



The 14 Hottest Restaurants in D.C., January 2019

Where to eat right now around the DMV

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Tiki TNT opened on the Southwest Waterfront in December. | Photo by [Rey Lopez/Eater D.C.](#)

Readers, friends and family often come to Eater editors with one question: “Where should I eat right now?” Restaurant obsessives want to know what’s new, what’s exciting, which favorite chef just opened a new place. And while the [Eater 38](#) is a crucial resource covering standbys and essentials across the city, it is not a chronicle of the ‘it’ places of the moment. Enter the Eater Heatmap, which will change monthly to highlight where discerning diners are flocking to right now.

Now leaving the hot list: [Valor Brew Pub](#), [Little Beast](#), [the Meatball Shop](#), [Officina](#), and [Pisco y Nazca](#)

New to the hot list: [The Berliner](#), [High Street Cafe](#), [Julii](#), [Philly Wing Fry](#), and [Tiki TNT](#)

14. Tiki TNT



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The palatial tiki bar overlooking the Washington Channel opened in December, giving visitors at the Wharf development a laid-back venue to drink frozen Coca-Cola spiked with rum and a host of other cocktails created by Todd Thrasher. The owner and renowned mixologist asked several of his chef buddies — Erik Bruner-Yang, Bryan Voltaggio, and David Guas — to contribute to a menu that includes rotisserie chickens, pulled pork platters, and a whipped, non-fermented poi dip.

