

# Best spots in Houston to get hot chocolate, according to Yelp

After almost a week of freezing temperatures, Texas' cold front is finally coming to an end.

With Thursday being the last day of chilly weather, there's no better way to celebrate and avoid the lingering cold than enjoying a nice steamy cup of hot chocolate

To help out, we used Yelp's algorithm to find the best places in Houston to drink some hot cocoa. From chocolate stores to coffee shops, there are plenty of places for freezing residents to thaw and quench their sweet tooth.

If you want something a bit stronger than hot chocolate, you can check out our recent pick for the coziest bars in Houston to hide from the cold weather.

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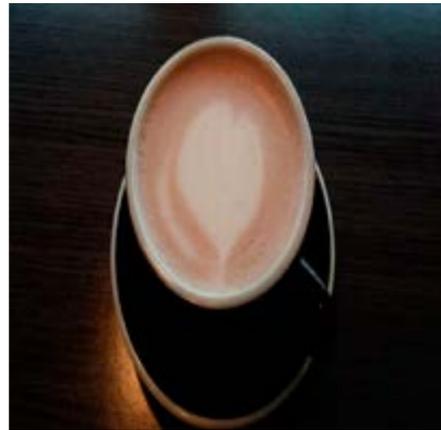
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# Whataburger! Whataburger stocking-stuffer sells out in 24 hours

Fear not, Texans.

Whataburger is expecting another delivery of Christmas sweaters after the first batch sold out within 24 hours on its online store. The company announced on its website that they expect another delivery by Dec. 5.

The company said the sweaters first went on sale Wednesday and sold out Thursday morning. People have been clamoring for the product on social media.

"Literally all I want for Christmas is that Whataburger Christmas sweater" said one Twitter user. "Someone please make it happen."

Other holiday offering from Whataburger include Christmas-themed table tents and Whataburger Christmas ornaments.

The unisex sweaters, which are 100 percent acrylic and machine washable, are selling for \$42.99. It shows off the classic Whataburger logo, along with a "24 hours" sign.



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In an effort to restore public trust, all of Texas' Catholic dioceses will release the names of clergy who have been "credibly accused" of sexually abusing minors, stemming back at least to 1950, the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops announced Wednesday.

That list, set for release in January 2019, is an important measure of "accountability and transparency," Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller, archdiocese of San Antonio, said in an interview.

"Even though it will be painful, we believe that to bring this awareness will give [survivors] hope," he said. "We hope that if some victims have not come forward, they will come forward. ... And we believe it's the right thing to do."

The months between now and January give survivors time to report abuse and give the church the time to vet further accusations. Officials could not say yet how many names the list is expected to include.



The step marks the most significant yet from the Catholic establishment in Texas, as states across the country reckon with sexual abuse in churches. An August grand jury report in Pennsylvania found abuse of more than 1,000 victims from more than 300 priests over a period of 70 years. In the weeks following that report's release, attorneys general in a half-dozen states announced they would launch similar investigations into sex abuse by Catholic priests.

There have been calls for Texas to take similar steps, but the Texas attorney general does not have original jurisdiction over such matters.

"If a district attorney's office requests our help with an investigation into any religious organization where the safety of children is at risk, we will gladly and immediately assist," a spokeswoman for the attorney general's office said.

García-Siller would not say whether he invites such a measure from the state government, saying only, "We think that what

## List Will Be Released By Jan. 31, 2019

# Catholic Dioceses In Texas To Release Names Of Clergy "Credibly Accused" Of Sexually Abusing Minors

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we are doing now is what we should do." Catholic leadership reached the decision Sept. 30.

There are 8.5 million Catholics, 1,320 Catholic parishes and 4,000 members of the clergy in Texas — making compiling the list a tall order.



Still, it's not clear that even this list will capture the scope of the problem in Texas. According to diocesan policies, clergy who are "credibly accused" of sexual abuse are removed from their ministries — so January's list may not reveal much new information.

García-Siller said church investigations of alleged abuse include anyone who could have been involved. But the January list will include clergy members who are accused of committing abuse, not clergy members accused of enabling that abuse or covering it up.

It's also not clear what constitutes a "credible accusation" of abuse, and that definition may vary from diocese to diocese.

All abuse allegations reported to the church are referred to local authorities, Catholic officials said. (Courtesy texastribune.org)

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### All Fifteen Catholic Dioceses in Texas will release names of clergy credibly accused of sexual abuse of minors

DALLAS— Bishop Edward J. Burns says the Diocese of Dallas released the names of all clergy credibly accused of sexual abuse of minors in his diocese dating back to 1950 through today. In doing so, he joins the bishops of the 14 other Catholic dioceses in Texas and the Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter in taking the action. The Texas bishops made the decision on September 30, 2018, to release the lists of names in the context of their ongoing work to protect children from sexual abuse, and their efforts to promote healing and a restoration of trust in the Catholic Church.

Bishop Burns said, "Opening our files to outside investigators and releasing the names is something I have been considering for some time. Since I believe it is the right thing to do, the Diocese of Dallas has had outside investigators, a team made up of former FBI, state troopers and other experts in law enforcement, examining our files since February, and they still have work to do." Bishop Burns went on to say, "My brother bishops and I recognize that this type of transparency and accountability is what the Catholic faithful want and need."



The bishops say that with 8.5 million Catholics and 1,320 Catholic parishes in Texas, the endeavor to compile a comprehensive list of clergy who have been

who have been harmed by members of the Church. I add my sincere sorrow for the pain that has been caused for victims and the Catholic faithful."

The release of names of clergy credibly accused of sexually abusing a minor is part of an ongoing effort by the dioceses to provide an even safer environment for children. These lists will be updated as new information becomes available.

Anyone who has been sexually abused by clergy is encouraged to contact local law enforcement or call the Texas Abuse Hotline at 1-800-252-5400 or visit [www.txabusehotline.org](http://www.txabusehotline.org) and the Diocese of Dallas Victim Assistance Coordinator, Barbara Landregan, at 214-379-2812.

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**OVERVIEW**

Retail giant Amazon has selected New York City and Northern Virginia as its second and third headquarters, as reported by The Wall Street Journal Monday night. The announcement is expected as soon as Tuesday, the Journal reported, citing people familiar with the matter.

After more than a year of aggressive competition, bets and speculation, the arms race for Amazon's second headquarters is over. New York City and Arlington, Virginia, will each get half of Amazon's promised second headquarters.

The e-commerce behemoth selected the neighborhoods of Long Island City in Queens and Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia, the company announced Tuesday morning. The Wall Street Journal first reported the decision Monday night. Amazon will also open a 5,000-job hub in Nashville for its operations division. The two locations sit across rivers from the centers of American financial and political power, respectively. The headquarters project, initially promised to house 50,000 tech employees and involve an estimated \$5B investment as "a full equal" to its Seattle campus, will be half that. Amazon ultimately decided to mitigate the impacts its unprecedented economic development project would have.

"We are excited to build new headquarters in New York City and Northern Virginia," Amazon CEO and founder Jeff Bezos said in a statement.

**Amazon in Northern Virginia is in National Landing in Arlington**



"These two locations will allow us to attract world-class talent that will help us to continue inventing for customers for years to come. The team did a great job selecting these sites, and we look forward to becoming an even bigger part of these communities." In choosing the metropolitan areas of New York City and Washington, D.C., Amazon selected the two markets with more tech workers than any other city in the U.S., according to Cushman & Wakefield.

If split evenly from Amazon's original

**Amazon Picks New York City And Northern Virginia For Additional Headquarters**

**Amazon Picks New York City, Northern Virginia For Split HQ2**

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**Jeff Bezos, Founder, Chairman, And CEO Of Amazon**

commitment, Amazon would occupy 4M SF in each area and invest over \$2.5B over the next decade or more. The company plans to begin hiring in 2019. New York has agreed to provide Amazon with \$1.5B worth of economic incentives, including \$1.2B in tax credits from the state, equivalent to \$48K for every job.

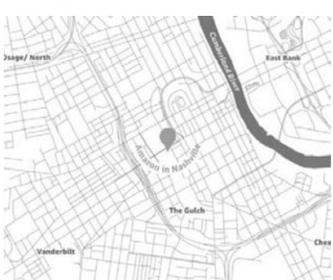
**Amazon in New York City is in the Long Island City neighborhood in Queens**



created and \$325M in cash grants from Empire State Development based on the occupied square footage of buildings over the next decade. From Virginia, Amazon will receive \$573M in incentives, including a cash grant worth up to \$550M, equal to \$22K per high-paying job it creates.

The commonwealth has also agreed to fund nearly \$200M in infrastructure upgrades to the Crystal City and Potomac Yard area, which has been rebranded as National Landing. Amazon has drawn widespread criticism for the public nature of its office search. Most corporate real estate searches are done quietly, negotiated in meetings with officials and only officially discussed once a deal is complete.

**Amazon Operations Center of Excellence is north of the Gulch in downtown Nashville**



Amazon's public announcement in September 2017 and 14-month silence, save for a shortlist of 20 contending cities announced in January, pushed cities to compete for the chance to get the promised transformational project. The company told cities they should keep their negotiations private, and until the announcement, the tax incentives New York and Virginia offered to Amazon were not made public. New York and Arlington are expected to hold announcement ceremonies Tuesday, and business and political leaders will seek answers on why Amazon, and ultimately Bezos, the world's richest man, decided to put tens of thousands of jobs in the East Coast's two gateway cities rather than the 236 other North American cities that applied.

**Why New York Won Its Piece Of HQ2**



In the last 10 years, New York has added more than 76,000 technology jobs, making its talent base for the kind of workers Amazon is targeting among the strongest in the country. Amazon has already tak-

en notice: It signed leases for more than 400K SF of offices in New York in 2017 alone. There are challenges, to be sure: New York is one of the few cities in America with a housing market more expensive than Seattle, and its transportation system is on a downward trajectory after years of mismanagement. Unlike it would be in other shortlist cities, such as Indianapolis and Pittsburgh, Amazon is just another major corporate tenant to call NYC home. Google is expected to employ as many as 20,000 New Yorkers in the coming years, and tech companies, despite increasingly dominating the city's leasing market, comprise only 5.1% of the city's workforce, compared to 9.4% in Seattle and 12.3% in San Francisco, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Long Island City is across the East River from Midtown Manhattan, and connected via the subway's 7 Line to the Far West Side, where Amazon's sales and advertising hub moved last year. Its land and building costs are cheaper than Manhattan, but its value proposition has shrunk in recent years.

For years, the development boom has not quite matched the market's realities, leaving developers in limbo, but 25,000 jobs and 4M SF of offices will accelerate any growth plan.

What remains unclear is exactly where Amazon will locate in the neighborhood, but Amazon is expected to purchase or ground lease some of the sites, and donate some of the land back to the city for public space and a school.

**The Favorite For A Reason**



The D.C. area, particularly Northern Virginia, had been pegged as a front-runner since Amazon narrowed the search down in January to 20 jurisdictions, three of which were in the Washington region. Crystal City — or National Landing, as the HQ2 site is now being called — was

one of multiple Northern Virginia locations included in the bid, including Alexandria's Eisenhower Avenue corridor and a joint Loudoun County/Fairfax bid. A multitude of factors undoubtedly led Amazon to select Northern Virginia over the 200-plus other bids, but transportation and demographics were likely high on the list. Crystal City sits a short walk from a major airport and is connected to D.C.'s Metro system. It also boasts a highly educated population and a large concentration of skilled workers, many of whom are employed by the federal government and could see a significant pay raise by joining Amazon. Several nearby universities, such as Georgetown, George Washington, George Mason and Virginia and Maryland's state flagship schools, give Amazon the opportunity to create a talent pipeline. Crystal City also offers proximity to the federal government — it is less than 5 miles from the U.S. Capitol — as Amazon and other tech giants come under increased federal scrutiny.



"These two locations also [offer] something unique: Long Island City offers easy access to Midtown Manhattan, and all the attractions that only Manhattan offers, whereas Crystal City offers close proximity to Capitol Hill for lobbying purposes," Newmark Knight Frank National Managing Director of Research Sandy Paul said. "It's close in, but not in, and that is appealing to Amazon." Additionally, the neighborhood is a short drive from the world's largest data center hub, where AWS — Amazon's cloud computing division, its most profitable arm — maintains a significant footprint. Crystal City is less than a mile from the Pentagon and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, but it is filled with 1970s-era office buildings with large vacancies.

With the unprecedented economic arms race now at a close, much remains to be decided. New York and Northern Virginia will have to figure out how to accommodate one of the largest private employment influxes in history — Nashville will, too, to a lesser extent — and what effect Amazon's workforce will have on their future. (Courtesy <https://www.bisnow.com>)

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