

Abari Game Bar

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Oh, it's ON like Donkey Kong. Abari Game Bar is finally opening its doors for business in NoDa (just shy of the neighbourhood breweries) and My City Magazine and it's staff couldn't be more excited. This anticipation isn't just due to the fact we all lead very empty lives and need more entertainment options to fill the void. It's because we are all nerds and have it bad for nostalgia. Whether a person is born in the '70's or 2007, they love video games from the past. We can all now stop daydreaming about it and go to our place, the place where we belong: Abari.



There are less than a handful of these bar / video game concepts on the east coast and we can now boast having one of our very own right here in Charlotte. Not only do they have a dozen pinball machines and twenty some old school video games but they have eight taps. One of these taps will always be dedicated to Pabst Blue Ribbon and the other seven will feature beers from regional craft breweries. To add to the madness, they will have a liquor license and a full bar.

When I left the owner Zach Pulliam and his brother, they were researching food trucks, entertaining ideas for private parties and figuring out the console gaming set-ups. Rumour also has it that there will be a donut shop opening next door. So grab your piggy bank and meet me at Abari. Respect the machines as these are amazing gems from history. Now go have some fun.

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