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NEW RESTAURANT LOCATION OPENS DOWNTOWN;

FORMER APEX RESTAURANT FINDS A HOME IN DOWNTOWN FUQUAY-VARINA

Another local fine dining restaurant has decided to call downtown Fuquay-Varina home.

Rock Harbor Grill, formally of Apex, opened their new restaurant location this week at 132 S. Fuquay Ave in downtown Fuquay-Varina. The new staple in downtown is a seafood restaurant that also offers eclectic menu choices and is known for their unique culinary creations.

Rock Harbor Grill is yet another local restaurant to expand or relocate from one of Fuquay-Varina's neighboring communities. Less than a year ago, the Mason Jar Tavern of Holly Springs opened its second location in downtown Fuquay-Varina. Anna's Pizzeria, another family-friendly restaurant with its original location in Apex opened in downtown Fuquay-Varina nearly three years ago.

"I am always amazed at how fast word travels to neighboring communities that downtown Fuquay-Varina is a great place to expand or relocate a quality restaurant," stated Mayor John W. Byrne. "The downtown residents and businesses want additional quality services and amenities and they deserve it. This restaurant is another great example of why people and businesses are flocking to downtown Fuquay-Varina."

The Town of Fuquay-Varina has a history of championing their downtown. In 2014, the Town Board adopted its first economic development strategy that included a greater focus on identifying new mixed-use development opportunities in its downtown. Since then, in addition to the Town's public investment in projects and personnel downtown, downtown has had an influx of new private sector investment to compliment and support the Town's ongoing downtown redevelopment efforts.

Rock Harbor Grill's owner David Vance stated, "We are very happy and excited to be a part of downtown Fuquay-Varina and are looking forward to bringing people a great seafood experience with live entertainment." Rock Harbor's building is owned by local Fuquay-Varina dentist Dr. Bryden McCormick and his wife Kristen Wallingford.

“I am talking with new potential businesses everyday who are excited about the possibility of expanding or relocating to our downtown,” stated Casey Verburg, the Town’s recently hired Downtown Development Coordinator. “I am going to work with Rock Harbor Grill to make sure their operation is a success and support the significant investment made by the McCormick family who allowed this project to happen.”