



# Backyard Is Pacific Beach's New Grown-Up Playground

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*Craft beer, cocktails & cabanas just blocks from the beach.*

Soft opening tonight at 832 Garnet Avenue is [Backyard Kitchen & Tap](#), which slots into [Moondoggie's](#) former [Garnet Avenue spot](#); owner [Eric Leitstein](#), whose [OMG](#)

Hospitality Group also runs Pacific Beach AleHouse and the Union Kitchen & Taps in Encinitas and the Gaslamp, has renovated the two-room space with garage doors, reclaimed wood and walls lined with whiskey bottles.

Leitstein founded the legendary Canes Bar & Grill in Mission Beach, and sees Backyard as reflection of the neighborhood's evolution, an alternative to the uber-casual beach bars that offers craft beer, cocktails (including house-infused vodkas and boozy lemonades) and "coastal cuisine" from executive chef **James Nunn**(Union Kitchen & Tap), who will be doing seafood boils every Tuesday and weekly Sunday pig roasts.

There's also a large outdoor patio, a rarity on Garnet, that will host live entertainment, from DJs to acoustic music, seven nights a week. It also houses a bar, fire pits and three cabanas stocked with big screen TVs. The eatery will start with dinner service, then expand to lunch and brunch; they plan to offer brunch daily starting this summer.

Backyard has also been staffed with some employees from PB AleHouse, which was **significantly damaged in a recent fire**; Leitstein says that he will take the opportunity to redo and refresh the space, which should reopen in a few months.

**Backyard Menu**

<b>BACKYARD</b> ★ KITCHEN & TAP ★		831 Garnet Avenue San Diego, CA 92109
<b>SHARED PLATES</b>		
Blue Cheese Focaccia, Olive Oil, Sea Salt	8	
<b>Alto House Halfloam</b> Chickpeas, Pickled Green Chiles, Arroyo In House Sourdough with Ranch Dressing	11	
<b>Pork ribs</b> Crisp Bone Smoker, House-Cured Ribs, Rice, House-Cauliflower Salad	12	
<b>Manzanillo Queso</b> Queso Blandito, House Butta, Grassy Shalots, Fresno Chiles, Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, Salsita	13	
<b>High Protein Chicken</b> Roasted Chicken, Spicy Sauce, Fresh Tortilla Chips	13	
<b>Mexican Frites</b> House-Cured Potatoes, House Salsa, Fresh Herbs, Sea Salt, Fries	14	
<b>Grilled Sausage Board</b> Chorizo, Bratwurst, House Linguichetta, Pepperoni, Kielbasa, House Grapes & Apples, 7 oz. House Beer, House Pickles, House Salsita	15	
<b>Chicken Plate</b> Chef's Selection of 3 Chicken, with Quinoa, Herb, Fry, Green Beans, House Salsita, House Onion, House Pickles, House Pickles	16	
<b>Chicken &amp; Charcuterie Plate</b> Chef's Selection of 3 Sausages and 3 Chicken with Salsita, House Fry, House Grapes, House Pickles, House Pickles	17	
<b>SALADS</b>		
<b>Green Salad</b> House Dressing, Baby Tomatoes, English Cucumbers, Toasted Walnuts, House-Cured Pickles	8	
<b>Baby Spinach Salad</b> Dress: Arroyo, Grassy Shalots, Aglio, Basil, Serrano, Grilled Chicken, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita	9	
<b>Chicken Salad</b> Dress: Grassy Shalots, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, House Pickles, House Pickles	10	
<b>Alto House California Golden</b> Fried Chicken, House-Cured Potatoes, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, House Pickles, House Pickles	11	
Grilled Shrimp 7 / Grilled Chicken 8		
<b>FLATBREADS</b>		
Grilled Chicken, Salsa, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, House Pickles, House Pickles	14	
<b>BBQ Pork Chicken</b> Grilled Chicken, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, House Pickles, House Pickles	15	
<b>House Sausage</b> Grilled Sausage, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, House Pickles, House Pickles	16	
<b>Pig</b> Grilled Pork, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, House Pickles, House Pickles	17	
<b>BURGERS &amp; SANDWICHES</b>		
House-Cured Potatoes, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, House Pickles, House Pickles	18	
<b>Backyard Burger</b> House-Cured Potatoes, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, House Pickles, House Pickles	19	
<b>Alto House Beer Cheese Burger</b> House-Cured Potatoes, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, House Pickles, House Pickles	20	
<b>California Chicken Sandwich</b> Grilled Chicken, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, House Pickles, House Pickles	21	
<b>House-Cured Fish Sandwich</b> House-Cured Potatoes, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, House Pickles, House Pickles	22	
<b>Crab &amp; Cucumber Roll</b> Fresh Crab and Cucumber, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, House Pickles, House Pickles	23	
<b>BACKYARD FAVORITES</b>		
<b>BBQ Pork Chicken</b> House-Cured Potatoes, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, House Pickles, House Pickles	24	
<b>Labrador Meat &amp; Cheese</b> House-Cured Potatoes, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, House Pickles, House Pickles	25	
<b>Grilled Flat Iron</b> House-Cured Potatoes, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, House Pickles, House Pickles	26	
<b>Pan Seared Straccinella</b> House-Cured Potatoes, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, House Pickles, House Pickles	27	
<b>Fish &amp; Chips</b> House-Cured Potatoes, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, House Pickles, House Pickles	28	
<b>Salisbury &amp; Mashed</b> House-Cured Potatoes, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, House Pickles, House Pickles	29	
<b>Seafood Boil</b> House-Cured Potatoes, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, House Pickles, House Pickles	30	
<b>SIDES</b>		
House-Cured Potatoes, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, House Pickles, House Pickles	31	
House-Cured Potatoes, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, House Pickles, House Pickles	32	
House-Cured Potatoes, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, House Pickles, House Pickles	33	
House-Cured Potatoes, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, House Pickles, House Pickles	34	
House-Cured Potatoes, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, House Pickles, House Pickles	35	
House-Cured Potatoes, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, House Pickles, House Pickles	36	
<b>DESSERTS</b>		
<b>Warm Chocolate Fudge Brownie Sundae</b> House-Cured Potatoes, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, House Pickles, House Pickles	37	
<b>Ice Cream</b> House-Cured Potatoes, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, House Pickles, House Pickles	38	
<b>Berry and Rhubarb Cobbler</b> House-Cured Potatoes, House Salsa, House Serrano Slices, Pineapple, Salsita, House Pickles, House Pickles	39	

