

# Ownership change at Timber Cove closes restaurants

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Owners of the Timber Cove Pier did not renew the lease with Blue Water Bistro, forcing the restaurant to close.

The lease with Mama's Red Tomato also expired.

Both restaurant locations will be operated by the family trust that has taken over operation of the South Lake Tahoe pier as well as the Best Western Timber Cove Lodge. Bob Maloff, who had owned the property for years, died in June. His sons control the trust.



Blue Water  
Bistro is  
closed.

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Peter Evenhuis, general manager at the lodge, said the location where the bistro was would be remodeled, with a new restaurant opening by spring.

"There is no way we can expand anything. That is too complicated," Evenhuis told *Lake Tahoe News*.

But no final plans have been devised for what type of restaurant it will be or what it will look like.

“This was an intimate, smallish, boutiqueish restaurant that was probably perfect for that location. I’m sure we’ll not stray,” Evenhuis said.

Mama’s is no longer open to the public, with no immediate intent to change that status. For now a full breakfast is served to guests of the hotel in what is being called the cafe.

Evenhuis said the other businesses operating on the pier would remain.