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Inside Rockwood, chef Mike Cordero's latest sports bar creation

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Chef Mike Cordero has largely kept inside the Beltway or very nearby with his various sports bars and restaurants. That is, until now, as he turns his attention well to the west.

Cordero — the restaurateur behind Don Tito and The G.O.A.T. in Clarendon, Barley Mac in Rosslyn, Don Taco in Alexandria the Primetime Sports Bar in Fairfax — will open Rockwood Sports Bar in Gainesville's Virginia Gateway development on Tuesday.

Have a look in the gallery for newly released photos of Cordero's latest venture.

Featuring comfort food like wings, fried chicken, pork belly Cuban sandwiches, bacon-chicken fritters and milkshakes, the nearly 5,000-square-foot Rockwood takes up a space formerly occupied by Ruby Tuesday. The space seats 200 guests between three full bars, 50 barstools, 40 indoor tables and 20 outdoor tables on two large patios — one featuring a beer garden theme.

The bar menu will offer an assortment of specialty cocktails, while the restaurant will offer daily deals, late night menus and live entertainment.

"Rockwood is an exciting sports bar that is perfect for watching the game or unwinding outside with a cocktail," Cordero said. "We're thrilled to bring our original concept to Virginia Gateway and offer the Gainesville community our American comfort food classics."



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Cordero moved to Fairfax at the age of 20. Over the years, he has opened numerous restaurants, including multiple locations of Bravo Cucina Italiana, Malibu Grill, Bronx Pizza and A-Town.

Rockwood will be open from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Friday, and noon to 2 a.m. Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. Virginia Gateway is owned by the Peterson Cos.

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