

Chubby's in midtown to open all Halloween night before closing; new tenant announced

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Chubby's has been a mainstay at 3756 Broadway since the late 1980s. FILE KANSAS CITY STAR

Chubby's on Broadway has been a midtown mainstay since the late 1980s. Now the owner plans to shutter the diner at 6 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, after staying open round-the-clock for Halloween. Tony Olson of the locally owned Snax Management purchased Chubby's, at 3756 Broadway Blvd., five years ago. Olson also has the [Neighborhood Cafe](#) operations in Lee's Summit and Waldo.

In a statement, Olson said: "These decisions are never easy. We are thrilled to have been able to jump in with Chubby's five years ago. We introduced new concepts, free cinnamon rolls for each customer and worked daily to ensure the best service at this Kansas City icon."

Olson couldn't be reached for further comment.

Meanwhile, an Oklahoma City, Okla., restaurateur, Liming Zhang, plans to open Crazy Crab & Seafood in the spot in early 2019. Zhang owns seven Japanese restaurants in Oklahoma and Kansas, along with a Belton restaurant called Tokyo, a Japanese steakhouse and sushi bar.

Zhang is still working on the menu for Crazy Crab & Seafood but said it will serve a variety of broiled seafood and customers will have a choice of sauces, toppings and spice level.

"It's a good location with a lot of people," Zhang said of the Chubby's spot on bustling Broadway. He also is opening a Crazy Crab & Seafood in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Susan Scott and Alex Floyd of Re/Max Commercial State Line Real Estate in Leawood handled the Crazy Crab lease negotiations for Olson, who owns the building.

According to the Kansas City Star's archives, Chubby's on Broadway was operating in 1989 at 3623 Broadway, former home of the famed Sidney's restaurant. But Chubby's lost its lease in late 1998 and moved down the street to its current location in mid-2000.

Chubby's offers such items as breakfast burritos, a bagel bar, biscuits and gravy, a slider bar and cheeseburgers, along with comfort foods including meatloaf, spaghetti and meatballs.