

West Broadway welcomes Mr. BBQ Express

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Since opening on West Broadway in August, Mr. BBQ Express has experienced a warm welcome from the community. Area residents, as well as people passing through on their way to and from Robbinsdale, are filling the small restaurant daily, hungry for the St. Louis pork ribs, beef tips, fried chicken and all the classic side dishes one expects: macaroni and cheese, collard greens, rice and beans, mashed potatoes and more. "We're very pleased with business and our clientele so far," says manager Ted Wilebski.

The restaurant's early success can in part be credited to the carefully crafted recipes and the management's experience in the business of barbecue. Mr. BBQ Express is a satellite of Mr. BBQ, a restaurant-bar-club famous for showcasing Twin Cities Blues musicians and old school R&B DJs on the weekends. When owner Mohamed Shambolia saw a market opportunity and first decided to open Mr. BBQ, he hired the most knowledgeable professional chefs around to create a menu and recipes that honor the Southern barbeque tradition. Mr. BBQ operated on Central Avenue in Columbia Heights for over five years, and is now located in Brooklyn Center.



Mr. BBQ Express occupies the former Pizza Town space at 1600 West Broadway. The bright, renovated interior features prints depicting old fashioned Blues and barbecue parties and a

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painting by local artist Charles Caldwell. The restaurant's primary business is take out, but there are several tables and chairs, two flat screen televisions and free wifi available for those dining in.

The friendly staff and extensive, reasonably-priced menu (which includes the metro area's only one pound hot dog) are sure to keep customers coming back for more.

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