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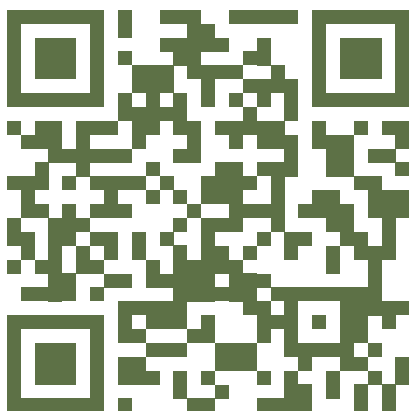


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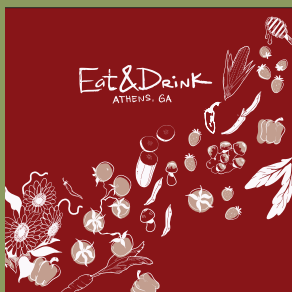
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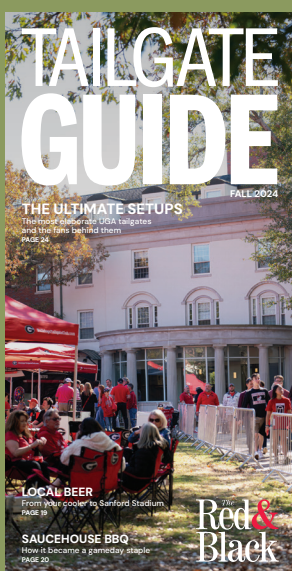
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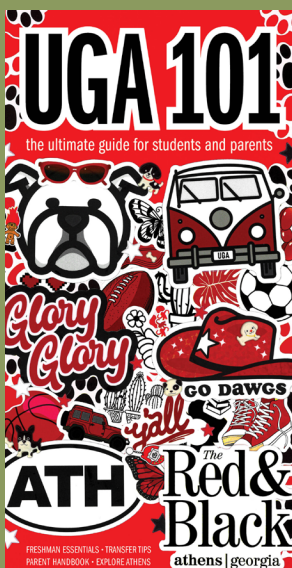
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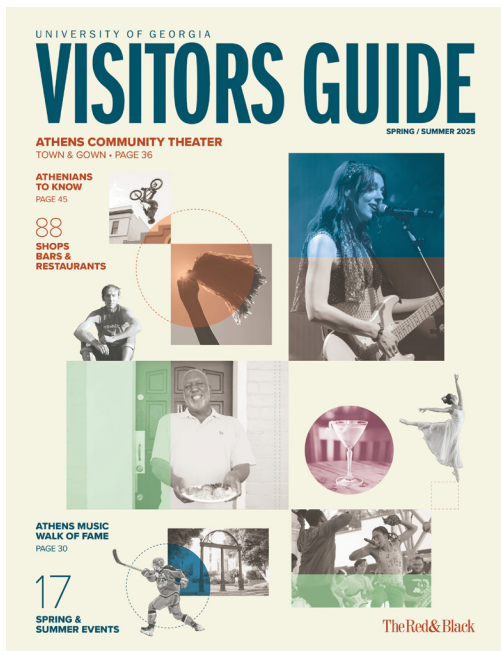
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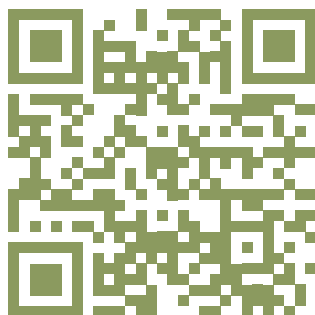
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Farmers markets in and around Athens

ATHENS FARMERS MARKET | athensfarmersmarket.net

Every Saturday morning, more than 40 vendors set up shop on the tennis courts at Bishop Park to sell seasonal produce, meats and cheeses, baked goods, fresh flowers and hand-made crafts. The weekend market runs all year, but Creature Comforts hosts a smaller market downtown on Wednesday nights from March to November.

THE CULINARY KITCHEN OF ATHENS | culinarykitchenathens.com

Founded by Rashe Malcolm of Rashe's Cuisine, The Culinary Kitchen hosts seasonal markets, business classes and food safety workshops. Its mission is to support the Athens food industry, from restaurants to farmers to entrepreneurs. Keep an eye on their social media for market announcements.

MARIGOLD FARMERS MARKET | marigoldcollectivewinterville.com

Head to the historic bank building in Winterville on Monday mornings to shop for fresh food, produce, eggs, honey and more from nearby farms. You'll also find coffee, baked goods, jewelry and homemade decor. The market is hosted by The Marigold Collective, a group of farmers, small business owners and local leaders serving the Winterville and East Athens communities. The weekly Saturday market at Pittard Park starts in April.

WEST BROAD FARMERS MARKET | athenslandtrust.org/wbfm

Operated by the Athens Land Trust, the West Broad Farmers Market provides seasonal products and artisanal goods, including produce grown at some of the land trust's own community gardens. It's open every Saturday at Rocksprings Park starting April 20. Online ordering is also available if you're short on time or like to plan ahead. This year, the market is running through December.



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sweet tooth

Where to get sweet treats in Athens

BY ANNA KAPUSTAY

ALUMNI COOKIE DOUGH

If you wish you could eat the whole bowl of cookie dough when baking cookies, Alumni Cookie Dough lets you do it safely. Athens' first cookie dough cafe carries a wide variety of flavors that guests can enjoy on their own, paired with or infused in ice cream, in a milkshake or in the form of pretzel bites. The specialty flavor menu is extensive, but it's hard to beat classic chocolate chip.

BADDIES BURGERS

While a burger joint in Five Points may seem like an unlikely destination for a sweet treat, Baddies Burgers actually sells homemade banana pudding in a variety of flavors. Alongside a regular banana, they have chocolate, Reese's and birthday cake, which adds another layer of sweetness.

BEES KNEES BAKERY

Stop by Bees Knees Bakery for cupcakes, cakes, gooey bars, double chocolate brownies, decorated cookies, cake pops and petit fours. One of the most delicious offerings is the almond confetti cupcake, which adds depth to a classic flavor.

CONDOR CHOCOLATES

Condor makes their products entirely in house, starting with Ecuadorian cacao beans and turning them into decadent chocolate. Both their Five Points and Downtown locations of-

fer multiple sweet treat options, like brownies, sipping chocolate and chocolate bark. Their beautifully-decorated truffles are a must-try, especially the raspberry.

INSOMNIA COOKIES

Open until 1 a.m. on weekdays and 3 a.m. on weekends, Insomnia Cookies is a popular late night snack destination downtown. They'll even deliver fresh, warm cookies directly to your doorstep. Try the s'mores flavor to go beyond the realm of chocolate chip and snickerdoodle. For more late night dining options, head to page 38.

JENI'S SPLENDID ICE CREAMS

This new Five Points scoop shop has a flavor for everybody, with unique combinations, seasonal offerings and modern twists on the classics. The well-deserved favorite is Gooley Butter Cake, but try it paired with a scoop of Brown Butter Almond Brittle for a more dimensional flavor.

MOCHINUT

This Mochi donut spot off Barnett Shoals Road has the most colorful sweet treats in Athens. There are a variety of flavors to pick from, each one brighter than the next. The Ube donut is a beautiful dark purple and tastes just as good as it looks, like a delectable mix of coconut and vanilla.

PAULEY'S CREPE BAR

The only crepe restaurant in Athens is a downtown staple. Pauley's boasts an extensive menu with both sweet and savory crepes, sandwiches and specialty cocktails. The Strawberry and Nutella crepe perfectly balances fruit and chocolate, topped with whipped cream and powdered sugar.

SWEETIE PIE BY SAVIE

This East Side Asian bakery by Savie Arnold is approaching a decade in business. They offer custom cakes and baked goods made fresh every morning, from taro cake, cookies and brownies to tofu bamboo curry quiches. Sweetie Pie also serves local coffee and Thai tea.

Condor | Sidney Chansamone





coffee & tea

Athens cafes and coffee shops

Iron Works Coffee |
Samantha Hurley

1000 FACES COFFEE

Inspired by its founder's decades of international travel, this fair-trade roasting company prioritizes relationships with countries of origin and sustainable coffee consumption. The cafe on North Thomas Street has become an Athens staple, offering artisanal brews and baked goods. Their chai latte was also voted best in Athens by our editors.

BUVEZ

This Euro-style cafe on Barber Street serves coffee, tea and craft sodas during the day, then cocktails, wine and beer at night. Their breakfast bagel menu is also a highlight. Buvez doubles as a music venue, hosting local bands and improv shows every week.

CHOCO COFFEE

This Baxter Street cafe frequently collaborates with other Athens businesses. Alongside its selection of Ecuadorian coffee, Choco Coffee serves Independent Baking Co. pastries and Figment Kombucha. Keep an eye out for vintage clothing pop-ups.

CONDOR CHOCOLATES

The predecessor and sister business of Choco Coffee, Condor is known for its selection of Ecuadorian chocolates, truffles and treats. They also serve coffee, gelato and baked goods at both locations in Five Points and downtown.

HENDERSHOT'S

This Prince Avenue staple is a coffee shop by day, bar by night and a popular spot for live music, comedy and open mics. The menu features coffee roasted in-house, specialty lattes and dozens of tea flavors. Breakfast and lunch are available until 12:30 p.m., after which cocktails, mocktails, local beer and appetizers are served.

JITTERY JOE'S

The Classic City's best known coffee brand has expanded to over a dozen locations since 1994. Jittery Joe's serves a full range of coffee (hot, iced and frozen), chai, matcha and baked goods. They also carry a range of custom blends in colorful tins, made in collaboration with local bands, businesses and even the Georgia Bulldogs.

MOLLY'S COFFEE COMPANY

This cafe on Macon Highway offers a place to linger and enjoy your coffee away from the bustle of downtown. Molly's serves coffee from 1000 Faces and pastries from Kiki's Bakeshop as well as specialty mochas, matcha and chai.

IRON WORKS COFFEE

Hotel Abacus's lobby-level cafe is open to the public daily until 11 a.m. Enjoy coffee, tea, breakfast and lunch surrounded by eclectic decor. Their menu includes sandwiches, waffles, avocado toast and more.

SIPS ESPRESSO CAFÉ

Voted best coffee shop in Athens by our readers in 2024, Sips offers seasonal specialty drinks, latte art and a selection of baked goods. Order from their take-out window or enjoy your drink on their Normaltown patio.

SUNROOF COFFEE

Sunroof's co-founders dreamed of opening their own business as roommates at UGA, and now they serve coffee, chai and more in the Mill District.

WALKER'S COFFEE AND PUB

A popular bar across from the Arch on College Avenue, Walker's doubles as a coffee shop during the day. It has a selection of coffee, tea and baked goods, as well as a covered patio. Wednesday night bingo is a regular occurrence.

matcha madness

The top 4 matcha lattes in Athens, according to us

BY GUINEVERE GRANT

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SUNROOF COFFEE

Sunroof's matcha latte, made with ceremonial grade matcha from Man Eating Tiger, is for those who want a light tea flavor, slight sweetness and a heavier milk base. Swing by their walk-up window in the Mill District this spring to try their strawberry matcha.

175 Tracy St. K5

@sunroofcoffeath

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BUVEZ

This coffee shop is the ideal spot for those who enjoy a sweet and fruity matcha latte. Buvez has a full bar, lunch and coffee menu, but their iced strawberry matcha is a customer favorite. It features house-made strawberry syrup and a secret ingredient that makes it unique and flavorful.

585 Barber St., Suite A

@buvez_athens

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SIPS ESPRESSO CAFÉ

Sips, with its green building, plant-filled patio and take-out window, is located across from the UGA Health Sciences Campus in Normaltown. By using unsweetened organic matcha, customers can customize the sweetness to their liking while savoring the natural, earthy flavor of the tea.

1390 Prince Ave.

@sipsespresso

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1000 FACES COFFEE

Located in downtown Athens, 1000 Faces uses Kodemari matcha from Spirit Tea, native to Kyoto, Japan for an authentic matcha flavor. This refreshing drink features a hint of sesame and a touch of sweetness, with vanilla being the most popular sweetener choice.

510 N Thomas St.

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Guinevere Grant



athens mini pancakes

Meet the team behind the beloved food truck

BY GUINEVERE GRANT

Gonzalo Gonzalez and Andrea Gutierrez, nonprofit workers and owners of Athens Mini Pancakes, are bringing new flavors to the local food truck scene.

Originally from Athens, Gonzalez moved to Florida for college. It was during this time that he met his wife, Gutierrez, and first got the idea to start a business. On a trip to California, he came across a mini pancake truck. His curiosity was piqued, and he later learned that the South is the biggest consumer of pancakes in the country.

Gonzalez, Gutierrez and their family got to work not only on their pancake recipe, but on finding the sauces and toppings that would elevate them.

"We definitely were inspired by our culture when creating the combinations," Gutierrez explained. "The tres leches stack was inspired by the tres leches Mexican cake."

What started as a side project, making pancakes for their friends and neighbors, soon grew into a stand and eventually a food truck. Now, Athens Mini pancakes caters at weddings, greek life gatherings and other events across Athens. On weekends, you'll find the truck parked in different locations around town serving loyal fans and first-time patrons.

Outside of the food truck, Gutierrez works for an animal rights organization and Gonzalez is a social worker for migrant families.

Gutierrez said that one of their biggest obstacles is understanding the business side of the food truck, but ultimately their passion is driving them to continue. Their background in non-profit work empowers them to connect with the community and serve Athens, despite the learning curve.

“Our pancake is something that you can’t really find anywhere else in Athens, and I think being able to bring in our culture’s taste buds, it’s pretty unique,” Gonzalez said.

Plates of pancakes range from \$8 to \$19, depending on the portion size and toppings. The regular menu features flavors like fresas con crema, churro and cookies

and cream, but there are also weekly specials like Dubai chocolate.

Athens Mini Pancakes recently signed a lease for a commercial kitchen, with hopes to expand into an even larger food truck and introduce new menu offerings.

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GONZALO GONZALEZ
CO-FOUNDER

In the meantime, keep an eye on their Instagram for hours and locations of their Friday and Saturday night pop-ups, as well as giveaways and contests. Gonzalez said that they sometimes even hold scavenger hunts around Athens where participants can redeem their findings for pancakes. Engaging with their community is what inspires

him to keep the business going.

“We’re just two immigrants in this community trying to thrive,” Gonzalez said. “We’re trying to push ourselves and bring our family along with us.”



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athensminipancakes.com



something special

Specialty grocery stores

ACHACHI INTERNATIONAL MARKET | Milledge Avenue

Achachi International Market is located on Milledge Avenue and stocks a wide variety of products from Indonesia, Pakistan, West Africa and Asia. Check out the variety of fresh produce, seafood and halal meats.

ATHENS COOKS | Prince Avenue

When they're not busy hosting interactive cooking classes or serving breakfast and lunch, the Athens Cooks team is dedicated to stocking the highest quality local goods. Find Athens favorites like Condor Chocolates, home.made and New Creation Soda Works alongside kitchen tools and homeware.

BIRDIES | Prince Avenue

A newer addition to Prince Avenue, Birdies is a gourmet grocery with a deli and coffee bar. Browse the shelves lined with expertly curated pantry staples, charcuterie board ingredients and specialty snacks, stock up on fresh meat and cheese or grab a sandwich and latte to enjoy at the counter with a view of Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

COSTA DE JALISCO | Barber Street

This Barber Street store stocks a wide range of packaged and canned products from Mexico and Central America as well as exquisitely displayed produce. The real highlight is the meat, seafood and poultry counter.

DAILY GROCERIES CO-OP | Prince Avenue

This beloved community-owned grocery store that opened in 1992 on Prince Avenue stocks organic foods and produce from over 60 local farms and businesses. In 2023, the Co-Op moved to a new location on Prince, now occupying the iconic space age circular building.

EARTH FARE | Five Points

The Athens location of this North Carolina-based supermarket chain offers high quality products, a salad and hot food bar, and, most importantly, ample parking in Five Points. Stop by for lunch, gourmet snacks, and healthier or allergen-free grocery staples.

FOOKS FOODS | Milledge Avenue

Karen Fooks' shop on South Milledge Avenue stocks a wide range of essentials from various Asian cuisines. Fooks sources harder-to-find Asian produce and packaged goods from around the world alongside local goods like eggs from Creekline Farms and pastries from Claire's Filipino Kitchen and Basquia Bakery.

ORIENT MART | East Side

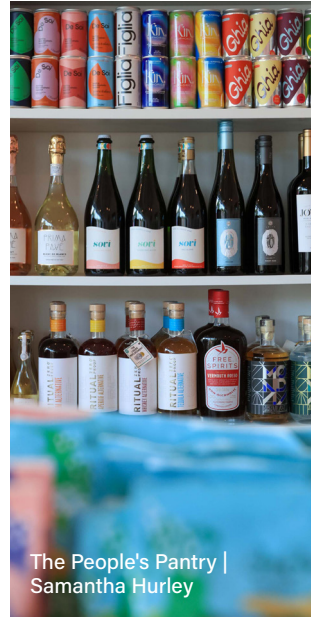
Offering a selection of foods from China, Japan, Korea and Southeast Asia, Orient Mart prioritizes sustainable sourcing and high-quality products. Find fresh produce, canned goods, candy, and more.

PIEDMONT PROVISIONS | Barber Street

Like a modern-day apothecary, Piedmont Provisions features a wall of spices and herbs available to purchase by the ounce, surrounded by shelves full of house-made preserves, sauces and teas. Cocktail and mocktail ingredients are also available, while the cooler houses meat and cheese.

THE PEOPLE'S PANTRY | Baxter Street

Located inside Figment Kombucha, this shop is a great place to find unique snacks, beverages and gourmet foods. Browse their selection of goods from Athens and beyond, from PET PET spice mixtures and 1000 Faces coffee to Fishwife tinned fish and Ghia non-alcoholic apéritifs.



The People's Pantry |
Samantha Hurley

PRINCE MARKET | Prince Avenue

This locally-owned one-stop shop opened in November 2023. Prince Market offers a huge assortment of grocery staples, local foods and fresh produce. You'll also find Yossi Kitchen (see page 35), an ice cream counter and Starbucks coffee.

SUPERMARKET EL CAMINO REAL | North Avenue

Located on North Avenue, this grocery store offers a wide selection of groceries, produce and freshly baked goods. If you get hungry while shopping, it doubles as a Mexican restaurant with an extensive yet affordable menu.



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picnic picks

Where to go for the perfect Athens picnic

BY ELLIS GOUD

CHOOSE A FOOD

ATHENS COOKS

Established in 2022, this kitchen store has everything you need if you want to prepare food before your picnic. On top of cooking supplies, they have a variety of baking mixes, sauces, pesto, jams and spices. If you want something on the go, check out their cafe or pick up one of their pre-made charcuterie boards.

IDEAL BAGEL CO

At Ideal Bagel, it's all in the name. You can find a wide selection of bagels, shmears and deli sandwiches. Build your own bagel or choose from their menu for a delicious brunch or lunch spread. To expand your picnic platter, check out their breads, sliced meat, housemade pickles and fresh fruit.

INDEPENDENT BAKING CO.

This small bakery mills their own whole-grain flours just down the road. With a focus on quality ingredients, Independent Baking Co. offers a diverse selection of breads, pastries, sweets, scones and sandwiches to add to your picnic. They also have snacks like granola and shortbread.

PIEDMONT PROVISIONS

If you're looking for sides, Piedmont Provisions has you covered. This specialty shop handcrafts preserves, mustard, pickles, vinegar and more. From carrot bourbon orange marmalade to strawbano pepper preserves, you can select your preferred topping for bread, crackers and cheeses. They also offer meats, cheeses and herbs by the ounce, as well as cocktail and mocktail ingredients.

CHOOSE A DRINK

ARDEN'S GARDEN

For a fresh addition to your spread, head to Arden's Garden. Choose from a colorful variety of cold pressed vegetable juices, fruit juices, smoothies and wellness shots. This shop also offers raw vegan snacks like kale, peanut butter energy bites and "fuzzy kisses," a snack made of fruits and nuts.

Photo by Sidney Chansamone

BUBBLE CAFE

Bubble Cafe has creamy and refreshing drinks like milk tea, fruit tea and herbal teas. They also have matcha, cloud cream, milk swirl and snow drinks. If it's a hot day, bring their bingsu shaved ice or fruit smoothies on your picnic to cool down.

CREATURE COMFORTS

Founded in 2014, Creature Comforts is a craft brewery based in Athens whose drinks can be found in restaurants and grocery stores across the state. Choose from IPAs, lagers, pilsners, ales, stouts and Berliner Weiss beers to-go. Try their seasonal series with a Belgian-style white ale for spring and a lemon shandy for summer.

KATE ARNOLD WINES

This family-owned wine company sources from vineyards in California, Oregon and Washington, where they form lasting relationships with their growers. The founders, Kate and Jean Arnold, are based in Athens, and you can find their wines at bottle shops around town.

CHOOSE A LOCATION

BEN BURTON PARK

This 32-acre wildlife preserve has open fields and a hardwood forest for both hot and cool days. If you don't have a setup, Ben Burton Park has 14 picnic tables and two charcoal grills. If you're bringing your own blanket, sit right along the Middle Oconee River and take in the view. After your meal, walk the 1.2 mile loop trail or spend the afternoon fishing.

MEMORIAL PARK

At Memorial Park, there are 72 acres of nature trails, picnic areas and a small lake to enjoy. Set up under a pavilion to stay out of the heat or by the pond to watch ducks and geese swim by the fountain. Visit Bear Hollow Zoo afterwards to see black bears, bobcats, white-tailed deer, owls and other animals.

NORTH CAMPUS

Walk through (or around) the arch and set up on the sprawling lawns to enjoy a pocket of calm between downtown Athens and the campus crowds. For a picture-perfect environment, take a short walk to the Founders Memorial Garden.

STATE BOTANICAL GARDEN

To picnic surrounded by nature, head to the State Botanical Garden of Georgia. Admission and parking is free, and the 313-acre attraction has seven different gardens, including the Shade Garden for hot summer days and the International Garden for an educational experience.





classic city classics

New to Athens? Eat here!

ADD DRUG ♦ \$

Athens Discount Drug opened in 1961, and both the pharmacy and old-fashioned lunch counter are both still serving patrons today. Swing by in the morning or early afternoon for breakfast, sandwiches, burgers, hot dogs, milkshakes and more.

CALI N TITO'S ♦ \$-\$\$\$

The Five Points location is close to campus with patio seating and a BYOB policy, while the larger East Side location has a full bar, gelato counter and arcade games. Both spots are beloved by locals, students and families alike, have great atmospheres and some of the best food in town.

DEPALMA'S ITALIAN CAFE ♦ \$-\$\$\$

DePalma's has been serving pizza, pasta and other Italian classics since 1988, with a different menu to try at each of its three Athens locations. Pizza is served by the slice or by the pie, and the gelato flavors change daily.

THE GLOBE ♦ \$-\$\$\$

Closed for two years during the pandemic, The Globe was refurbished during the downtime and reopened in mid-2022. Traditional pub menu items like fish and chips are complemented by vegetarian options like elote corn ribs and a hummus bowl. The selection of whiskeys has been a hallmark since it opened in 1989.

THE GRILL ♦ \$-\$\$\$

The Grill is back! The downtown diner first opened its doors in 1981 and reopened them after pandemic closures. Dine on burgers, feta fries, malts and milkshakes among vintage memorabilia and the iconic red neon lights.

LAST RESORT GRILL ♦ \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$

Founded as a music venue in 1966, Last Resort hosted acts like Jimmy Buffett and Towns Van Zandt before it started serving its signature southern fare. Steaks, praline chicken and crab cakes are all on offer, but don't leave without a slice of white chocolate cheesecake.

LITTLE ITALY ♦ \$

Regularly open until 3 a.m., Little Italy has been serving thick and thin crust pizza to Athens' late-night diners since the '90s. Calzones, Italian subs and stromboli are also available.

STRICKLAND'S RESTAURANT ♦ \$

Opened on Broad Street in 1960, the family-owned restaurant eventually settled on Atlanta Highway in 1995. Specializing in southern dishes like ribs, catfish and green beans, Strickland's is open for breakfast, lunch and all your catering needs, with a rotating menu of specials that changes daily.

WEAVER D'S DELICIOUS FINE FOODS ♦ \$

Made famous for owner Dexter Weaver's slogan, "Automatic for the People," which became an R.E.M. album title, this bright green restaurant on East Broad Street is popular for juicy fried chicken and signature meat-and-three plates. Try the sweet potato souffle or broccoli casserole.



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restaurant guide

Where to eat in Athens for any occasion

LUNCH MEETING

BIG CITY BREAD CAFE ♦ \$-\$\$\$

This cafe is open for breakfast, lunch and Friday night dinner. There's burgers, sandwiches, salads and baked goods to enjoy in the spacious dining area or on the shaded patio.

THE NATIONAL ♦ \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$

This Mediterranean-influenced restaurant on West Hancock Avenue was co-founded by Hugh Acheson and Peter Dale. With serene decor and stellar service, it's ideal for lunch meetings and family celebrations. Check out the expanded patio.

TRAPPEZE PUB ♦ \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$

Famous for its enormous craft and imported beer selection, this pub at the corner of Hull and West Washington streets serves superior bar fare, catering to carnivores with dishes



Ted's Most Best | Sidney Chansamone

like the Double Pig (braised pork plus bacon), with plant-based options like the veggie Reuben. Don't leave without trying the signature raspberry ketchup.

STUDY SPOTS

BUBBLE CAFE ♦ \$

String lights and floral garlands welcome you into this cozy cafe offering dozens of Taiwanese tea drinks and a full lunch and dinner menu. People flock to Bubble Cafe for the food and drinks alike, but it's also a comfortable spot to work or study near campus.

BIRDIES ♦ \$-\$\$\$

A newer addition to Prince Avenue, Birdies is a gourmet grocery store with a deli and coffee bar. Get a sandwich, soup, salad or latte and grab a seat at a table, on the patio or at the counter with a view of Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

FANCY DINNER

CHUCK'S FISH ♦ \$\$\$

Operating in a renovated former Greyhound station, this upscale restaurant features seafood fresh from the owner's Destin, Florida dockside wholesale market. Along with daily specials, Chuck's serves sushi and classics like seared scallops and stuffed shrimp.

THE EXPAT ♦ \$\$\$

This venture from Jerry and Krista Slater, housed in a cozy Five Points cottage, emphasizes inventive cocktails and an Italian cafe-inspired menu, with dishes like cacio e pepe and salads full of seasonal produce.

FIVE & TEN ♦ \$\$\$

Before "Top Chef," Hugh Acheson made his name here with innovative takes on Southern fare (think fried catfish with saffron beurre blanc and cornbread with fennel pollen). Located in a historic home on South Milledge Avenue, this is a popular spot for special occasions. It's also available for private event booking.

SEABEAR OYSTER BAR ♦ \$\$

Go for the namesake shellfish; stay for the fried clam strips, lobster roll and fish po'boy. Sit at the bar or the outdoor patio; a drinks ledge allows you to set your cocktail down while you wait for a table.

BRUNCH

CAFE RACER ♦ \$

Cafe Racer got its start as a popular food truck in Oglethorpe County. Its newest location on West Broad Street has a drive-thru and walk-up window serving Counter Culture Coffee alongside their signature potato donuts and a variety of breakfast food. They recently introduced a dinner menu as well, which includes burgers, fries, chicken tenders and more.

THE FARMCART ♦ \$-\$\$

A family-run business that started as a farmers market food truck, The Farmcart expanded into a brick-and-mortar restaurant on Baxter Street in 2019 thanks to the popularity of their flaky biscuit sandwiches full of local ingredients.

IDEAL BAGEL CO. ♦ \$

Operated by Luna Baking Co., Ideal Bagel serves a variety of bagels loaded with house-made cream cheese spreads. Add-ons like eggs, lox and bacon are also available.

MAMA'S BOY ♦ \$-\$\$\$

Consistently voted Best Brunch in Athens by Red & Black readers, Mama's Boy serves indulgent breakfast fare like salmon cakes Benedict and Georgia peach French toast. There are two locations in Athens and one in Watkinsville now, too.

Cafe Racer | Sidney Chansamone





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CASUAL LUNCH

EM'S KITCHEN ♦ \$

Owner Emily Ullrich started working at the Hawthorne Drugs soda fountain in 1998, and expanded it into a restaurant 12 years later. A true hidden gem, Em's Kitchen serves breakfast and lunch on weekdays, and it's definitely worth a morning visit. Swing by for biscuits, omelets, grits, salads, sandwiches or homemade desserts.

DAWG GONE GOOD BBQ ♦ \$

Serving recipes passed down from his grandmother, owner William "B.J." Hardy keeps things simple but tasty at his restaurant on West Hancock Avenue. Chow down on classics like pulled pork, mac and cheese and brisket inside the shop or on the outdoor patio.

POQUITOS ♦ \$-\$\$\$

Birria, carnitas, posole and more are available in the former Go Bar space from the former owners of The Grit and Pedro de Paz of Ted's Most Best. Bonus: A sunny corner patio.

TAMEZ BARBECUE ♦ \$-\$\$\$

At Alejandro Tamez's Texas-style barbecue spot with retro decor, homemade tortillas and brisket take center stage. Breakfast burritos with bacon and eggs are also a hit.

GROUP GATHERING

CATCH 22 ♦ \$-\$\$\$

This Epps Bridge gastropub promises "craft beer and craftier food," with sharing plates like buffalo chicken dip and fried cauliflower alongside mains like burgers, wings and lobster rolls. They also have a full bar, local beer and TVs to catch a game.

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This downtown sushi restaurant is a popular spot for parties. It has a huge menu, full bar and several private karaoke rooms.

TED'S MOST BEST ♦ \$-\$\$\$

Families flock to this casual pizza and pasta place with one of the best patios in town featuring a sandbox. Pizzas are light with thin crusts and salad dressings are made in house.

TLALOC♦ \$

This beloved family-owned restaurant serves Mexican and Salvadoran food in a bright orange building on North Chase Street. Keep an eye out for drink specials and taco Tuesdays.

BEFORE A SHOW

CLOCKED! ♦ \$

This American diner on Washington Street is approaching 25 years in business. Eclectic decor and retro branding adorn the dining room and patio, while the menu ranges from burgers and hot dogs to fried pickles and blackberry milkshakes. Plus: they can make almost anything vegetarian.

FIVE ATHENS ♦ \$\$-\$\$\$\$

Five Bar is perfect for indecisive diners. Their menu offers five entrées, wines and cocktails to choose from, with a focus on local ingredients and generous portions. Dinner options include a 12 oz. ribeye, panéed chicken and a gourmet cheeseburger, while brunch ranges from shrimp and grits to breakfast burritos. Don't forget to greet the Beatles mural on your way in and out.

THAI SPOON ♦ \$-\$\$\$

Voted best family-owned international restaurant by our readers, Thai Spoon is nearing two decades in business between Little Italy and The Globe. Their extensive menu features dozens of authentic Thai rice, noodle, soup and curry dishes.

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CALI N TITO'S

Both Cali N Tito's locations offer vegetarian versions of most of their mains, like veggie cubanos, burritos, tacos and quesadillas. Favorites include the veggie tamales and empanadas with a side of tostones or maduros.

JINYA RAMEN

A ramen chain with a menu ranging from noodle dishes to mini tacos, Jinya has a solid selection of plant-based menu items. The Flying Vegan Harvest includes Impossible meat and tofu in a vegan miso broth, while the Spicy Creamy Vegan comes with tofu and chili oil in a vegetable broth. Both are packed with veggies too.

MAEPOLE

The crown jewel of Athens' ever-growing roster of customizable bowl restaurants, Maepole offers an almost entirely vegetarian menu. Start with a base like sweet potato or seasoned quinoa, then add sides like mac and cheese and roasted vegetables. Top it with sauce and tofu, which is marinated in tamari and tossed in nutritional yeast to create a savory, smokey flavor.

MANNAWEENTA

Praised as one of the best international restaurants in town, this Ethiopian and Eritrean spot serves vegan plates that come with atakilt alicha (seasoned carrots, cabbage, onions, tomatoes and potatoes), ater alicha (yellow split pea soup with onions, fresh tomatoes, and jalapeno peppers) and okra wot (okra stew). Mannaweenta also serves lentil soup, injera and vegan cookies.

TAQUERIA TSUNAMI

This Latin Asian fusion restaurant serves vegetarian tacos, bowls and small plates. Start with Korean fried cauliflower, avocado cilantro egg rolls or fried yucca, then try the Far East Bowl, South of the Border Bowl or a selection of their three meat-free tacos.

TASTE OF INDIA

This East Side restaurant offers over a dozen vegan and vegetarian entrees, appetizers and sides. Try vegetable samosas or pakoras, curry with veggies or tofu, or plant-based specialties like amritsari chana, stewed Punjabi-style chickpeas cooked in tomato sauce. Taste of India also has an entirely vegan menu available upon request.

WHITE TIGER

This barbecue restaurant with locations in Boulevard and Watkinsville caters to the vegetarian crowd with mains like a grilled tofu sandwich, portabella cheeseburger and grilled pimento cheese. The tofu Q sandwich is a favorite, featuring grilled tofu, coleslaw, red barbecue sauce and field greens. You can customize it with an egg or pimento cheese, make it vegan or add sides like mac and cheese, a cup of soup or banana pudding.



Maepole |
Melanie Velasquez

on campus

Dining out at UGA

BULLDOG BISTRO

This restaurant within the Georgia Center for Continuing Education and Hotel complex is open to hotel guests and visitors alike, with offerings ranging from coffee, salads and wraps to a full lunch and dinner menu updated each week.

CAMPUS MARKET EXPRESS

There are 11 self-serve micro markets across campus that stock grab 'n go meals, snacks, drinks and drugstore-type essentials. Certain locations also offer frozen foods and treats, and they're open any time the academic buildings are.

FUJISAN

While FujiSan sushi is available in various campus markets and UGA dining halls, the main location in Joe Frank Harris Commons on East Campus offers the full range of rolls, poke bowls and gyoza. It's also the only place to get boba tea on campus.

NICHE PIZZA CO.

UGA's personal pizza kitchen originated in the Niche Dining Commons in Normaltown, but the location in the Tate Stu-

dent Center offers the same oven-fired thin crust pizzas as well as Sambazon acai bowls and craft sodas.

TATE STUDENT CENTER

The Tate food court features familiar chains like Starbucks, Panda Express and Chick-fil-A. Head to the Market at Tate on the other side of the building to get burritos, tacos, quesadillas and salads from Barberitos. The Tate Center also houses UGA's free food pantry, open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Grab your student ID and head to room 146 on the first level (down the stairs) to pick up fresh and shelf-stable groceries.

ROTHENBERGER CAFE

Located on the second floor of Amos Hall in the Terry College of Business, the Rothenberger Cafe serves sandwiches, salads and grab 'n go snacks. Breakfast offerings range from pastries and muffins to a peanut butter and banana sandwich, while lunch options include a grilled chicken caesar salad, a turkey sandwich and a grilled cheese. Thanks to a recent revamp, they also now offer a limited Starbucks coffee menu.





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BOBAMANIA

Athens' newest boba spot has over a dozen flavors, from classics like brown sugar, taro and thai milk tea to specialties like strawberry creamsicle and oreo mousse milk tea.

MITTI FOOD COURT

This Indian restaurant located next door to Achachi International Market on Milledge Avenue (see page 16) serves a wide selection of Desi cuisine, halal food and vegetarian options. Sit inside or on their patio and sample their menu featuring dosas, biryani, curry dishes, samosas, naan and more.

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scale Italian restaurant. Their menu features regionally inspired dishes, wine, beer and cocktails. Stop by or make a reservation for dinner or weekend brunch.

PRETTY BOY

Chef Kenny Nguyen recently opened this modern Vietnamese restaurant on Prince Avenue following a series of pop-ups and an appearance on “Top Chef.” Sharing plates range from mushroom rice paper pizza and Vietnamese street corn to coconut-braised ribs and chicken salad. There’s four kinds of customizable pho, desserts and Vietnamese coffee.

STONER’S PIZZA

This new spot in the heart of downtown serves a handful of specialty pizzas, mozzarella sticks, calzones, garlic knots, salads and wings. They also offer 10 inch personal pizzas and dessert.

YOSSI KITCHEN

Located inside Prince Market (see page 17), Yossi Kitchen is an Indian restaurant that offers build-your-own bowls. Pick your rice base, choice of meat, veggies and toppings, plus sides like kathi rolls, samosas and naan.



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CUTTERS PUB

This downtown bar has TVs, skee-ball, pool, a photo booth and a huge selection of craft beer and bourbon. If the main floor is crowded, head upstairs to the tiki bar.

PALOMA PARK

Happy hour deals and daily menu discounts make this stylish Tex-Mex restaurant and tequila bar on Washington Street a popular spot for date nights and group outings, while its outdoor beer garden is a great place for live music and watch parties.

THE ROYAL PEASANT

Watch the week's top Premier League matches while dining on bangers and mash or "proper plates" like fish and chips at this Five Points British pub with a huge beer list.

CATCH A SHOW

NOWHERE BAR

Laid-back and known for darts, pool and live music, this bar was opened by Craig "Sky" Hertwig, a former Georgia All-American who returned to Athens after a stint in the NFL.

THE WORLD FAMOUS

"This is it!" proclaims the sign above the door of this tiny bar with a massive following thanks to its eclectic interior, good food and fun cocktails. Check their Instagram for upcoming shows.

A NIGHT OUT

BLUE SKY BAR

With a (sort of) secret entrance, this bar has a speakeasy vibe and boasts more than 100 beers and a substantial whiskey

list. If you bring a vinyl on Wednesday nights, they'll play it for you and take a dollar off your drink.

MAGNOLIAS

This classic college-town bar at the edge of campus is known for happy hour specials, Long Island iced tea and shots.

TROPICAL BAR

Patrons can enjoy drinks, dancing, karaoke and more at this downtown Latin bar. Stay posted for regular events with drink specials and DJs.

FUN AND GAMES

THE ROOK & PAWN

Have a house cocktail and a snack while competing with friends at this downtown board game cafe. Their impressive selection of over 600 games ranges from classics like Scrabble and Clue to strategy challenges like Catan and Ticket to Ride. Cranium and The Chameleon are favorites for larger parties.

WONDERBAR

Grab some friends to play classic arcade games and drink creative cocktails at this popular downtown bar. You can also play video games projected on the wall.

LOCAL FAVORITES

LITTLE KINGS SHUFFLE CLUB

Catering to the local crowd, this bar has plenty of craft beers and a spacious outdoor area. Keep an eye out for special events like craft markets and dance parties.

MANHATTAN CAFE

One of Athens' best-kept secrets, this hidden gem is a local favorite thanks to the chill atmosphere and cocktails served with zero pretentiousness.

NORMAL BAR

A mellow bar catering to Normaltown locals, this spot has an enormous main room and a small outdoor area perfect for date night. Don't miss trivia every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Insider Tip: Order from Automatic Pizza next door for in-bar delivery.

SIT AND SIP

HIDDEN GEM

This new Barber Street spot was designed to look like an old dive bar, complete with random antiques, wood-paneled walls and a photo of the bathroom inside of the bathroom. Their menu features beer, cocktails, wine and perhaps the greatest of bar snacks, a cup of vegan ramen.

NIGHTHAWKS LOUNGE

This art deco bar opened in 2023 and offers cocktails, wine, beer and old-fashioned snacks like pimento cheese and tinned sardines.

THE OLD PAL

Wood-paneled and serious about mixology, this Normaltown bar has a nice selection of whiskeys. If you've always wanted to try absinthe or pastis, this is the place to find it.



The Rook & Pawn
Samantha Hurley

LATE NIGHT SNACK

BAR BRUNO

This Five Points spot describes itself as a “choose your own adventure bar” led by wine expert Greg Smolik and the team behind ZZ & Simone’s. The menu includes cocktails and tapas-style dishes.

HI-LO LOUNGE

This Normaltown spot is a neighborhood favorite thanks to a cozy vibe, sizable beer list and creative cocktails. Plus, they have a full lunch and dinner menu.

THE PINE BAR

This upscale Five Points bar offers a substantial selection of wine, as well as tapas, charcuterie and wood-fired oysters.



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late night bites

These downtown restaurants are open after midnight

BY MARY RYAN HOWARTH

CHEBA HUT

This stoner-themed sandwich shop offers over two dozen signature toasted subs, including a handful of vegetarian options. Cheba Hut also serves shareable appetizers, cocktails and desserts.

135 W Washington St.

Monday–Thursday | 11 a.m.–1 a.m.
Friday–Saturday | 11 a.m.–2 a.m.

CHICK-FIL-A

Athens has several Chick-fil-A locations, but the one on the corner of East Broad Street and College Avenue is open late for anyone craving nuggets, fries or a chicken sandwich.

101 College Ave.

Friday | 10 p.m.–3 a.m.

D.P. DOUGH

This calzone chain is a popular spot with students after late nights downtown or hours-long study sessions. While customers can build their own calzones, the menu also has a wide variety of specials like buffalo chicken, cheeseburger and tomato mozzarella. They also serve wings, tater tots and both sweet and savory breadsticks. If you're trying to avoid crowds, go before the 2 a.m. rush hour.

180 W Broad St.

Monday–Sunday | 4 p.m.–4 a.m.

EDDIE'S CALZONES AND DRAFTS

When you're out late and looking for a place to eat, but your friends can't agree on one thing, Eddie's might be the place to go. They not only have a huge selection of calzones, but also thin crust and deep dish pizzas. Eddie's also serves chicken tenders, wings, and Ben & Jerry's pints.

227 E Clayton St.

Tuesday–Thursday | 11 a.m.–1:30 a.m.
Friday–Saturday | 11 a.m.–3:30 a.m.

LITTLE ITALY

This beloved pizza place between Thai Spoon and Panera Bread has been an Athens staple for decades. Little Italy has thick and thin crust pizza, calzones and sandwiches available for the late night crowd.

125 N Lumpkin St.

Monday–Wednesday | 11 a.m.–2 a.m.
Thursday–Saturday | 11 a.m.–3 a.m.

HOT DOG CARTS

While there are a few hot dog carts, like Trava Barnett's, that have been a part of the downtown scene for years, anyone walking College Avenue is bound to see at least a couple lining the street. The vendors are usually out Thursday through Saturday into the early hours of the morning serving up hot dogs, pretzels, nachos and lots of toppings.

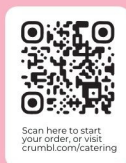
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In addition to over two dozen original beers and guest brews, Akademia serves wine, cocktails, brunch, lunch and dinner at its combination restaurant and brewery just off Atlanta Highway. The taproom opens up into a spacious bar and dining area, but patrons can also sit outside on the large patio. Don't skip the giant pretzel with ale cheese and honey mustard.

ATHENTIC BREWING COMPANY

This newer addition to Athens' brewery scene is located in Normaltown and offers a variety of beers, from Irish stouts to tropical IPAs. Authentic features indoor and patio seating and also sells cans of beer to take home. They regularly host trivia nights, food trucks and local restaurant pop-ups.

CREATURE COMFORTS BREWING CO.

Creature Comforts is a local favorite with a decade of success behind them. Their downtown taproom is located in the old Snow Tire Co. factory, where you can find year-round favorites like Athena or Tropicália, or a rotating selection of seasonal flavors. Patrons can also sit outside under the brewery's large covered patio or take a 4- or 6-pack to go.



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NORMALTOWN BREWING CO.

This small-batch brewery in the historic Chase Street Warehouses offers a constantly changing selection of beer on tap and the occasional live set from a local artist. They also occasionally host local chef pop-ups, so keep an eye out for the chance to grab drinks and dinner.

TERRAPIN BEER CO.

Since it opened its doors in 2002, Terrapin has become Athens' most widely distributed beer. Stop by the Newton Bridge Road brewery with a lush greenspace to find popular beers like Hopsecutioner and Luau Krunkles. The recipient of multiple sustainability awards, the solar panels on their roof provide all the energy used during the brewing process.

WINE

THE LARK WINESPACE

Both a tasting room and a wine shop, this Prince Avenue store from Krista Slater specializes in sustainable wine and cocktail ingredients. Its rotating menu showcases a variety of foreign and domestic wines, while appetizers like charcuterie boards and tinned fish help round out any cocktail party.

TAPPED ATHENS

Putting a futuristic twist on your typical wine bar, Tapped allows you to buy wine by the ounce from soda fountain-style dispensers. They stock over 200 labels to choose from with a rotating selection of 24 wines on tap to try before you buy. Recurring events include the Wine 101 class and mimosas and biscuits on the first Saturday of every month.

SPIRITS

FIVE POINTS BOTTLE SHOP

No crybabies! This liquor store has been a neighborhood staple for over 30 years, with a huge selection of beer, wine, spirits and local drinks. It's an Athens tradition to swing by on your 21st birthday to get a free t-shirt.

OAK HOUSE DISTILLERY

Founded in 2020 by UGA food scientists, Oak House is the first legal distillery in Athens since the 1860s. Located in the historic Henry Bishop House on Macon Highway, the distillery produces botanical gins and Jamaican-style rums in a relaxing space featuring a cocktail bar and lounge. Classes on distilling and mixology are also offered.



the supper club

How Puma Yu's is elevating the takeout experience

BY MARY RYAN HOWARTH

Experimental, seasonal, and samrub are the three words Puma Yu's Co-owner Ally Smith uses to describe the experience of their monthly Supper Club membership.

"With the supper club, it's easier for us to control how the meal is experienced. Samrub is something that we really focus on, because it means all together," Smith said.

Puma Yu's opened in the Southern Mill District in 2022. They're known for non traditional Thai cuisine, creative cocktails and a cozy atmosphere. Smith leads the bar program while Pete Amadhanirundr is the executive chef.



Last year, they launched a monthly supper club that invited participants to the restaurant for a private family-style meal on Sunday nights. However, opening for dinner service on a day they were usually closed didn't prove to be the most sustainable approach.

"Putting on something on a day that we're normally not open isn't always feasible, and it's hard to keep that really consistent," Smith said.

The club recently shifted to a takeout model, allowing members to pick up the same kind of multi-course meals and curated beverage pairings to enjoy at home.

"It's cool because we try to combine them, like dining in and eating out," Smith said. "Ultimately, going out to a restaurant is a luxury and not a necessity. So I think it's important to offer a lot of different ways to get your product out to people, besides just taking home what we've got on our normal dinner menu."

Supper Club members also act as test subjects for new dishes. One of the main benefits of the program for Puma Yu's is that they have the freedom to create something new and see what participants enjoy enough to add to the permanent menu.

"We've never repeated a dish and we've never repeated a drink. People are getting

a first look at a creative process," Smith explained. "The final product might be different than what we give them in the supper club, but it's always well executed and intentional."

When a meal is prepared and sent home with someone, it's leaving Puma Yu's with a level of care not normally present in takeout. It's accompanied by a detailed menu, instructions for reheating and even the specific ice they get shipped from Atlanta that Smith claims "makes the experience of certain drinks better."

"It's a little over the top," Smith laughs.

While the experience sounds elaborate, there's still flexibility. Members can pause or cancel their memberships at any time, and the date changes every month to allow different patrons to try it out.

"We've never repeated a dish and we've never repeated a drink. People are getting a first look at a creative process."

ALLY SMITH
CO-OWNER

"We don't have a specific Sunday a month that we do it, because we still do tons of Sunday events," Smith explained. "There are times that we have to push it up a week or back a week, so the date flexibility makes it to where some people can do it, some people can't."

A membership for two starts at \$75, while the \$140 package serves four. Cocktail and wine pairings are available as an optional add-on. To join or learn more about the Supper Club, head to pumayus.com.





Athens Cooks | Melanie Velasquez

get cooking

Find out what alternative dining experience in Athens is for you

BY MARY RYAN HOWARTH

Bulldawg food and DoorDash help make delivery extremely popular in Athens, especially among students, but several restaurants around town are experimenting with ways to upgrade their takeout or encourage cooking at home. Take this quiz to see which one you should try first.

HOW WOULD YOU RATE YOUR COOKING SKILLS?

- A. I don't have that much experience but I'm excited to learn!
- B. I cook when I have to, but I'm not really looking to improve at all.
- C. I don't really know how to cook and I prefer easy meals.
- D. I have decent cooking experience and could always improve more on my own.

WOULD YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A FOODIE?

- A. I love trying new meals that are out of my comfort zone.
- B. I take pictures whenever I eat out and I love trying new restaurants.
- C. I enjoy good food, but I'm focused on my routine and eating healthy.
- D. I'm more of a comfort food person, but I still enjoy trying new things.

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SHARE MEALS WITH?

- A. I often cook with other people and I would love to learn new recipes to use for hosting.
- B. I share meals with a significant other or a small group of friends.
- C. I'm mostly looking for meals I can make for myself or take to work.
- D. I like trying out new recipes for my friends and family.

WHAT'S YOUR FOOD BUDGET?

- A. I'm willing to spend \$50-\$100 on a special dinner experience.
- B. I'd be comfortable spending \$40-\$75 every now and then for a fancy multi-course meal.
- C. I could set aside a little extra money to put towards a healthy meal plan.
- D. I'm not looking to spend much more than my usual grocery budget.

IF YOU ANSWERED MOSTLY A: ATHENS COOKS

Athens Cooks already does double duty as a kitchen supply store and restaurant, but they also host a wide range of cooking classes. They allow participants to learn from a chef, make some of the food themselves and enjoy a meal with fellow classmates. Sometimes they're focused on a single dish like classic lasagna or gluten-free cinnamon rolls, and other classes are themed around holidays or cultural cuisines. It's the perfect option if you're looking to sharpen your skills or add new recipes to the rotation, but it also gives you the experience of dining out.

"It is so exciting for me, personally, to invite people into the kitchen space and approach classes not from like 'I am an expert chef, let me teach you everything,' but like a confidence building, so that everyone that enters can go out and create those same meals and experiences for the people that they love," Executive Chef Megan Bearden explained.

IF YOU ANSWERED MOSTLY B: PUMA YU'S

Bring the fine dining experience to your kitchen with Puma Yu's Supper Club. One Sunday every month, stop by the restaurant and pick up a multi-course meal to reheat at home. The dinners feature menu staples and brand new items, as well as curated beverage pairings like wine and bottled cocktails. It also comes with a menu explaining the background of each dish and how it should be prepared and eaten. Packages range from \$75 to \$140 and serve two to four people. For more information, head to page 42.

IF YOU ANSWERED MOSTLY C: CLEAN EATZ

Clean EatZ is an Epps Bridge restaurant that offers a variety of healthy sandwiches, smoothies, bowls, salads, and snacks. They also offer weekly meal prep packages that just require reheating in the microwave or oven. The menu rotates every week, and they have frozen meals available to store until you're ready to prep them. If you don't have lots of time to cook or eat out, it might be a good match for you. Plans range from \$6.70 to \$8.45 per meal.

IF YOU ANSWERED MOSTLY D: DONDERO'S

Dondero's Co-owner and Executive Chef Tim Dondero has a recipe blog with over a hundred personal favorites and menu items. Recent additions include chicken kebabs, elote salsa and roasted beet and goat cheese salad. It's an easy way to learn from a local chef and broaden your culinary knowledge from the comfort of your own home, and how much you spend on it is up to you. Head to timsspecialrecipes.com to find your next meal.



Puma Yu's | Photo by Alexa Rivera
Courtesy of Puma Yu's

not drinking?

Nonalcoholic drinks made locally

FIGMENT KOMBUCHA

If you're looking for some nonalcoholic brews, head to Figment on Baxter Street. Opened in 2018, Athens' only kombucha brand uses local ingredients and prioritizes innovative flavors and sustainability (it comes in aluminum cans instead of glass bottles). Their signature flavors include Orange Blossom, Strawberry Meyer Lemon, Mango Ginger and Blueberry Lavender. Stop by their tasting room to pick up a can, taste seasonal flavors on tap and shop local goods at The People's Pantry.

NEW CREATION SODA WORKS

What started as a family business at the Watkinsville farmers market has grown into a beloved brand available in hundreds of locations nationwide. Find Root 42 Old Time Root Beer Soda, Hopscotch Dry-Hopped Ginger Ale, Jack'd Strawberry Habanero Soda, Krümcake Butter Pecan Cream Soda and PECHES Georgia Peach Soda (named for the beloved fruit stand near Eatonton) in local businesses and grocery stores.

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