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### **Durham, Orange & Chatham Restaurant News**

In Chapel Hill, **Coco Bistro & Bar** continued their “evolution” announcing that their full bar, and zero-proof bar, is now up and running. It features a variety of selected wines, beers on draft and bottled, and a number of craft cocktails, including some wonderful herbaceous cocktails created just for Coco Bistro & Bar. Their new hours extend until 9 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. They are located at the new Gwendolyn Building in Glen Lennox. [Visit them here.](#)

And not to be outdone, the good folks over at Bites of Bull City have put together [their list](#) of the best openings and expansions of 2021

There is no doubt we saw more closings in 2021 than anyone wanted. We wanted to take a moment to let our restaurants that pivoted, shifted and re-invented themselves that this past week North Carolina launched a \$500 million program to help restaurants and other small businesses recover from pandemic-related losses. The **North Carolina Business Recovery Grant Program** allows business owners who have seen at least a 20 percent decline in revenue to apply for grants equal to 10 percent of their losses, up to \$500,000. Because the hospitality industry was hit so hard by closures and other restrictions, \$300 million of the fund is earmarked for restaurants, hotels, bars and other entertainment businesses.