

Iconic NYC Vendor Halal Guys Opening in New Haven, CT

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The food cart turned brick-and-mortar restaurant, **The Halal Guys**, will open a new restaurant at 906 Chapel Street, New Haven, CT on September 9 with a Grand Opening ceremony and ribbon-cutting. New Haven Mayor Toni Harp and other municipal leaders

are expected to attend to officially open the restaurant with Mayor



Harp becoming the first customer.

The iconic New York City vendor, which originally started as a hot dog cart in 1990, gained worldwide recognition for its twist on traditional Middle Eastern cuisine. Known for its secret white sauce and lip-tingling, explosive hot sauce, The Halal Guys has become a staple of New York City street fare. Lines of customers consistently stretch down the block, attracting followers from across the globe.

Drawing from the success of the original, the founders of The Halal Guys decided to open “brick and mortar” restaurants around the nation. The Chapel Street restaurant is the first in Connecticut. At least one other is in the preliminary planning stage for an undetermined location in the Stamford area.

Franchise owner Jack Yeung, a Trumbull resident, said, “With New Haven being such a diverse city when it comes to food, I’m thrilled to add The Halal Guys as an option for residents, tapping into a market that hasn’t been touched.”

“Even while we were under construction, we had people knock on the door to find out when we will open,” Yeung said. “It’s very exciting!”

The Halal Guys will open daily from 11 am to 11 pm, eventually expecting to expand to late night hours to attract those on their way home from a night out.



Those with big appetites can plan on hearty portions of chicken and gyro over rice with salad, consistent with those served in New York City. All ingredients are delivered and prepared fresh daily. In addition to the world-famous platters, the New Haven location will be dishing up sandwiches, hummus, fries, and, for desert, baklava.

Hungry yet? The wait is almost over.

The Halal Guys began as a lone hot dog cart founded in 1990 by Mohamed Abouelenein, Ahmed Elsaka and Abdelbaset Elsayed. They believed that Muslim taxi drivers wanted a good Halal meal and in 1992 they switched to the current menu of chicken gyro meat, rice and pita. The iconic brand is known for its bright yellow and red umbrellas and shirts, and its proprietary white and hot sauces. Follow The Halal Guys on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).