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Jorge Barrales Jr. and his father, Papi's Tacos founder and co-owner Jorge "Papi" Barrales at their Augusta Road location in downtown Greenville. WILL CROOKS/ USA TODAY NETWORK

‘Food truck without wheels’ gets upgrade

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Greenville’s “food truck without wheels,” Papi’s Tacos, will introduce an elevated approach to its menu, interior design, and branding sometime around Valentine’s Day week-end.

Papi’s Kitchen will soon be the new namesake at 21 Augusta St. — an effort from the father-son duo of Jorge Barrales Sr. and Jorge Barrales Jr. to bring a heightened level of authentic and revised Mexican cuisine to a thriving West End area with menu items such as duck mole, shrimp a la aguachile, chile veraniego, and more.

“It’s not your chips and queso anymore, this is actually stuff we’ve done at euphoria,” said Barrales Jr.

Inspired by the current climate of food and dining in Greenville, which included a Michelin award ceremony, the previously mentioned euphoria, the growing popularity of the Fall for Greenville festival, and Bravo Network’s recent filming of Top Chef Carolinas, the Augusta Street location has phased in upgrades in preparation for the new chapter in its culinary brand.

What was originally planned to open prior to COVID-19, Papi’s Kitchen on Augusta St. is expected to be a culmination of the Barrales’ nearly 40 years combined experience working at Table 301’s Soby’s New South Cuisine, Papi’s Tacos original location at 300 River St. since 2013, and seven years as contributors to special events during euphoria.

Here is more on what to expect from the upcoming Papi’s Kitchen concept slated for 21 Augusta St.

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**Corn Ribs
appetizer at
Papi’s
Kitchen.**

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**Queso dip
skillet,
front, and
Corn Ribs
appetizers
at Papi’s
Kitche.**

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**Shrimp a la
Aguachile
appetizer at
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What’s driving up prices for gas?

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South Carolina is seeing a significant increase in gas prices, but one expert explained the price hike is not uncommon for this time of year.

GasBuddy, a North America platform that analyses gas price trends, reported that the average cost of a gallon in South Carolina rose from \$2.468 on Jan. 19 to \$2.617 on Jan. 26 — a difference of just under 15 cents.

Patrick De Haan, the head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy, said the cost of diesel gas and gasoline have seen price increases lately. The rise in diesel gas can be explained by a burst of wintry weather facing many U.S. states this week, while the spike in gasoline prices is a little more complex.

According to De Haan, diesel gas prices are on the rise because diesel gas and heating oil are essentially the same

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Attendance, community support ends Spartanburg’s Pride festival

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Since 2009, the Pride festival has brought together members of Spartanburg’s LGBTQ community as well as friends and advocates.

The Upstate Pride SC board of directors announced in a recent statement that the annual Spartanburg event will be discontinued.

Describing it as “difficult news,” the organization said it had decided to “financially focus all our efforts on one annual Pride celebration that is held in downtown Greenville, SC and make this PRIDE festival our premier event of the

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