

# Food, drink and all that jazz Downtown

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installation of low-flush toilets and energy-efficient light bulbs. More work to the lobby, public spaces and the Rancher's Club will occur soon.

Rossena said a design team is working on changes to the Rancher's Club, but "certainly will maintain the Rancher's spirit." The eatery is a four-diamond restaurant.

The hotel opened in 1971. For more, visit [www.cpabq.com](http://www.cpabq.com) or call 884-2500.

## Jazzbah

You'll now find live jazz music, food, drinks and vibrant colors coming from the northeast corner of 2nd and Gold SW.

Jazzbah opened in mid-August after a \$350,000 build-out to the space at 119 Gold SW.

Work included bathrooms, a kitchen, a half-moon-shaped stage, wooden floors, a dining area, among other additions. Work was done in partnership with the Historic District Improvement Company, or HDIC, which owns the building.

The venue has an oyster bar and serves appetizers during lunch and dinner hours. Lunch options cost \$8 to \$12 and dinner costs \$6 to \$16. The menu will soon feature entrees ranging from \$30 to \$45, owner Don Putz told the Journal.

Jazzbah also features drinks from award-winning



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The bar seen from the entrance of Jazzbah, a food, drinks and jazz-music venue that opened in mid-August at the corner of 2nd and Gold SW after undergoing a \$350,000 build-out.

mixologist Daniel Gonzales, who was previously with Heritage Hotels.

Thursday through Saturday, you can hear live music at Jazzbah, Putz

said. More music options will come on Sundays and Mondays in October.

Lunch hours are Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., dinner



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The dining area of Jazzbah, a food and jazz-music venue that opened in mid-August Downtown.

hours are Monday through Thursday from 5 p.m.-10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m. to midnight and Sunday from 5 to 9 p.m. Sunday brunch is offered from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Reservations are not required, but recommended. Visit [www.jazzbahabq.com](http://www.jazzbahabq.com) or call 243-5299 for more.

## Garduno's update

Synergy Ventures Inc. took over Garduno's at the beginning of August after the \$1.75 million sale became official.

Partners in the company told the Journal they are looking to re-energize the brand, improve the quality of the food, and reintroduce the mariachi entertainment previously offered at the two eateries.

Partners Tug Herig, Jack Harney and hotelier Jim Long have signed a 10-year lease with Winrock and have purchased the Cottonwood location.

Henrique Valdovinos will continue as general manager of the locations. He had been hired by the trustee of the bankruptcy case earlier this year.

There are no plans for more locations at this point in time, partners say.

A bankruptcy court approved the sale of two Garduno's restaurants, two liquor licenses, recipes, furniture, fixtures, logos and more to Synergy Ventures Inc. in June.

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