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## Step out on the town for Black Restaurant Week

If there is one thing Richmonders love, it's an excuse to try a restaurant they haven't dined at yet. And with an extensive list of some of Richmond's best kept secrets, Richmond Black Restaurant Week provides the perfect opportunity to try a different place. Who knows, you might discover a new favorite meal!



The Speakeasy Grill's nationally recognized chicken and waffles. Photo Credit: the Speakeasy Grill.

**Check out the list of participating restaurants [HERE](#)**

One of our personal favorites on the list is the Speakeasy Grill, owned by Ron Stallings. Back in 2011, Virginia LISC provided a \$300,000 restaurant up fit loan to Stallings for the Speakeasy Grill, which is attached to the historic Hippodrome Theater located in Jackson Ward. LISC also provided a \$300,000 predevelopment loan

for the renovation of the Hippodrome.

Aside from the loan interactions, the Virginia LISC team loves to grab lunch at the Speakeasy Grill. Favorite dishes include the chicken and waffles, which were recognized in Food and Wine Magazine.

"It just hits all the little happy spots on your tongue,' says Stallings. There's also a spicy version, bathed in a habanero and jalapeño sauce he calls a 'first-hand conversation with hell,'" he said in an interview with Food and Wine Magazine.

