods, snacks and fancy coffee drinks and smoothies. You can pick up a last-minute picnic for your beach day, the notice says, but can also return to the cafe as the way home for live music at sunset.

Women-owned business with eclectic menu is on the move

Bardega, which opened last year in a small space behind the post office in Truro, is moving to bigger quarters in Provincetown. The restaurant's website says owners expect to open by May 15 at 338 Commercial St., Suite 3.

Bardega's website says: "Fun, Fabulous and Provocatively Delicious!"

Executive chef Christina Sells writes

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New Cape Cod wine club offers access to small vineyards, importers

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Six wine lovers on the Lower Cape had the chance to buy a rare bottle of pinot meunier, a still red wine produced in extremely small batches from a grape normally used in making champagne.

The opportunity came about through the new Wicked Wine Club, an extension of The Wicked Oyster restaurant in Wellfleet and the nearby Wicked Provincetown shop. The club is led by sommelier Sebastian Tuffaro, who co-owns the restaurant and shop, working with

Brian Simpson, who specializes in small-batch wines.

"Pinot meunier is considered semi-mentally friendly. It's from The Eyrie Vineyards out of Oregon. They don't produce a lot of it, so we only get six bottles. It was a \$10 add-on to the \$95 three-bottle selection (of Wicked Wine Club's membership tiers)," Simpson said.

To put the pinot member's rarity into perspective, on average only 250 of the 35,000 cases produced by The Eyrie Vineyards each year are pinot meunier.

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The Wicked Wine Club in Wellfleet offers a \$10 monthly add-on featuring grapes that pair with that month's wines. PROVIDED BY LIPS

This Cape Cod town made Yankee Mag's list of the best in MA to live in

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Some of the best small towns in New England are in Massachusetts, one prestigious magazine said - and one of them is on Cape Cod.

Yankee Magazine, a publication that knows New England well, published a list of the 25 best small towns in New England to live in and five Massachusetts towns made the cut.

Yankee took into account the schools in the area, how diverse the population is, the crime rate in the town as well as property taxes and the prices of homes. They also factored in opportunities to build lasting relationships in the town, like churches, local bars and clubs, and community events.

"Finally—and most critically—we considered these intangible qualities that make a small town unique: the beloved old opera house, the stunning mountain vista, the venerable country inn, the one-of-a-kind museum," Yankee Magazine said.

You'll see that these Commonwealth towns are just as nice to visit as they are to live in, take a look.

Lenox

Yankee Magazine said that Lenox is the third best small town in New England.

"The hills of Lenox echo every summer with the sounds of outdoor concerts at Tanglewood, the summer home of the world-renowned Boston Symphony Orchestra, and the giggle of the granddaughters of Shakespeare & Company, one of the country's top Shakespearean troupes," it said.

Reader's Digest said the town was one of the most beautiful in the Berkshires, highlighting Mount Gaylick State Reservation and Lenox Park.

You can also visit Edith Wharton's home, The Mount, and marvel at the vibrant and verdant botanical garden there.

"Today's pilgrims come for more modern-day pumping at Canyon Ranch or Mineral Healdsburg Resort and Spa, while year-round residents enjoy a different kind of relaxation in the top-notch resorts and still-romantic housing prices, a farm-to-table dining scene, and abundant red and gold foliage in fall," the magazine said.

Shelburne

Places like Shelburne's bridge of flowers, a beautiful passageway covered with blossoms that opens up April, made this town an easy pick for Yankee.

"The commercial district of Shelburne Falls, partially located in neighboring Buckland, features eminently strollable lanes of Federal-style houses, independent jewelry and clothing boutiques, and comfort food taverns, alongside a pretty waterfall and scenic glacial potholes," Yankee said.

Manchester-by-the-Sea

Yankee Magazine said that Manchester-by-the-Sea is one of New England's best small towns because of its effortless fusion of peaceful, rural life with the finer things in life.

"The vision of a coastal New England village, Manchester-by-the-Sea—first so named in the 19th century to distinguish it from inland Manchester, New Hampshire—offers panoramic

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Beachfront view in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts, USA. GETTY IMAGES

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To put the pinot meunier's rarity into perspective, on average only 250 of the 10,000 cases produced by The Eyrie Vineyards each year are pinot meunier.

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The Wicked Wine Club in Wellfleet offers a \$30 monthly add-on featuring groceries that pair with that month's wines. PROVIDED BY CAP



Members of the Wicked Wine Club will pick up their monthly bottles of wine at Wicked Provisions, 50 Main St., Wellfleet. PROVIDED BY CAP

Wine club

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The bulk of the vineyard's production is pinot noir and its white wine relative, pinot gris.

A standard membership to the Wicked Wine Club is \$65 for two bottles of handpicked wines or \$95 for three bottles, accompanied with tasting notes, 10% discount at The Wicked Provisions and first access to wine tastings and wine dinners.

Club members also have access to a \$30 Pantry Bundle Add-On, "a thoughtful selection of gourmet groceries like farm-fresh cheeses, salty crackers, tinned fish, marinated olives, creamy dips, and other tasty surprises designed to complement the monthly wine selections."

The Wicked Wine Club joins several existing clubs, including those from Cape Cod Winery, Truro Vineyards, Dunn & Sons Wine, Cape Cod Cellars and Cape Cod Package Store Fine Wine & Spirits.

Taffers said he wanted to start the Wicked Wine Club as a way of supporting small businesses, from vineyards to importers who are bringing in rare vintages — with great stories behind them — from around the world.

The Wicked Wine Club is run out of Wicked Provisions, 50 Main St., Wellfleet.

"Those interested in becoming members can sign

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up via Table 22. They will receive an update on timing for each drop at the beginning of the month indicating when they can pick up their bottles at The Wicked Provisions," according to a notice from the club, which opened this month.

Taffers said, "A lot of the wines we pick are not from large vineyards. We want people to feel exclusive. Picking wine that is rare to get access to makes them feel more special."

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"We have wine from France, Switzerland, Italy, Slovenia, but a lot from us as well ... Virginia, Vermont and more. We are trying to highlight more rare growing areas," Simpson said.



Sommelier Sebastian Taffers set up Wicked Wine Club as a way to promote small businesses and offer Cape Cod wine lovers access to small-batch wines. PROVIDED BY CAP