

Humble Monk Brewing scraps plans to relocate within Cincinnati's Northside neighborhood



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The National Association of Letter Carriers building in Northside. Photo By: Corrie Schaffeld | CBC

STORY HIGHLIGHTS

- Humble Monk Brewing Co. cancels plans for new taproom.
- Cincinnati inspectors rejected the brewery's facility layout.
- The Kems will permanently shut down all brewery operations.

A Cincinnati brewery is not moving forward with plans to relocate. Humble Monk Brewing Co. is no longer opening a new taproom at 4100 Colerain Ave. in Cincinnati's Northside neighborhood. The brewery, which specialized in Belgian-style beers, [was going to move into a nearly 10,000-square-foot property](#) in the former 1800s-era National Association of Letter Carriers building. It's a space just a few blocks away from its original location at 1641 Blue Rock St., which opened in 2019. According to a statement from Head Brewer Mike Kemp and managing partner Alicia Kemp, [they closed their original location in June 2024](#) after they felt they were priced out of the building by a commercial real estate developer. The couple would not disclose the company involved for "liability purposes." The former Humble Monk property was transferred from former landlord Fran-Art LLC to 1645 Blue Rock LLC in March 2024, according to the Hamilton County Auditor's website. The 1645 Blue Rock St. address is home to Bertke Electric. The company also did not disclose the name of the developer. After finding the new location on Colerain Avenue, Mike Kemp led the charge of constructing the new brewery with the help of friends, family and long-term customers. "The city of Cincinnati building inspectors rejected our facility layout and made it not cost beneficial to continue the brewery in the city," the Kems said in a statement. The couple did not disclose the cost. As of this posting, the city of Cincinnati has not responded to the Courier's request for comment; however, a representative did say they are working to put together a response.

"(It) forced us to reflect and confirm that Mike and I can no longer continue the brewery," the statement reads in part. "We are blessed that our humble brewery left the Cincinnati community missing us as well as left our customers and ourselves with wonderful memories and creating friendships."

During the hiatus, the business sold packaged cans and kegs along with online merch. However, the Kems said they have permanently shut down all operations since they no longer have a facility. Alicia Kemp said they are planning a sale event at some point in the near future for those interested in purchasing any remaining memorabilia. Humble Monk [was founded by father and son Mike and Paul Kemp](#). It was going to originally be named Rabbit Hash Brewing, but it was changed after a contest was held to allow the people of Northside to choose the name instead.



Brink Brewing Co.'s Eighth Anniversary Weekend

When: Feb. 21 from 3 p.m. - midnight., Feb. 22 from noon-midnight and Feb. 23 from noon to 10 p.m.

Where: Brink Brewing Co., Hamilton Ave., College Hill

Brink Brewing has three full days of fun planned to celebrate their eighth anniversary. On Friday, Brink Brewing will host Discount Llama, an acoustic group that plays a mix of covers and originals. On Saturday, the Anniversary Blend bottles of barrel-aged beer will be released with music bingo from 6-9 p.m. On Sunday, go behind the scenes with Head Brewer D.C. so you can learn what goes into making every batch.

Brink turns 8! As always, we have a huge blowout of beers planned for the weekend with specialty variants galore. Friday night our friends with Discount Llama will be stopping by. On Saturday we will be releasing our Anniversary Blend bottles, and since it is a party, we will be having music bingo from 6pm - 9pm. Sunday will be something new during College Hill Day, where you have a chance to get behind the scene with our Head Brewer D.C. and help brew a batch. Details below for all the beer releases and festivities!

Friday Variants: -Oreo Moozie, -Tangerine + Grapefruit Hoperatic, -Peach Vanilla Callista, -Maple Pecan Lil' Zoomie

Barrel Aged on tap: -King's County Peated Bourbon aged Duncan Clan

Saturday Variants: -Oreo Moozie, -Tangerine + Grapefruit Hoperatic, -Mexican Hot Chocolate 700 Imperial Stout -Mixed Berry King Cake

Barrel Aged on Tap: -King's County Peated Bourbon aged Duncan Clan

-Anniversary Blend (also in bottles and ready for release)

Sunday Variants: -Oreo Moozie, -Tangerine + Grapefruit Hoperatic, -Double Pineapple Van Hoppen

-Bourbon Oak Aged Brinkinator Bock Barrel Aged on Tap: -King's County Peated Bourbon aged Duncan Clan -Anniversary Blend (if available still)

Sunday College Hill Brew Day: The Brink Brewing team will be brewing up the return of a Brink classic: Hold the Reins English Mild. A special Sunday brew day will be starting at noon when the taproom opens and will allow patrons to take a peek at what goes into crafting the delicious brews that end up in your glass. We will open up the brewhouse (when safe) for hands-on experiences and insight into the hard work and dedication that goes into every batch of Brink beer. Come by and meet the (very small) team of College Hill neighbors that are behind the beer at Brink.

CELEBRATE 150 YEARS OF THE CINCINNATI ZOO WITH OUR NEW SAFARI LEMONGRASS LAGER!



Introducing Braxton's Safari Lemongrass Lager!

To celebrate the Cincinnati Zoo's 150th anniversary, we're thrilled to release Safari Lemongrass Lager—a crisp, golden lager infused with the bright, citrusy essence of fresh lemongrass. This light-bodied brew is perfectly balanced with a subtle herbal aroma and a smooth, refreshing finish that's perfect for your next adventure.

Join us for a Party in the Safari celebration on Saturday February 22nd at Braxton Covington! We'll have the Cincinnati Zoo with a special animal encounter from 2-3 PM, plus enjoy live music from The Tadcasters from 7-10 pm and From the Heart Face Art from 2-5 pm. It's going to be a wild day, so grab your crew and come sip on our new Safari Lemongrass Lager while partying with us, safari-style!

But wait, there's more! We're bringing the animal fun to our other Braxton locations, so don't miss out on these exclusive animal encounters:

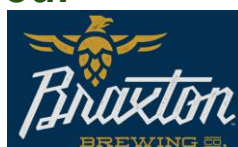
Braxton Fort Mitchell Barrel House – Tuesday, February 25th, 2025

🐾 Zoo Animal Encounter from 6-7 PM

Braxton Union – Thursday, February 27th, 2025

🐾 Zoo Animal Encounter from 6-7 PM

Come meet the animals and celebrate the Cincinnati Zoo's 150th anniversary with us at all three locations! It's going to be a wild party, and we can't wait to celebrate with you!





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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025 12PM-4PM
CHILI COOK OFF



JOIN US FOR A THIRD EYE BREWING CHILI COOK OFF!

Mark your calendars for February 22, 2025. 12pm-4pm, and get ready for a spicy, savory showdown at Third Eye Brewing Sharonville! Whether you're a seasoned chili master or just love a good bowl of chili, this event is for you!

Come show off your Chili Prowess! If your Chili is crowned **BEST OF SHOW**, it will be featured as the Chili Special at Third Eye during Cincy Chili Week Feb 24 - Mar 2!

THE ENTRY DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 20TH.

AWARD CATEGORIES:

Best of Show Chili, Most Creative/Unique Chili, Best Hot/Spicy Chili, People's Choice And Best Chili Made with a Third Eye Beer

PRIZES include: \$25 gift cards for Award Category Winners

BEST OF SHOW WINNER

\$50 gift card and 'Best of Show' Trophy

YOUR chili will be featured as the Chili Special at Third Eye during Cincy Chili Week!

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Don't miss out on this fiery fun event! Sign up today and bring your A-game to the chili competition.

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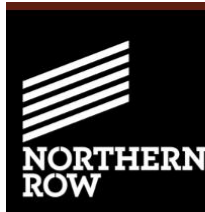


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SEASONAL RELEASE

IRIS

Irish Style Red Ale



🔔 Beer Drop Alert: 'Iris' Irish Red Ale 🔔

Our fan favorite Iris Irish Red Ale is back starting this Thursday!

Iris pours a deep **red-amber hue**, showcasing the rich, toasty character of its malts. Layers of **smooth caramel, toffee, and a hint of roasted nuttiness** create a balanced, flavorful sip. It starts with a touch of sweetness and finishes crisp and dry, making it both **comforting and refreshing**.



QUINTESSENCE BEER LINEUP

Harmony*

Mixed berry fruited Belgian Ale

Paradox*

Belgian Pale Ale

Ethereal

Belgian Blonde Ale with Basil

Aged Restivus

Belgian Holiday Ale

Virtue

Belgian Dubbel

Tranquility*

Belgian Tripel

Nirvana

Belgian Quad

New Release*



Quintessence Beer Line-Up 🍷

Join us for **Quintessence**, a celebration of Belgian tradition and craftsmanship, where each pour embodies elegance and complexity. This year's lineup features **Harmony**, a fruit-forward Belgian Ale bursting with berries, **Paradox**, a perfectly balanced Belgian Pale Ale, and **Ethereal**, a delicate Belgian Blonde Ale with a hint of basil. We'll also be pouring **Aged Restivus**, a rich Belgian Holiday Ale, **Virtue**, a smooth and malty Dubbel, **Tranquility**, a golden and complex Tripel, and **Nirvana**, a bold and indulgent Belgian Quad. Experience the full spectrum of Belgian brewing, all in one unforgettable evening!



FC Cincinnati Season Kickoff Party

When: Saturday February 22nd. from 5-9 p.m.

Where: Samuel Adams Taproom, Over-the-Rhine

What: Are you excited for Major League Soccer to begin? Join Samuel Adams and FC Cincinnati fans for a spectacular kickoff party. Samuel Adams is bringing this party to a new level with delicious drink and food specials.

Why: With TQL stadium so close by our taproom, I can't think of a better spot to celebrate.



Photo: [facebook.com/Samuel Adams Cincinnati Taproom](https://www.facebook.com/SamuelAdamsCincinnatiTaproom)