

# Food and More

with John Kessler



## Ormsby's opens in White Provision

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credit: White Provision

With no fanfare but ample word of mouth, **Ormsby's** opened over the weekend in the White Provision complex in the city's red-hot Westside dining district.

This comfy, wood-paneled pub is a joint project for Michael Goot of SweetWater Brewing Co. and Warren Bruno — the bar impresario who first came to Atlanta's attention at late, lamented Aunt Charley's in Buckhead several decades ago. He is also behind Atkins Park Tavern in Virginia Highland.

Situated under Room & Board, Ormsby's is a bi-level space with a bar pouring a kazillion kinds of beer on the main level. The downstairs space has another bar as well as a bocce court, darts, shuffleboard and other fun games of skill and chance that semi-drunk people enjoy.

The menu is your basic updated pub grub bill of fare — comfortable enough that it doesn't scream "gastropub" but filled with foodie catnip like hand-cut fries with dipping sauces, a White Oak Pastures burger and hand-dipped corn dogs with Sriracha mayonnaise.

(Permit me to indulge in a Simpsonsque moment and say, "Mmmmm....corn dogs.....")

Bruno named the restaurant after his mother's fun-loving family, and many of the menu items reference aunts and uncles.

With Ormsby's, we have the last White Provision dining puzzle piece. Abattoir has been humming along, Shaun Doty's as-yet-unnamed burger bar will open next month, and West Egg Cafe will abandon it's funky digs next door for a berth among the retail space.

If you see me there trying to eat a corn dog and throwing darts simultaneously, please remove one or other from my hand.

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