

# Burger Up inks deal in East Nashville

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## Restaurant to open in summer 2016 at Hill Center Five Points development



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A burger and sweet potato fries from Burger Up. (Photo: George Walker IV | The Tennessean) Buy Photo

[Burger Up](#), a popular upscale burger joint founded in 12South in 2010, is coming to Nashville's east side.

The roughly 3,600-square-foot restaurant is slated to open in summer 2016 in a portion of the former Turnip Truck building at 970 Woodland St. as part of H.G. Hill's Hill Center Five Points development. The news comes one month after the natural foods grocer relocated to a much bigger building at 701 Woodland St.

"We're very much trying to put (Burger Up) together with almost exactly the same vibe (as the 12South location)," said Jim Lewis, owner of Nashville restaurant group [Community Hospitality](#), in an interview with The Tennessean.

Community Hospitality, which also owns Prima and Josephine, took over the original Burger Up last year from local restaurateur Miranda Whitcomb Pontes. A Burger Up in Cool Springs is owned by a separate entity, KPMCS LLC.

Lewis said he wasn't actively pursuing a new site for Burger Up, but the opportunity arose at Hill Center Five Points and it was too good to pass up. He said the growth plan for Burger Up is slow expansion into tightly knit neighborhoods while maintaining the same feel as the 12South restaurant.

"The communities in which each of our restaurant locations operate and belong are very important to our team," Lewis said in a written statement. "Part of Burger Up's philosophy is to thoughtfully align with our local community through events and the sourcing of foods, as well as connecting with neighborhood residents as they are our guests and often times our employees. Burger Up is a family friendly concept and expanding the love from 12South to East Nashville was the next logical step for growth."

Burger Up's main menu items include burgers and salads, and the restaurant has a rotating selection of draft beers along with cocktails. The restaurant is focused on "thoughtful consuming" by sourcing from local farms and producers, including humanely raised beef from a farm in Franklin.

Popular menu items include a Woodstock burger with Benton's bacon, Tennessee Sweetwater white cheddar and Jack Daniels maple ketchup; chopped kale salad with roasted hazelnuts, dried tart cherries, pecorino romano and citrus vinaigrette; and truffle fries.

The restaurant will add to East Nashville's thriving food scene, which most recently welcomed South Carolina-based eatery Butcher & Bee at 900 Main St.

H.G. Hill's Hill Center Five Points project includes renovating the former Turnip Truck building, a new 11,608-square-foot building and a parking lot with 49 spaces. Hawkins Partners landscape architects will occupy the second floor of the new building.

"Hill Center Five Points has the distinction of being the site of one of Mr. Hill Sr.'s first grocery stores," said [H.G. Hill](#) CEO Jimmy Granbery in a statement. "Because of this rich history, the property carries special significance for the company and we are pleased to welcome Burger Up to the development and to the community. We also wish continued success to The Turnip Truck who occupied this building for 14 years."

The project's development team includes architect Manuel Zeitlin, Hawkins Partners, Barge Cauthen & Associates and Dowdle Construction Group. Treanor Granbery and Jon Petty of Southeast Venture are marketing available spaces for lease.



Burger Up plans to open in the former Turnip Truck building at 970 Woodland St. after Turnip Truck relocated in November. (Photo: The Tennessean file photo)