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Athens At A Glance

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Vital Signs

- # Area: About 122 square miles—geographically the smallest county in Georgia.
- # Latitude: 33°57'N (About the same as Kabul, Afghanistan)
- **Longitude**: 83°23'W (About the same as Columbus, OH)
- *** Average high temperature**: 51.6°F (January), 89.6°F (July)
- *** Average low temperature**: 32°F (January), 69.5°F (July)
- *** Average precipitation**: 49.74 inches per year
- * Population (including students): 116,714 (2010 Census)
- Demographics: 65% white, 27% black, 7% Hispanic, 3% Asian (2010 Census)
- **# University of Georgia enrollment**: 34,475 (Fall 2012)
- * Largest employers: UGA (10,000), Athens Regional Medical Center (3,000), Athens-Clarke County (1,500), St. Mary's Hospital (1,400), Clarke County School District (1,300)

Recent Accolades

- # One of the 25 best places to retire (Forbes, February 2013; "CNN Money," October 2012)
- # One of seven up-and-coming food cities in the U.S. (Zagat, March 2013)
- * One of 10 up-and-coming food and music scenes (*Gourmet*, June 2012)
- * No. 8 college town, No. 8 affordable vacation destination and No. 1 music scene outside Nashville, New York City and Los Angeles (Livability.com, 2012)

- * No. 12 arts destination among mid-size cities (American Style, 2011)
- * Bronze-designated Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists (May 2011)
- * No. 1 coolest college town (bleacherreport.com, August 2011)
- # One of the South's best college towns (Southern Living, September 2011)
- # One of the coolest small cities in America (GQ, November 2010)
- * No. 1 football college town (Associated Press, Oct. 8, 2010)
- * No. 7 small city for jobs (Forbes.com, April 2009)
- * One of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's 2009 Dozen Distinctive Destinations

A Brief History of Athens

Athens started life as Cedar Shoals, a small trading post on the bank of the North Oconee River known as Carr's Hill, where Daniel Easley built a mill in the late 19th Century. (In a sign of our city's "progress," a massive apartment building called The Flats at Carr's Hill was recently constructed on the site of Easley's mill.)

The Georgia General Assembly chartered the University of Georgia in 1785 but, due to the Creek Indian War, didn't make a final choice for a site until 16 years later. The delay resulted in a feud that persists to this day with the University of North Carolina over which is the oldest public college in the country.

John Milledge, later a governor, bought 633 acres from Easley in what was then Jackson County and donated the land to the university. Milledge named the village-to-be for the Greek cradle of philosophy. Athens was incorporated in 1806.

In the decades that followed, the town became known as the "Manchester of the South" because of its cotton mills. James Camak built the city's first railroad, connecting Athens to Augusta in 1841.

During the Civil War, the Cook & Brother Armory (now known as the Chicopee building, owned by UGA) supplied Enfield rifles to the Confederate forces. A Union cavalry detachment tried to take the armory in 1864 but was fought off near Barber's Creek. The double-barreled cannon invented by local dentist John Gilleland was employed in the skirmish, though firing only one barrel, since it had proved of little use as a double-barreled weapon: at its test-firing, the chain connecting the balls snapped, knocking down a chimney and killing a cow. The cannon is now displayed outside City Hall, aimed roughly in the direction of Washington, D.C.

The Clarke County seat of government was moved from Watkinsville, about 15 miles south, to Athens in 1872, prompting Watkinsville residents to split off and form Oconee County. By the turn of the century, Athens had public schools, a police force and its first streetcar suburbs.

Aviation pioneer Ben Epps (the local airport's namesake) built and flew his first plane in 1907, four years after the Wright Brothers.

African-American students Hamilton Holmes and Charlayne Hunter integrated UGA when they enrolled in 1961. The local public schools were integrated nine years later.

Beginning in the late 1970s, Athens became internationally known for its rich music scene, which over the ensuing decades has spawned and sustained such renowned artists as R.E.M., The B-52s, Widespread Panic, Vic Chesnutt, The Olivia Tremor Control, Neutral Milk Hotel, of Montreal and Drive-By Truckers. Yes, that leaves out some big ones—any list would.

In the early 1980s, Athens' first mall out on Atlanta Highway nearly killed downtown, as the main stores fled to the 'burbs. The music scene saved downtown. Slowly, the big stores were replaced by bars, restaurants, music venues and new retailers.

After three failed attempts, Athens and Clarke County voters chose to unify the two governments in 1990. That's why it's called "Athens-Clarke County."

Don't Worry About the Government

Athens residents are represented by 10 commissioners in 10 districts and a mayor, currently Nancy Denson, who is elected at-large. (District maps, contact information and just about anything you want to know about local government are available at **www.athensclarkecounty.com**, or you can visit **mvp.sos.state.ga.us** to find out who your elected officials are.) Local elections are nonpartisan and are conducted in conjunction with the Republican and Democratic primaries for state and federal office in late July.

A calendar of meetings and other events, including meeting agendas, is available at **www.athensclarkecounty.com**, too. In addition, citizens can sign up for police alerts through Nixle, and the Planning Department runs the Neighborhood Notification Initiative, which sends emails to signed-up residents whenever a development is proposed in their area.

Commissioners set policy, but the government is run day-to-day by an appointed manager, currently Alan Reddish, who oversees more than 1,500 employees in 39 departments. Here are some frequently needed numbers:

- # Emergencies: 911
- * Police (non-emergencies): 706-613-3888
- Community Protection Division (code violations like junked cars and trash cans left out): 706-613-3888
- # Animal Control: 706-613-3540
- # Transportation and Public Works (report potholes, etc.): 706-613-3440
- Solid Waste (your trash wasn't picked up): 706-613-3501
- # Water and sewer: 706-613-3470

Although Athens is a liberal college town, state legislators have drawn districts in such a way that this community is mostly represented in state government by conservative Republicans. In fact, the GOP holds every state-wide elected office and vast majorities in the state Senate and House of Representatives. Contact info for legislators, the text of bills and other information is available at **www.legis.ga.gov**. For Gov. Nathan Deal and the executive branch, visit **www.georgia.gov**.

Georgia's two U.S. senators are Saxby Chambliss and Johnny Isakson. Most of Athens is represented in Congress by Rep. Paul Broun, of "Obama is a socialist" and "evolution is a lie straight from the pit of Hell" fame. A small northern portion of the county is represented by Rep. Doug Collins (R-Gainesville).

Intrigued by politics? Read *Flagpole*'s City Dope column and the In the Loop blog at **www.flagpole.com** for the latest scoops.

The UGA libraries also maintain an excellent source of information about Athens-Clarke County at **www.libs.uga.edu/athens**.

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Get Schooled

The Clarke County School District, governed by a nine-member school board, operates 14 elementary schools, four middle schools and three high schools that educate more than 12,000 students. They often get a bad rap, but they've improved recently under Superintendent Philip Lanoue in spite of high poverty rates and a sizable percentage of students who are speakers of English as a second language. The 70.1 percent graduation rate in 2012, up four points from 2011, was slightly above the state average. For more information, see **www.clarke.k12.ga.us**.

The Athens area also has eight private schools: Athens Academy (PK-12), Athens Christian School (PK-12), Athens Montessori School (PK-8), Monsignor Donovan Catholic High School (9-12), Prince Avenue Christian School (PK-12), St. Joseph's Catholic School (PK-8), Waseca School (PK-5) and Westminster Christian Academy (PK-12).

UGA is not the only local institute of higher learning. Piedmont College has a small campus in a former church complex on Prince Avenue, and the University of North Georgia has a branch in Watkinsville. But UGA, in addition to being a top public university, is the city's largest employer, economic

engine (generating \$2 billion annually in the local economy) and one of its cultural centers as well. UGA is a big part of what makes Athens Athens.

- * North Campus: Athens was built adjacent to what we now call North Campus across Broad Street from downtown. It's the oldest and one of the most beautiful parts of the city. Don't let the high iron fence put you off. Walk right through the iconic Arch and have a picnic or play frisbee. It's public property and functions like a park for students and townies alike.
- Entertainment: UGA has departments of theatre, film, dance, music, visual arts and more. All of them constantly produce and showcase cultural events and artifacts, and they really want you to share in these offerings. UGA's master calendar at www.calendar.uga.edu will tell



you everything that's happening on campus. And pay close attention to The Calendar at **www.flagpole.com/events** and in the weekly *Flagpole* to stay in the know about campus happenings.

- Learning: The university is constantly hosting lectures, seminars, workshops and readings—many of them free and open to the public—by both local and visiting academics, artists, writers and experts in diverse fields. Again, keep an eye on The Calendar in the weekly *Flagpole* and at www. flagpole.com. Many lectures are held in the historic Chapel on North Campus. Hear a bell ringing? That's the Chapel bell, rung by students to celebrate football victories or, really, any reason at all.
- Sports: The Bulldog Nation will be out in force during the seven home game weekends this fall, often more than doubling the city's population. Be sure to wear red and black to fit in. Avoid yellow (Georgia Tech) and orange (Auburn, Florida, Tennessee) at all costs. While the high-profile student sports—football, basketball (men's and women's), baseball and gymnastics—charge for tickets, all the others—from tennis to swimming to women's softball and soccer—are free and showcase perennial conference contenders. Visit www.georgiadogs.com.

There Goes the Neighborhood

Of course, there's much more to Athens than the UGA campus. Here's a primer on the various parts of town, how to get there and what to expect when you arrive.

Downtown: The beating heart of Athens. Whether you're looking for shopping, eating, drinking, music, film or other entertainment, as the official slogan goes, it's all here.

- Cobbham/Boulevard/Buena Vista: Straddling Prince Avenue, a commercial corridor running northwest from downtown, are Athens' original suburbs, now lovingly preserved intown historic districts full of 19th- and early 20th-century homes from grand mansions to working-class mill houses. Boulevard is wide and stately (a streetcar once ran down the middle), while Cobb and Hill streets are cozier but no less impressive. Athens' newest historic district is Buena Vista, a cluster of smaller homes at the far end of Boulevard, approved in 2013. Smaller in-town neighborhoods like New Town and the Pulaski Heights area cluster near Boulevard, and wooded suburbs like Forest Heights and Homewood Hills lie farther out, along Oqlethorpe Avenue and Jefferson Road.
- * Normaltown: At the intersection of Prince Avenue and Oglethorpe Avenue is a thriving little commercial strip of shops and restaurants. It was named for the State Normal School, which opened in the 1890s as a teachers' training college and served from 1954-2011 as the U.S. Navy Supply Corps School. (How did the Navy end up with a landlocked base, you ask? Georgia's Washington power duo back in the day, Congressman Carl Vinson and Senator Richard B. Russell, Jr., put it there.) It's now the UGA Health Sciences Campus, the Navy School having finally made it to the sea in Rhode Island.
- Five Points: The main thoroughfare through campus, Lumpkin Street, runs south to meet Milledge Circle and Milledge Avenue, a street lined by impressive mansions converted into offices and fraternity and sorority houses. The five-way intersection of these streets gives the neighborhood its name and is a local business node at the center of an area of spacious homes.
- # Hancock Corridor: Hancock Avenue and Reese Street were once the center of the "west-side" neighborhood of African-American citizens. The area is now a mixture of students and permanent residents, black and white, that's still rich in history, though not as economically upscale as nearby Cobbham or Boulevard.
- **Eastside:** Athens is cut in half by the North Oconee River. The entire eastern half is sometimes referred to as the Eastside, though that's often a reference to the suburban strip malls and subdivisions off Lexington, Gaines School and Barnett Shoals roads a few miles southeast of downtown.
- **East Athens**: Sometimes called "East of Athens" by old-timers, the neighborhoods off MLK Drive, North Avenue, First Street and East Broad Street directly across the river from downtown are also historically African-American. Some neighborhoods in the area, such as Chicopee-Dudley, are rapidly gentrifying.
- Westside: A few miles west of downtown are more commercial corridors, including Baxter Street, Alps Road, Atlanta Highway and Epps Bridge Parkway. If you're looking for a car dealership, chain restaurant, big box retailer, the latest Hollywood blockbuster or the mall, then you just head west.

I Get Around

Bus: City buses are based at the Multimodal Transportation Center on the eastern edge of downtown at 775 East Broad Street, behind the Classic Center. Buses run every hour or half-hour Monday through Saturday starting at 6 a.m. Some make their last stops at 6 p.m., others at 10 p.m. Adult fares are \$1.60; discounts for multi-ride passes, seniors, children and the disabled are available. UGA students, staff and faculty (including retirees) ride free. See www.athenstransit.com for routes and schedules. • UGA buses run more frequently in and around campus, and they're free for everyone, including non-students. For instance, the Milledge Avenue buses make a continuous loop from downtown through campus to Five Points and are free to all. The Health Sciences buses run every 20 minutes from campus along Prince Avenue to Normaltown and back. Maps and more for all campus-transit routes at www.transit.uga.edu. • For longer-distance travel, Southeastern Stages operates daily inter-city bus service to Atlanta, the Carolinas and beyond; its station is inside the Texaco convenience store at 4020 Atlanta Highway and operates daily from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and 8 p.m.-9:30 p.m. 706-549-2255 or go to www.southeasternstages.com. Megabus offers thrice-daily rides to and from Atlanta for as low as \$1 per fare. Buses depart and arrive at the Multi-Modal Transit Center every day but Sunday, when they rendezvous at the UGA East Campus Parking Deck. For more info or to book fares, go to **us.megabus.com**.

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- **Rail**: The nearest Amtrak station is in Gainesville, with the next closest in Atlanta. There's one northbound train at night and one southbound train early in the morning. Both are stops on the Crescent line between New York City and New Orleans. Call 800-USA-RAIL or go to www.amtrak.com.
- # Air: SeaPort Airlines shuttles fly daily between Athens-Ben Epps Airport and Nashville starting at \$49 each way. Visit www.athensairport.net or www.seaportair.com to book tickets, or call 1-888-573-2767.
- Shuttle: Groome Transportation runs a full schedule of shuttle vans from the Georgia Center on campus, the Holiday Inn downtown and Athens West Shopping Center on the Atlanta Highway to Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta daily. Call 800-896-9928 or go to www. groometransportation.com.
- Car: If you must drive, downtown metered parking is 75 cents an hour, with two-hour time limits from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. (You have to feed the meters until 10 p.m., but the time limit ends at six.) Overstay your quarters and get a \$10 ticket; overextend your time and get a \$15 ticket; fail to pay your fines and get a boot on your wheel. Many of the meters (some of which are kiosks that serve multiple spaces) now take credit cards and even allow you to pay by smartphone, but some are still coin-operated. There are also several parking decks downtown (see map on p. 35) that cost \$1.50 per hour after the first (free) half hour, up to \$8 a day, with no time limit. Details are available at www.downtownathensga.com. Most surface lots downtown are operated at night by Prestige Parking, which charges \$5 and will tow you if you "forget" to pay. • On campus, a good rule of thumb is that, if you drive onto campus, you can only park in a deck. Most surface lots are permit-only, and rules are strictly enforced with high ticket fees and towing. Be prepared: call 706-542-PARK or go to www.parking.uga.edu.—or better yet, just walk, bike or bus free to campus.
- **Taxi:** If you're out drinking, take a cab home if it's too far to walk. There are a bunch of companies in the phone book, or you can usually hail a taxi downtown in front of the Arch on Broad Street late at night. Pro tip: The cabs are large vans shared with other riders, and they tend to fill up, so your route home may be less than direct. And, make absolutely sure that the van you get into is actually a legitimate cab. A permit and fares should be posted on the dashboard, and the vehicle should have a special license plate.
- Bike: You can bike just about anywhere and everywhere in Athens. For all your local cycling needs, look to BikeAthens, whose bike map, available around town and at www.bikeathens.com, is only one of the many excellent resources they have to offer.
- # Hoof It: You can walk just about anywhere, too. It feels good, and it's good for you and the environment.

Breakin' the Law

- # Smoking: It's illegal inside any public building (even bars), in public parks and on most parts of the UGA campus.
- Drinking: At a bar and want to sneak a cig outside? Make sure you stay inside the iron railing that delineates a sidewalk cafe from the sidewalk, because open containers are illegal in the public right-of-way, except for the UGA campus on football game days. Last call is 2 a.m. except for Sundays. Bars can't open on Sundays, but restaurants and stores can sell alcohol from 12:30 p.m.-midnight.
- **Underage drinking**: The local police are actually serious about this. If you're under 21 years old and they catch you drinking or with a fake ID, it's not just a ticket. They will throw you in the paddy wagon and take you to jail.
- Bikes: Bicyclists have to follow the same rules as cars. Aside from that, be polite and be careful (and wear a helmet—it's not the law, but it can be vital to your health). Also, you can't ride on the sidewalk unless you're 12 years old or under, and not even then if you're downtown.
- Littering: Don't. Downtown has trash cans and has receptacles for cigarette butts. Use them. Even better, recycle.
- * Cohabitation: It's illegal for more than two unrelated people to live in houses in areas zoned single-family. If the area is multi-family, it's fine. Check with the ACC Planning Department before signing a lease.
- Cameras: Cameras mounted downtown are monitored by the police and are recording your every move. Cameras at some main intersections are ready to catch you running a red light.

Help!

Athens is full of caring people who want to make a difference. Be one of them. HandsOn Northeast Georgia is a clearinghouse that connects those who wish to do volunteer work in the community with Athens' many nonprofit organizations. Check out your options at **www.handsonnortheastgeorgia.org** and the Help Out section of *Flagpole*'s weekly Bulletin Board pages.

Where Do I Start?

Still need more info on where to go and what do in Athens? Our welcome centers are a great resource.

- * Athens Welcome Center: 280 E. Dougherty St., 706-353-1820, www. VisitAthensGA.com. Run by the Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation, it's in a house museum, one of Athens' oldest structures. Both self-guided and guided tours focusing on local music and historic landmarks are available.
- **# UGA Visitors Center**: College Station Road at River Road, **706-542-0842**, **www.visituga.edu**—in a repurposed old dairy barn.
- * Athens Convention & Visitors Bureau: 300 N. Thomas St., 706-357-4430, www.VisitAthensGA.com—in the firehall the citizens saved when it was threatened with demolition to make way for the Classic Center in the early 1990s.
- * Oconee County Welcome Center: 22 N. Main St. Bldg. B, Watkinsville; 706-769-5197, www.visitoconee.com—in an old brick storefront downtown.





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Here's a long-range view of upcoming events in Athens' crowded schedule. Be sure to check Flagpole's Calendar in the paper and online (www.flagpole.com) to get the full range of possibilities every week.

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- UGA Football 2013 | There are six home games in Sanford Stadium on campus this season. Whether or not you attend the games you've got to keep them in mind as you plan your Saturday. Game times fluctuate according to television schedules and are not generally announced until the week of the game. Here's the home schedule: Sept. 7, South Carolina; Sept. 21, University of North Texas; Sept. 28, L.S.U.; Oct. 12, Missouri; Nov. 9, Appalachian State; Nov. 23, Kentucky. For updates on times: www.georgiadogs.com
- North Georgia Folk Festival | Oct. 5, 2013 | Local folk, bluegrass and Americana bands, kids, crafts and food outside at Sandy Creek Park—www.athensfolk.org
- The AthHalf Marathon | Oct. 20, 2013 | A great run for a great purpose: raising money for AthFest educational projects—www.AthHalf.com
- The Wild Rumpus Parade and Spectacle | Oct. 26, 2013 | Wild Rumpus IV "Howl," led as usual by local musician-extraordinaire Timi Conley, is an outpouring of costumes and music into the streets of downtown by paraders and those who come to watch them—www.wild rumpus.org
- The Downtown Parade of Lights | Dec. 5. 2013 | The official Athens Christmas parade, with floats, marching and riding bands, Old Santa, dogs, elves, dignitaries: whole families come from miles around for the spectacle, in spite of the cold—http://ga-athensclarke county.civicplus.com/index.aspx?NID=2589
- A Taste of Athens | Feb. 16, 2014 | Local restaurants, brewers, coffee roasters and distributors give you generous samples of their best at the Classic Center to benefit Community Connection. The Taste 10K precedes on Feb. 15, to work up an appetite. www.community connection211.org/taste
- Dancing with the Athens Stars | Mar. 30, 2014 | Local celebs showcase their hoofing talents at the Classic Center to raise money for Project Safe—www.project-safe.org/Dancingwith-the-Athens-Stars.html

Boybutante Ball | Apr. 12, 2014 | The culmination of a week celebrating diversity, this overthe-top, theatrical 40-Watt drag show raises money for AIDS Athens—www.boybutante.org

- FLUKE! | Usually the first week in April | Comic books and their creators are the focus of this all-day show and tell—www.flukeathens.com
- Athens Americana Festival | The last weekend in April | A four-day, downtown conglomeration of folk, country, bluegrass, blues and other music—www.athensamericana.com
- Twilight Criterium | Usually the last weekend in April | A weekend of biking events culminating in the world-class race through the streets of downtown—www.athenstwilight.com
- Indie South Fair | First weekends in May & December | An outdoor market of folk and functional art—www.indiesouth.com
- Human Rights Festival | Usually the first weekend in May | Speakers, live music, food and kidstuff in a two-day downtown gathering emphasizing social justice—www.athenshuman rightsfest.org
- Hot Corner Festival | Usually the first weekend in May | A celebration of the history of downtown business at the corner of Washington and Hull streets and its African-American roots, this fest offers up music, food, and fun for the kids.
- Flagpole Athens Music Awards | June 19, 2014 | Awards are presented to the winners selected by *Flagpole* readers in various musical categories, and local musicians provide the evening's entertainment at the Morton Theatre—www.flagpole.com/music/musicfeatures/2013/06/26/2013-flagpole-athensmusic-awards-in-photos
- AthFest | June 18-22, 2014 | Hundreds of local bands play a club crawl, and headliners play outdoor stages. Plus an artists' market, kids' activities, food and drink inside and out, all over downtown Athens to raise money for AthFest educational endeavors—www.AthFest. com
- Star-Spangled Classic | July 4, 2014 | Fireworks, music, games and food make a popular draw for this free, old-fashioned celebration in Bishop Park—if the money can be raised for it and the creek don't rise. Check Holiday Events on the Leisure Services Department website—www.athensclarkecounty.com.

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Art All Around

A lithough Athens and the surrounding area don't have exactly a traditional gallery scene (you'll see more art on the walls of restaurants and salons than in spaces dedicated solely to the viewing and appreciation of the fine arts), there are a number of art venues worth seeking out. The bonus is that almost all of them are free. The Athens Cultural Affairs Commission is also working to increase the amount of public art, in spaces from Lay Park's public pool to the West Washington Street parking deck, with many projects on the horizon. Third Thursday, a partnership among six of the venues listed below, encourages locals to check out Athens art on the third Thursday evening of the month, with a calendar posted at **www.3thurs.org.** Listings for all these spaces are included in the Art Around Town section of *Flagpole*'s calendar in the weekly paper and online at **www.flagpole.com**.

ARTini's Art Lounge

296 W. Broad St. • 706-353-8530 • www.artinisartlounge.com

ARTini's offers the opportunity to unwind with a glass of wine and create a work of art with some direction, for a fee. It's also been expanding its offerings to include a gallery with rotating exhibitions, summer art camps and figure-drawing nights. Open Monday 6–9 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday noon–10 p.m.

Athens Institute for Contemporary Art (ATHICA) 160 Tracy Street, Unit 4 • 706-208-1613 • www.athica.org

A reliable source for innovative contemporary programming, ATHICA is a nonprofit gallery. With Hope Hilton now in charge as creative director, it has mounted exhibitions focusing on community, labor and the fizzle of the apocalypse. All that may make it sound like a drag, but with plenty of events (lectures, performance art, children's programming) and a fun new membership program, ATHICA attracts large crowds. Artists featured include locals but aren't limited to them. During exhibitions, ATHICA is open from 1–9 p.m. on Thursday; 1–6 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday; and by appointment. The website details events and exhibitions.

Chappelle Gallery

25 South Main St., Watkinsville, GA • 706-310-0985

The Chappelle Gallery, run by Jerry and Kathy Chappelle out of the historic Haygood House in downtown Watkinsville, shows and sells the work of many local and national artists in media from paintings and drawings to metal, fiber, wood and jewelry. The gallery hosts open houses throughout the year. Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Facebook is your best bet to find current events.

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Inside Athens' downtown art-house cinema is this small gallery, which nonetheless has managed to put together a series of fun and clever exhibitions by mostly local artists. You don't have to be going to see a movie to enjoy art by, for example, Mike Landers, Jennifer Hartley, Jeffrey Whittle or Carol John. They even have opening receptions. Open the same hours as the theater, which vary (check the website).

Farmington Depot Gallery

1001 Salem Rd., Farmington, GA • 706-769-5379 • www.farmingtondepotgallery.com

Located in the historic Farmington train depot, this regional fine arts gallery organizes exhibitions, mostly of work by area artists including Peter Loose, John Cleaveland, Matt Alston, Cheri Wranowski and Phil Goulding. Festifool, its annual artists' market in April, is a good showcase for local artists, and open houses frequently include live music or, at Festiboo in October, haunted hayrides, and a gift market at Holidaze in December. Jan.–March, Thursday through Sunday, noon–5 p.m.; April–Dec., Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., and by appointment.

The Gallery @ Good Dirt

510 North Thomas St. • 706-355-3161 • www.gooddirt.net

Although most people think of Good Dirt because of its clay classes for all levels of experience, including monthly "Try Clay" classes for beginners, it also runs a gallery for pottery with rotating exhibitions. Founder Rob Sutherland maintains a blog on the website that highlights the practical uses of his work, and the gallery also includes 12 artists' spaces for rent. The website provides a schedule of classes, openings and summer camps. Open daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and by appointment.

Gallery@Hotel Indigo-Athens

500 College Ave. • 706-338-0548 • http://hotelindigoathens.com/amenities/galleryhotelindigo

With local artist Didi Dunphy on hand running the show, this minimalist white space inside the boutique hotel features several exhibitions each year, mostly group shows by artists from Athens and somewhat beyond. Shows devoted to art on skateboard decks (auctioned off to benefit Skate Park of Athens), works on paper, photography, drawings and more feature cool opening receptions with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. No doors, so it's open the same hours as the hotel lobby. The Glass Cube, just outside the Hotel Indigo entrance, is an experimental project space.

Georgia Museum of Art

90 Carlton St. • 706-542-4662 • www.georgiamuseum.org

The state's official art museum has a large permanent collection with strengths in American painting and Southern decorative arts, plus growing collections of works by self-taught and African American artists. Located on UGA's East Campus, it features high-profile exhibits. Events, most of which are free, include films, lectures, late-night art parties, teen studio workshops and programs for families. The Ike & Jane nook serves coffee, snacks and sand-wiches Tuesday through Friday. Museum hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday 1–5 p.m.

Lyndon House Arts Center

293 Hoyt St. • 706-613-3623 • www.athensclarkecounty.com/lyndonhouse

The Lyndon House Arts Center, run by the unified government of Athens-Clarke County, includes galleries, classes, a gift shop and the Ware-Lyndon House museum. The Annual Juried Exhibition is its most popular event, and other exhibitions change several times a year. Art classes and workshops are available to adults, seniors and kids. The Ware-Lyndon House (ca. 1850) features rooms with period décor from the late 1800s and a wealth of information about Athens. Open Tuesday and Thursday, noon–9 p.m., and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

The Myers and Bertelsmann Galleries at Athens Academy 1281 Spartan Ln. • 706-549-9225 • www.athensacademy.org

Athens Academy, a local private preK-12 school, features these two galleries on its campus as part of its amenities. They host several exhibitions during the school year, mostly of work by local artists and students. The galleries are open during the academic year during school hours.

Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation (OCAF)

34 School St., Watkinsville, GA • 706-769-4565 • www.myocaf.com

The Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation (OCAF) in Watkinsville focuses on performing and literary as well as visual arts, but includes a nice gallery space for the latter and organizes a number of exhibitions each year. Some of its better known events include Southworks, a juried art exhibit and artists' market; "Perspectives," the Georgia pottery invitational; a holiday market; and the members' exhibition. Classes are available in many media for all ages. See the website for a complete schedule of events. Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. plus by appointment.

UGA Lamar Dodd School of Art Galleries

270 River Rd. • 706-542-1511 • www.art.uga.edu/programs/galleries

UGA's renowned art school, named for the artist/administrator who put Georgia on the art map, has great gallery spaces in its still relatively new building, but you're apt to see it in places you didn't expect, too. Students and faculty have filled many of those galleries in the past, with rotating exhibitions, as have visiting artists from David Sandlin to Lola Brooks. There's almost always something new and surprising to encounter: installation art hanging from the staircase, a boat being built for a class, pin-ups in the corridors. New gallery director Katie Geha, from Austin, TX, has a history of innovative programming. Events are a regular occurrence, with many lectures from artists and art historians; find them on the school's website as well as in *Flagpole*. Galleries are open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., except for university holidays.

Visionary Growth Gallery

2400 Booger Hill Rd., Danielsville, GA • 706-363-0393 • www.visgrow.com

Out in a field, sort of in Danielsville but not within view of much, Robert Lowery's Visionary Growth Gallery shows folk art and art brut. The gallery also offers services to artists with disabilities, such as artistic instruction, photography and help with promotion, and creates large-scale art-quality prints. It's also a working farm that raises free-range pigs. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and by appointment.





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www.athenajewelers.com

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Community

119 N. Jackson St. • 706-316-2067 www.shopcommunityathens.com

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Good Dirt

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510 B N. Thomas St. • 706-355-3161 www.gooddirt.net

In addition to having a gallery of fine work by professional artists, Good Dirt is a community clay

studio with year-round pottery classes for adults and children, with wheel classes and lectures and an open studio for students. Summer camps and out-of-school days, too.

The Loft

1035 Baxter St. • 706-548-5334 www.loftartsupply.com

The Loft sells a wide range of art supplies for students and professionals and offers a variety of art classes in painting, drawing, silk painting and calligraphy, along with materials demonstrations and artist lectures.

Lyndon House Arts Center 293 Hoyt St. • 706-613-3623

www.athensclarkecounty.com/lyndonhouse

The Lyndon House Arts Center maintains a full schedule of workshops and art classes and features gallery exhibitions, a historic house museum, art meetings and special events with the aim of creating a positive experience in the visual arts and developing creative talents.

Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation (OCAF) 34 School St., Watkinsville • 706-769-4565

www.ocaf.com

OCAF is a nonprofit organization that promotes the arts and artists in Oconee County and the Northeast Georgia region and offers art education classes and workshops in a variety of subjects.

Pints and Paints

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675 Pulaski St., Unit 6 • 315-283-1538 www.smokeyroadpress.com

Smoky Road Press gives classes in bookbinding and letterpress printing to kids and adults.

State Botanical Garden of Georgia

2450 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-542-1244

www.botgarden.uga.edu

The State Botanical Garden of Georgia provides a variety of classes on plant photography, watercolor and garden art.

Treehouse Kid & Craft

815 W. Broad St. • 706-850-8226 www.treehousekidandcraft.com

In addition to Treehouse's kids' shop featuring vintage, designer and locally made products, they teach a variety of DIY classes and workshops for children and adults, including sewing, printmaking, cartoon illustration, Spanish, creative play, flower arranging, yoga, collage and puppetmaking.

UGA Continuing Education

1197 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-542-3537 www.georgiacenter.uga.edu

The Department of Professional and Personal Development at the Center for Continuing Education at the University of Georgia features artists, writers and scholars who teach creative and enrichment programs.

Uptown Art Uncorked

3061 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-208-7337 www.uptownart.com/athens

From corporate gatherings to an evening of making new friends, Uptown Art Uncorked offers a fun and relaxing evening of drinks and painting, as instructors help you create a masterpiece. Check website calendar for hours and class registration.

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Active Activities

ant to climb a rock wall or learn pole dancing? Kayak down the river or take in some disc golf? Maybe fly on a trapeze or just watch some local roller girls in action? Athens has plenty of fun to offer beyond the clubs, galleries and restaurant scenes.

Active Climbing

665 Barber St. • 706-354-0038 www.activeclimbing.com

With state-of-the-art climbing walls, Active Climbing is Athens' first indoor climbing gym that's dedicated to bouldering, indoor rock-climbing, fitness, birthday parties and more.

Athens Area Men's Baseball League

297 Hoyt St. • 706-207-8939 www.aambl.com

The private Athens Area Men's Baseball League welcomes all skill levels and plays serious nine-inning baseball with wood bats from April to August. All games are played at Thomas N. Lay Park.

Athens Food Tours

Different meeting places • 706-338-8054 www.athensfoodtours.com

For a true taste of Athens, join one of these tasty tours of food, drink and local color from neighborhood tours to bicycle or farm tours. Check the online calendar for daily walking food and other tours.

Athens Vertical Pole Dance Academy

160-6a Tracy St. • 706-347-3708

www.avpda.com

AVPDA is a pole dance studio that offers fitness classes, workshops, parties and performances in a rigorous (Don't think it's rigorous? Just try it.) sofitness opportunity for adults of all ages and abilities. No experience necessary.

Big Dog's on the River

2525 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-353-6002 www.bigdogsontheriver.com

Enjoy the beauty of the Middle Oconee River while kayaking through three separate shoals, then relax at the indoor/outdoor cabana with a drink. Shuttle available.

BikeAthens Group Ride

149 Tracy St. www.bikeathens.com

In their overall mission to promote walking, cycling and public transit in Athens, BikeAthens hosts leisurely, law-abiding group bicycle rides throughout the year, where no one is left behind. Group Rides on the first Friday of the month, from April to November, at 6 p.m. from City Hall.

Broad River Outpost

7911 Wildcat Bridge Rd., Danielsville • 706-795-3242 www.broadriveroutpost.com

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Canopy Studio

160-6 Tracy St. • 706-549-8501 www.canopystudio.com

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www.artsoglethorpe.org, www.facebook.com/arts.oglethorpe, info@artsoglethorpe.org Venue: The Historic Crawford Schoolhouse, Crawford

The outlet for theater in the Lexington-Crawford community A!O will present *Hats* in November, 2013—a seven-woman production reflecting on aging. Check the website for 2014 productions.

Athens Creative Theatre

706-613-3628 • www.athensclarkecounty.com/act

Venues: Quinn Hall at Memorial Park, Morton Theatre

Athens Creative Theatre is a project of the Athens-Clarke County Department of Leisure Services and stages a variety of plays and classes for adults and children. Its first Main Stage show is Disney's *Aladdin Jr.*, in November.

Athens Little Playhouse

706-208-1036 • www.facebook.com/athenslittleplayhouse

Venue: Athens Little Playhouse

ALP produces family-friendly plays for performers ages 5–18, beginning this year with a production of *Cinderella*. The company holds a theater camp for kids in the summer and classes throughout the year.

Circle Ensemble Theatre Company

706-372-2175 • www.circleensembletheatre.com

Venues: Quinn Hall at Memorial Park, Ashford Manor

Operating under the umbrella of the Athens Area Arts Council, the Circle Ensemble Theatre Company stages a variety of established plays and new works

by up-and-coming playwrights and conducts classes and workshops for youths and adults. The company recently launched its 2013–14 season with a production of *Into the Woods*.

Encore Productions

706-283-1049 • www.elberttheatre.org

Venue: The Elbert Theatre

Encore Productions keeps up a busy schedule housed in a refurbished 1940 movie palace in nearby Elberton, GA. The 2013–2014 schedule is: *The Crucible*, Sept. 13–22; *A Christmas Pudding*, Dec. 6–15; *Barefoot in the Park*, Mar. 14–23; *Who's On First?* July 18–27; *Bye-Bye Birdie*, Sept. 19–28, and *Harvey*, Dec. 5–14.

JV Productions

706-543-2012

Venue: Seney-Stovall Chapel

Perhaps best known for his Christmas-season performances as Charles Dickens, local actor, playwright and director John Vance stages his own works with a floating company drawn from all corners of the Athens theater community. JV shows are characteristically witty, sharp, satirical and worth seeing.

Oconee Youth Playhouse

706-769-2677 • www.oypoysp.com/playhouse

Venue: Oconee County Civic Center

The Oconee Youth Playhouse specializes in musical theater for children and adults. You name it: they've done it—with lavish sets and costumes. Opportunities and classes are available to participants from first grade and up. The current season kicks off with a production of Disney's *The Little Mermaid Jr*.

Rose of Athens Theatre

706-340-9181 • www.roseofathens.org

Venues: Morton Theatre, Seney-Stovall Chapel

Rose of Athens Theatre performs family-friendly shows for both general audiences and school audiences by special arrangement. The company also tours regionally. The current season includes *A Winnie the Pooh Christmas Tail*, November–December; *The Santaland Diaries*, December; *Charlotte's Web*, February–March; and *Twelfth Night*, June. The company also conducts performance classes and workshops throughout the year for children and adults.

Town & Gown Players

706-208-TOWN • www.townandgownplayers.org

Venue: Athens Community Theatre

The Town & Gown Players just finished its 60th season in Athens and is the longest-running community-theater company in the state. The company stages a wide variety of plays, including musicals, on its Main Stage, with smaller and more experimental plays on its Second Stage, throughout the year. This year's 2013–14 Main Stage lineup is: October 4–13, *Evil Dead the Musical*; December 6–15, *Romeo and Juliet*; February 7–16, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, April 4–13, *Oklahoma!*; June 6–15, *Steel Magnolias*; August 8–17, *Proof*.

University Theatre

706-583-0045 • www.drama.uga.edu

Venue: UGA Fine Arts Theatre

The UGA Department of Theatre and Film Studies stages a full slate of plays from across the genre spectrum throughout the school year. Both large-scale and smaller productions showcase the excellent acting and production talents of the students in the department. The 2013–14 season: September 19–29, *Doubt: A Parable;* October 7–13, *Servant of Two Masters;* November 7–17, *Pride and Prejudice;* February 4–9, *Bray's Plays;* February 22–28, *Flyin' West;* March 25–30, *The Bacchae;* April 10–19, *Spring Awakening.*

Winder-Barrow Community Theatre

770-867-1679 • www.winderbarrowtheatre.org

Venue: Colleen O. Williams Theater, Winder

A community theater company serving the Winder area, the WBCT presents a full slate of productions year-round for general audiences and a second schedule of children's productions through their Children's PLAYhouse program. For a small-town company, WBCT shows are remarkably well-staged in a great venue. *The Battle of Shallowford*, a comedy, runs Oct. 25–Nov. 3, and the Children's PLAYhouse does *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* Dec. 6–8 and *Dashing Through the Snow* Dec. 20–22. UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

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by John P. Bray Feb. 4-9

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by Pearl Cleage Feb. 20-22, 25-28, Mar. 1-2

THE BACCHAE

by Euripides Mar. 25-30

Spring Awakening

book & lyrics by Steven Sater, music by Duncan Sheik, based on the play by Frank Wedekind Apr. 10-13, 15-19

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Heritage Park 2543 Macon Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-769-3965

300 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Pkwy. • 706-613-3615

3500 A Hog Mountain Rd., Watkinsville • 706-769-3965

Rocksprings Community Center & Park 291 Henderson Ext. • 706-613-3603

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Reese & Pope Park

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http://goo.gl/7fvsG

Satterfield Park

http://goo.gl/LBPT6

Thomas N. Lay Park

297 Hoyt St. • 706-613-3596 http://goo.gl/sx6qW

Oconee Veterans Park

375 Reese St. • 706-613-3801

3028 Cherokee Rd. • 706-613-3871

Dudley Park

he Athens-Clarke-County area enjoys a plethora of parks large and small, in-town and rural, with swimming and without, for every need and taste and every age—dogs, too. Here's the list, where you can spend an afternoon or just stop by for a picnic lunch or a quick dip in the pool. The excellent park system is available year-round, for relaxation and exercise. Enjoy.

Bishop Park

705 Sunset Dr. • 706-613-3589 • http://goo.gl/3ooSe

Julius F. Bishop Park, named for a former Athens mayor, covers more than 30 acres of athletic fields, basketball courts, a playground, a seasonal swimming pool, a paved walking path, a picnic area and tennis courts (including covered courts). The park hosts many youth sports, including the Athens-Clarke Gymnastics Academy, and is a popular meeting spot for families with children. Trails around the grounds accommodate joggers and walkers. The Athens Farmers Market is held at the park on Saturday mornings from April through November, often featuring live music and cooking demos.

East Athens Community Park

200 Trail Creek St. • 706-208-0185 • http://goo.gl/gLywb

The newest Athens park features 113 acres of new equipment, including a Splash Pad, a rubberized outdoor floor covered in water contraptions. Kids can run around in bare feet in the hot summer and cool off under a raining mushroom or with water squirters. Many football, softball, soccer and ultimate frisbee games convene on the park's athletic fields, and spaces are available for birthday parties and other gatherings. More features include an outdoor workout area with elliptical and rowing machines, etc.; a picnic area, meeting rooms, restrooms and walking trails. The Splash Pad is open Tuesday–Sunday 10 a.m.–6 p.m. and is \$1 per person.

Memorial Park

293 Gran Ellen Dr. • 706-613-3580 • http://goo.gl/jCiUT

Memorial Park is located in the Five Points neighborhood and encompasses over 72 acres. In a portion of the park, the Bear Hollow Wildlife Trail and Zoo provides a home for over 120 species of rescued wild animals, such as eagles, bobcats, white-tailed deer, bears and alligators in a natural environment designed for visitors' education. Other amenities include a three-acre lake, a seasonal swimming pool, picnic shelters, a playground, a confined dog park and the nature trail named after the late, legendary Athens cyclist, Fred Birchmore. Memorial Park is also the home of the Athens Creative Theatre in Quinn Hall.

North Oconee River Greenway

Sandy Creek Nature Center to Peter Street • 706-613-3615 • http://goo.gl/vuqAG

The North Oconee River Greenway covers 150 acres; a "linear park" spanning more than 3.5 miles. The 10-foot wide path is perfect for walking and biking and connects local parks, neighborhoods and community centers, meeting Cook's Trail at Sandy Creek Nature Center, which goes on from that point to Sandy Creek Park. Following the river south from the Nature Center to downtown, one can view 50 interpretive panels along the half-mile Heritage Trail that illustrate Athens transportation and manufacturing history.

Sandy Creek Nature Center

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205 Old Commerce Rd. • 706-613-3615 • http://goo.gl/lQ5nA

The Sandy Creek Nature Center is an educational preserve with four miles of hiking trails that connect to Cook's Trail and to the North Oconee River Greenway. Spanning 225 acres, the Nature Center surrounds wetlands, woodlands and field ecosystems. Planetarium shows occur monthly with different educational themes. The center's newly renovated Environment, Natural Science and Appropriate Technology Building (ENSAT) houses interactive exhibits that reflect several different environments of Georgia, as well as a natural science resource library and live reptiles and amphibians. The remains of a 100-plus-year-old brick factory and a 19th-century log house are open for exploration. Check the weekly *Flagpole* Calendar for Sandy Creek's seasonal events and activities for kids. Park open Tues.–Sat., 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. and the trails are open year-round from sunrise to sunset.

Sandy Creek Park

400 Bob Holman Rd. • 706-613-3631 • http://goo.gl/a175p

Sandy Creek Park is the largest of the county's parks, encompassing 782 acres surrounding Lake Chapman. Miles of hiking trails hug the banks of the lake, offering hours of woods exploration. Picnic sites, horse trails, playgrounds, fishing spots and basketball and tennis courts are more of the amenities offered. The park boasts a disc golf course (\$1 per person) and a public dog park, with several large, private dog parks available at \$1 per dog per hour. For ages 4–64, there is a \$2 entrance fee; for all others, admittance

is free. Canoe, kayak and paddleboard rentals are available by reservation on weekends running from Memorial Day Weekend until Labor Day Weekend. Open summer, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. and winter, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Spring and fall hours vary.

Southeast Clarke Park

4440 Lexington Rd. • 706-613-3871 • http://goo.gl/aP9S0

Southeast Clarke Park covers more than 120 acres and includes the 1,700-square-foot World of Wonder Playground, the largest volunteer-built playground in the state of Georgia. Its castle-like structure holds slides, mazes, bridges and more. Residents can call to make reservations for the playground pavilion. Nearby, the Skate Park, partially funded by the Tony Hawk Foundation, is 14,000-sq. ft. of concrete ramps, bowls and steel rails which are open to BMX bikers and skateboarders. For dogs and their owners, Wiggley Field offers fenced-in dog parks with separate areas for small and large dogs if desired. Softball and soccer fields, tennis courts, a walking/jogging path and nature trails are more features of this versatile park. Open 9 a.m.-sunset.

State Botanical Garden of Georgia

2450 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-542-1244 • www.uga.edu/botgarden The State Botanical Garden of Georgia is maintained

The State Botanical Garden of Georgia is maintained by UGA and encompasses more than 300 acres. The Garden seeks to "acquire and disseminate botanical knowledge and to foster appreciation, understanding and stewardship of plants and nature," and includes five miles of well-kept nature trails, some of which follow the banks of the Oconee River. Several gardens are kept

in year-round bloom, including the International Garden, Native Flora Garden, Shade Garden and Heritage Garden. The research staff provides programs and classes that celebrate the versatility, beauty and history of Southeastern flora, as well as the preservation of native species of medicinal plants. The garden is a popular venue for festivals and live music, and the Visitors Center houses a gift shop, café and three-story conservatory. Classes, seminars and art exhibitions are held all year long. Smoking and pets are not allowed on the premises. Hours: Garden grounds are open free to the public daily from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. October-March and 8 a.m.-8 p.m. April-September, excluding UGA holidays.

Watson Mill State Park

650 Watson Mill Rd., Comer • 706-783-5349 • www.gastateparks.org/watsonmillbridge Worth the short drive, Watson Mill State Park boasts the longest covered bridge in Georgia, spanning the South Fork River. A picturesque spot for camping, swimming, hiking, horseback riding, picnicking and getting out of town. Open 7 a.m.-10 p.m. all year. Specially for Kids

Whith kids, you can't go wrong letting them run around outside. Note that the parks and green spaces listings on these adjacent pages are chock full of descriptions of kid-friendly features. Familiarize yourself with these listings, and you'll have lots of choices for outdoor fun and exercise.

Also watch for the frequent "Kidstuff" column in the weekly *Flagpole* and online at **www.flagpole**. **com** as well as the regular Calendar listings for kids' activities in both locations.

There are also many art offerings around Athens for kids as well as opportunities for parents to get information and support. Here are some of them.

Get Creative

Arrow

393 N. Finley St. • 706-354-8383 www.ourarrow.com

Started as a cooperative play space for new moms, Arrow now offers classes geared toward kids ages 4 and younger, such as Spanish and art, along with monthly storytime. Classes for adults continue the kid-focused theme, with prenatal yoga, childbirth classes and a Waldorf-style introductory class.

ATHICA

160 Tracy St. • 706-208-1613 www.athica.org

The independent contemporary art space hosts exhibits throughout the year that push boundaries. Look for kid-friendly events that are tied to the exhibits, and while you're there, take time to explore around the larger warehouse area. (Hint: look for the popsicle vendor and the koi pond.)

Double Dutch Press

1377 Prince Ave. • 706-546-0994 www.doubledutchpress.com

Kids can combine shapes and inks to make a print in one of several kid-focused workshops offered by the printshop. Beginner classes use materials friendly to little hands, like paper Styrofoam, while workshops for older kids teach zine publishing or more advanced methods.

Good Dirt Clay Studio

510 N. Thomas St. • 706-355-3161 www.gooddirt.net

This community clay studio offers classes throughout the year for kids of all ages and experience levels, including after-school and schoolday-off programs and more extensive courses. On Sundays families can get together for the ongoing Try Clay workshops.

Lyndon House Arts Center

293 Hoyt St. • 706-613-3623

bit.ly/LyndonHouse

Along with a top-notch summer camp program, Lyndon House hosts art shows, workshops and

classes throughout the year that are open to a range of ages, with frequent exhibits in its several large galleries showing art accessible to children.

Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation (OCAF) 34 School St., Watkinsville • 706-769-4565 www.ocaf.com

Kids can take a class in subjects like pottery or painting throughout the year. In summer, check out the summer camp, which allows kids to further explore their artistic side.

Treehouse Kid & Craft

815 W. Broad St. • 706-850-8226 www.treehousekidandcraft.com

Along with a great selection of thought-provoking toys, Treehouse also hosts regular workshops throughout the week for toddlers up through middle school, sometimes incorporating a story into the theme and other times teaching a skill, such as sewing.

Georgia Museum of Art 90 Carlton St. • 706-542-GMOA

www.georgiamuseum.org

Along with a lovely new wing and expanded exhibits, check out Family Days once a month that link a specific exhibition to an art project kids can take home. The museum hosts frequent school groups and has a regular schedule of classes and workshops geared toward younger minds and hands.

Read It

The Athens-Clarke Library 2525 Baxter St. • 706-613-3650

www.athenslibrary.org

Find events for kids of all ages, including teenagers. Meet the Author events give kids a personal look at a local writer, and regular performances may include puppets, storytellers and musicians. Storytimes cater to infants, preschoolers and early readers.

Avid Bookshop

493 Prince Ave. • 706-352-2060 www.avidbookshop.com

Regular storytimes are Thursdays and Saturdays, but other programs include a young adult book club, spoken-word performances for all ages and author visits throughout the year. Avid has a welcoming, well-stocked separate children's section in the store.

Oconee County Library

1080 Experiment Station Rd., Watkinsville • 706-769-3950 www.athenslibrary.org/oconee

Along with regular family movie nights and toddler storytimes, the library hosts classes and workshops for all ages. Catch storytimes on Tuesdays, craft workshops on Thursdays and special events throughout the year. Winterville Public Library 115 Marigold Ln., Winterville • 706-742-7736 www.athenslibrary.org/winterville

Visit for regular preschool-focused storytimes throughout the year, as well as puppet shows. In the summer, catch performances from the regional library's summer reading series as well as Saturday music concerts on the front porch.

Get Support

Athens Mothers' Center

St. Gregory Episcopal Church • 3195 Barnett Shoals Rd. athensmotherscenter@gmail.com • athensga.motherscenter.org

This community of mothers (and dads!) meets Tuesday and Friday mornings at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church for playtime and socializing.

Arrow

393 N. Finley St. • 706-354-8383 www.ourarrow.com

Arrow is a co-op space where parents can drop in for unstructured play with their babies and toddlers.

Athens Regional Medical Center

1199 Prince Ave. • 706-475-7000

www.armc.org/maternalchild

Lactation support as part of a weekly informal get-together, plus more organized classes on safety, parenting and childbirth.

By Your Leave Family Resource Center

220 N. Milledge Ave. • 706-255-1136

www.facebook.com/byyourleave

Play groups and support classes for new and expectant moms. Childbirth education, doula, lactation and hypnobirthing services are available.

Rattles and Rhymes

112 Athens West Pkwy. • 706-227-1090 www.rattlesandrhymesus.com

Classes for new and expectant parents include car seat safety, a monthly parenting class and a Medela-certified nursing center with local lactation consultants and products.

St. Mary's Hospital

1230 Baxter St. • 706-389-3389 www.stmarysathens.org/health-services/women-andchildren/

Childbirth classes and weekly lactation support groups for new moms—not restricted to mothers who gave birth at the hospital.

Womanspace

160 Tracy St., Athens • 706-424-1860 www.holdingwomanspace.com

Regular workshops and events specifically for women, aimed at re-energizing and re-focusing a busy mom's life.

Browse tor Books; Hunt for Records—Loc

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Agora

260 W. Clayton St. • 706-316-0130 www.facebook.com/agoravintage

Hours: Mon.-Sat., 11 a.m.-7 p.m. | Sun., 12:30-5:30 p.m. One of Athens' great thrifting traditions, Agora is a consignment marketplace packed with wall-towall treasures, including used and often rare vinyl at dirt-cheap prices.

athensmusic.net

www.athensmusic.net

A website devoted exclusively to promoting the local music scene, athensmusic.net is one-stop shopping for CDs and vinyl from Athens artists, as well as T-shirts and other assorted merchandise.

Avid Bookshop

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493 Prince Ave. • 706-352-2060 www.avidbookshop.com

Hours: Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-8 p.m. | Sun., 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Avid is the local alternative to the big-box bookstores, stocked with new and used books in a cozy atmosphere within walking distance of downtown in the historic and beautiful Cobbham district. The shop also hosts author signings and readings on a regular basis. Children's storytimes are Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and Saturdays at 1 p.m. in their own nook within the store.

Bizarro Wuxtry

225 College Ave. • 706-353-7938 www.bizarrowuxtry.com

Hours: Mon.-Sat., 11 a.m.-7 p.m. | Sun., 12 p.m.-6 p.m.

Located on the corner of College and Clayton and one flight up from Wuxtry Records, Bizarro Wuxtry is the geek motherlode, stocked to the rafters with new and used comics, graphic novels, indie zines and limited-edition and vintage toys guaranteed to meet all your tin-robot needs.

Front Porch Bookstore

102 Marigold Ln., Winterville, GA • 706-372-1236 www.athenslibrary.org/winterville

Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., 3 p.m.-7 p.m. | Wed., 9 a.m.-12 p.m. | Sat., 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The selling outlet for Friends of the Winterville Library, Front Porch sells used books and plays host to readings, live music and other events in a comfortable, congenial setting. The hours are a bit unusual, but it's worth checking out and all proceeds go to help run and improve the library in Winterville.

Jackson Street Books

260 N. Jackson St. • 706-546-0245

www.abebooks.com/jackson-street-books-athens-ga-u.s.a Hours: Mon.-Sat., 11 a.m.-6 p.m. | Sun., 12 p.m.-4 p.m.

Jackson Street is Athens' longest-running used-book outlet, and it looks and feels like a traditional bookshop should. It's easy to get lost amongst the high shelves and vast collection of used and rare books, in the most pleasant way.

Low Yo Yo Stuff Records

261 W. Washington St. • 706-227-6199 www.facebook.com/lowyoyostuff

Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 12 p.m.-7 p.m. | Fri. & Sat., 12 p.m.-7 p.m. & 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Situated next door to the 40 Watt, Low Yo Yo Stuff features a terrific selection of records, books, and other merchandise in a funky atmosphere appropriate to that end of Washington Street.

Mr. Comic Shop

18 N. Main St., Watkinsville • 706-769-7414 www.facebook.com/mr.comicshop

Hours: Tues.-Sat., 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Comics in downtown Watkinsville? Don't you know it! Knowledgeable and fanatical, too. Good to know that the Caped Crusader 'n them are within easy reach when the villains show up.

The Record Booth

790 Gaines School Rd. • 706-850-5945 www.therecordbooth.com

Hours: Wed.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Record Booth is located inside A Weekend A'fair Antique Mall and specializes in rock, oldies, soul and jazz vinyl; vintage stereo equipment, too.

Wuxtry Records

197 E. Clayton St. • 706-369-9428

www.wuxtry-records.com

Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 10 a.m.-8 p.m. | Fri. & Sat., 10 a.m.-10 p.m. | Sun., 12 p.m.-6 p.m.

Other record stores have come and gone in this town, but Wuxtry remains standing. Now in its 37th year of operation, the store, located kittycorner from College Square, is the hub of musical commerce in town, selling and buying CDs, vinyl, video and even record players. Wuxtry is where rock stars shop and sometimes even work.



hough DVDs, Blu-Ray and the magic of Internet streaming make movies available to us 24/7, there is not and will never be a substitute for seeing a film on a big screen, especially on date nights. We are fortunate to have a major university and a thriving arts community through which to see movies that may not be available elsewhere. Even in a town with 100 bars and 1,000 bands, there will always be movies. Check *Flagpole* Movie Dope in the weekly paper and online at www.flagpole.com for minireviews of all films playing on local screens.

ACC Library

2025 Baxter St. • 706-613-3650 www.athenslibrary.org The Athens-Clarke

County public library in September resumes oncea-month showings of its iFilms series of documentaries, independents and foreign films. Keep an eye on *Flagpole*'s Movie Dope section and the library website to see what's playing.

Ciné

234 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-353-3343 www.athenscine.com

The only movie house downtown, Ciné offers both mainstream and art-house fare and actively supports and screens work by local independent filmmakers. Great popcorn, locally made cookies, coffee and a full bar enhance the moviegoing experience.

Georgia Museum of Art

90 Carlton St. • 706-542-GMOA www.uga.edu/gamuseum/ calendar/films.html The Museum's commitment to all the arts includes film, and while showings are infrequent, the fare GMOA offers is always interesting. The Museum is poised to expand its film program in the near future, so keep an eye out for upcoming events.

The Tate Student Center 45 Baxter St. • 706-542-6396 www.union.uga.edu/movies

The campus movie theater is open to the public as well, presenting a nice mix of mainstream movies and more esoteric entries through the UGA Cinematic Arts organization. Of course, ultimately, what you'll see is what the students want to see.

Multiplexes:

Beechwood Stadium 11 Cinemas 196 Alps Rd. • 706-546-1011 www.georgiatheatrecompany.com

Carmike 12

1570 Lexington Rd. • 706-354-0016 www.carmike.com

Georgia Square Value Cinemas 5

3710 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-548-3426 www.georgiatheatrecompany.com

University 16 Cinemas

1793 Oconee Connector • 706-355-9122 www.georgiatheatrecompany.com

The area's newest movie house has beer and wine on sale—and a restaurant.







Music Venues

A thens' music scene is supported by a thriving network of venues, which host nightly showcases of everything from classical to hip hop to punk rock and beyond. There are thousands of shows in town each year, and even we admit it can get a little overwhelming trying to keep track of it all. Thankfully, *Flagpole* is there to help. To see who's playing where on any given date, pick up a copy of the weekly *Flagpole* or visit www.flagpole. com.

Amici

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233 E. Clayton St. • 706-353-0000 • www.amici-cafe.com

The late-night shows at this intimate bar and Italian restaurant are usually free, so stop in on a Friday or Saturday around 11 p.m. for something in the alternative, rock or jam vein. Bills feature touring bands and locals alike. **21**+

Boar's Head Lounge

260 E. Washington St. • 706-369-3040

This is a party bar that caters to the college crowd. Cover bands seem to get the party going, but local solo artists as well as rock, funk and jam bands offer up original material, too. Weekend nights are your best bet for catching live music on the patio. If you want in on the action, try out the long-running open-mic night on Wednesdays. **21+**

Bootleggers Country & Western Bar

1700 Commerce Rd. • 706-540-7803 • www.bootleggersathens.com

Make sure to wear your cowboy boots when you head to Bootleggers, Athens' only explicitly country bar, every Saturday night to get your fill of authentically twangy tunes. Located outside the Loop towards Commerce, it's a short

Wanna know who's playing where, when—and what they sound like? Pick up a copy of *Flagpole*'s weekly edition or visit **www.flagpole.com** to view our Calendar listings. trek to get there, but once you do, it's hard not to get caught up in the good-times vibe.

Buffalo's Cafe

196 Alps Rd. • 706-354-6655 • www.buffaloscafe.com/athens

From blues to soul to singer-songwriter stuff, you can find most everything in the back room of this local restaurant. The place, in the Beechwood shopping center off Alps Road, hosts live music every week, and the family-friendly concerts are always a blast. Open mic and trivia are also often on the menu.

Butt Hutt Barbecue

480 Macon Hwy. • 706-850-8511 • www.butthuttbarbecue.com

Aside from boasting some of the best 'cue in town, Butt Hutt features a constant stream of live music for the evening crowd. Enjoy performances from local blues, country and cover bands while you chow down on some delicious grub. **All Ages**

Caledonia Lounge

256 W. Clayton St. • 706-549-5577 • www.caledonialounge.com

Laid-back, intimate and unassuming, this jewel of a club is where the cool kids come to hear exciting, under-the-radar talent in a great-sounding room. This is homebase for many local musicians, and it's a great spot to catch Athens bands on the verge, as well as national touring acts. Caledonia Lounge booking is inclusive of all genres, and it's not unusual to see an eclectic lineup that runs the gamut from avant-garde to rustic country in one night. In between acts, and sometimes during, the crowd loves to socialize outside on the beer garden/patio which, on rare occasions, doubles as an outdoor stage. **18+**

The Classic Center

300 N. Thomas St. • 706-357-4444 • www.classiccenter.com

The 2,000-seat theater in this newly expanded convention center hosts a wide range of special events and performing arts, including plays, symphonies

and concerts. The elegant interior is well suited for the popular artists who grace the stage, a list that has recently included Willie Nelson, Alison Krauss, The B-52s and Louis C.K. Advance ticket purchase is recommended. **All Ages**

Crow's Nest

312 E. Washington St. • 706-546-7050 • www.facebook.com/crowsnestathens

Located above wing joint Dirty Birds, new venue Crow's Nest features a well designed room with a wide-open concept where you can hear the hottest local rock and jam bands do their thing. TVs line the bar of the rustic, reclaimed space, allowing showgoers to follow all the sporting action while rocking out to live tunes. **18+**

Flicker Theatre & Bar

263 W. Washington St. • 706-546-0039 • www.flickertheatreandbar.com

About as close as you can get to a house show downtown, Flicker Theatre has an intimate, living-room feel, complete with a rickety upright piano. It's the ideal space to hear singer-songwriters and folk acts, but even hardcore punk bands have rattled the windows of this hip venue. Cover charges range from free to \$5, and bands consistently play throughout the week. Flicker also hosts a monthly comedy series ("OpenTOAD"), poker nights and film screenings and displays rotating local art exhibits. If you're curious, take a peek through the window to see what's going on before committing to pass through the curtain. **21+**

40 Watt Club

285 W. Washington St. • 706-549-7871 • www.40watt.com

While this venue has existed in various locations over the past few decades, the 40 Watt Club name has become synonymous with Athens' celebrated music scene. Its hallowed stage continues to welcome critically acclaimed indie acts and mainstream hit-makers, and it also serves as a vital launching pad for local bands and groups. The room itself is an open floor plan—just one large, mostly standing-room-only space sparsely decorated with string lights above and funky art on the walls. The bar staff is friendly and quick with the 24-ounce PBR tallboys—the drink of choice for most local concertgoers. **18**+

Front Porch Book Store

102 Marigold Ln. • 706-372-1236 • www.facebook.com/pages/Front-Porch-Book-Store/194997764354

This quaint shop in Winterville has a little stage set up outside that hosts bands during its family-friendly Summer Concert Series and the yearly Marigold Festival. Expect mostly acoustic acts in the Americana, folk and country veins. **All Ages**

Georgia Bar

159 W. Clayton St. • 706-546-9884

This longtime townie favorite is your classic, dimly lit, no-frills bar presided over by savvy bartenders, and it regularly hosts classic "bar bands." Expect equal helpings of grit and drawl from Georgia Bar's rowdy, Southern rock and country-tinged acts. **21**+

Georgia Theatre

215 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-7670 • www.georgiatheatre.com

Back with a vengeance after being gutted by fire in 2009, the beautifully remodeled Georgia Theatre has re-staked its claim as one the Southeast's premier venues. The breezy rooftop—complete with bar and restaurant—serves as an extra dancefloor, hosting DJs and bands when the weather is right. On the main stage, country, jam and electronic artists that draw in the college crowd are the club's bread and butter, but its draw has expanded as the venue itself has grown. In the past year or so the Theatre has welcomed acts like Yo La Tengo, Sufjan Stevens and Big Boi. **18**+

The Globe

199 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-353-4721 • www.facebook.com/globe.athens

This worldly beer bar and restaurant has long been a haven for townies and professor-types who want to bear witness to the debauchery of downtown while still maintaining a respectable distance. The small upstairs space is a somewhat hidden spot for bands to do their thing. From punk and indie rock to traditional Irish jigs, you can hear a wide variety of tunes throughout the week and on Sundays. Shows are usually cheap or free, and the environment is boisterous and friendly. (Plus, delicious fish and chips from the kitchen. It's a win-win!). **21+**

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Go Bar

195 Prince Ave. • 706-546-5609 • www.facebook.com/go.bar.35

Not just a place to see and be seen, tiny and beloved hipster institution Go Bar keeps things fresh by offering a wide range of musical vibes. On various nights you might catch a loud, crusty punk band, a glittery electro act or a buzzworthy local indie group playing for a young, ecstatic crowd. A revolving crew of local DJs host post-show dance parties most nights, while Thursday night is home to the long-running indie-rock karaoke with scene fixture Dr. Fred. **21+**

Green Room

175 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-353-2439 • www.greenroomathens.com

One of the newest additions to the downtown scene and a fast favorite, Green Room was started by the owners of the nearby Georgia Theatre and features a cozy "backstage" theme. It's the spot to catch stripped-down early or late-night performances from touring bands headlining sold-out Theatre shows, as well as nightly concerts from local rock, jam and folk acts. Enjoy a delicious specialty cocktail from the talented bar staff while you rock the night away. **21**+

Hendershot's Coffee Bar

237 Prince Ave. • 706-353-3050 • www.hendershotscoffee.com Carrying the name of local jazz drummer and owner Seth Hendershot, it's no surprise jazz is the main attraction at this cozy coffee bar, located in The Bottleworks complex just outside downtown. But a variety of local and traveling acts play here, from folk to soul to rock and roll and beyond. Stripped-down acoustic sets sound especially warm in this room. All Ages

Highwire Lounge

269 N. Hull St. • 706-543-8997 • www.highwirelounge. com

This refined bar offers fancy cocktails and food from the adjoining Trappeze kitchen, as well as music to accompany it all. The room fills up nicely with sweet folk harmonies and singer-songwriter fare. This has been an especially popular place for local jazz acts to set up a residency, fine-tuning their craft with weekly appearances. **21+**

Little Kings Shuffle Club

223 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-369-3144 • www.facebook.com/lkshuffleclub

Besides boasting one of the most cherished outdoor patios in town (complete with multiple cornhole sets for your drunken bean bag-tossing pleasure), Little Kings hosts a ridiculously wide swath of live music on the cheap (or free), from local folk acts and touring punk bands to experimental music, hip hop and beyond. Feeling limber? Partake in the club's weekly Salsa dancing class. Competitive types revel in the club's Rock and Roll Trivia Night, every Monday. **21**+

Manor

346 E. Broad St. • 706-850-8500 • www.manorathens.com

Fans of EDM, house, dubstep and other electronic genres have plenty of room to groove at Manor. Bubbles and fake snow fall from the ceiling as local DJs spin most weekends, backed by a vibrant light show and visual projections. The space is also used for MMA fights and other events, as well as the occasional live band. In stark contrast with the dirty dance moves you'll likely witness, the refurbished interior is surprisingly clean and elegant. A massive balcony offers great people-watching, and a state-of-the-art sound system shakes the walls with every wubwubwub bass line. **18+**

Max

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243 W. Washington St. • 706-254-3392

This bar was elected "Favorite Place to Be for Last Call" and "Favorite Place to Meet Someone You Would Not Bring Home to Mom" for the 2013 *Flagpole* Athens Favorites, so do with that info what you will. It's also known as the Patio Bar for its enormous outdoor area. Max hosts live rock performances in its side room (which is also available for rental). The easternmost area of the cavernous indoor space, also features fun stuff like pool, darts and pinball. In warmer weather, the party moves outside, where DJ-assisted dancing often erupts and continues into the wee hours. For cheap drinks, cross-cultural downtown friendliness and late-night people-watching, Max can't be beat. **21**+

The Melting Point

295 E. Dougherty St. • 706-254-6909 • www.meltingpointathens.com

Poised and posh, the Foundry Park Inn's music venue offers a welcome escape from the booze-soaked hustle and bustle of downtown's club scene. Of course, there's booze here, too; the weekly Terrapin Tuesday series pairs live bluegrass music with \$2 pints of the local craft suds. The performance calendar fills up with established acts from Athens and beyond, including various folk, pop and soul heavyweights. Great acoustics, a full-scale restaurant and plentiful seating combine to create a relaxed and enjoyable experience for even the pickiest concertgoer. **18+**

Morton Theatre

195 W. Washington St. • 706-613-3771 • www.mortontheatre.com

One of Athens' best loved and most historically significant venues, the Morton Theatre was built in 1910 and owned and operated by African

American entrepreneur, community leader and newspaper publisher Monroe "Pink" Morton. Back then, it hosted touring vaudeville acts. Now owned by the ACC government, the Morton hosts an array of theater productions and special events, as well as the rare concert, and is the home of the annual *Flagpole* Athens Music Awards show each June. **All Ages**

New Earth Music Hall

227 W. Dougherty St. • 706-543-8283 • www.newearthmusichall.com "A.S.A.P." is the motto over at New Earth, and to them it stands for "As Sustainable As Possible." Renovations have been made to ensure the club's operations are as environmentally friendly as possible, and it was recently certified as Athens' only B Corporation, a type of company that benefits society as well as its investors. The onstage entertainment focus is on cutting-edge electronic artists, DJs and producers. New Earth regularly books national and international EDM acts, and the killer lighting rig sets the mood perfectly for a night of raving. But the stage is open to other genres, too, and local rock and pop acts play the large main room from time to time. The spacious deck also doubles as a borus outdoor venue. **18**+

Normaltown Hall

399 Meigs St. •706-548-3913 • www.facebook.com/NormaltownHall Normaltown Hall, named for the Athens wing of New West

Records, which owns the building, is one of the best kept secrets in town. Though the warm, intimate BYOB venue hosts shows rather infrequently, each one is a treat. The music is a representation of the booker's personal taste, which, thankfully, is pretty damn good: the past year has seen performances from Centro-matic's Will Johnson and critically acclaimed songwriter Richard Buckner, as well as a solid slew of locals-only shows. **All Ages**

Nowhere Bar

240 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-546-4742 • www.facebook.com/nowherebarathens

This local hangout is the sort of unpretentious place that doesn't mind being called a dive bar, as long as it's said with respect. Folks come here to shoot pool and hang out in a laid-back environment while listening to live blues, rock and country. It's a no-frills spot, but sometimes those are the best kind. Tuesdays are home to the Tuesday Night Confessional showcase, which highlights singer-songwriters from Athens and the surrounding area, as well as the occasional big-name guest. **21**+

Nuçi's Space

396 Oconee St. • 706-227-1515 • www.nuci.org

Perched on the far eastern edge of downtown Athens, invaluable community anchor Nuçi's Space offers numerous resources to local musicians. Affordable hourly rehearsal space, access to mental and physical health care and the Camp Amped program for kids are but a few of the local nonprofit's ongoing programs. It's also a terrific spot to watch live performances; though shows are infrequent, proceeds always benefit the center's laudable mission. All Ages

The Office Lounge

2455 Jefferson Rd. • 706-546-0840 • www.facebook.com/OfficeAthens

The friendly neighborhood Office Lounge sits in a cozy corner of the Homewood Village Shopping Center and offers live music Thursday through Saturday. Regulars love to socialize at the bar or on the couches while local Americana, rock and blues acts take the stage. Of course, there's also plenty of room to dance when the mood strikes. The popular blues night, featuring local bands, including The Shadow Executives, is open to any and all who care to hop onstage and jam with the band. Enjoy karaoke every Wednesday night. **21+**

Omega Bar

3155 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-338-1832 • www.theomegabar.com

If you want to spend the night immersed in Latin grooves or the smooth sounds of modern jazz, head down the Atlanta Highway to this eclectic nightclub. From foam parties to live bands, there's always something different happening here. It's also the place to go to see artists on the vanguard of Athens' talented, tight-knit hip hop scene. RSVP at the club's website to get on the guest list. **18+**

The Rialto Room

500 College Ave. • 706-363-8616 • www.therialtoroom.com

Named after the legendary Rialto Ballroom in Liverpool, England, the Rialto Room is used mostly for private events, but public concerts—typically singer-songwriter showcases—are a special treat. The club's plush interior and romantic lighting paired with pristine acoustics give shows an exclusive feel. Age Restrictions Vary

Seney-Stovall Chapel

210 N. Milledge Ave. • 706-542-5041 • www.cviog.uga.edu/chapel

Originally built in 1882 as part of the Lucy Cobb Institute, the Seney-Stovall Chapel is one of Athens' most beautiful and unusual buildings. An octagonal Victorian gem, the Chapel, with its 240-seat Spalding Theater, is now owned by UGA and hosts both university and community-oriented cultural events such as concerts, plays and lectures. **All Ages**

Ten Pins Tavern

2451 Jefferson Rd. • 706-546-8090 • www.tenpinstavern.com

This charming and fun local bowling alley, located in the Homewood Hills shopping center off Jefferson Road, hosts a variety of live music, including a smokin' weekly blues session courtesy of the Back Alley Blues Band. Budding songwriters can sign up for Wednesday's open mic night, where folks can step up and perform without any pressure. **All Ages**

Terrapin Beer Co.

265 Newton Bridge Rd. • 706-549-3377 • www.terrapinbeer.com

One of the few spots in town to enjoy live music outdoors, the Terrapin brewery opens up its lovely lawn to the public Wednesday through Saturday. Bands, both touring and local, usually start around 5:30 p.m., playing rock, country and classic covers. Bring your own chair or blanket. Leashed dogs are welcome, too. You can tour the brewery itself for just \$10, which also gets you a generous sampling of the homemade brew. All Ages

UGA Performing Arts Center

230 River Rd. • 706-542-4400 • www.uga.edu/pac

The PAC is Athens' premier location to experience classical performances from internationally renowned musicians like Yo-Yo Ma, as well as talented student groups. Comprised of the 360-seat Ramsey Concert Hall and the 1100-seat Hugh Hodgson Concert Hall, the beautifully appointed center routinely books major orchestras, ballet troupes, acclaimed individual artists, off-Broadway productions, dance companies and youth symphonies. **All Ages**

The World Famous

351 N. Hull St. • 706-543-4002 • www.theworldfamousathens.com

This venue became a quick local favorite after it opened in the former Wilson's Soul Food storefront downtown. Owners have made it their mission to reuse as much from the previous tenant as possible; the result is a clean, modern-feeling space with a lot of lived-in charm. Performers take the stage in a room separate from the bar area, and range from touring folk acts to local heavyweights. The kitchen turns out awesome pub grub, and shows generally start (and end) earlier than elsewhere downtown, making it a perfect spot for a slightly older but still discerning crowd. **All Ages**



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Dickey's Barbecue Pit 2131 Hog Mountain Rd., 706-705-1326; 810 Hawthorne Ave., 706-850-7561; p. 39

Fat and Happy BBQ 699 Baxter St.; p. 41

Food for the Soul 1965 W. Broad St., 706-546-0052; p. 43 Fresh Air Bar-B-Que 5170 Atlanta Hwy., 770-725-5227; 1110 Hull Rd., 706-546-6060; p. 43

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Harry's Pig Shop 2425 Jefferson Rd., 706-612-9219; p. 44 Hot Thomas Barbecue 3753 Hwy. 15, 706-769-6550; p. 45 Mayflower Restaurant 171 E. Broad St., 706-548-1692; p. 49 Paul's Bar-B-Q 124 E. Main St., 706-614-1843; p. 52

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Pulaski Heights BBO 675 Pulaski St., 706-583-9600; p. 53 Rachel's Southern Style Restaurant 1021 Jamestown Blvd., 706-310-0091: p. 53

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Baskin-Robbins/Dunkin' Donuts 771 Prince Ave., 706-548-3444; 2081 Hog Mountain Rd., 706-769-8363; 1055 Gaines School Rd., 706-353-7166; p. 31

Ben & Jerry's Scoop Shop 105 College Ave., 706-208-0031; p. 36 Hodgson's Pharmacy 1260 S. Milledge Ave., 706-543-7386; p. 45 Menchie's 1860 Barnett Shoals Rd., 706-850-8336; 196 Alps Rd., 706-208-7223; p. 51

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Polarberry Frozen Yogurt 2080 Timothy Rd., 706-353-7511; p. 52 Quickly 650 W. Broad St., 706-548-2388; p. 53

Smoothie King 2361 W. Broad St. (The Omni Club), 706-369-3111; 1591 S. Lumpkin St., 706-613-2600; p. 55

YoDawgs 723 Baxter St., 706-546-8477; p. 59

Yoforia 142 Clayton St., 706-548-4388; 1210 S. Milledge Ave., 706-548-4020; p. 59

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Amici 233 E. Clayton St., 706-353-0000; p. 30 Bulldawg Pizza, Wings & More 2026 S. Milledge Ave., 706-355-3294; p. 36

Carrabba's Italian Grill 3194 Atlanta Hwy., 706-546-9938; p. 37 Chuck E. Cheese's 3654 Atlanta Hwy., 706-353-6715; p. 38 Cici's Pizza 3190 Atlanta Hwy., 706-613-2424; p. 38 DePalma's Italian Cafe 2080 Timothy Rd., 706-552-1237; 1965 Barnett Shoals Rd., 706-369-0085; 401 E. Broad St., 706-354-6966; p. 39 Dominick's Italian 1430 Capital Ave., 706-769-6255; p. 40

Fox's Pizza Den 2971 Monroe Hwy., 678-661-0220; Athens Technical College, Bldg. 700, 706-425-2235; p. 43

Johnny's New York Style Pizza 1040 Gaines School Rd., 706-354-1515: p. 46

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Peppino's 2597 S. Milledge Ave., 706-613-1616; p. 52

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Acapulcos Mexican Grill 1260 Mars Hill Rd., 706-769-1616; p. 30 Agua Linda Mexican Restaurant & Cantina 2080 Timothy Rd., 706-543-0154; 1376 Prince Ave., 706-543-1500; p. 30

Barberitos Southwestern Grille & Cantina 1880 Epps Bridge Pkwy., 706-354-0300; 1739 S. Lumpkin St., 706-548-1866; 1860 Barnett Shoals Rd., 706-549-9954; 259 E. Clayton St., 706-549-9008; 2 S. Main St., 706-705-1228; p. 31

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Dos Palmas Restaurant & Cantina 3523 Atlanta Hwy., 706-353-7771; n. 40

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Taco Stand 2230 Barnett Shoals Rd., 706-549-5481; 247 E. Broad St., 706-549-1446; 670 N. Milledge Ave., 706-549-2894; p. 56

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Ciocked! 259 W. Washington St., 706-548-9175; p. 38 Dirty Birds 312 E. Washington St., 706-546-7050; p. 40 Firehouse Subs 1860 Barnett Shoals Rd., 706-543-4266; 1226 Prince Ave., 706-357-4994; p. 41

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Last Resort Grill 184 W. Clayton St., 706-549-0810; p. 48 Lindsey's Culinary Market 1238 Prince Ave., 706-353-0558; p. 48 Lumpkin Café 1700 S. Lumpkin St., 706-543-3122; p. 48 Madison Bar & Bistro 500 College Ave., 706-546-0430; p. 49 Mama's Boy 197 Oak St., 706-548-6249; p. 49 Marti's at Midday 1280 Prince Ave., 706-543-3541; p. 49 The National 232 W. Hancock Ave., 706-549-3450; p. 51

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A-OK Cafe 154 College Ave. • 706-355-3002

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches. FEATURES: Catering. Hours: Lunch, Mon.—Fri. THE LOOK: Small hole in the wall café tucked below street level. MENU: Classic deli-style sandwiches, salads and soups. Combination sandwiches (served with pasta salad, potato salad, slaw or chips) are named after newspapers like The New York Times (corned beef, pastrami, cheese) and Atlanta Journal (turkey, ham, cheese). \$

Acapulcos Mexican Grill

30

1260 Mars Hill Rd., Watkinsville • 706-769-1616

FILE UNDER: Mexican and Latin American, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Full Bar. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: Festive Mexican restaurant located within an Oconee County shopping center. MENU: A huge selection of enchiladas, quesadillas, burritos, tacos, fajitas, steak and seafood, all offered in a multitude of ways. Forty different combination meals, including 10 vegetarian, are available for indecisive minds. DRINKS: Margaritas are always a popular choice. An equal number of both domestic and Mexican beers, too, with the latter including Dos Equis, Tecate, Sol and Pacifico. \$\$

i = 2013 Athens Favorites flagpole reader picks (see p. 26)

\$	\$7 & under	Average
\$\$ \$\$\$	\$8-\$12 \$13-\$17	Price of
\$\$\$\$	\$ 18 & up	Entree

Add Drug Store 1695 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-548-2239

www.add-drugstore.com

FILE UNDER: American. HOURS: Breakfast & Lunch, Mon.–Sat. THE LOOK: Take a trip down memory lane at this old-fashioned soda fountain and lunch counter located inside a Five Points pharmacy. MENU: Southern staples for breakfast. Burgers, hot dogs, and simple sandwiches (egg salad, tuna salad, pimento cheese, BLT) with price tags from the '60s for lunch. For something sweet, mix and match soda flavors or try a malted milkshake or ice cream float. \$

Aftermath

131 E. Broad St. • 706-548-4222

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: DJs. HOURS: Late Night, Tu. & Th.–Sat. THE LOOK: Dance the night away at this unique three-floor club with large dance floors and VIP rooms. DJs play hip-hop to keep you on your feet. DRINKS: Three separate bars serve up the usual array of domestic beers and fruity cocktails to keep the party going. \$

Agua Linda Mexican Restaurant & Cantina 🎬 2080 Timothy Rd. • 706-543-0154

1376 Prince Ave. • 706-543-1500 www.agualindarestaurant.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican and Latin American. **FEATURES:** Full Bar, Catering, Outside Seating, Delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. **THE LOOK:** A family owned and operated establishment. **MENU:** A server always greets you at your table with three fresh salsas and complimentary chips. Plenty of tacos, tortas, fajitas, enchiladas, quesadillas and burritos. Signature dishes include the chiles rellenos, chimichanga, chalupas, flautas and tostadas de camaron. For dessert, order flan, sopapilla or churros. Cool off with a traditional horchata, tamarindo or Jamaica agua fresca. **DRINKS:** Plenty of tequilas and a variety of margaritas. Several Mexican beers to choose from, too. \$\$

Aligood Lounge 11 256 E. Clayton St. • 706-549-0166

www.allgoodlounge.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Outside Seating. THE LOOK: Large two-story space with exposed brick walls, tall wooden booths and three different bars. Up the spiral staircase, you'll find a second full bar near a row of pool tables and a tiki bar on an open-air rooftop patio. DRINKS: Skilled bartenders serve a total of roughly 55 whiskeys, 18 tequilas, 20 rotating brews on draft (featuring several high-gravity and craft beers), and over 200 bottled beers. A lengthy wine list is broken into three tiers based on price. During the day, mix and match hot sauces and seasonings at the build-your-own Bloody Mary bar buffet. \$

Always Baked

268 N. Jackson St. • 706-850-5478

www.athenscookies.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. FEATURES: Catering, Delivery, Wi-Fi. Hours: 4:20 p.m.-Late Night, Mon.-Sat. THE Look: Downtown's new late-night cookie delivery service operating out of the Athens Bagel Company storefront. A portion of proceeds are donated to local charitites. MENU: Made-fromscratch, baked-to-order cookies. Create your own from a list of toppings or try an original like the Almond Brothers (raisins, craisins and almond cookie) or the SpootieOttieDopedelicious (toffee, marshmallow and butterscotch chips cookie sandwich). Satisfy serious munchies with the Sack of Nugs (deep-fried cookie dough), Stank (funnel cake) or Funk (deep-fried Snickers). \$

Amici 🛩

233 E. Clayton St. • 706-353-0000 www.amici-cafe.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Bars. FEATURES: Live Music, Trivia, Catering, Outside Seating, Art, Delivery, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: Casual dining space featuring local art on the walls and a bar made of restored wood from the Georgia Theatre fire. MENU: Flavors of wings include BBQ, jalapeño honey, lemon pepper, cilantro lime and three varying degrees of heat. Build your own pizza or ask for a gournet pie like the Beefeater (pepperoni, Italian sausage, ground chuck, garlic) or the Gardenia, which comes piled high with veggies. Sandwiches, pasta, salads and flatbreads, too. DRINKS: The bar stays open late after the kitchen closes on Wednesdays—Saturdays. Pair your meal with a tall glass of the Beer of the Month. \$

Applebee's

2226 W. Broad St. • 706-543-1339

www.applebees.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Full Bar, Curbside Pick-Up. HOURS: Lunch, Dinner & Late Night, 7 days. \$\$

Aromas 👾

1235 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-208-0059

www.aromascraftworks.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars. FEATURES: Outside Seating, Catering. HOURS: Dinner & Late Night, 7 Days. THE LOOK: A quieter, more cosmopolitan bar nestled in Five Points. MENU: Tapas include cheese plates, Phickles Pickles platters and special snacks like prosciutto, goat cheese and basil wrapped figs. Salads and panini sandwiches carry interesting flavor combinations. DRINKS: Often considered Athens' premier wine bar, Aromas has over 50 names to choose from. If wine isn't your thing, there is also a constantly rotating draught list of 10 craft beers and nearly 100 in bottle., as well as over 80 types of whiskey and bourbon. A cocktail list features both classic and seasonal concoctions. Wine and beer tastings are held regularly. \$

ARTini's Open Art Studio, Gallery & Lounge 296 W. Broad St. • 706-353-8530

www.artinisartlounge.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. FEATURES: Beer & Wine, Reservations, Wi-Fi. Hours: 6–9 p.m., Mon. & 12–10 p.m., Tues.– Sat. THE Look: An art gallery and lounge space on the edge of downtown. Evening painting soirees feature group sessions instructed by local artists. Check the online schedule to see each day's featured painting. DRINKS: Sip on some wine or beer as you paint. Sodas and bottled waters are available, too. \$

Athens Bagel Co.

268 N. Jackson St. • 706-543-5001

www.athensbagel.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Catering, Delivery, Wi-Fi. Hours: Breakfast & Lunch, 7 Days. The Loox: A locally-owned bagel bakery with a refined, yet casual atmosphere. Order at the counter and wait for your name to be called. Always Baked, a local cookie company, operates out of here in the evenings. MENU: Big bagels boiled and baked inhouse. Pair a fresh bagel (everything, cinnamon raisin, sesame, honey wheat), with hummus, butter (whipped, honey, peanut) or a creative cream cheese (bacon and chive, jalapeño, snickerdoodle, sundried tomato and basil). In the morning, breakfast sandwiches come topped with eggs, melted cheeses, Stripling's sausage, ham or lox. Try an open-faced bagel version of a pizza, reuben, croque or BBQ for lunch. \$

Athens Regional Medical Center

1199 Prince Ave. • 706-475-7000

www.armc.org

FILE UNDER: American. HOURS: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. Late Night, Sun.–Fri. THE LOOK: ARMC's cafeteria isn't just for patients' visitors or staff; the general public is welcome, too. MENU: Selections rotate daily, so call or go online to see what's being served. Expect healthy yet comforting options like rotisserie chicken, turkey and dressing, vegetable stir-fry, macaroni and cheese, green beans and sweet potato cobbler. Many dishes are marked with icons (reduced sodium, no sugar added, vegetarian, etc.) for making wise decisions. \$

Bar South

104 E. Washington St. • 706-850-1329

Find them on Facebook.

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Live Music, Outside Seating. THE LOOK: Huge space featuring two full bars, exposed brick walls and tall arched windows with stained glass accents that allow sunlight to flood in during the day. Try your luck at a round of pool, beer pong, darts, shuffleboard or the Golden Tee arcade game. An outdoor drinking area spanning the entire length of the bar is popular on warm nights. **DRINKS:** Seven beers on draft and many more in bottle, as well as classic cocktails and several high-end scotches, bourbons and rums. \$

Barbeque Shack

4320 Lexington Rd. • 706-613-6752

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Checks. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, Th.—Sat. THE LOOK: Friendly Southern BBQ establishment with picnic tables covered in checkered tablecloths. MENU: BBQ chicken, pork and rib plates served with coleslaw, stew, chips and bread. Don't leave without trying the famous banana pudding. \$

Barberitos Southwestern Grille & Cantina 🛩

1880 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-354-0300 1739 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-548-1866 1860 Barnett Shoals Rd. • 706-549-9954 259 E. Clayton St. • 706-549-9008 2 S. Main St., Watkinsville • 706-705-1228

www.barberitos.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Beer (Clayton St.), Catering, Outside Seating, Delivery, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: Founded in 2000, this Athens-based franchise now has over 30 locations in the South. The assembly line and pay-at-the-counter service make ordering quick and easy. MENU: Made-to-order burritos, quesadillas, fajitas, tacos, nachos and salads loaded with fresh ingredients that can easily be made vegetarian or vegan with tofu. A special "7 Under 7" menu features seven options under seven grams of fat each. \$

Barcode

166 E. Clayton St. • 706-613-5557

www.facebook.com/barcodeathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: DJS, Outside Seating. THE LOOK: Take a seat at the bar to cheer on your favorite sports team, grab a booth to catch up with friends or visit the upstairs mezzanine to escape the sometimes rowdy dance party down below. A smaller, second bar operates on busy nights to help sling out the drinks: DRINKS: Basic lineup of domestics, a handful of imports and plenty of shots, bombs and cocktails to get you through the night. Value meals like The Haymaker (Long Island pint and a shot of Bacardi) and The Bull Dawg (Miller Lite and a shot of Jim Beam) make drinking on a budget easy. \$

Barnes and Noble Café

3650 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-354-1195

www.barnesandnoble.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. FEATURES: Wi-Fi. Hours: Open 7 Days. \$

Baskin-Robbins/Dunkin' Donuts 771 Prince Ave. • 706-548-3444

2081 Hog Mountain Rd., Watkinsville • 706-769-8363 1055 Gaines School Rd. • 706-353-7166 www.dunkindonuts.com

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream and Smoothies, Coffee Houses and Bakeries. FEATURES: Drive-Thru (Prince Ave. & Watkinsville). Delivery, Wi-Fi (Prince Ave. & Watkinsville). Hours: Open 24 Hours (Prince Ave.) Open 6 a.m.–10 p.m., 7 Days (Watkinsville & Gaines School Rd.) \$

Bee's Knees Bakery & Gifts

1880 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-353-3633 www.beeskneesbakeryandgifts.com

FILE UNDER: Bakeries. FEATURES: Catering. Hours: 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Mon.–Sat. 12–6 p.m., Sun. THE LOOK: Order a custom cake in advance or drop by this cute bakery to see what's in store. MENU: The display case is always full of cakes, cookies, cupcakes, brownies, cake pops and other sweets. Boxed lunches include a sandwich, cake slice, pickle, chips and a drink. \$

Beef 'O' Brady's

1860 Barnett Shoals Rd. • 706-850-1916 www.beefobradys.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken, Bars. FEA-TURES: Catering, Outside Seating, Trivia, Delivery, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: Family-friendly neighborhood pub with plenty of TVs for sports-watching while you chow



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down or sip on a brew. MENU: Popular American sports bar fare like burgers, sandwiches, wraps and salads. Start out with a basket of award-winning wings hand-tossed in one of two dry rubs or 12 sauces, or a combo appetizer like Land, Sea & Air (cheeseburger sliders, fried shrimp, chicken dippers) to share. Signature items include fish and chips and reuben sandwiches. DRINKS: 11 beers on tap. Try the signature sangria, mint mojito or spiked frozen lemonade. \$\$

Ben & Jerry's Scoop Shop

105 College Ave. • 706-208-0031

www.benandjerrys.com/athens

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream and Smoothies. FEATURES: Outside Seating. Hours: 11 a.m.-12 a.m., Sun.-Th. 11 a.m.-1 a.m., Fri.-Sat. \$

Big City Bread Cafe 👾

393 N. Finley St. • 706-353-0029

www.bigcitybreadcafe.com

FILE UNDER: Bakeries, Something Different, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Beer & Wine, Catering, Outside Seating, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, 6 days. Sunday Brunch. THE LOOK: Sit inside the cozy dining room or in the outdoor courtyard for dining under shaded elms and strings of lights. MENU: Dishes prepared with locally and organically grown produce, meats and cheeses. Come in early for a breakfast of quiche, tofu sauté, omelets, French toast and biscuits. For lunch, grab a sandwich like curried tuna salad, grilled gruyere and provolone cheese with tomato, or smoked ham, peach preserves and brie. Dinner options rotate, but include salads, burgers, hearthbaked pizzas and upscale entrees such as roasted hen and grilled steak with chimichurri. For a dinner appetizer, try baked snails, hand-made chicken liver ravioli or duck fat-fried potatoes. Fresh breads, pastries, muffins and cakes are made daily. \$\$

The Big Easy Café

20 Greensboro Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-769-3030 www.thebigeasycafe.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. FEATURES: Catering, Outside Seating. HOURS: Breakfast & Lunch, Mon.–Sat. THE LOOK: This family run establishment brings a little taste of New Orleans to downtown Watkinsville. MENU: Omelets, grits, bagels and biscuit sandwiches in the morning, with special beignets offered on Saturdays. For lunch, try a Cajun staple like shrimp and grits, seafood gumbo, jambalaya, a po-boy sandwich or red beans and rice. Ask about the soup or quiche of the day. On-site crawfish boils are available for special events. \$

Bill's Bar-B-Que

10010 Fortson Store Rd., Hull • 706-549-4949

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Catering, Checks. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, Mon.—Sat. THE LOOK: A modest familyowned and operated BBQ joint located in Hull. MENU: The pork and beef BBQ drenched in a Carolina-style vinegar-based sauce is just as popular as the chicken mull here. Brunswick stew, slaw, hash, fries and hush puppies on the side. \$

Blazer's Hot Wings

1462 Glenn Carrie Rd., Hull • 706-208-0705

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. FEATURES: Cash or Checks Only. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE Look: A quaint, little red stand that provides carry-out service. A sheltered picnic-style sitting area is available for those who want to hang around and eat. MENU: Wings can be tossed in any combination of 13 sauces (lemon pepper, honey BBQ, sweet and sour, Cajun) and are available in tailgate-style bulk or in an individual amount. Outside of wings, they also have hamburgers, corn dogs, chicken tenders and sandwiches. Onion rings, fries and fried apple pies on the side. \$

Blind Pig Tavern

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485 Baldwin St. • 706-548-3442 2440 W. Broad St. • 706-208-7979 www.blindpigtavern.com

FILE UNDER: Šandwiches, Burgers and Chicken, Vegetarian-Friendly, Bars. FEATURES: Catering, Outside Seating, Trivia, Delivery, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch, Dinner & Late Night, 7 days. THE Look: Lots of big TVs make this neighborhood pub a laid-back place to watch sports and unwind with friends. MENU: Offers over a dozen types of burgers with your choice of ground chuck beef, ground turkey, veggie burger or marinated chicken breast. For something unique, try The Memphis (topped with bacon and peanut butter) or The Burn'em (topped with hot wing sauce, jalapeños and blue cheese). Other bar food staples include oysters, buffalo wings, sandwiches, wraps, hot dogs, fried pickles, chili cheese fries and Southwestern options. DRINKS: Choose from 11 beers on tap and 50+ in bottles. If brew isn't your thing, let a fruity cocktail quench your thirst. \$\$

Blue Sky

128 College Ave. • 706-543-1433 www.blueskyathens.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Outside Seating. THE LOOK: Overlooking North Campus from its second story view, this comfortable bar with a refined atmosphere offers a worldclass selection of high-end beverages. It has a tin ceiling, a skylight and a cozy patio with ample seating. You can also enter Blue Sky through its sister bar, Walker's Coffee and Pub. DRINKS: Features over 200 craft beers including selections from all six Trappist breweries in the U.S., over 50 scotches from nearly 30 different distilleries and a wide selection of bourbon, Irish whiskey, wine, fresh fruit cocktails and seasonal offerings. If you're hungry, tapas can be delivered from Speakeasy. \$

Boar's Head Lounge

260 E. Washington St. • 706-369-3040

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Live Music, Outside Seating. THE LOOK: Walk down the steps into the large bar area to catch a band onstage or play a game of foosball, pool or table shuffleboard. Outside, a huge patio has two smaller bars, a swing and a second-story balcony area for playing cornhole or just hanging out. DRINKS: Eleven beers on draft and about 40 others in bottle. "Baller Shots" include the Bulldog Bite (Bacardi 151 rum, amaretto liqueur and cranberry juice) and Boars Breath (Fireball Whiskey and Irish creme). Give in to your late-night munchies with free popcorn. \$

Bootleggers Country & Western Bar

1720 Commerce Rd. • 706-540-7803

www.bootleggersathens.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Live Music/DJs. THE LOOK: Inside this old red barn with cowboy and cowgirl silhouettes in the windows is a large dance hall popular for line dancing. Karaoke and live country bands every weekend. DRINKS: Multiple bars serve inexpensive domestic beers and pour whiskey generously. Fuel up on liquid courage before taking a ride on their mechanical bull, Pandemonium. \$

Botanas

2139 W. Broad St. • 706-850-8882

FILE UNDER: Mexican. FEATURES: Full Bar, Outside Seating. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: New Mexican bar and grill with a large outdoor patio. MENU: Although "botanas" translates to "snacks" or "appetizers," the menu hosts a large selection of popular Mexican dishes. \$\$

Bourbon Street

333 E. Broad St. • 706-369-1313

www.twitter.com/bourbonstath

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. THE LOOK: From the festive flags hanging on the ceiling to the masquerade masks decorating the windows, everything about this two-story New Orleans-inspired bar attempts to re-create the excitement of Mardi Gras on a nightly basis. DRINKS: Cheap domestics, pitchers and 64-ounce rum drinks served in a fishbowl make this bar popular. \$

The Branded Butcher

225 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-5152

www.facebook.com/thebrandedbutcher

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars. FEATURES: Art. HOURS: Dinner & Late Night, 7 Days. Sunday Brunch. THE LOOK: Upscale farm-to-table dining under the direction of Matt Palmerlee, former head chef of Farm 255. MENU: Strong focus on local and organic produce, pasture-raised meats and the art of charcuterie. Start off with oysters or a local cheese plate. Main dishes include seared duck breast (with house-made sausage, port and blood orange gastrique, broccoli rabe) and Moonshine Meats Seared Filet (with house-cured bacon, oyster mushrooms, Red Mule polenta). Sharing multiple charcuterie dishes (pork belly confit, smoked trout rillettes, chicken liver mousse, Scotch egg, bratwurst) is a great way to sample a little of everything. Homemade desserts to follow your meal. Check the chalkboard for daily specials. DRINKS: Knowledgable servers will gladly recommend the perfect wine or craft beer to pair with your meal. Many high-end cordials, whisky, tequilas and dessert wines. Cocktails are made with fresh ingredients, like the Carmelized Caipirinha (Velho Barreiro Cachaca, carmelized limes, raw sugar) and the Hanky Panky (Hayman's Old Tom Gin, Carpano sweet vermouth, Fernet Brancca, burnt orange twist). \$\$\$\$

Bread Basket

723 Boulevard • 706-548-3412

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. HOURS: Breakfast & Lunch, Mon.—Fri. Breakfast, Sat. THE LOOK: Grab something to go from this kitchen located inside of a neighborhood gas station and convenience store. MENU: Buttery biscuit sandwiches topped with your choice of sausage, ham, eggs, cheese and gravy. Complete your hearty country breakfast with a side of grits or hashbrowns. Rotating lunch items include beef tips, pork chops and fried fish. \$

Brett's Casual American Restaurant 3190 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-850-1395

www.brettscasualamerican.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Beer & Wine, Curbside Pick-Up, Catering, Outside Seating, Delivery, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, Mon.—Sat. THE LOOK: Casual family-friendly environment decorated with scenic landscape photography by Robert McCullough, the father of owner and chef Brett McCullough. Offers curbside to-go orders for extra fast service. MENU: Steaks, seafood, sandwiches and burgers are the main draw. Tacos are assembled with grilled tilapia, buffalo chicken, veggies or smoked brisket. All soups, dressings, marinades and seasonings are made from scratch. Sweet tea is sweet; service is friendly. \$

Buddha Bar

431 E. Broad St. • 706-208-7017

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FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. THE LOOK: Red Chinese lanterns, bamboo, paintings of koi fish and a large golden Buddha statue sitting in the window decorate this Asian themed bar. DRINKS: The Seven Deadly Sins list consists of popular sake bombs, Fortune Cookie Martinis and peach-flavored Kill Bill Bombs. Order a Stoplight (three total shots of selected red, yellow and green liqueurs) if you're feeling brave. Plenty of beer (including a few seasonals), champagne and standard cocktails are also available. \$

Buffalo's Café

196 Alps Rd. • 706-354-6655

www.buffaloscafe.com/athens

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. FEATURES: Catering, Live Music, Trivia, Delivery, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE Look: Casual dining with a Southwestern theme. Trivia, line dancing and live bands are scheduled weekly, and large banquet rooms can be reserved for private parties or public events. MENU: Chow down on traditional or boneless wings offered in 13 different sauces including honey garlic, Asian sesame and Red Hot Ranch. Burgers, sandwiches, ribs, tacos, wraps and salads are created with a Southwestern flair. DRINKS: Watch the game on a big-screen TV while sipping on a drink from the bar. Choose from 10 draft beers, an extensive wine list and cocktails such as the Canyon-Rita and Mary on Fire (Bloody Mary with Buffalo's signature Death Valley sauce). \$\$

Bulldawg Pizza, Wings & More

2026 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-355-3294 www.bulldawopizza.com

www.builuawypizza.colli

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Delivery. HOURS: Lunch, Dinner & Late Night, 7 days. THE LOOK: Counter-service. MENU: Home of the "Big Dawg" 24" pizza. Hand-tossed pizzas on thin and crispy, regular or thick crust (flavored with garlic parmesan, Cajun or lemon pepper seasonings) and customized with up to 20 toppings. Wings (tossed in any one of 15 sauces), subs, calzones, pasta, salads and dawg bones (bread sticks) are also available. \$

Bulldawg Wings/Deli & Tropical Grocery 1037 Baxter St. • 706-546-1105

FILE UNDER: Burgers, Sandwiches and Chicken. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: Halal deli housed inside of a small grocery store. MENU: Burgers like the Sexy Ho, Sloppy Ho, Sweet
Ho and Jerk Burger, plus wings and chicken sandwiches. The grocery store also offers sodas, dried fish and shrimp, jarred curries and packaged snacks. \$

The Bury

321 E. Clayton St.

ww.theburyathens.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Live Music/DJS, Outside Seating. THE LOOK: Ski lodge-themed bar complete with a fireplace, granite bar, antler light fixtures, wildlife mural and taxidermy animal mounts. The dimly-lit cave downstairs features a second full bar and leather couches for a more exclusive atmosphere. Visit the mezzanine for a round of beer pong or a bird's eye view of bands playing on stage. DRINKS: Eight beers on draft and all the usual domestics and imports in bottle. Ask for Cabin Fever whiskey on the rocks, Moonshine Margarita or a round of Ski Shots (multiple shots lined up on a single ski) to share with friends. \$

Butt Hutt Bar-B-Q 🛥

480 Macon Hwy. • 706-850-8511

www.butthuttbarbecue.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Full Bar, Live Music, Catering, Outside Seating, Delivery. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: Homey BBQ shack with a laid-back vibe. Bike Night is hosted bi-monthly and bands perform every weekend. MENU: Each plate (chopped pork, brisket, ribs or chicken) comes with two sides (stew, corn nuggets, chicken mull, pasta salad, curly fries). BBQ sandwiches, salads, hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken strips, too. For dessert, get a slice of pecan or coconut pie, cheesecake or banana pudding. DRINKS: Choose from over two dozen beers or ask the bartender to stir up a cocktail. \$

Café on Prince

595 Prince Ave. • 706-425-1866

FILE UNDER: American, Downhome. FEATURES: Wi-Fi, Catering. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, Mon.—Th. Lunch, Fri. THE LOOK: Piedmont College's cafeteria is open to both students and the general public. **MENU**: Three entrees (one geared towards healthconscious diners), four veggies and a salad bar are offered daily. Homestyle comfort foods range from fried chicken and meatloaf to macaroni and cheese, squash casserole and collards. Angelish Wilson, formerly of Wilson's Soul Food, can be found in the kitchen, whipping up red velvet cakes, pies and custards. \$

Cali 'N' Tito's

1427 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-227-9979

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FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Cash and Checks Only, BYOB, Outside Seating, Delivery. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: Latin America comes to life in this eclectic environment. Grab a picnic table in the heated screened-in porch, or venture into the large outdoor area surrounded by palm trees, stringed lights, kitschy knickknacks and live parrots. A playground full of vintage and eclectic objects is great for entertaining the kids. MENU: Authentic Latin American cuisine. Start off with yuca frita (fried cassava root), maduros (fried sweet plantains), tostones (fried green plantains) or empanadas. Highlights include the Cuban sandwich (with your choice of steak, chicken, milanesa, chorizo or veggies), Tito's Fish Burrito (fried tilapia, sweet plantain, cilantro, chipotle sauce), Lomo Saltado (Peruvian-style fajitas) and tamales. \$

The Camp

2455 Jefferson Rd. • 706-354-5333

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Catering. Hours: 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Sun.–Fri. THE Look: Soul food restaurant with a steam table ordering system in the Homewood Village Shopping Center. MENU: Traditional down-home soul food selections offer meats like fried chicken, country fried steak, BBQ, meatloaf and whole catfish with sides like creamed corn, fried green tomatoes, blackeyed peas and hush puppies. You can order a deli sandwich made with hickory smoked Honey Glazed Ham or turkey. In the kitchen, you'll find Glenda Brown, formerly of Peaches Fine Foods, doing what she knows how to do. \$

The Capital Room

247 E. Washington St. • 706-850-6277 www.thecapitalroom.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Outside Seating, Trivia, Catering, Delivery. Hours: Lunch, Dinner & Late Night, Mon.-Sat. Brunch & Dinner, Sun. THE LOOK: Located in the historic Georgian Hotel, this upscale space with comfortable elegance features 100-year-old stained glass windows and marble walls and columns. MENU: An upscale twist on gastropub fare, like Pork Belly Mac-n-Cheese, Guiness Braised Brisket, Shepherd's Pie, burgers and flatbreads. For brunch, order the Green Eggs and Ham Benedict, steak frites with arugula pistachio salsa verde, or The Hangover (biscuits smothered with eggs, cheese, bacon, sausage, tater tots and gravy). DRINKS: Long list of cocktails, wines and scotches. Fifteen beers on draft including four Terrapins, along with domestic, imports and 20 craft beers. Don't leave without trying a signature cocktail like the Boozy Bear Martini (Parrot Bay Passion Fruit, champagne, peach schnapps and gummy bears) or Emerald City (coconut rum, pineapple juice, Blue Curacao and champagne). \$\$\$

Carrabba's Italian Grill

3194 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-546-9938

www.carrabbas.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. FEATURES: Full Bar, Curbside Pick-Up. HOURS: Dinner, 7 days. Lunch, Sat & Sun. \$\$\$

Cecilia's Cakes

610 N. Milledge Ave. • 706-543-3308

www.ceciliascakes.com

FILE UNDER: Bakeries. FEATURES: Catering. THE LOOK: A familyowned specialty cake bakery, meaning cakes are all they do. Many of their cakes can be found around town in restaurants by the slice. MENU: All cakes are made to order right there on the premises. Fruit-filled cakes include red raspberry, peach and apple nut. If you're craving cocoa, opt for chocolate tiramisu, German chocolate or mint chocolate chip, not to mention caramel. Creative cakes can be custom-designed for special occasions. \$



www.taqueriadelsol.com 334 Prince Ave. • 706-353-3890

Chef Ming

1720 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-552-3233

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Catering. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: A shopping center space with friendly service. MENU: A wide selection of Chinese dishes offered in beef, chicken, pork, seafood and veggie options. Specialties include orange beef, Peking duck, Singapore noodles and ribeye steak with mandarin chicken. Lunch combinations, complete with fried rice, soup and an egg roll, offer an inexpensive way to fill up on a big meal. \$\$

Chili's Grill & Bar

183 Alps Rd. • 706-613-5405

www.chilis.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full Bar, Curbside Pick-Up, Catering. **Hours:** Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. \$

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2026 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-850-7788

FILE UNDER: Asian. FEATURES: Catering, Delivery. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: Quick service is key at this Chinese restaurant with a hibachi-style grill. MENU: Lo mein, pancit, teriyaki, egg foo young, sweet and sour, moo shu and meat entrees. The chef's special Cantonese dishes include coconut shrimp, pineapple chicken, double cooked roast pork and Seafood Delight (shrimp, lobster, scallops and mixed veggies). \$

China Delight

1971 Hog Mountain Rd., Watkinsville • 706-769-9221

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian-Friendly. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: Chinese restaurant located in a Watkinsville shopping center. MENU: Generous portions of basic fare with beef, chicken, pork, seafood and vegetarian options available. \$\$

China Star Super Buffet

3567 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-316-3382

www.athenschinastar.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Buffet, Catering, Delivery. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: With eight buffet tables including a sushi bar and a hibachi area, there's something for everyone here. Take-out is available at a per-pound price. MENU: Choose from over 3000 Chinese, American and Japanese dishes from the extensive buffet options or order from a menu of Chinese fare like General Tso's Chicken, Mongolian beef, green mussels with black bean sauce and Singapore chow mein. \$\$

China Wok 2475 Jefferson Rd. • 706-353-3399

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FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian-Friendly. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: Counter service and limited seating suggest that take-out is key here. Located in the Homewood Village Shopping Center. MENU: Offers popular Hunan, Cantonese and Szechuan dishes like chop suey, lo mein, mai fun, moo shu and egg fu young. Chef specialties include the Happy Family (five meats and veggies), seafood pan fried noodles, lemon chicken and roast duck. \$

Chipotle

165 Alps Rd. • 706-548-7210

www.chipotle.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican. FEATURES: Outside Seating. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: Focused on "food with integrity," this chain incorporates sustainable practices whenever possible. An assembly-line method of preparing meals guarantees quick service. MENU: A simple menu of burritos, tacos, burrito bowls and salads that can be customized with braised carnitas or barbacoa, adobo-marinated chicken or steak, pinto or black beans, cilantro-lime rice and fresh veggies. \$

Chonell's Home Cooking

1080 Baxter St. • 706-549-2114 Find them on Facebook

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering. **HOURS:** 11 a.m.–6 p.m. Mon.–Fri. 12–3 p.m., Sat.–Sun. **THE LOOK:** This soul food establishment with plenty of Southern hospitality may have moved to a new location, but all the secret family recipes remain the same. **MENU:** Menu changes daily, but expect to have your plate piled high with traditional Southern grub like fried chicken, beef brisket, caffish, chitterlings, rutabagas, yams, macaroni and cheese, fried corn and green beans. Finish your meal with a homemade dessert. \$

Choo Choo Japanese Korean Grill Express W 1055 Gaines School Rd. • 706-543-8888

www.choochoorestaurants.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Beer & Sake, Delivery, Trivia, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch, Dinner & Late Night, 7 Days. THE LOOK: Counter service and hibachi-style cooking lend a casual feel. MENU: Generous servings of Korean and Japanese noodle and rice entrees with chicken, steak, salmon, shrimp or tofu. Traditional dishes include bibimbap, bulgogi and tonkatsu. Korean tacos come stuffed with jae yuk (marinated pork), kimchi (spicy fermented cabbage) or calamari. \$

Chops and Hops 🕊

2 S. Main St., Watkinsville • 706-310-1101

www.chopsandhops.com

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Beer & Wine, Reservations, Outside Seating, Art, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: Two-story restaurant with a marble bar, big-screen TVs and sophisticated feel. Upstairs, the ArtLand Loft Gallery hosts rotating art exhibits. MENU: Steaks are the pride and joy of this establishment. Alternatives, however, include raspberry chipotle-glazed lamb chops with goat cheese mashed potatoes, bourbon-pecan glazed pork chops with mashed sweet potatoes, the Chops burger (topped with BBQ sauce, bacon, crispy onions and cheddar cheese) and classic sandwiches. Ask about the daily specials. DRINKS: Over 75 beers from around the world, including gluten-free beer, fruit lambics and ales every which way. A wine menu offers two dozen detailed descriptions of color, composition and flavors to make the decision easier. \$\$\$

Chuck E. Cheese's

3654 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-353-6715 www.chuckecheese.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. FEATURES: Beer & Wine. Hours: Open 7 Days. \$

Cici's Pizza

3190 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-613-2424

www.cicispizza.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. FEATURES: Buffet, Catering, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. \$

Ciné Barcafé

234 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-353-3343

www.athenscine.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars. FEATURES: Live Music/ DJs, Art, Wi-Fi. HOURS: 4:30 p.m.-last show, Mon.-Fri. 2 p.m.last show, Sat.-Sun. THE LOOK: Chic, sophisticated arthouse cinema housed in a converted industrial space. The lounge and bar area can be enjoyed by those with or without a movie ticket. MENU: Coffee, teas, sodas and fruit juices to drink. Snacks include an assortment of locally made baked goods like cookies and muffins, plus traditional movie snacks like popcorn and candy. DRINKS: A good selection of bottled beer and a few crafts on tap, as well as wine and liquor from the fully stocked bar. \$

City Bar

220 College Ave. • 706-546-7612

www.facebook.com/athenscitybar

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Outside Seating. THE LOOK: Don't be fooled by its upscale design, 20-foot ceilings, hardwood bar, large mirrors, marble accents and chandeliers; this bar is still friendly towards an informal party crowd. DRINKS: A full-service bar known for its flavored martinis and craft cocktails like the City Kiss (kiwi strawberry vodka, lemonade, club soda) and the City of Lights (orange vodka, triple sec, cranberry juice, lime). Over 30 different bottled beers. \$

Clocked! 🕊

259 W. Washington St. • 706-548-9175

www.clockeddiner.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers & Chicken, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Beer, Outside Seating, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch





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Cloud

164 E. Clayton St. • 706-613-7771 www.facebook.com/cloudathensga

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. THE LOOK: Comfortable booths and a dozen TVs make this spacious upstairs bar a good spot for catching a sports game. A wall of mesmerizing, color-changing bubbles standing behind the bar illuminates the room. DRINKS: All the usual domestics, imports, well shots and bombs. Bartenders will gladly whip up a cocktail using the liquors from two fully stocked bars. \$

Club Platinum

1905 Commerce Rd. • 706-351-5449

www.facebook.com/club.exit.twelve

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: DJs/Live Music. THE LOOK: Located north of the Athens Perimeter, this bar features a large dance floor and and frequently hosts hip-hop parties. DRINKS: Fully stocked bar with the usual array of domestics and cocktails. \$

The Coffee Shop of Athens

2950 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-542-8990

www.facebook.com/thecoffeeshopofathens **FILE UNDER**: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES**: Live

Music, Art, Wi-Fi. Hours: Open 7 Days. THE Look: Locallyowned business that shares a building with The Body Shop of Athens. A wall of windows allows plenty of natural sunlight to shine in. Conference room available for private meetings. MENU: Hot and cold coffee drinks using Jittery Joe's blends, with plenty of flavor shots to customize. An assortment of cookies, muffins and scones to snack on. \$

Copper Creek Brewing Company

140 E. Washington St. • 706-546-1102

www.coppercreekathens.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars. FEATURES: Catering, Trivia, Delivery. HOURS: Dinner & Late Night, 7 Days. Sunday Brunch. THE LOOK: Large copper kettiles can be seen through the window of this sophisticated yet rustic restaurant, bar and microbrewery. MENU: Start off with an appetizer like sriracha marinated beef skewers or Filipino pork egg rolls. Entrees include upscale pub food like hearty burgers, BBQ ribs and salmon cakes. For brunch, amaretto French toast, omelets, grilled andouille sausage and home fries. DRINKS: Brews and serves its own beer in-house. All ingredients are ground, mashed and fermented on premises to create a full tank-to-tap experience, and at least three of Copper Creek's 40+ rotating brews are available each day. Many craft, high-gravity and seasonal beers are available in bottle, and there's a variety of liquor behind the fully stocked bar. Cask tappings are held the first Wednesday of every month. \$\$

Courtyard Café

1197 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-542-2633

www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/uga-hotel/dining FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Outside Seating, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Breakfast & Lunch, 7 Days. THE LOOK: A quick and casual cafeteria-style setting in UGA's Georgia Center. Georgia Java is adjacent to the café, serving up freshly brewed coffee, pastries and snacks. Validated parking for up to one hour is available at the South Campus Parking Deck. MENU: Standard breakfast fare in the morning and made-to-order deli sandwiches in the afternoon. Rotating hot entrées and a soup and salad bar are available during weekday lunches. \$

Cozy Bar

179 Jackson St. www.facebook.com/cozybarathens

FILE UNDER: Bars & Clubs. THE LOOK: New sister bar of Cozy Yum Yum located in a narrow space below street level. DRINKS: Full bar specializing in sake bombs and popular Thai beers. Dumplings and spring rolls are served to satisfy late night cravings. \$

Cozy Yum Yum 489 E. Clayton St. • 706-543-8898

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Full Bar, Delivery. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: Thai restaurant recently relocated to a larger space. MENU: Soups, salads, curry, noodle and rice dishes with your choice of protein (chicken, tofu, veggies, beef or seafood). Start off with a cup of tom yum soup, basil rolls or green papaya salad. Popular dishes include panang curry, cashew chicken, pad Thai noodles. DRINKS: Choose from an ample selection of sake and Southeast Asian beers. Domestics, too. Non-alcoholic choices include smoothies and bubble tea. \$\$

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store

1913 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-208-0304

www.crackerbarrel.com

FILE UNDER: American. Hours: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. \$\$

Cutters Pub

120 E. Clayton St. • 706-353-9800

www.facebook.com/cutterspub FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Live Music/DJs, Outside Seating. THE LOOK: An Irish pub with copper plating behind the bar and an electronic countdown to the next St. Patrick's Day. Play a game of pool, darts, foosball or an arcade game like Golden Tee Golf. The newly-constructed upstairs area hosts an additional bar and dance floor for live bands. DRINKS: An impressive list of 36 scotches, including premium selections like Johnnie Walker Blue Label. Nearly 100 beers with 12 available on draft, and plenty of cocktails, too. \$

Dawg Gone Good BBQ

224 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-613-9799

www.facebook.com/dawggonegoodbbq

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Catering, Delivery. HOURS: Dinner & Late Night, Thurs.—Sat. THE LOOK: Small brick establishment largely providing take-out, but with a few tables inside for those who want to stick around. MEAU: Ribs, BBQ chicken, pulled pork sandwiches and sausage dogs are smoked, slow cooked and then grilled on a charcoal cooker out in the shed. Plates come with hefty portions of two sides like baked potato salad, creamed spinach, yams, coleslaw, baked beans and mac & cheese. \$

Dawg House Bar & Grill

1197 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-548-0983

www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/uga-hotel/dining

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. FEATURES: HOURS: Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: Casual eatery good for watching sports games on TV inside of UGA's Georgia Center. MENU: Sandwiches, build-yourown burgers, salads and entrees like spicy fish tacos, grilled steaks marinated in Tabasco and pineapple, blueberry pork chops and chicken fingers. DRINKS: A full bar offers a dozen of the most popular imports and domestics, plus a handful of craft beers including three Terrapin brews. \$

DePalma's Italian Cafe ₩ 2080 Timothy Rd. • 706-552-1237

1965 Barnett Shoals Rd. • 706-369-0085 401 E. Broad St. • 706-354-6966 www.depalmasitaliancafe.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Full Bar, Catering, Outside Seating, Delivery. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: Refined, but with a relaxed neighborhood restaurant atmosphere. MENU: Varies somewhat by location, but each offers premium pizza, calzones, pasta, salads and desserts. Try the mascarpone ravioli with grilled artichoke, spicy shrimp and roasted pepper polenta, veal primavera, The Gouda Pie (spinach, smoked gouda sauce, grilled chicken, ham, pineapple) or the special lasagna of the day. For dessert, cannoli, gelato, crème brulée and slices of homemade cheesecake. DRINKS: An extensive wine list featuring a host of selections from Italy. Good beers and cocktails, too. \$\$

Dickey's Barbecue Pit

2131 Hog Mountain Rd., Watkinsville • 706-705-1326 810 Hawthorne Ave. • 706-850-7561

www.dickeys.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Beer (Hawthorne Ave.), Catering, Delivery. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE





LOOK: A Texas-based chain with standard BBQ joint decor. MENU: Slow-cooked meats include beef brisket, pulled pork, Virginia style ham, marinated chicken breast, turkey breast, Polish sausage, spicy cheddar sausage and pork ribs. Order a BBQ sandwich or make it a plate by adding two homestyle sides like macaroni and cheese, fried okra, potato salad, coleslaw and more. Free ice cream for children and adults alike. \$\$

Dirty Birds

312 E. Washington St. • 706-546-7050

www.facebook.com/dirtybirdsathens

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken, Bars. FEA-TURES: Live Music/DJs, Trivia. HOURS: Lunch, Dinner & Late Night, 7 Days. THE LOOK: Large, new sports-centric destination with over 20 TVs, a stage, dance floor and pool tables. The upstairs Crow's Nest is a popular spot for trivia, karaoke and live music. MENU: Load up on wings offered in 30 flavors like habanero, maple chipotle BBQ, Margarita, garlic herb and Old Bay. Plenty of sandwiches, burgers, sliders and salads. DRINKS: Over 24 beers on tap and an extensive selection of spirits. Try a Kentucky Cutter (Bulleit bourbon, triple sec, Angostura bitters, lemon) or Cherry Limeade (Pinnacle cherry lemonade vodka, lemon lime soda, sour mix). \$

Dominick's Italian

1430 Capital Ave., Watkinsville • 706-769-6255

www.dominicksitalian.com

FILE UNDER: Italian. FEATURES: Beer & Wine, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: Family-style restaurant with framed photos adorning the walls. MENU: Timeless Italian dishes with house specialties including egglant parmigiana, lasagna, stuffed porkchops, chicken scarapiello and Dominick's Ribeye. Many pasta, chicken, veal and seafood dishes to choose from, with half servings available for most. If you've still got the room after the main course, you can treat yourself to a decadent tiramisu, cannoli or crème brulée for dessert. DRINKS: A menu of nearly 40 wines that your waiter will gladly guide you through. A dozen or so beers, too. Check website for monthly wine dinners. \$\$\$

Donderos' Kitchen 584 N. Milledge Ave. • 706-389-7955 2450 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-542-6359 www.donderoskitchen.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Catering, Outside Seating. HOURS: Open Mon.-Fri. (584 Milledge). Open Tues.-Sun. (2450 Milledge). THE LOOK: The original location of this family-run business (set to move next door, fall 2013) is situated in a renovated home within the Cobbham neighborhood. A satellite location can be found on the upper level of the State Botanical Garden's Visitor Center, overlooking the garden. MENU: An ever-changing selection of to-go dishes from around the world like Thai fish cakes, Greek stew, Szechwan sesame noodles and African peanut soup. Check online for the week's lineup. Donderos' also hosts a selection of gourmet groceries, frozen prepared foods, ceramics, cookbooks and art. Something to keep in mind: walkers, bikers and bus riders get five percent off their bill. At the SBG, a smaller menu of sandwiches, quiche, baked goods and coffee drinks. \$

Dos Palmas Restaurant & Cantina

3523 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-353-7771

www.dospalmasathens.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Full Bar, Catering, Delivery. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: As the sister restaurant to the Eastside La Fiesta, Dos Palmas has a family-oriented atmosphere and a "Nuestra casa es su casa" approach to service. MENU: The most popular Mexican staples such as tacos, burritos, nachos, fajitas and quesadillas are all here. Desserts include flan, churros, sopapilla and fried ice cream. DRINKS: Over 30 types of tequila on hand make this a popular destination for margaritas. Two beers on draft and several more in bottle. \$\$

The Double Barrel

429 E. Broad St.

www.facebook.com/DoubleBarrelAthens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Outdoor Seating. THE LOOK: New Southern-themed bar named after Athens' famous

double-barreled cannon. DRINKS: Signature cocktails include The Bacon Watson (bacon liqueur, bourbon, orange juice) and The Scarlett O'Hara (sweet tea vodka, peach, cherry and sour mix). Try the Southern Breakfast Sampler, a "three-course meal" featuring shots of bacon, blueberry pancake and doughnut liqueurs, chased by orange juice. \$

Earth Fare Café

1689 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-227-1717 www.earthfare.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEA-TURES: Buffet, Outside Seating, Art, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: Inside the upscale natural foods store in Five Points. Grab some freshly prepared meals to-go, or take a seat to hang around and eat. MENU: Items are created with the same kind of premium ingredients that line the store's grocery aisles. The deli counter is full of fresh, organic salads and the rotating hot bar carries healthy entrees for meateaters, vegetarians and vegans alike. Fresh smoothies, juice, coffee, a pair of daily soups and baked goods, too. \$\$

East West Bistro

351 E. Broad St. • 706-546-9378

www.eastwestbistro.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian-Friendly, Bars. FEATURES: Catering, Reservations, Outside Seating, Delivery. HOURS: Lunch, Dinner & Late Night, 7 days. Sunday Brunch. THE Look: Watch as chefs prepare your meal in the open kitchen or take a seat at the bar. Extra long booths and a second floor for private parties are great for accomodating large groups. MENU: Asian and Mediterranean flavors come together in sophisticated dishes. For lunch, chicken bahn mi, Blackened Salmon BLT and a yellowfin tuna sandwich with sriracha mayo, seaweed salad and house pickles. For dinner, Braised Lamb Leg (served with a ginger-poblano salsa verde, picked fennel and roasted sweet potatoes), Bulgolgi Udon Bowl and Bistro Filet (topped with a portabella mushroom demi-glace). DRIMKS: A distinguished wine menu and many high gravity and microbrew beer choices. Refreshing martinis include the East West (sake and Grey Goose



vodka, cranberry, lime) and the Godiva (Stoli vodka, Godiva chocolate liqueur, vanilla ice cream). \$\$\$

Eat Hibachi

131 E. Broad St. • 706-548-7441

www.eathibachi.com

FILE UNDER: Asian. FEATURES: Delivery, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Lunch, Mon.—Fri. Dinner, 7 Days. Late Night, Th.—Sat. THE LOOK: Counter service makes for quick dining in a casual atmosphere. MENU: Popular Korean and Japanese fare like fried rice, stir fry, ramen and teriyaki. Adventurous eaters can try more authentic dishes such as bulgogi (Korean BBQ), bibimbap (rice, veggies, marinated beef, crab and chili paste), yukgaejang (spicy shredded beef soup) or jjampong (spicy seafood noodle soup). \$

Echo

255 W. Washington St. • 706-548-2266

www.echoathens.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian-Friendly, Bars. FEATURES: Catering, Live Music, Art, Outside Seating, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch, Mon.-Fri. Dinner, Mon.-Sat. Weekend Brunch. THE LOOK: Formerly named Broad Street Coffee, this new allvegan restaurant has moved from its original, cozy spot on West Broad Street to a more spacious location downtown, MENU: Offers animal-friendly, organic alternatives to popular dishes. Counter Culture Coffee and espresso drinks can be made using five non-dairy milks, and the fruit smoothies are as filling as a meal on their own. For lunch, choose from the Broad Street BBQ Sandwich (seasoned tofu), BLT, Mac & No Cheese (vegan cheese) and various gourmet burgers (in-house bean patties). For dinner, try the portabello steak, lasagna, "crab" cakes or chickpea fries. Brunch includes the No-Huevos Rancheros (scrambled tofu, tempeh bacon, vegan cheese and sauteed veggies served on a tortilla with mango salsa) and blueberry pancakes. A late night bar menu includes nachos, vegan cheese boards and samosas. Ask about daily specials and seasonal veggies. Always a selection of baked goods, too. DRINKS: Full bar serving beer, wine and specialty cocktails. Several organic and vegan wines to choose from. \$\$

8e's Bar

120 E. Washington St. • 706-613-1764

www.facebook.com/8esbar

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Outside Seating. THE Look: Pop art portraits, movie posters, jerseys and colorful graffiti adorn the walls of this '80s-themed bar. Dance underneath the disco ball or hang outside on the covered patio while the decade's greatest stars like MJ, Madonna and Cindy Lauper blare through the speakers. DRINKS: Nothing too unusual: bottled beers, cheap pitchers and traditional cocktails. \$

El Azteca

1280 Oconee St. • 706-549-2639

www.facebook.com/elaztecaathens

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Full Bar, Trivia. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: The bright orange and blue exterior makes this casual spot hard to miss. MENU: All of the obligatory south-of-the-border classics like tacos, burritos, fajitas and quesadillas. Pair your meal with a Dos Equis, Modelo or refreshing margarita. \$

Em's Kitchen

975 Hawthorne Ave. • 706-206-9322

www.emskitchenathawthorne.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bakeries. FEATURES: Catering, Delivery. HOURS: 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Mon.-Fri. THE LOOK: Visiting this cute eatery, which was expanded from the Hawthorne Drugs' original soda fountain, is like stepping into a family's kitchen. MENU: Many of the classic favorites have stayed. In the morning, breakfast sandwiches, omelets, waffles, pancakes and a display case full of homemade muffins, scones and bagels. In the afternoon, salads, hot dogs, homemade soups and simple sandwiches like fruit and nut chicken salad, pimento cheese, BLTs and PBJs. Milkshakes, coke floats and vanilla frozen yogurt, too. \$

Etienne Brasserie

311 E. Broad St. • 706-850-8008

www.etienneathens.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars. FEATURES: Catering, Outside Seating. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, Mon.–Sat. Sunday Brunch. THE LOOK: French restaurant with a relaxed, upscale setting. MENU: Hors d'oeuvres include escargot, calamari, mussels and French cured meats and cheeses. For dinner, try Steak au Poivre (prime aged beef tenderloin, green peppercorn bordelaise, potato gratin, garlic French beans) or Trout Almondine (pan sauteed almond encrusted trout, herb beurre blanc, rice pilaf, grilled asparagus). Affordable lunch options include lamb burgers, croques, Quiche Lorraine and savory crepes (butternut squash, arugula, eggplant). Prix fixe menu offered on weekdays. DRINKS: A French-dominant wine list conveniently describes each bottle's unique flavors. Cocktails are often made with organic herbs and fresh-squeezed citrus like The Frenchmen (bourbon, mint, raw sugar cube, rose water, yellow chartreuse) and the French Affair (tequila, Sotol, St. Germain, grapefruit, rosemary). \$\$\$

Fat and Happy BBQ 699 Baxter St.

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Catering, Delivery, BYOB. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: After catering for 25 years, this popular BBQ operation now has a permanent headquarters in Athens for your dining pleasure. MENU: The meat and stew and other standard BBQ fare are made fresh and from scratch. There are also vegan options available. You can snack on complimentary boiled peanuts as you wait for your meal. \$

Fatz Café

4115 Lexington Rd. • 706-425-8780 www.fatz.com FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Full Bar, Catering, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. \$\$

Firehouse Subs

1860 Barnett Shoals Rd. • 706-543-4266 1226 Prince Ave. • 706-357-4994

www.firehousesubs.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches. FEATURES: Catering, Outside Seating, Delivery. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: Franchised sub shop originally founded by firefighters. MENU: Classic hot and cold subs like the smokehouse beef and cheddar brisket, meatballs and marinara, and timeless Italian. Try the Firehouse Hero (roast beef, smoked turkey breast, Virginia honey ham, melted provolone and veggies). \$

Five & Ten 🕊

1073 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-546-7300

www.fiveandten.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. FEATURES: Full Bar, Reservations, Catering. Hours: 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Mon.-Fri. Dinner, 7 days. Sunday Brunch. THE LOOK: Chic fine dining created by Chef Hugh Acheson, James Beard winner for Best Chef Southeast and Best Cookbook and judge on "Top Chef." It's brand new digs are only a block away from its original location. MENU: Innovative European cuisine with a Southern flair. The menu changes to reflect the seasons, but expect dishes such as Pork Porterhouse (18th-century oats, roasted maitakes, red kale, spring onion confit, bone marrow fritter), NC Speckled Trout (crisp polenta cake, oyster mushrooms, beans, chow-chow) and NC Swordfish Sicilian Style (clams, octopus, capers, olives, pine nuts, kale). Serving coffee, tartines and pastries during weekday afternoons. Arrive before 6 p.m. for the three-course prix-fixe dinner. Brunch options include oysters on the half shell, the 5 & 10 Benedict (latkes, salmon gravlax or bacon, hollandaise), brioche French toast and grilled hanger steak. DRINKS: Barstaff and servers will help quide you through the impressively long wine list. Several signature cocktails made with fresh ingredients like the Gold Rush (small batch bourbon, lemon, honey) and Slightly Stormy (house-infused spiced silver rum, Blenheim, Myer's dark rum, orange twist). \$\$\$\$

Five Bar

269 N. Hull St. • 706-543-5515 www.five-bar.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. FEATURES: Full Bar. HOURS: Dinner, 7 Days. Late Night, Th.—Sat. Sunday Brunch. THE LOOK: New restaurant with red walls, high ceilings, colorful artwork and crystal chandeliers. THE MENU: A minimalist menu of refined cuisine is broken down into sets of five (surprise!) options for appetizers, main entrees, classic sushi rolls and signature rolls. There are rotating daily specials. DRINKS: Five red wines, five white wines, five standard beers, five Southern beers and five signature cocktails. \$\$\$











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1850 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-549-9081 www.fiveguys.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches and Burgers. FEATURES: Outside Seating. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: Classic burger joint with over 1,000 locations. Snack on complementary peanuts while you wait for your order. MENU: A simple lineup of burgers, hot dogs, veggie sandwiches and fries (plain or Cajunstyle). Add up to 15 free toppings, and remember to ask for a "little" burger if you only want one patty; the standard burger comes with two. \$

Flanagan's

301 E. Clayton St. • 706-208-9711

www.flanagansathens.homestead.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Outside Seating. THE LOOK: An Irish pub-inspired spot established in 1994 with a green exterior, exposed brick walls and neon green lights hanging in the windows. DRINKS: Home of the Super Irish Carbomb. Daily specials on beers, wells and shooters. Get in the spirit with a Nutty Irishman, Peppermint St. Patty or a tall pint of Guinness. \$

Flicker Theatre & Bar

263 W. Washington St. • 706-546-0039

www.flickertheatreandbar.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Live Music, Outside Seating, Art. THE LOOK: A townie destination hosting live music, comedy shows, film screenings, at receptions, poker, poetry readings and open-mic nights. DRINKS: Seasoned bartenders serve from a good selection of beer and cocktails including The Jackie O (pink, fruity rum drink), The JFK (lime Cuban daquiri) and made-from-scratch Bloody Marys. Order The Happy Meal (shot of Jameson and a PBR) for an inexpensive combination. Coffee, snacks and free popcorn, too. \$

Food for the Soul

1965 W. Broad St. • 706-546-0052

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEA-TURES: Buffet, Catering. HOURS: Lunch, Tu.-Fri. & Sun. THE LOOK: Humble eatery with a self-service buffet. MENU: Soul food staples that rotate daily, like turnip greens, fried chicken livers, mashed potatoes and country fried steak. Pair a meat and two sides for a hearty meal, or take advantage of the all-you-can-eat option. \$

Fox's Pizza Den

2971 Monroe Hwy., Watkinsville • 678-661-0220 Athens Technical College, Bldg. 700 • 706-425-2235 www.foxspizzaathens.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Delivery, Catering, Outside Seating, Wi-Fi (Watkinsville). HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: Family-friendly pizzeria. MENU: Create your own pizza with eight meats, 13 vegetables, four cheeses and six sauces to choose from. Whole wheat and gluten-free dough available. Specialties include pies inspired by tacos, bacon double cheeseburgers, baked potatoes and gyros. In lieu of pizza, head for a stromboli, hoagie, salad or pasta. Get your picture immortalized on the wall by defeating "The Big One Challenge," a 30", 52-slice monster of a pizza. The Watkinsville location features self-serve frozen yogurt. \$

Fresh Air Bar-B-Que

5170 Atlanta Hwy., Bogart • 770-725-5227 1110 Hull Rd. • 706-546-6060

www.freshairbbq.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Buffet (Hull Rd.), Catering. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days (Atlanta Hwy.). Lunch & Dinner, Wed.—Sat. (Hull Rd.). THE LOOK: Old-time country BBQ joint that was first established in 1929 in Jackson, GA. MENU: Plates of chopped pork BBQ sandwiches, chicken tenders and ribs with sides like Brunswick stew, baked beans, coleslaw, french fries and chips. Banana pudding for dessert. The Wednesday through Friday all-you-can-eat lunch buffet at the Hull Road location offers a different meat entree each day. \$

Fuzzy's Taco Shop

265 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-353-0305

www.fuzzystacoshop.com **FILE UNDER**: Mexican, Bars. **FEATURES**: Full Bar, Catering, Outdoor Seating, Trivia. **Hours**: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. Late Night, Th.–Sat. THE LOOK: A brightly colored Texasbased chain with a large outdoor patio and several TVs playing sports games. MENU: Breakfast burritos, huevos rancheros and migas (eggs scrambled with chorizo and pico de gallo) are served all day. Burritos, tacos and enchiladas come stuffed with your choice of fish, beef, pork, chicken or veggies. Also offering quesadillas, tamales, salads and fajitas. DRINKS: Cool off with a daiquiri, giant margarita or Mexican lager. \$

The Garden Grille

390 E. Washington St. • 706-353-6800 www.hiltongardeninnathens.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Full Bar, Buffet, Catering, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Breakfast & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: Full service restaurant situated inside of the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel. MENU: Breakfast can be cooked to order or assembled from the buffet. Steaks, burgers, pasta, salads and other all-American staples for dinner. \$

Genco Import Co.

246 E. Clayton St. • 706-354-0203

www.gencobar.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. THE LOOK: Inspired by The Godfather, this narrow bar is furnished with many mirrors, a marble bar and wooden accents. **DRINKS**: Multiple draft beers and a wide selection of bottled beers, including a few high-gravity and craft brews, to choose from. Try a specialty house drink such as the Scooby Snack or a made-from-scratch Bloody Mary. A few wine options, too. \$

General Beauregard's

164 E. Clayton St. • 706-543-8201

www.facebook.com/generalbeauregards FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Live Music, Outside Seating. THE LOOK: An antebellum-themed bar decked out in Confederate regalia and pre-Civil War stylings, complete with massive framed mirrors, a glittering chandelier, flags, rocking chairs and leather sofas. DRINKS: The signature Dixieland Tea (Kentucky bourbon and sweet tea served in a mason jar with a lemon slice) stay true to the bar's theme. Pair a beer, predominantly of the light and cheap variety, with free peanuts. \$

George's Lowcountry Table

2095 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-548-3359

www.georgeslowcountryonline.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. FEATURES: Full Bar, Weekend Brunch, Live Music, Reservations, Outside Seating. Hours: Dinner, 7 Days. Weekend Brunch. THE LOOK: Created as an homage to George Davis, the founder of Gus Garcia's and Harry Bissett's, this restaurant offers fine dining with Southern charm. MENU: Southern comfort cuisine with a touch of Cajun and Creole. Start off with a cup of gumbo, shrimp and grits or raw oysters. For dinner, try crab cakes, BBQ salmon over andouille hash or the Carpetbagger (filet mignon topped with fried oysters and bernaise sauce). Many of the same entrees can be found in smaller portions during brunch. DRINKS: Hearty list of international wines and a handful of cordials and ports to top off a meal. Try a signature cocktail such as The George (Dewar's Scotch whiskey, water), Persey's Elixer (tequila, pomegranate liquor, lemon juice, ginger beer) or French Gimlet (Hendrick's Gin, St. Germain, lime juice). \$\$\$

Georgia Bar

159 W. Clayton St. • 706-546-9884

Find them on Facebook.

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Live Music, Outside Seating. THE LOOK: Quintessential dive bar fueled by locals since 1986. Try your hand at an arcade game or play a round of pool inside. DRINKS: All the usual suspects behind the bar, including eight drafts, with two or three Terrapins in the mix. Free peanuts to munch on while you drink. \$

Gigi's Cupcakes

296 W. Broad St. • 706-208-7879

www.gigiscupcakesusa.com

FILE UNDER: Bakeries. FEATURES: Catering, Delivery. HOURS: Open 7 days. THE LOOK: Cupcake bakery franchise with friendly order-at-the-counter service. MENU: A total of 80 varieties of freshly-baked cupcakes, with a dozen options daily. Eclectic flavors include cherry limeade, chocolate chip cookie dough, blueberry lavender, chocolate salted caramel, Kentucky bourbon pie and peanut butter cup. Gluten-free cupcakes are available on Fridays and Saturdays. A few flavors of mini cheesecakes can be found here, too. \$

Girasoles

24 Greensboro Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-310-0410 www.girasolesfusion.wordpress.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. FEATURES: Beer & Wine, Reservations, Catering, Outside Seating. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, Tu.–Fri. Dinner, Sat. Sunday Brunch Buffet. THE Look: Fine dining situated in downtown Watkinsville. MENU: A fusion of Italian, Mexican and French cuisines. Order a few tapas to best experience the variety of flavors. Entrees include a sirioin with a blueberry balsamic glaze, rack of lamb roasted with a rosemary demi-glace and Chappelle's Chicken stuffed with spinach and feta. Chef Jose Zambrano is known to honor requests for dishes not on the menu. During brunch, you'll find made-to-order omelets, a carving station, waffle and pancake bar and homemade desserts. \$\$\$

The Globe 🛩

199 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-353-4721

www.facebook.com/globe.athens

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken, Vegetarian-Friendly, Bars. FEATURES: Live Music, Outside Seating, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Lunch, Dinner & Late Night, 7 days. Sunday Brunch. THE LOOK: Pubs from across the pond are the model here. An exposed brick interior, comfy couches, rocking chairs and a large mural depicting brewing scenes create a charming and relaxed atmosphere. The second floor is a popular destination for soccer fans. MENU: Popular pub cuisine like fish and chips, burgers, a tandoori chicken sandwich and spicy vegan chili. Sunday brunch consists of croissant sandwiches, steak and eggs, fritattas and French toast. DRINKS: The vast selection of around 80 beers, 60 wines and 40 single-malt scotches at the big brass bar has helped The Globe earn its reputation as a bar for the discerning drinker. \$

Go Bar

195 Prince Ave. • 706-546-5609

Find them on Facebook.

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Live Music/DJs, Outside Seating. THE LOOK: An intimate space with a stylish aesthetic complete with a disco ball, circular mirrors and silver walls. A large outdoor patio area enshrouded in blue lights offers a break from the entertainment inside. DJs and live bands perform regularly here, and karaoke, open-mic nights and drag performances occur often, too. DRINKS: No draft beers, but plenty of bottled brews, cocktails and shots to keep the dance parties fueled. \$

Golden Chick

7990 Macon Hwy., Watkinsville

www.goldenchick.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches and Chicken. FEATURES: Catering, Drive-Thru. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: New location of a Texas-based fried chicken restaurant with over 100 franchises throughout the region. MENU: Friend or roasted chicken, tenders, fried catfish and chicken salad sandwiches. Make it a meal with a yeast roll, drink and choice of side (battered fries, mashed potatoes, green beans, dirty rice, fried okra). Big family meals or small kids' meals available. \$

Golden Dragon

126 Alps Rd. • 706-552-1688

www.athensgoldendragon.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Beer & Wine, Buffet, Delivery, Catering. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: Spacious restaurant located in a shopping center. MENU: Tons of Chinese options like fried rice, chow mein, lo mein and egg foo young offered with beef, chicken, pork, shrimp or vegetables. An inexpensive and massive all-you-can-eat lunch buffet offers 300 items daily, including sizzling rice soup, Mandarin ribs, sweet and sour pork, sesame chicken, and Mongolian shrimp. Dragon Dinners, complete with soup, appetizers and multiple entrees, can be shared by tables of two to ten people. \$\$

Golden Sun Chinese Restaurant

4375 Lexington Rd. • 706-549-3388

www.goldensuninathens.com FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Beer & Wine, Delivery. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, Tu.-Sun. THE LOOK:



Pleasant dining within the Eastside Walmart shopping center. MENU: Countless classic options of chicken, beef, pork, shrimp and veggies prepared every which way, including 30 chef specials (sesame chicken, orange beef, velvet shrimp). Call in advance for the Peking duck. Over 50 different lunch specials offer big portions at low prices and come with choice of soup, fried rice and an egg roll. A Lighter Fare section offers steamed MSG-free meals low in sodium. \$\$

The Granary

20 Greensboro Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-769-6766

www.thegranarymarket.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. FEATURES: Outside Seating. Hours: 7 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Tu.–Sat. THE Look: A familyowned bakery and country store with counter-service. Swing by for a cup of coffee and a baked treat, or browse through the selection of baking supplies, spices, snacks and local products like eggs, pecans and honey. MENU: Loaves of bread (ciabatta, sourdough, whole wheat and cinnamon raisin) are made fresh each morning from grains ground right in the bakery's own stone mill. Sweets include cookies, cinnamon rolls, sticky buns, muffins and scones. Holcomb's famous local area barbecue is available on Saturdays. \$

Green Room

175 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-353-2439

www.greenroomathens.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Live Music/DJs. THE LOOK: New sister bar to the Georgia Theatre regularly hosting up-and-coming performers. DRINKS: Plenty of beers to choose from, plus a handful on non-alcoholic drinks. Try a specialty cocktail like Fresh to Def (vodka, agave nectar, cucumber, lime juice, soda) or the Beast of Burden (bourbon, honey syrup, red wine, lemon juice, soda). Classic combos like Burning Down the House (Fireball cinnamon whiskey shot and a PBR) make drinking on a budget easy. Always wanted to be in the green room? Now you can. \$

The Grill 🕊

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171 College Ave. • 706-543-4770

www.thegrillathensga.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Beer. HOURS: 24 hours, 7 days. THE LOOK: Classic '50s-style diner ornamented with an assortment of pop culture and old-Athens keepsakes. A longtime Athens institution, and a very popular destination for after last call or a quick lunch downtown. MENU: The dozen or so burgers and old-fashioned, hand-spun milkshakes are the backbone here, while fresh-cut fries with feta dressing are the most popular side. Sandwiches like roast beef, chicken salad, fish fillet and Reubens. Vegetarian options include Sun Burgers, Fakin' Bacon BLTs and Tofu Dogs. Breakfast is served daily from midnight until noon and includes all the dependable a.m. staples like omelets, bagels with lox, pancakes and chicken biscuits. \$

Grindhouse Killer Burgers

1553 S. Lumpkin St.

www.grindhouseburgers.com

FILE UNDER: Burgers, Vegetarian-Friendly, Bars. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE Look: Eclectic Atlanta-based burger house known for screening campy B-movies and Kung Fu flicks on the walls. MENU: Customize your own burger (beef, turkey, veggie), or try one of theirs like the Yankee Style (bleu cheese, bacon, grilled onions) or Dixie Style (pimento cheese, fried green tomato, coleslaw, chipotle ranch). DRINKS:Domestics, imports and crafts, plus a few wines. The real draw here though are the Boozy Milkshakes. Try a Puddin' Out (vanilla shake, banana liqueur, Pinnacle cake vodka, Nilla Wafers) or the Berry Springer (strawberry shake, raspberry liqueur, Pinnacle berry vodka). \$\$

The Grit 🕊

199 Prince Ave. • 706-543-6592

www.thegrit.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEA-TURES: Beer & Wine, Outside Seating, Art, Wi-Fi. Hours: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, 7 days, Weekend Brunch, THE LOOK: This nationally renowned vegetarian restaurant with an artsy atmosphere has been a distinctly Athens joint for over two decades. MENU: International cuisines, ranging from Indian, Italian, Asian, Mexican, etc. Faux-meat items like Greek-seasoned seitan gyro, hoisin-seared seitan banh mi and tofu Reuben are enjoyed among carnivores and vegetarians alike. Try a Golden Bowl (browned tofu sautéed in soy sauce and nutritional yeast with rice) or The Grit Staple (pinto beans, brown rice, melted cheese and onions) for a protein-packed dish. Check the chalkboard for daily specials and seasonal veggie sides. Rise and shine with breakfast burritos, omelets, pancakes, granola and biscuits. Dessert case full of cakes, pies and cookies made in-house. Always a good selection of beer and wine. Non-vegetarians don't even notice there's not any, you know, meat. \$\$

Groucho's Deli

396 Baxter St. • 706-425-8868 www.grouchos.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches. FEATURES: Catering. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: A new chain deli with booth seating, a large lunch counter and checkered floors. Floor-length windows allow plenty of light to shine in. MENU: Subs include the Apollo Dipper (hot ham, turkey and Swiss cheese served with choice of dip), The Brown Moose (roast beef, provolone cheese, lettuce and Groucho's Formula "45" sauce) and The BLC Chicken Critter (grilled marinated chicken breast, bacon crumbs, cheese, lettuce and mayo). Salads and low fat alternatives, too. Say the secret word.\$

Gyro Wrap

175 E. Broad St. • 706-543-9071 www.gyrowrap.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Beer, Outside Seating, Delivery. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE Look: This casual café has been around for over 30 years and is located across from the UGA Arch. Grab a stool at the bar to watch as your order is prepared on the open grill, or take a table outside for some great people-watching. MEAU: Tortilla and pita wraps, salads and Phillies. Try the signature Gyro Wrap, a grilled pita with hand-carved roast of beef and lamb with house z-sauce and lettuce. Pair it with hot kurly fries and creamy feta dressing for a full meal. For a vegetarian meal, try the falafel or hummus veggie wrap. An Athens institution and a pioneer in the downtown sidewalk café scene. \$

Half Moon Pub

301 E. Clayton St. • 706-208-9711 www.flanagansathens.homestead.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Live Music. THE LOOK: Don't mistake this bar for the downstairs of its rowdier sister bar, Flanagan's. Once you walk down the steps to this cellar pub, you'll find a relatively mellow atmosphere. DRINKS: Several brews to choose from, including locals like Terrapin and Sweetwater. Bottles of wine are plentiful for sharing over relaxed conversation. \$

Happy China Buffet

2301 College Station Rd. • 706-552-3388

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Buffet. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: Four buffet tables stand front and center in the shopping center locale. MENU: Fill your plate up with samples of popular Chinese dishes (General Tso chicken, garlic shrimp, lo mein), eggrolls, cold mussels and salad. A variety of cakes, fruit and soft serve ice cream for dessert. \$\$

Harry's Pig Shop

2425 Jefferson Rd. • 706-612-9219 www.harryspigshop.com

FILE UNPER: Downhome and BBQ, Vegetarian-Friendly. **FEA-TURES:** Beer & Wine, Catering, Outside Seating, Delivery. **Hours:** Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. **THE LOOK:** This modern diner is nicer than your average BBQ joint. **MENU:** Harry's specialties include BBQ pulled pork sandwiches, BBQ tofu, fried green tomatoes, brisket Philly cheesesteaks, baby back ribs, BBQ nachos and teriyaki tenderloin sliders. BBQ plates come with two sides like baked beans, baked macaroni and cheese, sweet potato fries and marinated beets. For dessert, try old-fashioned banana pudding or bread pudding with bourbon sauce. Brought to you by the Epting guys, who know their food and enjoy being creative with old favorites. \$\$





Heirloom Cafe and Fresh Market

815 N. Chase St. • 706-354-7901 www.heirloomathens.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian-Friendly FEATURES: Beer & Wine, Catering, Outside Seating, Art, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, Mon.-Sat. Weekend Brunch. THE LOOK: This Boulevard neighborhood farm-to-table café and gourmet market is all about sustainability and sourcing locally. MENU: A highly seasonal menu reflecting each week's harvest. Sandwiches, salads and soups for lunch. A bistro-style dinner menu includes distinctly Southern options like bacon wrapped meatloaf, shrimp and grits, smoked pork shoulder and The Polk Burger (housemade lentil-walnut burger with cheese, local lettuces and sriracha). For brunch, try Love on a Biscuit (chicken stew, veggies and two poached eggs on a housemade biscuit), a tofu scramble, breakfast burrito or quiche. Interesting desserts like ginger honey cheesecake, chocolate olive oil pot de creme and roasted rhubarb and strawberry puff pastries. In the market, you'll find housemade pastries and cakes, local cheeses, natural beverages, pickled veggies and to-go salads, sandwiches, entrees and casseroles. \$\$\$

Hendershot's Coffee Bar

237 Prince Ave. • 706-353-3050

www.hendershotscoffee.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Bars. FEATURES: Full Bar, Catering, Live Music, Art, Wi-Fi. Hours: Open 7 days. THE LOOK: This former-Westside, beloved coffee shop and music venue is now located in a more spacious Bottleworks location, allowing for bigger shows and an expanded kitchen. MENU: An assortment of coffees, tea, seasonal fruit smoothies and juices. Always a good selection of muffins, cookies, savory scones and bagels to pair with your drink. Items like macaroni salad, pimento cheese, chicken salad and Redneck Caviar (black eyed peas, jalapeños, tomatoes, spices) are prepared fresh daily. DRINKS: A good selection of craft beers and wines for when the sun goes down. Combine the best of both worlds with a coffee cocktail. Seth Hendershot has proven his ability to mix food, drink and music into an enjoyable neighborhood location where everybody feels at home. \$

Herschel's Famous 34 Pub & Grill 320 E. Clayton St. • 706-353-0334

www.herschelsfamous34pubandgrill.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Beer, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch, Dinner & Late Night, 7 Days. THE LOOK: This new spot is a tribute to Herschel Walker, former UGA football player, Heisman Trophy winner and all-around sports hero, and his jersey's number, 34. Catch a game on one of the five large screen TVs. MENU: An impressive wings list includes 34 variations like raspberry horseradish, tequila lime, parmesan pesto, hot plum and Doritos Nacho Cheese. All-American classics like grilled steaks, burgers, seafood, sandwiches, pasta and salads. Pair your meal with one of 34 offered craft beers. Herschel put modern Georgia football on the map. \$\$

Hibachi Grill Supreme Buffet

2020 Barnett Shoals Rd. • 706-546-8777 www.hibachiathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian. FEATURES: Buffet. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: Glammed up with chandeliers and neon lights. this restaurant features a huge buffet of over 300 items ideal for parties with picky eaters. MENU: Have a chef sear your choice of proteins and vegetables at the hibachi station. Buffet tables displaying tons of Chinese dishes, sushi, American food, fruit, salad and desserts are spread across the room. \$\$

Highwire Lounge 👾

269 N. Hull St. • 706-543-8997

www.highwirelounge.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Live Music, Trivia, Outside Seating, Art. THE LOOK: An upscale and intimate venue with handcrafted walnut booths, private side rooms and a stage frequently hosting live music. A great downtown spot to hear jazz on a Friday evening. MENU: Tasty snacks like cayenne candied peanuts. Southern Smoked Gouda Grit Arancini, patatas bravas. cheese plates and turtle cheesecake. Pub food from its sister bar, Trappeze, is also available. DRINKS: High-end cocktails carefully crafted with small batch liquors and fresh ingredients like The Black Mule (Cytron vodka, blackberries, lime, Blenheim's ginger ale) and the Bee's Knees (Bellringer, lemon, clover honey). Ask

about the seasonal selections. A plethora of craft beers and wine selections, too. \$

Hilltop Grille

2310 W. Broad St. • 706-353-7667 www.hilltopgrille.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. FEATURES: Reservations, Live Music, Outside Seating. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, Tu.-Sun. Dinner, Mon. Sunday Brunch. THE LOOK: A locally-owned establishment away from the downtown scene but with plenty of bulldog pride. UGA-themed artwork by cartoonist Jack Davis is displayed throughout the building, including a nine-foot long mural of UGA trampling other SEC mascots. Weekly live music out on the patio. MENU: Steak and seafood are the centerpieces of this American cuisine restaurant. Settle down with a New York strip. ribeye, filet mignon or crown steak. Seafood selections include lobster tail, seared scallops with fig balsamic reduction, teriyaki salmon and pecan-crusted rainbow trout. For brunch, try the omelet of the day, French toast or shrimp and grits. DRINKS: Wine is the focus here, with an impressive list of international options to accompany your meal. \$\$\$

Hodgson's Pharmacy

1260 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-543-7386 www.hodgsonsrx.com

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream. Hours: Mon.-Fri, 9-6 p.m. Sat, 9-12:30 p.m. THE LOOK: This old-fashioned pharmacy, established in 1956, may have moved to a new Five Points location, but its ice cream counter remains the same. MENU: Choose from traditional flavors of Edy's ice cream in a cup or cone for just \$1, or mix it into a malt, shake or float. \$

HoneyBaked Ham Co. & Café

3690 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-613-8800 www.honeybaked.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches. FEATURES: Delivery, Catering, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch, Mon.-Sat. \$

Hot Thomas Barbecue

3753 Hwy. 15, Watkinsville • 706-769-6550 www.hotthomasbbq.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Catering, Checks. HOURS: Lunch, Tues.-Sat., Dinner, Fri.-Sat. THE LOOK: Roadside country store with old-fashioned bottles and miscellaneous knick-knacks lining the walls. MENU: Simple yet popular BBQ fare. The smoky chopped pork with either a ketchup- or vinegarbased sauce anchors most plates, but the joint also offers ribs, chicken, hamburgers and chili dogs. Sides include slaw, mull and Brunswick stew. Slices of pecan or chocolate pie for dessert. \$

Hoyt House Restaurant

295 E. Dougherty St. • 706-425-0444

www.foundryparkinn.com/Hoyt-House

FILE UNDER: American, Something Different. FEATURES: Beer & Wine, Reservations, Catering, Outside Seating, Wi-Fi. Hours: Breakfast & Lunch, 7 days. THE LOOK: Foundry Park Inn's upscale, parlor-style restaurant is located within a restored twostory house built in 1829. The historic atmosphere includes an eclectic interior design and brick fireplaces. MENU: Breakfast is a variety of bagels and lox, eggs Benedict, omelets and biscuit sandwiches. Buttermilk pancakes, waffles and French toast are topped with choice of blueberry compote, chocolate or strawberries. For lunch, refined salads, daily soups and sandwiches like a salmon BLT, French Dip, savory chicken salad, turkey wrap and the Hoyt House Cheeseburger. Sherbert and brownies for dessert. \$\$

Hubee D's

1591 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-549-3900

www.hubeeds.com FILE UNDER: Sandwiches and Chicken. FEATURES: Beer, Catering. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: A tenders and wings franchise based out of Charleston and located in Five Points. MENU: Tenders, sandwiches and slow hickory smoked wings (traditional or boneless) prepared dry rub style or flavored with sauce (buffalo, honey BBQ, bourbon, jerk or honey mustard). Baskets are served with hand-cut fries, coleslaw and cornbread. Lighter options include salads and wraps. Finish your meal off with a banana pudding pop or ice cream sandwich or maybe even both. \$



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Ike and Jane 👾

1307 Prince Ave. • 706-850-1580

90 Carlton St. (Georgia Museum of Art) • 706-542-4662 www.ikeandjane.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Sandwiches, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Outside Seating, Wi-Fi. Hours: Open 7 Days (Normaltown). Tues.-Fri. (GMOA). THE LOOK: The original location is a charming café and bakery in Normaltown with daily challenges that promise 10% off your order. A satellite location is also inside the Georgia Museum of Art on campus. MENU: Breakfast sandwiches and biscuits come in combinations of egg, ham, soysage, bacon and cheese. For lunch, choose from soups, salads and simple sandwiches like roast beef, white cheddar and horseradish on a black pepper baguette or grilled ham, mayo and gruyere on sourdough. The dessert case is always stocked with cupcakes, macaroons, muffins and other sweet treats. A creative array of donuts is an overwhelming sight to see, with plenty of unique flavors like The Elvis (peanut butter, banana, bacon). Colorful options are often topped with cereal and candy (Fruity Pebbles, Butterfinger, Samoas) or inspired by seasonal holidays. \$

Independent Baking Company 1625 S. Lumpkin St.

FILE UNDER: Bakeries. THE LOOK: New artisanal bread bakery in the heart of Five Points run by seasoned baker Thomas Leonard. Swing by for a bite to go. MENU: Specialty and European-style breads, baguettes, croissants, brioche, scones and muffins that are hearth baked and made with organic flour. \$

Inoko Express

2061 Experiment Station Rd., Watkinsville • 706-769-7088 3190 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-425-8828

FILE UNDER: Asian. FEATURES: Delivery. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: Quick counter service ideal for meals to go, but there's also plenty of room to dine in. MENU: A short and sweet menu of steak, chicken, shrimp and salmon prepared hibachi style or with teriyaki sauce. Entrees come with fried rice, vegetables and two sauces. \$

Inoko Japanese Steak House

161 Alps Rd. • 706-546-8589

www.inokos.com

FILE UNDER: Asian. FEATURES: Full Bar, Reservations, Delivery. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, Sun.-Fri. Dinner, Sat. THE LOOK: Entertaining chefs show off their exceptional knife skills as they prepare your meal on a hibachi grill right at your table. MENU: Combinations of ribeye steak, filet mignon, chicken, shrimp, scallops and lobster dropped over rice and veggies and paired with onion soup, salad and a shrimp appetizer. Smaller portions during lunch. Good selection of sushi on hand as well. \$\$\$

Inoko Sushi Express

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2301 College Station Rd. • 706-546-5662 www.inokosushiexpress.com

FILE UNDER: Asian. FEATURES: Catering, Delivery. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. Late Night, Th.-Sat. THE LOOK: Casual spot with speedy counter service and ample room to dine in. MENU: A few dozen varieties of sushi are available, including popular specialty rolls such as the Widespread Roll (fried zucchini, masago, tuna, eel sauce) and Rainbow Roll. Teriyaki dinners (including mango or pineapple chicken, shrimp, tofu and filet mignon) come with a side salad and steamed or fried rice. \$

Insomnia Cookies

228 E. Clayton St.

www.insomniacookies.com

FILE UNDER: Bakeries. FEATURES: Catering, Delivery. Hours: Until 3 a.m., 7 Days. THE LOOK: A new cookie franchise that stays up late. Swing by the store or have goodies delivered directly to your door. MENU: A dozen types of cookies (double chocolate mint, snickerdoodle, s'mores, chocolate peanut butter cup) and brownies can be customized with candy and nut toppings. Create a cookiewich or have your dessert a la mode by adding ice cream. \$

J & J Flea Market

11661 Hwy. 441 N. • 706-613-2410

www.jandjfleamarket.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Outside Seating, Cash Only. HOURS: Breakfast & Lunch, Sat.-Sun. THE LOOK: Various spots around the premises of Georgia's biggest flea market serve up snacks to keep you fueled while bargain hunting. MENU: The usual BBQ fare of pulled pork sandwiches and traditional sides. Pizza and Mexican food dominate the rest of the many options in the flea market. \$

J. Christopher's

1650 S. Lumpkin St.

www.ichristophers.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Wi-Fi. HOURS: Breakfast & Lunch, 7 Days. THE LOOK: Opening date TBD. MENU: Belgian waffles, berry crepes, parfaits, pancakes, skillets, omelets and more for breakfast. Sandwiches, quesadillas, salads and burgers for lunch. \$\$

Jason's Deli

140 Alps Rd. • 706-425-4950 www.jasonsdeli.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Delivery, Catering, Outside Seating. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: Family-friendly deli with counter service, an impressive salad bar and lots of tables. MENU: A large selection of subs, paninis, wraps, muffalettas, pasta, soups and salads, with plenty of vegetarian, gluten-sensitive and health-conscious options. There is no use of MSG, high-fructose corn syrup or trans fat. Take on the all-you-can-eat salad bar for unlimited veggies. Free soft-serve ice cream, too, \$

Jerzee's Sports Bar

420 E. Clayton St. • 443-798-0999

www.jerzeessportsbar.net

FILE UNDER: American, Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Live Music/ DJs. Hours: Dinner & Late Night, 7 Days. THE LOOK: Sports bar by day, dance club by night. This huge space features over 20 HDTVs and another six projection screens for catching a game or watching music videos. MENU: All-American staples like burgers, subs and wings, plus lots of appetizers like potato skins, jalapeño poppers, mozzarella sticks, chicken fingers and fries. Bar food is available long after the kitchen closes. DRINKS: Ten beers on draft and many more in bottle. \$\$

Jimmy John's Gourmet Subs

600 Baxter St. • 706-613-0500 2301 College Station Rd. • 706-543-5411 www.jimmyjohns.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches. FEATURES: Drive-Thru (Baxter), Delivery, Catering, Outside Seating (Baxter). Hours: Lunch, Dinner & Late Night, 7 days. THE LOOK: Sandwich assembly counter service. MENU: Two dozen sandwiches in various sizes. Depending on your appetite, choose a Plain Slim, an 8" sub sandwich, a Giant Club or the J.J. Gargantuan. As a low-carb option, JJ Unwiches are made with lettuce wraps instead of bread, so they've got you covered. \$

Jittery Joe's Coffee 🛩

UGA Miller Learning Center • 706-549-2124 27 Greensboro Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-769-4280 1860 Barnett Shoals Rd. • 706-354-8000 1480 Baxter St. • 706-548-1099 1230 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-208-1979 297 E. Broad St. • 706-613-7449 1880 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-354-8900 www.jitteryjoes.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. FEATURES: Drive-Thru (Baxter St., Greensboro Hwy. & Epps Bridge), Outside Seating, Art, Wi-Fi. Hours: Vary by location. Open 7 days. THE LOOK: Each location of this Athens-based franchise is different from the other, but all share an atmosphere of warm colors, comfortable seating, local art and a distinctly Athens flavor. MENU: Locally micro-roasted coffees from around the world in every which way. Wide range of hot drinks like the infamous Crackaccino (four shots of espresso and frothed milk), flavored mochas and premium teas. Cool down with an iced coffee, Fruit Freeze or Frosty Joe. Locally baked goodies like bagels, giant brownies, parfaits, scones and muffins. \$

The Tasting Room at Jittery Joe's Roasting Company

425 Barber St. • 706-227-2161 www.jitteryjoes.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. FEATURES: Outside Seating, Wi-Fi. Hours: 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat.-Sun. THE LOOK: A tin-lined warehouse where Athens' most popular coffee gets micro-roasted. Ask roaster Charlie Mustard for a tour, or take a seat on the wooden porch to relax or study. MENU: Fresh-ground beans by the pound, cups of coffee, teas and shots of espresso. \$

Johnny's New York Style Pizza

1040 Gaines School Rd. • 706-354-1515

www.johnnyspizza.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Beer & Wine, Catering, Delivery, Outside Seating, Trivia, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: A Georgia-based franchise with a neighborhood pizzeria vibe. MENU: Features hand-tossed pizzas and 20 different hot-baked subs. Specialty

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pies include Johnny's Italian Special (sausage, mushrooms, onions, pepperoni, green peppers). Other options include wraps, salads, calzones, stromboli, wings and Italian classics like lasagna, eggplant parmigiana and spaghetti. \$

Journey Juice

1428 Prince Ave. • 706-850-0707

www.journeyjuice.com FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian-Friendly. Hours: 6 a.m.–8 p.m., 7 Days. THE Look: Swing by this new juicing operation for a quick meal to go. Knowledgeable staff members will gladly offer tips on how to plan a juice cleanse. MENU: Raw, organic, cold-pressed and unpastuerized fruit and vegetable juices. Nutritious drinks packed with vitamins and enzymes feature flavors like Beet Zinger (beets, apples, lemon, ginger), Just Greens (celery, cucumbers, kale, parsley, romaine, spinach, lemon) and Pineapple Blossom (pineapples, beets, orange blossom water). \$

Just Pho...and More

1063 Baxter St. • 706-850-1420

www.justphoandmore.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Outside Seating, Art, Delivery. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, Tu.—Sun. THE Look: Family run Vietnamese eatery with sit-down service and local art gracing the walls. MENU: 15 varieties of pho (Vietnamese noodle soup) from which to choose, as well as other traditional dishes like com (rice plates with grilled meat), bun (vermicelli noodles over lettuce and bean sprouts) and banh mi sandwiches (specialty meats, pâté and veggies on French bread). Boba drinks (with tapioca balls) come in 15 flavors including taro, lavender and traditional Thai tea. Sinh To (fruit smoothies) come in durian, jack fruit and avocado. Other unusual drinks include an aloe juice drink and a grass jelly drink. \$

KEBA Spitfire Grill

1021 Jamestown Blvd., Watkinsville • 706-310-7222 1850 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-543-8210 1860 Barnett Shoals Rd. • 706-850-7285 www.kebaorill.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian-Friendly. **FEA-TURES:** Catering, Outside Seating, Drive-Thru (Watkinsville), Delivery, Wi-Fi. **Hours:** Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. **THE Look:** Casual sandwich shop established by German native Achim Reus. **MENU:** Specializes in the kebap, Germany's signature sandwich via the Middle East. European bread or a wrap is loaded with veggies and your choice of beef, chicken, pork, feta, falafel, corned beef or tuna. Add Belgian fries and sauce (Curry Up, Pesto Magnifico, Black Olive and Creamy Feta, to name a few) for a meal. Kids' meals include mini kebaps. Gelato for dessert. \$

Kelly's Jamaican Food

1583 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-208-0000 145 Epps Bridge Rd. • 706-369-5399

Find them on Facebook.

FLE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEA-TURES: Beer, Catering, Outside Seating. HOURS: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: Bright yellow and green interior filled with pictures of Jamaica and beachy decor. A covered patio is great for warm summer nights. MENU: Authentic Jamaican cuisine served quickly from steam trays. The menu changes often, but every plate is stacked with an entree (meats like jerk chicken, oxtail, curry goat, BBQ ribs and more) and comes with two vegetarian-friendly sides (spicy cabbage, fried plantains, macaroni and cheese), sweet cornbread and a sweet tea. \$\$

Krimson Kafe

40 Greensboro Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-310-0888 www.krimsonkafe.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian-Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, Outside Seating, Art. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon.–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Friendly small-town café down the road in Watkinsville. **MENU:** A simple selection of homemade soups, salads and deli sandwiches. Build your own sandwich or try a Mocha Bird (smoked turkey, roast beef, Swiss-American cheese) or Vanamonster (thinly sliced corned beef with Swiss-American cheese, honey mustard and sauerkraut). Chicken salad, egg salad, ham salad and pimento cheese are all homemade daily. Vegetarian options include the Brock (seven veggies, hummus, spicy mustard and Swiss on wheat toast), hummus wrap, veggie burgers and a triple-decker PBJ. \$

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

3703 Atlanta Hwy., Bogart • 706-208-0628

www.krispykreme.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. FEATURES: Catering, Drive-Thru, Wi-Fi. Hours: 5:30 a.m.-10 p.m., Sun.-Th. 5:30 a.m.-11 p.m., Fri.-Sat. \$

Kumquat Mae Bakery Café

18 Barnett Shoals Rd., Watkinsville • 706-769-1105 www.kumguatmaebakery.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Beer & Wine, Live Music, Outdoor Seating, Catering, Art. Hours: Breakfast & Lunch, 7 Days. THE Look: This cute bakery nestled in Watkinsville often stays open on Friday and Saturday nights for live music, open-mics and other special events. MENU: Pancakes, omelets, eggs Benedict and breakfast sandwiches are served all day. The bakery's case is always stocked full of fresh bagels, muffins, cupcakes and scones. For lunch, a menu offering burgers, salads, daily soups and sandwiches. Plenty of vegan and gluten-free options, too. \$

La Cabaña de Don Juan

995 Hawthorne Ave. • 706-613-3535

www.cabanadonjuanmexrest.com FLE UNDER: Mexican and Latin American, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Full Bar, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE Look: New family-run Mexican restaurant decorated with colorful wall murals and five flat screen TVs. MENU: A diverse menu of fajitas, steaks, nachos, quesadillas, burritos, enchiladas and tacos. Try the Don Juan Special (grilled chicken and turkey bacon with onions, pineapple and chipotle sauce) or select a combination meal. DRINKS: Margaritas, Mexican beers and a few draft brews. Order a Bulldog Margarona (a Corona faced down in a margarita) for the best of both worlds. \$\$

La Dolce Vita

323 E. Broad St. • 706-353-3911

www.ladolcevitaathens.com FILE UNDER: Italian. FEATURES: Beer & Wine, Reservations, Catering. Hours: Dinner, 7 Days. THE Look: Cozy upstairs nook with a great bird's-eye view of downtown and North Campus. MENU: Authentic Italian cuisine like housemade carpacci (thinly sliced beef served raw or air cured), hand-out pastas, secret recipe meatballs and gnocchi. Try grilled swordfish with golden raisin-pine nut caponata or fresh pappardelle with red wine braised lamb ragu. Top off your meal with a tiramisu, panna cotta, cannoli or gelato. There's an impressive list of Italian wines, and a handful of imported beers, too. Prix fixe menus available. Keep an eye out for daily specials. \$\$\$

La Estrella

400 Hawthorne Ave. • 706-353-8557

FILE UNDER: Mexican. FEATURES: Full Bar. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, Wed.–Mon. THE LOOK: Murals of a mariachi guitarist and sea creatures decorate the walls of this friendly spot located in a small shopping center. MENU: Largely a marisqueria, this restaurant specializes in authentic Mexican seafood dishes. Try a Mojarra Frita (whole fried fish), Tostada de Pulpo (octopus) or the ceviche-like shrimp cocktail. Typical south-of-the-border fare like fajitas, burritos and enchiladas, too. \$\$

La Fiesta

1395 College Station Rd. • 706-549-5933 www.athens-lafiesta.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian—Friendly. FEATURES: Full Bar, Catering, Live Music, Outside Seating, Delivery. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: Eastside location with colorful decor and a large covered outdoor patio. MENU: Popular Mexican fare like burritos, enchiladas, fajitas, nachos, tacos and quesadillas. Special entrees include the Torta Fiesta, chipotle shrimp, chile relleno and carne asada. If indecisive, select a combination entree for a sampling of several items. DRINKS: Margaritas come in a variety of flavors including lime, strawberry, mango, peach and pina colada. Ten different Mexican beers to complement your meal. A few domestics and house wines, too. \$\$

La Puerta del Sol

1245 Cedar Shoals Dr.

www.lapuertadelsol.net

FILE UNDER: Mexican and Latin American. THE LOOK: This aqua blue, two story building surrounded by palm trees is the creation



WWW.BIGCITYBREADCAFE.COM

<u>sig city bread cafe</u>

of Bruno Rubio, owner of Cali 'N Titos. Opening date TBD. ${\rm Menu}$: Authentic Peruvian and Latin American cuisine. \$

La Rosita

840 Hull Rd. • 706-543-5453

FILE UNDER: Mexican. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: A taqueria and torteria housed inside a gas station. MENU: Here, you'll find traditional Mexican fare like giant tortas, tacos, tostadas, fajitas, nachos, burritos, chimichangas and seafood options. \$\$

Larry's Giant Subs

1720 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-227-7298 www.larryssubs.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Catering, Delivery. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: Popular Florida-based franchise with over 60 locations around the Southeast. MENU: Hot or cold subs, New York deli sandwiches, Italian hoagies, Philly cheesesteaks and salads. Customize your own, or try The New York Special (black angus roast beef, melted provolone) or Kong's Club (ham, roasted turkey, bacon, veggies). \$

Last Resort Grill 🛩

184 W. Clayton St. • 706-549-0810

www.lastresortgrill.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian-Friendly, Bars. FEATURES: Outside Seating, Art. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. Sunday Brunch. THE LOOK: Sophisticated setting with exposed brick walls, colorful murals and local art. MENU: Southern cooking with Southwestern accents such as the Pork Belly (house-braised and served with sweet potato mash and pineapple-jalapeño salsa au jus) and El Campesino (pasta with charred red peppers, corn and black beans in a tequila and roasted tomato sauce). Plenty of creative steaks, pastas, salads, seafood and soups to choose from. For brunch, try The Texan (pork tenderloin over grits and topped with serrano-mint jam) or Ranchero Omelette (stuffed with black beans, Texas caviar and monterev jack cheese, and topped with salsa and cilantro crème fraiche). Choose a slice of cake from the huge front case for dessert. DRINKS: Over 200 wines and an extensive list of cocktails. Try a Georgia Peach, Nutella-tini or Clayton Street Cosmopolitan from the All American Martini List, a menu of vodkas, gins and vermouth all made in the U.S. \$\$\$

Lindsey's Culinary Market

1238 Prince Ave. • 706-353-0558

www.lindseysculinarymarket.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Something Different, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Catering. Hours: 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Mon.– Fri. THE LOOK: Quaint café in Normaltown run by chef Lindsey Payne, who also tends the signature flower garden outside the front door. MENU: Simple biscuit sandwiches and grits for breakfast. Homemade soups, sandwiches and salads for lunch, with lots of daily specials. Freshly baked sweets include brownies, rosemary cookies, chocolate-dipped macaroons. Take home a ready-made frozen casserole such as Chicken Tetrazzini, lasagna and Beef Burgundy. Next door to a paint store, but well worth a second look as you pass by. \$\$

Little Bull Bar & Grill 259 E. Broad St.

FILE UNDER: South American, Bars. FEATURES: Full Bar, Outside Seating. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: New casual dining establishment downtown. MENU: Authentic Puerto Rican cuisine. Entrees include mofongo with skirt steak, Cuban sandwiches, hamburgers. Appetizers such as cornstick fritters, fried cheese balls. DRINKS: Sangria, pina coladas, guava, passion fruit or classic mojitos. \$\$

Little Italy

125 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-613-7100 Find them on Facebook.

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Beer. HOURS: Lunch, Dinner & Late Night, Mon.—Sat. THE LOOK: This no-frills New York-style pizzeria makes a great spot for latenight revelers and low-key lunchers. MENU: Choose your own toppings and order by the slice or by the pie. Big subs, antipasti, salads, stromboli and calzones, too. Everything, including pitchers of beer, is priced for the penny-pincher. \$

Little Kings Shuffle Club

223 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-369-3144

www.facebook.com/lkshuffleclub

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Live Music, Trivia, Outside Seating, Wi-Fi. THE LOOK: This bar, a favorite of the townie crowd, has floor-to-ceiling windows, exposed brick walls and lots of local charm. A busy schedule is full of live music, DJs, salsa, trivia and drag performances. The large outdoor patio is perfect for games of cornhole and summer dance parties. DRINKS: A wide variety of bottled beers, plus two Terrapins and two rotating seasonal drafts on tap. Specialty drinks include The Big Apple (Zubrowka Bison Grass Vodka and organic apple juice), The Basil Lemonade (organic basil-infused vodka and lemonade) and Spicy Tequila Beer (organic tequila, fresh jalapeño, lime juice, agave nectar and ginger beer). Wines, too. \$

Locos Grill & Pub 2020 Timothy Rd. • 706-549-7700

1985 Barnett Shoals Rd. • 706-208-0911

www.locosgrill.com

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian-Friendly, Bars. FEATURES: Curbside Pick-Up (Timothy Rd.), Delivery, Live Music (Timothy Rd.), Trivia, Catering, Wi-Fi, Outside Seating. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: A local chain with a classic American pub atmosphere. Since its inception 25 years ago, it has spread to more than a dozen locations. MENU: Deli sandwiches (Cuban, Spicy Chicken, Pork Chop, Philly Cheese) and burgers (Bayou, Redneck Deluxe, El Dorado, BBQ Bacon Cheddar Burger) are the anchor. Sub a veggie patty or chicken breast on any of the specialty burgers. Lots of other options like salad, wings, chicken tenders, steak. DRINKS: Fully stocked bar with inexpensive domestic beer available in pitchers or by the glass. \$\$

Logan's Roadhouse

3668 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-227-9890 www.logansroadhouse.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Full Bar. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. \$\$

Longhorn Steakhouse

2170 W. Broad St. • 706-548-0054 www.longhornsteakhouse.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Full Bar. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. \$\$\$

Los Coyotes

1115 Mitchell Bridge Rd. • 706-850-3333

www.loscoyotesmexicanrestaurant.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Full Bar, Outside Seating, Vegetarian Friendly. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: Huge, new two-story restaurant with a beautifully decorated interior and lots of outdoor seating. MENU: Plethora of enchiladas, fajitas, tacos, burritos, quesadillas, steaks, seafood and tortas (ham, steak, chicken, chorizo, carnitas, lengua) perfect for parties with picky eaters. Thirty combination platters and another 10 vegetarian combos are great for sampling a little bit of everything. DRINKS: Equal number of domestic and Mexican beers, the latter including Sol, Tecate and Carta Blanca. Margaritas come in strawberry, peach, mango, pina colada and lime. \$\$

Los Reyes Mexican Restaurant 1880 Hwy. 29 N. • 706-227-8308

FILE UNDER: Mexican and Latin American. FEATURES: Delivery. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: New eatery housed in an unassuming gas station. MENU: A large menu of authentic Mexican fare. Simple, tasty tacos are filled with cilantro, onions and choice of fish, al pastor, barbacoa or lengua. Try a torta, carne asada or the Burrito Los Reyes stuffed full of chicken, shrimp, rice and veggies. \$

Lumpkin Café

1700 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-543-3122 www.lumpkincafe.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEA-TURES: Catering, Outside Seating. HOURS: Lunch, Mon.—Sat. THE LOOK: Charming cafe nestled inside a quaint stone cottage in Five Points. MENU: A simple menu of salads, sandwiches, crepes and soups of the day. Try the Oriental Salad (stir-fried chicken or steak, greens and chow mein noodles tossed in a spicy Thai peanut dressing) or tarragon chicken salad served with seasonal fruit. To get your fix of veggies, order the ratatouille crepe filled with eggplant, carrots, celery, bell pepper, onion and tomato. Soups are available to pick up by the quart, and a freezer is always stocked with ready-made items to take home. Ask about the daily special. \$

The Mad Hatter

400 E. Clayton St. • 706-372-2455 Find them on Facebook.

THE LOOK: "Tea Time" signs and Clubs. **FEATURES:** DJs, Outside Seating. **THE LOOK:** "Tea Time" signs and playing cards plaster the walls of this Alice in Wonderland-inspired bar. Karaoke and open mic nights are held often, and the second floor is available to rent for private parties. **DRINKS:** The usual domestics and well drinks, as well as popular Thin Mint shots and Brugrenades. Shots and shooters are often served in glass teacups, to help you through the looking glass. \$





Madison Bar & Bistro 500 College Ave. • 706-546-0430

www.indigoathens.com/madison

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars. FEATURES: Reservations, Outside Seating, Live Music, Wi-Fi. Hours: Breakfast, Dinner & Late Night, 7 days. THE LOOK: Enjoy a peaceful after-work drink or an elegant dinner at this chic spot located inside Hotel Indigo. Take a seat at the full service bar, at a dining table, in the intimate lounge or on the outdoor patio near the firepit. A dogfriendly Canine Cocktail Hour is held weekly. MENU: Snack on a starter such as a local cheese and honey plate or low country shrimp and crab dip. Entrees include Sicilian style pizzas on thick rosemary focaccia, salads made with local and seasonal ingredients, burgers and mixed grill kabobs. For breakfast, build your own frittata or try a smoked gouda bagel sandwich. DRINKS: A long list of wines, premium spirits and beers. Specialty drinks abound, including La Grande Jatte (Hendricks rose and cucumber infused gin, St. Germain elder flower liqueur, sparkling water and cilantro) and the Starry Night (Van Gogh banana vodka, coconut rum, pineapple and orange juice). \$\$

Magnolias

312 E. Broad St. • 706-543-0797

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Outside Seating. THE LOOK: Spacious two-story bar with classic Southern charm. Simple touches such as magnolias on an overhead trellis, little white lights and dark wood accents create a refined yet casual atmosphere. Pool tables upstairs. DRINKS: The usual array of brews behind the bar, plus daily deals on domestics and wells. For something refreshing, try an Absolut peach tea or Stoli strawberry lemonade. \$

Main Moon Restaurant

2061 Experiment Station Rd., Watkinsville • 706-769-8686 www.mainmoonwatkinsville.com

FILE UNDER: Asian. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: Quick and casual counter-service is the focus. MENU: Over 100 variations of popular Chinese dishes like chow mein, stir fry, fried rice, Io mein and egg foo young. Chef specials include Mongolian chicken, Szechuan beef and Hunan shrimp. \$\$

Mama Sid's Pizza

2240 Barnett Shoals Rd. • 706-549-6100

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: BYOB, Buffet, Delivery. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, Mon.—Sat. THE Look: Casual family-run pizzeria celebrating its 30th year of business. MENU: An all-you-can-eat buffet is perfect for pizza lovers with a large appetite and a small budget. Order off the menu for salads, subs, pasta, hot wings, calzones and more. \$

Mama's Boy 👾

197 Oak St. • 706-548-6249

www.eatatmamasboy.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Catering, Outside Seating, Reservations, Art, Wi-Fi. Hours: Breakfast & Lunch, 7 days. Weekend Brunch. The Look: This cute, hip spot has all the charm of a Southern diner accented with nice decor and local art. Outdoor picnic tables help to accommodate large parties. MENU: In the morning, try Salmon Cakes Benedict, Pulled Pork Breakfast Tacos or Georgia Peach French Toast. Special pancakes every Tuesday. For lunch, blackened flounder over cheese grits, fried green tomato sandwiches, pimento cheese burgers and sweet tea-brined fried chicken with sides like mashed sweet potatoes, garlic green beans and fluffy biscuits. Drinks include homemade strawberry lemonade, milkshakes and their own special brew of Jittery Joes coffee. \$\$

The Manhattan Café 🛩

337 N. Hull St. • 706-369-9767

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Outside Seating, DJs. THE LOOK: A much-adored alternative spot beloved by Athens townies and long-time natives. The space is full of eclectic furniture, unusual art, a jukebox and random knick-knacks. DRINKS: The diverse line-up of drinks matches the creative atmosphere. House specialties include The Manhattan (bourbon or rye, sweet vermouth, bitters) and the popular Blenheim's spicy ginger ale with Maker's Mark. Check the chalkboard for seasonal cocktails. Beers from both ends of the spectrum, wine and sake, too. Soak up the alcohol with munchies like White Castle burgers, Zapp's chips and complimentary popcorn. The covered outdoor area is a popular place to keep an eye on things. \$

Marker 7 Coastal Grill 1195 Milledge Ave. • 706-850-3451 www.marker7coastalorill.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Full Bar, Outside Seating. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, Tu.–Sun. Dinner, Mon. THE LOOK: New seafood restaurant with nestled inside a historic house with a giant deck in the epicenter of Five Points. MENU: Start out with oysters served five ways: raw, steamed, Rockefeller (watercress, garlic, shallot), Casino (red pepper, butter, bacon) or Bienville (white wine, cream, mushrooms, shrimp). For lunch, sandwiches, tacos and baskets of shrimp, catfish, oysters and chicken tenders. Dinner offers shrimp and andouille sausage over grits, Cuban spiced mahi mahi, blackened trigger fish and red pepper shrimp stuffed with crab. Ask about the catch of the day. \$\$

Marti's at Midday

1280 Prince Ave. • 706-543-3541

www.martisatmidday.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEA-TURES: Catering, Outside Seating, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Breakfast & Lunch, Mon.—Fri. THE LOOK: Take a seat in the cheery dining area or sunroom, or grab something to go. MENU: Chef Marti Schimmel provides an array of gourmet Southern-style sandwiches, salads, snacks and sweets. Signature items include tarragon or curry chicken salad, pimento cheese, gumbo and mint sweet tea. For breakfast, a simple menu of homemade muffins, bagels and Jittery Joe's coffee. Several homemade frozen casseroles are also available for pick-up, including spinach and goat cheese lasagna, black bean enchiladas and chicken tetrazzini. \$\$

Max 👾

243 W. Washington St. • 706-254-3392 www.facebook.com/themaxcanada

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Live Music/DJs, Outside Seating. THE LOOK: Huge space with three full bars, a large outdoor patio and an impressive list of activities: pool tables, arcade games, pinball machines, a photo booth, Super Chexx hockey game, air hockey and darts. Max recently expanded into "The Sideroom" next door, allowing for another full bar and an elevated stage for live bands. The Streets Cafe food truck can often be found on the patio dishing out kimchi quesadillas, Korean BBQ and banh mi sandwiches. DRINKS: A good selection of bottled beer and always a few Terrapins on draft. Stop by during "Beer o'Clock" for cheap drinks. Bartenders will gladly whip up cocktail requests from the fully stocked bars. \$

Mayflower Restaurant

171 E. Broad St. • 706-548-1692

www.mayflowerrestaurant.weebly.com FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Cash or Checks Only, Delivery. Hours: Breakfast, 7 Days. Lunch, Sun.—Fri. THE LOOK: Family-run Southern diner that has been a downtown institution for over 60 years. MENU: Country-style comfort food. Omelets, biscuits, hotcakes, steak, country ham and more for breakfast. Hearty lunch options rotate daily and include pot

roast, fried chicken livers and lemon pepper tilapia alongside

vegetables like fried okra, cabbage, sweet potato souffle and

Mell's Place

squash casserole. \$

4648 Atlanta Hwy., Bogart • 706-548-0830

www.facebook.com/mells.place.7 FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Cash Only, Music. THE

Look: Established in 1952, this country roadhouse is one of the oldest bars around. Karaoke, pool, keno games and line dancing nights are held frequently. DRINKS: Standard variety of bottled domestics and classic cocktails. \$

Mellow Mushroom

320 E. Clayton St. • 706-613-0892

www.mellowmushroom.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian-Friendly, Bars. FEA-TURES: Catering, Delivery, Outside Seating, Trivia. HOURS: Lunch, Dinner & Late Night, 7 days. THE LOOK: A colorful and bustling place with giant mushrooms, high ceilings and sports games on the TVs. MENU: Pizza is the focus here, with a wide selection of specialty pies like the Kosmic Karma (red sauce base, spinach, sundried and roma tomatoes, feta, mozzarella and a pesto swirl) and Thai Dye (olive oil and garlic base, curry chicken, mozzarella, tomatoes, basil, cucumbers and chili sauce). Salads, calzones, hoagies and munchies, too. DRINKS: A wide-ranging

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FILE UNDER: American, Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Live Music, Outside Seating, Reservations, Wi-Fi. Hours: Dinner, 7 days. THE Look: Elegant, multi-tiered music venue at the Foundry Park Inn that serves food to concert-goers, hotel guests and the general public alike. MENU: Classed-up versions of traditional gastro pub fare. "Headliner" entrees include a New York strip steak with chimichurri sauce, boneless pork chops with bourbon-maple glaze and free range chicken with grilled pineapple and scallion salsa. For something lighter, ask for an "Opener" like vegetable empanadas or house-made naan bread pizza. DRINKS: A wide selection of wines, scotches, microbrews and craft beers. Local brews on draft get a lot of attention on Terrapin Tuesdays. For something different, ask for a Georgia Julep (Bulleit, peach nectar, fresh mint, soda) or The Harvey (jalapeño vodka, mango vodka, pineapple). \$\$

Menchie's 🕊

1860 Barnett Shoals Rd. • 706-850-8336 196 Alps Rd. • 706-208-7223

www.menchies.com

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream. FEATURES: Outside Seating, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Open 7 Days. THE LOOK: A brightly decorated interior with neon pink-and-green accents makes for a fun spot to hang out. MENU: Self-serve and pay-by-weight frozen yogurt. The lineup rotates often, but expect 14 flavors to choose from such as strawberry banana, salted caramel, chocolate chip cookie and pink lemonade sorbet. Load on the fresh fruit, nuts, cereal, candy and syrups. \$

Mirko Pasta

1075 Baxter St. • 706-549-4552 2 S. Main St., Watkinsville • 706-310-1233 1040 Gaines School Rd. • 706-850-5197 www.mirkopasta.com

FILE UNDER: Italian, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Beer & Wine, Catering, Outside Seating, Delivery. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. The Look: Athens-based, casual dining franchise created by Italian chef Mirko Di Giacomantonio. MENU: Customize your own dish from 17 homemade pastas (apple, sage and sausage ravioli, potato gnocchi, spinach pappardelle) and 12 sauces such as Mare (mixed seafood in tomato sauce), Funghi (wild mushrooms, cream and parmesan) and Norma (tomato sauce, eggplant, ricotta and mozzarella). Add chicken, shrimp, sausage, salmon or meatballs for protein. There's also a handful of already put-together entrees (like Pollo Marsala and Lasagna Verde), salads, antipasti and desserts. Complimentary white bean and olive oil dip with fresh bread. \$\$

Moe's Southwest Grill

1320 Baxter St. • 706-369-7776

www.moes.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Catering, Outside Seating. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE Look: "Welcome to Moe's!" greets you as you enter this colorful assembly line-styled eatery with plenty of seating. MENU: Southwestern fare prepared fresh to order with sustainability in mind. Burritos, tacos, quesadillas, nachos and salads are stuffed with your choice of grass-fed sirloin steak, all-natural chicken, ground beef, pulled pork or organic tofu and veggies. Free chips and five varieties of salsa with every meal. Mix up flavors of soda on the Coca-Cola Freestyle machine. \$

Momma Goldberg's Deli

245 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-543-5195

www.mommagoldbergsdeli.com/athens

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Beer, Catering, Outside Seating, Delivery, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. Late Night, M.–Sat. THE LOOK: Alabama-based deli that stays open after the bars close for anyone not quite ready to head home. MENU: Sandwiches and salads with a build-your-own option. Try the signature Big Momma (hickory smoked turkey breast, ham, pastrami and Muenster cheese) or Momma's Love Salad (roast beef, ham, smoked turkey and choice of five toppings). Several sandwiches can be kept under five grams of fat, if requested. \$

The Morning Glory Bakery & Coffee House

1431 Capital Ave., Watkinsville • 706-705-1365 Find them on Facebook.

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. FEATURES: Catering, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Open Mon.—Sat. THE LOOK: Friendly family owned and operated bakery. MENU: Wake up with a pour-over coffee, double espresso, cappuccino, frappé or tea. Tons of muffins, scones, bagels, cookies, cupcakes and pastries, with even more specialty breads and desserts that can be ordered in advance. Vegan bakery items are offered every Thursday, and gluten-free treats on Fridays. Lunch offers items prepared by Marti's at Midday like tarragon or curry chicken salad, pimiento cheese and hummus. \$

The National 🛩

232 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-549-3450

www.thenationalrestaurant.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars. FEATURES: Reservations, Catering, Outside Seating, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch, Mon.-Sat. Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: Sleek European-inspired eatery in a renovated tire plant. MENU: Executive chef Peter Dale prepares a menu of Mediterranean cuisine with an emphasis on using locally grown produce. The menu changes seasonally, but intricate offerings (e.g., crispy pork shoulder with mashed plantains, pan-roasted Norwegian haddock with tomato-Vidalia-mint salad, pounded chicken breast with pomegranate sauce) are consistently European in flavor. Great apps like Medjool dates stuffed with celery and manchego cheese, beet salad and lobster bisque with squid ink whipped cream. Lunch provides gourmet soups, salads, sandwiches and pizzettes priced substantially lower than their dinner counterparts. DRINKS: 25 wines, many of which are organically or sustainably produced. Lots of bottled and draft beers to choose from as well as signature cocktails like Loving Cup (Hendrick's gin, Pimm's #1 Cup, lemonade, cucumber, Barritt's Ginger Beer) and Garden Coup (house-infused tequila, lime, agave, basil, cucumber, jalapeño). The bar, which stays open long after normal dining hours have ended, offers its own late night snack menu. \$\$\$\$

New Earth Athens

227 W. Dougherty St. • 706-543-8283 www.newearthmusichall.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Live Music/DJs, Outside Seating. THE LOOK: A large, environmentally conscious venue focused on being as sustainable as possible. Hang out by the bar or step onto the outdoor patio for a breath of fresh air. Newly re-envisioned as a community center, the venue now offers weekday yoga, cook-outs and special daytime events in addition to its nightly performances. DRINKS: An organic bar offers planet-friendly libations in addition to healthy, nonalcoholic alternatives. Baked goods to snack on. \$

9d's Bar

400 Clayton St. • 706-254-3998 www.facebook.com/9dsbar

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: DJS/Live Music. THE LOOK: You know you're getting older when kids born in the '90s can drink. This upstairs bar is decked out in memorable movie posters and always plays the decade's greatest hits from 'N Sync to TLC. DRINKS: A full bar with the usual spread of bottled beers. No drafts, but plenty of cheap domestics, tall boys and house shots to get you on the dance floor. \$

NONA

279 E. Broad St. • 706-353-7065

www.neworleansnathens.com FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars. FEATURES: Outside Seating, Reservations. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days, Weekend Brunch. THE LOOK: Formerly Harry Bissett's New Orleans Cafe, NONA continues an Athens tradition in Creole and Cajun fine dining. MENU: Dishes inspired by the culinary traditions of Louisiana. Start out with Oysters Bienville, Cajun popcorn (deep-fried crawfish tails) or a cup of sherry crab soup. Specialties include Veal Lafayette, crawfish-stuffed trout and Bourbon Street Filets in five distinctive flavors: unadorned, pepper-crusted, covered in sauce, stuffed with blue cheese or topped with fried oysters. Ask about the fresh catch of the day. For brunch, order beignets with raspberry sauce, Crab Cakes Benedict or the NONA Omelette with sautéed andouille sausage, peppers, onion, cheese and Creole tomato sauce. DRINKS: Six draft beers (always including a few Terrapins), an extensive wine list and refreshing cocktails

to choose from. New Orleans-inspired drinks include the Hurricane, Sazarac (whiskey, bitters, syrup, anisette) and Ramos Gin Fizz (gin, orange blossom water, vanilla, half and half, egg whites). \$\$\$

Normal Bar 👾

1365 Prince Ave. • 706-548-6186

www.facebook.com/normal.bar.7

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Outside Seating. THE Look: Cozy, laid-back neighborhood bar in the heart of Normaltown with a warm wooden interior, dim lights and dartboards. Outside, you'll find a heated area in the winter and a dog-friendly, shaded patio in the summer. DRINKS: Top-shelf liquors and cleverly crafted cocktails such as the American Mule (grapefruit juice, vodka and ginger beer) and Plata Fresco (cilantro infused tequila, lemon bitters, lime, simple syrup and soda). Fancy nonalcoholic drinks are also available such as The Bumble (lavender, lemon, honey and soda). A good list of beer and wine, too. Try a bowl of housemade boiled peanuts to go along with your drink. \$

Nowhere Bar

240 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-546-4742

www.facebook.com/nowherebarathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Live Music. THE LOOK: Popular among locals, this dive bar hosts live bands every night. To the left, lamps shaped as Nascar racing cars hang above pool tables. To the right, you'll find the bar, several TVs and a stage decorated with posters and knick-knacks. Pick a song to play from the jukebox or play a game of darts. DRINKS: Eight beers on draft with all of the usual suspects behind the bar. Bartenders stay busy pouring shots and mixing drinks well into the night. \$

The Office Lounge

2455 Jefferson Rd. • 706-546-0840

www.facebook.com/officeathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Live Music, Outside Seating, Trivia, Wi-Fi. THE LOOK: Tucked in the Homewood Village Shopping Center, this lounge has a strong neighborhood bar vibe and opens early for the midday and after-work crowd. Hot spot for karaoke, pool, Keno and live music on the weekends. DRINKS: Sip on your favorite brew (a couple dozen beers in all) or a cocktail while munching on complimentary popcorn. \$

Old Pal Bar

1320 Prince Ave.

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Outside Seating. THE LOOK: New bar in the heart of Normaltown with a refined yet relaxed atmosphere and dog-friendly patio. DRINKS: Named after the classic cocktail, the bar features both classic drinks and local craft brewers like Terrapin and Wild Heaven. Many cocktails are prepared with seasonal ingredients and housemade syrups, tonics and sodas. \$

The Olive Garden

3666 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-227-2225 www.olivegarden.com FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. FEATURES: Full Bar, Catering. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. \$\$

Omega Bar

3155 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-338-1832

www.theomegabar.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Live Music/DJs. THE LOOK: This night club with a large dance floor frequently hosts DJs, themed parties, Latin dance nights and "grown folks parties" with live jazz. DRINKS: All the usuals behind the bar with plenty of drink specials to keep the night going. \$

On the Border Mexican Grill & Cantina

3640 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-247-7290

www.ontheborder.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican. FEATURES: Full Bar, Catering, Outside Seating. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. \$\$

On the Rocks

255 E. Clayton St. • 706-354-6666

www.twitter.com/ontherocksuga

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. THE LOOK: No-frills interior with mirrors lining exposed brick walls. DRINKS: No draft system or specialty cocktails, but plenty of cheap domestics, wells, shooters and margaritas. \$

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www.flagpole.com

100 Proof

364 E. Broad St. • 706-850-8500

www.facebook.com/100proofathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Outside Seating. THE LOOK: A new beachy establishment specializing in frozen drinks. A rooftop patio with a full service tiki bar and tall palm trees has a great view of downtown and campus. DRINKS: A dozen frozen drink machines offer brain-freezing beverages ranging from strawberry daiquiris to 190 Octanes. Plenty of shots and bombs to keep the party going into the wee hours of the night, until it's time to call a cab. \$

Outback Steakhouse

3585 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-613-6015

www.outbacksteakhouse.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Full Bar, Curbside Pick-Up. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. \$\$\$

Outtakes

1793 Oconee Connector • 706-355-9122

www.georgiatheatrecompany.com/university16.aspx FILE UNDER: American, Something Different. FEATURES: Beer & Wine. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE Look: A full service restaurant housed inside of the new, state of the art University 16 Cinemas. MENU: American fare like hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, pizzas and salads. Visitors can view movies in a special dine-in auditorium with servers or pick up meals ahead of time to bring into the other theatres. \$

Panera Bread

3151 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-546-6812 www.panerabread.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Catering, Wi-Fi. Hours: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. \$

Paul's Bar-B-Q

124 E. Main St., Lexington • 706-614-1843

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Checks. HOURS: Lunch Sat. & 4th of July. THE LOOK: An old store filled with tables covered in red-and-white checked tablecloths, straight chairs and shelves with supplies. Third-generation local owners. Downtown Lexington, GA, 15 miles east of Athens on Hwy. 78. Park under the trees across the road. MENU: BBQ the way it used to be: slow-cooked pulled pork and ribs, stew, slaw, beans, loaf bread, pickles, iced tea—sweet and not. Come early. It's always full of local folks. Take-out is available, and sometimes homemade pie or cake. \$

Pauley's Original Crepe Bar

134 E. Clayton St. • 706-549-0034

www.twitter.com/pauleys

FLE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian-Friendly, Bars. FEATURES: Outside Seating, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Lunch, Dinner & Late Night, 7 days. THE LOOK: European-inspired eatery that makes for a relaxed spot to eat during the day and a buzzing bar to drink in at night. MENU: Sweet and savory crepes are the focus here, with over two dozen to choose from. Try a hearty meat-filled crepe (Buffalo Chicken, Cordon Bleu, Philly Cheesesteak, Cranberry Turkey) or build your own from a list of ingredients. Most crepe creations can be found on the menu as sandwiches, too. Satisfy your sweet tooth with a Peanut Butter Cup (peanut butter, nutella, graham crackers, ice cream). DRINKS: Over 150 beers including 28 on tap, with a wide selection of wines as well. Ask how you can become a member in good standing of the "Around the World Beer Club" and get your picture posted on the wall with other celebrities. \$

Peking Restaurant (Eastside)

1935 Barnett Shoals Rd. • 706-549-0274

www.facebook.com/PekingEastside

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FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Beer & Wine, Buffet, Delivery. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, Wed.–Mon. THE Look: Surprisingly elegant space with traditional and ornate decor located in an Eastside shopping center. MENU: Mandarin Chinese cuisine with the usual lo mein, chow mein, fried rice and egg foo young, plus a handful of Korean items. Ask for the special orange menu for a list of traditional and uncommon Szechuan dishes like fei teng fish, yu shing eggplant and kung pao chicken. Lunch specials (served with fried rice, soup and an egg roll) and the large buffet are good options for those trying to eat for cheap. \$\$

Peking Restaurant (Westside) 2725 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-549-9333

www.pekingathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Beer & Wine, Buffet, Delivery. HOURS: Lunch, Mon.—Fri. & Sun. Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: Resembles a large Chinese palace with an ornate interior. MENU: A giant selection of Szechuan, Hunan and Mandarin cuisine with favorites including a deep-fried red snapper with sweet and sour sauce, a roasted Peking duck served with Chinese pancakes and king crab stir-fried with snow peas, bamboo shoots and water chestnuts. Plenty of Io mein, chow mein, fried rice and egg fu yung dishes. Pre-set dinners based on the quantity of guests makes sharing dishes in large parties easy. The expansive weekday lunch buffet is all-you-can-eat and the best bang for your buck. \$\$

Peppino's

2597 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-613-1616

FILE UNDER: İtalian and Pizza, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Beer & Wine. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, Tu.—Sun. THE LOOK: Family-friendly pizza parlor with quick order-at-the-counter service and big TVs for watching sports games. MENU: The standard New York-style staples: huge slices of thin- and thick-crust pizza, calzones, subs (Italian sausage, Philly cheesesteak, eggplant parmigiana), stromboli, pasta and a salad bar. Conveniently located between Watkinsville and Athens. \$

Picante's Mexican Grill

151 E. Broad St. • 706-353-8864

www.facebook.com/picantesmex

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Full Bar, Outside Seating. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, Mon.—Sat. THE LOOK: Downtown eatery with traditional decor. MENU: Mexican and Tex Mex favorites like burritos, tacos, quesadillas and fajitas. Try the Bulldog Burrito (chicken, spinach, mushrooms, cheese, rice and ranchera sauce). Daily specials offer items like a ceviche tostada and chorizo burrito verde. A full bar serves popular Mexican beers and margaritas in various flavors. \$

Piccolo's Italian Steak House

2061 Hog Mountain Rd., Watkinsville • 706-705-1501 www.piccolositaliansteakhouse.com

FILE ÜNDER: American, Italian. FEATURES: Reservations, Catering, Delivery. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. Sunday Brunch. THE LOOK: Refined yet comfortable dining with a large mural of Italian countryside spanning one wall. MENU: Fresh pasta made in-house using a hand-cranked pasta machine. Try timeless classics such as chicken marsala, shrimp puttanesca, fettuccini carbonara and veal saltimbocca. Hand-cut, black angus steaks are fired on a wooden grill and offered in four styles: Tuscan (sea salt and cracked black pepper), Sicilian (bread crumbs, bacon bits, roma tomatoes and mozzarella), Au Poivre (cognac peppercorn cream sauce) and Melenzane (fried eggplant, mozzarella and a tomato cognac mushroom sauce). Sunday brunch features steak and eggs, frittatas, French toast, omelets and pancakes. Finish off your meal with a cannoli, tiramisu or the signature bread pudding of the day. \$\$\$

Pints and Paints

675 Pulaski St., #1200 • 706-296-9498

www.pintsandpaints.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. FEATURES: Beer & Wine, Reservations. HOURS: 6:30–9:30 p.m. Tues.–Sat. THE LOOK: An art studio located within a cozy nook of the historic Leathers Building. Check the website for a schedule of each day's featured painting or to register a private party. DRINKS: Sip on a beer, glass of wine or soda as a skilled in-house artist provides step by step instructions for creating a masterpiece. Just think what Van Gogh could have done with a pint. \$

Pita Pit

123 N. Jackson St. • 706-552-0051

www.pitapitusa.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Catering, Delivery, Wi-Fi. Hours: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner & Late Night, Mon.–Sat. Lunch & Dinner, Sun. THE Look: Assembly-line style café that offers a healthy alternative to typical fast food services. A few tables line the wall for anyone not on the go. Menu: Customize a light and tasty Lebanese-style pita filled with your choice of protein (chicken souvlaki, gyro, Black Forest ham, tuna, turkey, Philly steak, falafel, black bean patty), crisp veggies, cheese and signature sauces. Any pita can be prepared "fork style" as a salad. Breakfast pitas stuffed with eggs, bacon, hashbrowns and cheddar cheese are served around the clock. \$

Planet Smoothie

196 Alps Rd. • 706-316-3090

1993 Barnett Shoals Rd. • 706-353-8181 www.planetsmoothie.com

FILE UNDER: Smoothies. FEATURES: Catering. Hours: Vary by location. Open 7 days. \$

Plantation Buffet

1119 Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy. • 706-353-3663 www.plantationbuffet.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Buffet, Catering, Checks. HOURS: Lunch, Mon.—Fri. THE LOOK: Casual and familyoriented atmosphere. MENU: Good 'ole country cooking. The buffet rotates each day, but you can expect meats like fried chicken, steak and gravy, BBQ pork and meatloaf beside vegetables like BBQ beans, turnip greens, mashed potatoes, stew and candied yams. Don't forget the rolls, corn bread or hush puppies, and save room for a homemade dessert (banana pudding, peach pie, coconut pudding). \$\$

Polarberry Frozen Yogurt

2080 Timothy Rd. • 706-353-7511

www.facebook.com/polarberryfroyo

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream. FEATURES: Outside Seating. HOURS: 12–9:30 p.m., Mon.—Th. 11:30 a.m.—10 p.m., Fri.—Sun. THE LOOK: A family owned and operated fro yo shop on the Westside with counter service. MENU: A rotating variety of frozen yogurt, often including non-dairy and no-sugar-added options. Try white chocolate mousse, watermelon sorbet, candy bar smash or cake batter, or swirl multiple flavors together for something out of the ordinary. Plenty of candy, syrups, fruit and waffle or sugar cones to add. \$

Popcorn Haven Gourmet Shop

1021 Parkway Blvd. • 706-354-3883

www.popcornhaven.com

FILE UNDER: American. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, Mon.—Sat. THE LOOK: A new gourmet popcorn shop. MENU: Over 250 flavors of popcorn made with real ingredients. Virtually every combination of candy, chocolate, caramel, nuts, cheese and fruit imaginable like birthday cake, dill pickle, pumpkin cheesecake, dark chocolate pomegranate and Heath toffee almond.If you can think of a popcorn flavor, they've got it. \$

Porterhouse Grill 👾

459 E. Broad St. • 706-369-0990

www.porterhouseathens.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. FEATURES: Reservations, Outside Seating, Live Music, Delivery. Hours: Lunch, Mon.-Fri. Dinner, Mon.-Sat. Sunday Brunch. THE LOOK: Elegant, upscale dining on the edge of downtown. A 60-seat semi-private dining room is an ideal location for meetings, rehearsal dinners or exclusive occasions. MENU: The namesake steak, an 18-oz Porterhouse served with sauteed cremini mushrooms, is an obvious specialty. Other entrees include grilled duck breast with Grand Marnier demi glace and carmelized orange zest, crab-stuffed tilapia with a lemon beurre blanc and sesame barbequed salmon topped with pineapple salsa. Lunch offers eight selections for \$8 each. After your meal, indulge in a chocolate ganache tart or slice of seasonal cheesecake. On Sundays, an all-you-can-eat buffet features traditional Southern breakfast food, made-to-order omelets and pancakes, a carving station and three entrees selected by the chefs. DRINKS: A full bar with four beers on tap and a long list of wines. Treat yourself with a dessert wine or cognac. \$\$\$\$

The Pub at Gameday

251 W. Clayton St. • 706-353-2831 www.pubatgameday.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Outside Seating, Wi-Fi. THE LOOK: A roomy space with custom woodworking, a granite-topped bar and a large outdoor seating area. Relax on a leather couch to play a board game or watch sports on TV, or try your hand at a round of darts or Wii. Comedy nights are hosted monthly. DRINKS: A large selection of scotch, bourbon and over 150 beers, including many craft, high-gravity and seasonal options. Bartenders will gladly whip up a cocktail from the selection of liquors at the full bar. \$

Pulaski Heights BBQ

675 Pulaski St. • 706-583-9600 www.pulaskiheightsbbg.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ, Something Different, Bars. FEATURES: Catering, Outside Seating, Delivery. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. Late Night (Bar), Fri.–Sat. THE Look: New restaurant located in the Leathers Building, established by Chuck Ramsey (formerly of Five & Ten). MENU: Plates of pulled pork, ribs, chicken and smoked catfish come with two sides (baked beans, collard greens, smoked cauliflower, stew). Snacks include smoked pecans, housemade pickles, deviled eggs and oysters. Ask about the daily specials. DRINKS: A solid list of craft beers, bourbon, American whiskey and wine. Cleverly named cocktails include the Bee Sting (tequila, honey syrup, lemon, jalapeño) and Our Neighbors to the West (Bulleit rye, Cardamaro, Dolin sweet vermouth, Peychaud's). Sit right by the railroad tracks and watch the freight go by \$\$

Quickly

650 W. Broad St. • 706-548-2388

www.facebook.com/QuicklyAthens

FILE UNDER: Asian, Ice Cream & Smoothies, Something Different. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: Taiwanese franchise specializing in tapioca milk teas with over 2,000 locations around the world. MENU: Twenty flavors of milk tea (taro, lavender, honey) and just as many green and black teas (passion fruit, lychee, plum). You can customize your tea with tapioca balls, jellies (grass, lychee or coffee), egg pudding and aloe vera. Also offering slushies, smoothies, ice cream and milkshakes (kiwi, avocado, papaya). Burgers (double steak, chicken, turkey, salmon or veggie) come with french fries. For a more traditional snack, try fish cakes, octopus balls, fried oysters, dumplings or tempura. \$

Quiznos

720 Baxter St. • 706-850-8286

www.guiznos.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches. FEATURES: Catering, Delivery. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. \$

Rachel's Southern Style Restaurant 1021 Jamestown Blvd., Watkinsville • 706-310-0091

www.rachelssouthernstyle.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome & BBQ. FEATURES: Catering. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, Mon.—Fri., Lunch, Sun. THE LOOK: Quaint eatery down the road in Watkinsville. MENU: Traditional Southern cuisine with a rotating menu. Entree options include country fried steak, catfish and fried chicken. Fried green tomatoes, mashed potatoes and gravy, squash casserole, potato salad, rutabagas and more for sides. Several homemade desserts to choose from, like chocolate peanut butter pie, peach cobbler and buttermilk pie. \$\$

Rafferty's Restaurant & Bar

15 Huntington Rd. • 706-613-0045

www.raffertys.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Full Bar, Catering, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. \$

The Rail Athens

1120 Mitchell Bridge Rd. • 706-354-7829

www.facebook.com/therailathens FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken, Bars. FEA-TURES: Outside Seating, Trivia, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Lunch, Dinner & Late Night, 7 Days. THE LOOK: A laid-back bar and grill full of pool tables, dart boards, slot machines and big-screen TVs. Trivia contests, dart league nights, pool tournaments and Texas Hold'em Poker are held weekly. MENU: Typical bar food such as burgers, wings, sandwiches, nachos and fries. DRINKS: Fifteen beers on draft and a fully stocked bar to appease the pickiest of drinkers. \$

Raising Cane's

795 Baxter St. • 706-548-2008

www.raisingcanes.com

FILE UNDER: Chicken. FEATURES: Drive-Thru. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, Late Night, 7 Days. THE LOOK: This chicken joint's close proximity to the UGA high-rise dorms and Greek houses on Milledge Ave. make it a popular spot for students seeking fast

food. MENU: The four meal choices (The Box, The 3 Finger, The Caniac and The Sandwich) all come with chicken fingers, a combination of sides (crinkle-cut fries, creamy coleslaw, Texas toast), a drink and Cane's secret-recipe sauce. Kids' meals available. What's not to like? \$

Red Lobster

1956 W. Broad St. • 706-549-5376

www.redlobster.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Full Bar. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. \$\$\$

Redfearn Grille

197 E. Broad St. • 706-549-4433 www.holidayinnathensga.com/redfearn

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. FEATURES: Buffet, Catering. HOURS: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: This modern dining area located inside the Holiday Inn serves vistors and the public alike. MENU: Stuffed French toast, waffles, biscuit sandwiches and omelets in the morning. (Why settle for just a continental breakfast?) For lunch, take a trip to the buffet or choose between locally inspired salads and sandwiches. Evening entrees include a New York strip steak, sun-dried tomato ravioli, fried chicken and balsamic glazed pork chops. DRINKS: Full bar offering a good selection of wine and cocktails. You could spend your whole visit right here. \$\$

The Roadhouse

137 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-613-2324 www.facebook.com/roadhousedive

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Live Music, Outside Seating. THE LOOK: As one of the oldest watering holes downtown, little has changed since its first day. Posters of popular musicians decorate the heart-of-pine walls and the bar itself was constructed using old church pews. DRINKS: Nothing frilly going on behind the bar, with all the usual domestics and imports on hand. Budget-friendly drinks are always flowing, and the bar boasts that it's been "serving hangovers since 1991." A member in good standing of the Barmuda Triangle. \$





The Roof Top by The Branded Butcher 215 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-7670

www.georgiatheatre.com/rooftop.html

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian-Friendly, Bars. FEATURES: Outside Seating. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, M.-Sat. THE LOOK: Located on the top of the Georgia Theatre, this rooftop restaurant and bar has a great view of downtown and is open even when the venue isn't; just head up the elevator from the side entrance on Clayton Street. MENU: The venue's neighbor, The Branded Butcher, oversees all foodie options. Grass-fed beef burgers, BBQ (smoked pork shoulder or tofu), house-made bratwursts and cheese dogs, meat and cheese plates, veggie bahn mi sandwiches, tacos and fries. Many dishes use ingredients made in-house, such as the reuben with house-made pastrami and sauerkraut. DRINKS: A full bar offers refreshing classic cocktails and several beer choices. \$

Rooter's Grocery and Barbecue 150 E. Whitehall Rd. • 706-207-5668

www.rootersbarbecue.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Catering, Delivery. Hours: 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Thurs.-Sat. 12-4 p.m., Sun. THE LOOK: New take-out joint offering both single servings and bulk quantities of BBQ. MENU: Pulled pork BBQ, ribs and chicken. Have your BBQ as a sandwich or plate with two sides (slaw, baked beans, stew, cabbage casserole, potato casserole). Rotating specials like quail, Georgia Caviar (beans, cilantro, jalapeños, pickled okra) and smoked chicken salad. Pecan pie, lemon chess pie or banana pudding for dessert. \$\$

The Royal Peasant

1675 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-549-7920

www.royalpeasant.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars. FEATURES: Outside Seating. Hours: Lunch, Dinner & Late Night, Mon.-Sat. Lunch & Dinner, Sun. THE LOOK: Nestled snugly in the Five Points neighborhood, this quaint version of an old English Pub is ideal for sharing a pint with friends or watching a game of "footie" on the high-def "telly." Menu: Traditional British fare with a slight Indian influence. "Peasant Food" (appetizers) like lamb stew and London broil salad and "Royal Food" like bangers & mash, fish & chips, vindaloo curry and seasonal savory pies. Specials such as corned beef and poutine rotate daily. Indulge in a slice of buttermilk pie with blood orange marlmalade or sticky toffee pudding after your meal. DRINKS: Over two dozen English and Scottish brews in bottles and another five on draft. International and American craft beers, plus an assortment of wines, scotches and whiskeys, are selectd for their UK flair. \$\$

Ru San's

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196 Alps Rd. • 706-552-0488

www.rusans-athens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Full Bar, Reservations, Outside Seating. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: Located in the Beechwood Shopping Center, this spot has a heated outdoor patio, large dining area and casual atmosphere. MENU: An overwhelming selection of 50 original house rolls, 36 specialty rolls and many sashimi and sushi combinations. Dinner entrees feature lobster tempura, plum wine glazed bacon scallops, seaweed wrapped salmon with black bean lime sauce and ahi tuna with macadamia nut pesto, among traditional staples like yakisoba, udon and fried rice. DRINKS: Premium cold sakes and cocktails such as the Samurai Sunset (Kobai plum wine, cranberry juice, champagne, lemon) and Sushi Mary (Gekkeikan sake, tomato juice, orange juice and wasabi-soy sauce). Beer and wine, too, including four plum wines. \$\$

Ryan's Family Steakhouse

1021 Dowdy Rd. • 706-543-8203 www.rvans.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Buffet. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. Weekend Brunch. \$\$

Sabine's Coffee Haus

210 W. Main St., Lexington • 706-743-7777

Find them on Facebook.

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. Hours: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, Mon.-Sat. THE LOOK: New German style coffee haus occupying a small cottage nearby in Lexington. MENU: Simple coffee drinks brewed with care, plus frappés and smoothies. Belgian waffles topped with fruit are popular in the morning, as are the fresh pastries, cake slices, cookies and macaroons. Lunch offers croissant sandwiches as well as authentic German bratwurst and currywurst which are cooked outdoors on the stone grill. \$

Sakura Steak House

3557 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-227-0001

www.sakuraathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian. FEATURES: Full Bar. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: This beautifully crafted restaurant is divided into three distinct sections: a bar, sushi dining area and hibachi grill. A three-dimensional cherry tree, bamboo screens, stone flooring and a curved ceiling punctuated by small star-like holes creates a natural and elegant atmosphere. MENU: An extensive menu of nearly 200 options offering hibachi dinners cooked right at your table, sushi, sashimi, hot pots, yaki udon and teriyaki meals. 16 artistically prepared chef special rolls to choose from such as the Sakura Roll (shrimp tempura, eel, kani, avocado) and the Crazy Dragon Roll (spicy crunchy tuna topped with a whole eel). Lunch offers bento boxes, sushi and hibachi meals served with soup, salad and rice. DRINKS: Try a Japanese beer or sake. A fully stocked bar is capable of providing a large variety of cocktails. Wine, too. \$\$\$\$

Sandbar

220 College Ave. • 706-548-1988

Find them on Facebook.

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: DJs, Outside Seating. THE LOOK: A beachy scene decorated with palm trees, surf boards, a large shark hanging from the ceiling and a statue of Captain Morgan by the door. A second full bar downstairs hosts dance parties much louder than the laid-back atmosphere above. DRINKS: Tropical drinks are key here, with Mudslides, daquiris, pina coladas, Hurricanes, Mojitos and pitchers of margaritas. Intense drinks like the Sandblaster (190-proof shot) and the 32 oz. Blackout Bucket are sure to wipe you out. A few drafts and fair number of bottled beers, too. \$

The Savannah Room

1197 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-542-6341

www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/restaurants

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Full Bar, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch, Mon.-Fri. Dinner, Mon.-Sat. THE LOOK: Refined yet relaxed dining in UGA's Georgia Center for Continuing Education. MENU: Get a taste of the South with entrees like seared quail breast with honey pecan bourbon glaze, pecan crusted catfish, butternut squash ravioli and hickory smoked brisket with blueberry BBQ sauce. Each day's lunch features its own special soup, sandwich and three entrees, including one sustainable option locally grown by the UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. Convenient to campus and downtown, too. \$\$\$

The Savory Spoon 705 Sycamore St., Jefferson • 706-367-5721

www.facebook.com/thesavoryspoon

FILE UNDER: American, Something Different. FEATURES: Beer & Wine, Catering, Trivia. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, Tu.-Fri. Dinner, Sat. Sunday Brunch. THE LOOK: New refined Southern diner with bright red walls. A farmers market is held on Saturdays during peak seasons. MENU: The menu changes often to incorporate local produce, fresh meats and wild caught seafood. Expect items like burgers, poached salmon, smoked skirt steak, Cuban sandwiches, Baja corvina and crab cakes. Worldly Wednesday offers new spins on international dishes like the popular Jamaican jerk pulled pork over smoked squash and plaintain hash. Pair your plate with one of 16 draft beers or a glass of wine. \$\$

Schlotzsky's Deli

1490 Baxter St. • 706-543-2518

www.schlotzskvs.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Drive-Thru, Catering, Outside Seating, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: This deli is nicer than your average fast-food chain, with several big-screen Mac computers to play games on while you wait. MENU: Oven-toasted sandwiches on freshly baked bread are the anchor of the menu. Try an Albuquerque Turkey, Angus Pastrami Reuben, Homestyle Tuna or Dijon Chicken. Personal-sized pizzas, salads and daily soups, too. A Cinnabon station serves up piping hot cinnamon buns. \$

Scott & BJ's BBQ

4007 Danielsville Rd. • 706-546-1005

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Cash and Checks Only. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, Thurs.-Sat. THE LOOK: Country "Where the Food Speaks for Itself." MENU: BBQ pork, chicken, beef and ribs with sides like baked beans, hash, slaw, potato salad, collard greens and seasonal vegetables. \$\$

Sr. Sol 🕊

2455 W. Broad St. • 706-850-7112 175 Tallassee Rd. • 706-546-1570

www.facebook.com/srsolrestaurants

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Full Bar, Delivery, Catering, Outside Seating. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. The LOOK: The original spot on Tallassee can be found attached to a gas station, and the newer location on Broad is housed in a large stucco building. MENU: Popular choices like burritos, tacos and fajitas alongside harder-to-find items like gorditas, sopes, tostadas, chalupas and tortas. Tacos can be filled with a dozen meats including buche (pork stomach), tripitas (intestines), lengua (tongue), pastor (marinated pork) and barbacoa (beef BBQ). DRINKS: Wash down your meal with a margarita or beer, available on draft or in a bottle. Several Mexican beers and lots of tequilas to choose from. Jarritas (Mexican sodas) and aguas frescas (flavored waters), too. \$\$

Shane's Rib Shack

196 N. Milledge Ave. • 706-548-4650

www.shanesribshack.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Catering, Outside Seating, Trivia, Delivery. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: Casual BBQ joint with counter-service. MENU: Slowsmoked pork, BBQ chicken, ribs, chicken tenders, salads and wings (tossed in buffalo, lemon pepper, teriyaki or BBQ sauce). Balance out your plate with coleslaw, baked beans, corn on the cob, fried okra, potato salad, Brunswick stew, french fries or macaroni and cheese. \$\$





Shokitini W 251 W. Clayton St. • 706-353-7933 www.shokitini.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian-Friendly, Bars. FEATURES: Outside Seating, Delivery. HOURS: Dinner & Late Night, 7 days. THE Look: Posh dining room with a projected big screen behind the sushi bar that creates a contemporary atmosphere. Three sizes of private karaoke rooms upstairs. MENU: An extensive selection of sashimi and sushi, with over 100 options in total. Special rolls include the Shokitini Roll (shrimp, sirloin steak, cucumber and oshinko topped with tuna, salmon, red snapper and avocado) and the Classic City Roll (crab meat, asparagus, avocado and eel sauce topped with shrimp). Hot dishes include udong noodles, lobster tail, filet mignon and sea scallops. Green tea cheesecake, fried oreos and red bean ice cream for dessert. DRINKS: A dozen hot and cold sake options including saketini cocktails, plenty of wine and a handful of beers like Asahi, Kirin and Sapporo. \$\$\$

Silver Dollar

262 College Ave. • 706-353-3093

www.facebook.com/silverdollarathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Live Music/DJs, Outside Seating. THE LOOK: Lodge-like decor includes a silver tin ceiling, deer mounts and a mountain landscape mural spanning the wall. A spacious covered outdoor patio with a corner location makes for good people-watching. DRINKS: Plenty of cheap domestics, well drinks and daily specials. \$

Sips Espresso Café

1390 Prince Ave. • 706-353-1288

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. FEATURES: Outside Seating, Art, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Open 7 Days. THE LOOK: A small coffee shop in the heart of Normaltown. A covered open air patio is always cozy regardless of the weather. MENU: A daily selection of pastries and treats from local bakeries. DRINKS: Classics like lattes, cappuccinos and espresso drinks brewed with Jittery Joe's coffee. A few Latin-inspired options include the Cubano (espresso extracted with raw sugar) and the Cortadito (equal parts milk and espresso). Tea, frosties and fruit smoothies, too. \$

Siri Thai Cuisine 🕊

367 Prince Ave. • 706-548-7667 1040 Gaines School Rd. • 706-850-3500 www.sirithaicuisine.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Beer & Wine, Catering, Delivery. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, Wed.–Mon. THE Look: The original two-story Bottleworks location and the new Eastside spot are both decorated with colorful Thai decor. MENU: Authentic home-style Thai dishes with an emphasis on fresh and healthy ingredients. Boldly flavored curry, noodle, fried rice, stir-fry, Thai BBQ (half chicken, New York strip, pork loin, tamarind shrimp), duck and seafood entrees. Many options for vegetarians, too, such as Mock Duck Curry, Eggplant Ginger and Pad Pak Basil (veggies and basil in a garlic-chili sauce). For dessert, try homemade sticky rice with sweet mango, purple rice pudding or taro custard. \$\$

Skogie's on Baxter

525 Baxter St. • 706-850-7447

www.skogiesonbaxter.com

FILE UNDER: American, Something Different. FEATURES: Delivery. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, Tu.—Sun. THE LOOK: Counter service at this seafood joint suggests that to-go meals are the focus, but there are several tables to stick around at, too. MEAU: Baskets, po'boys and salads. Pick a protein (chicken, shrimp or fish) and have it grilled, fried, or "skogified" (tossed in BBQ sauce and garlic). Sides include hush puppies, waffle fries, broccoli salad, fried pickles and sweet potato chips. \$

Smoothie King

2361 W. Broad St. (The Omni Club) • 706-369-3111 1591 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-613-2600 www.smoothieking.com

FILE UNDER: Smoothies. **FEATURES**: Catering, Delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS**: Vary by location. Open 7 days. \$

Sonny's Real Pit Bar-B-Q

3755 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-546-0385 www.sonnysbbq.com FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Catering. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. \$\$

Speakeasy 269 E. Broad St. • 706-546-5556 www.speakeasyathens.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars. FEATURES: Reservations, Catering. Hours: Dinner & Late Night, 7 days. THE LOOK: Designed as a fusion of modern and traditional Southern decor, this intimate second-floor setting overlooking north campus combines geometric metal sculpture with vintage elements of regional historic homes. MENU: Southern-inspired tapas that change with the seasons. An order of several small plates (risotto with duck confit, sweet and spicy sesame tuna, tenderloin kebobs with chimichurri, raw oysters, coconut shrimp with pineapple salsa) can be great for sharing. For something sweet, request an amaretto brownie, white chocolate fondue, truffles or bakedto-order sugar cookies. DRINKS: An extensive wine list for those looking to order by the glass or by the bottle. Decadent cocktails offer unique flavors such as a blackberry margarita, the Tatonka (bison grass vodka, apple juice, lime) and the Triple Chocolate Truffle Martini. \$\$\$

Square One Fish Co. 🛩

414 Thomas St. • 706-353-8862 www.squareonefishco.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. FEATURES: Reservations. Live Music, Outside Seating, Delivery, Wi-Fi. Hours: Dinner, 7 days. Sunday Brunch. THE LOOK: A swank, nautical-themed eatery with bar seating, a cozy dining area and a casual outdoor patio located on the eastern edge of downtown. Banquet room available for private parties. MENU: Start out with an order of oysters (raw. steamed, Rockefeller or with pimento cheese butter), softshell crabs, conch fritters, frog legs or fried calamari. Popular dinner dishes include sesame seared tuna, whole jerk spiced snapper, snow crab legs and grouper portobello. A fresh catch is available every day and can be prepared grilled, blackened, broiled, sauteed or poached. Land fare, too, for the less adventurous. At brunch you'll find shrimp and grits, smoked salmon pancakes and omelets. DRINKS: Wines available by glass, half bottle or full bottle, as well as a handful of specialty cocktails and the usual spread of beers. Try a Dirty Phickletini made with locally canned pickle juice or the Gin Choi (vodka, gin, cucumber, cilantro, lemon, lime and pineapple). Complimentary "happy-tizers" during the weekday "Don't Worry Be Happy Hour." \$\$\$\$

Starbucks

1761 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-353-2206 10 Huntington Rd. • 706-353-6632 2301 College Station Rd. (Kroger) • 706-353-8543 100 College Ave. • 706-543-0114

www.starbucks.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. FEATURES: Drive-Thru (Epps Bridge Pkwy. & Huntington Rd.), Outside Seating, Wi-Fi. Hours: Vary by location. Open 7 days. \$

Steak 'n Shake

2033 W. Broad St. • 706-353-6969 www.steaknshake.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. FEATURES: Drive-Thru, Outside Seating. Hours: 24 Hours, 7 Days. THE Look: Retro-style diner franchise. MENU: Steakburgers come in a variety of flavors like Western BBQ and Bacon, Jalapeño Crunch and Grilled Portobello and Swiss. Classic diner fare includes chili, melts, hot dogs, salads, sandwiches, mini Steakburger Shooters, onion rings and fries. For breakfast, order pancakes, skillets, scramblers, parfaits and biscuit sandwiches. Milkshakes, offered in two dozen flavors including chocolate covered strawberry, mint cookies 'n cream and peanut butter banana, are the other big attraction. \$

Stevi B's Pizza

122 Alps Rd. • 706-208-9552 www.stevibspizza.com FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. FEATURES: Buffet, Delivery. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. \$

The Still

318 E. Washington St.

www.facebook.com/thestillathens FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: DJs, Outside Seating. THE LOOK: New bar named after the apparatus used to produce alcoholic beverages. An outdoor patio is good for catching up



706.583.9600

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with friends and taking a break from the louder indoors. Dance parties in the basement are held frequently. **DRINKS**: Standard domestics and imports with plenty of wells, shots and bombs. \$

Stonewall's

142 N. Jackson St.

www.facebook.com/stonewallsathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Live Music/DJS, Outdoor Seating. THE LOOK: Upstairs you'll find an open air patio and a stage where live bands and DJS perform regularly. DRINKS: Lone Star beer and shots of Fireball whiskey are the most popular, but there're plenty of other brews and shots available. \$

Strickland's Restaurant

4723 Atlanta Hwy., Bogart • 706-548-7003

www.stricklandsrestaurant.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Catering, Checks. HOURS: Breakfast & Lunch, Mon.—Fri. Breakfast, Sat. THE LOOK: A family-run operation that's been in business for over 50 years. Head down the Atlanta Highway past the Georgia Square Mall to find this friendly spot. MENU: Southern comfort food. Fluffy buttermilk biscuit sandwiches (filled with choice of eggs, cheese, smoked link, steak, chicken, bacon or ham), pancakes, grits and hashbrowns in the morning. Meat 'n' three lunches with items like ribs, catfish, pork chops, mashed potatoes, corn, greens. \$

Stripling's General Store

4501 Monroe Hwy., Watkinsville • 770-725-7772 www.striplings.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: HOURS: 6 a.m.-8 p.m., Mon.-Sat. 1–6 p.m., Sun. THE LOOK: New location of a general store established in 1964 with the motto "You never sausage a place!" MENU: The butcher shop serves up various sausages, country cured ham, steaks, BBQ, stuffed pork chops, smoked bacon and jerky. Old-fashioned hoop cheese straight from Wisconsin. Lots of jellies, jams, preserves, honey, etc. \$

Stuffed Burger

1860 Barnett Shoals Rd. • 706-850-8411 www.stuffedburgergo.com

FILE UNDER: Burgers. FEATURES: Beer & Wine, Catering, Delivery. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. Sunday Brunch. THE LOOK: After a quick stint on Baxter St., this burger joint has settled into its Eastside digs. THE MENU: Home of the Juicy Lucy. Black angus hamburgers (or turkey, upon request) are cooked with a pocket full of melted cheeses (bleu cheese, pimento, smoked provolone) and fillings (bacon, jalapeños, mushrooms) in the center. Weekly specials offer unique stuffings like macaroni and cheese, pulled pork and pot roast. Deep-fried hot dogs come covered in chili, cheese and slaw or wrapped in bacon. For brunch, try the Bananas Foster French toast. \$\$

The Sultan

1074 Baxter St. • 706-850-7725 www.thesultanathens.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Delivery, Outside Seating. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, Mon.-Sat. Lunch, Sun. THE LOOK: This Middle Eastern eatery has a casual dining area decorated with tapestries and a sunny outdoor patio. MENU: Authentic Middle Eastern cuisine like shawarma (marinated chicken, beef, lamb or gyro served over rice), kabobs, falafel, stuffed grape leaves, baba ghanouj (mashed eggplant), tabouleh and spinach folds. Lunch offers Lebanese-style manaeesh (flatbreads topped with cheese, spices and veggies). \$\$

Sundown Saloon

50 Gaines School Rd. • 706-850-1180

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FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Live Music, Outside Seating, Wi-Fi. THE LOOK: The TVs, darts and pool tables at this Eastside watering hole offer plenty of entertainment. Weekly events include live music, karaoke and open mic nights. DRINKS: Standard selection of domestics and imports. Inexpensive well shots and cocktails make it easy to get buzzed on a budget. \$

Sweet Peppers Deli

296 W. Broad St. • 706-354-6728

www.sweetpeppersdeli.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches. FEATURES: Catering, Outside Seating, Delivery, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: Standard deli with counter service and a covered outdoor seating area on the edge of downtown. MENU: All encompassing menu of paninis, wraps, flatbreads, salads, daily soups, loaded potatoes and specialty sandwiches. Try the Bavarian Pretzel Sandwich (four meats, mustard, sweet banana peppers and lettuce on a prezel roll) or the Garden Pesto Sandwich (marinated asparagus, artichoke hearts, portobellos, roasted red peppers, pesto and mozzarella). For dessert, turtle cheesecake or carrot cake. \$\$

Taco Stand W

2230 Barnett Shoals Rd. • 706-549-5481 247 E. Broad St. • 706-549-1446 670 N. Milledge Ave. • 706-549-2894 www.facebook.com/thetstand

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Full Bar (Broad St.), Beer (Milledge Ave. & Eastside), Outside Seating (Broad St. & Milledge Ave.). Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE Look: Varies somewhat by location, but a laid-back atmosphere and fast-casual setup are common denominators of this Athens staple that has been around since 1977. MENU: A simple assortment of Mexican favorites like burritos, enchiladas, quesadillas, nachos, tacos and tostadas, with tofu options for the veggieinclined. Specially tacos include BBQ pork, breaded tilapia and fried chicken. Order The Hershel, a sun-dried tomato tortilla stuffed with BBQ pork, zesty BBQ sauce and jalapeño coleslaw. \$

Taqueria Del Sol 👾

334 Prince Ave. • 706-353-3890 www.taqueriadelsol.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican. FEATURES: Full Bar, Catering, Outside Seating. HOURS: Lunch, M.—Sat. Dinner, Tu.—Sat. THE LOOK: A gas station converted into a modern and sleek eatery with orderat-the-counter service and a large covered patio. MENU: A simple menu of tacos and enchiladas created with an eclectic Southern influence. The Memphis Taco (chopped smoked pork, jalapeño coleslaw and tequila BBQ sauce) and the Fried Chicken Taco (white meat, lime-jalapeño mayonnaise, lettuce and tomato). Cheese, brisket, refried bean and roasted chicken enchiladas are served with your choice of beef red chili, pork green chili or lemon cream sauce. Each week rotates a featured taco, blue plate, chef and seafood special. DRINKS: Wide variety of tequila and bottled beer selections. Try a West Side Margarita (Herradura Reposado, Patron Citronage) or a Build-Your-Own Margarita. \$

Taqueria La Jalisco

3750 Old Jefferson Rd. • 706-316-3560

FILE UNDER: Mexican. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: A small taqueria housed inside an unassuming Mexican grocery store. MENU: Authentically prepared Mexican cuisine including carnitas, chorizo tacos, tortas al pastor and a few freshly made salsas. \$

Taqueria La Parrilla

1431 Capital Ave., Watkinsville • 706-310-9991 2439 Jefferson Rd. • 706-549-4977 855 Gaines School Rd. • 706-548-5040 www.taquerialaparrilla.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Full Bar (Jefferson Rd. & Gaines School Rd.), Beer & Wine (Watkinsville), Delivery, Catering, Outside Seating. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE Look: Family-friendly Mexican restaurant with festive south-of-the-border decor. MENU: Close to 50 combination meals, including 18 vegetarian options. Plenty of burritos, quesadillas, enchiladas, chimichangas, flautas, tamales and tacos. A special low calorie section of the menu features healthconscious dishes. DRINKS: Enjoy a margarita or Mexican beer with your meal. Domestics to choose from, too. \$\$

Taste of India 👾

131 E. Broad St. • 706-559-0000

www.indiaathens.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEA-TURES: Beer & Wine, Buffet, Catering. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE Look: Fine dining accented by candles and traditional Indian tapestries and statues. Buffet table in the back. MENU: Versatile Indian menu with vegetarian, chicken, seafood, lamb, goat and even a handful of vegan options. Popular tandoori dishes are marinated in yogurt and spices and baked in a clay oven. Try the lamb pasanda (simmered in a creamy sauce with almonds, cashews and raisins), spicy seafood vindallo or dal makhni (lentils simmered with garlic, ginger, tomatos and herbs). Combination entrees and the daily lunch buffet. Pair your meal with a mango or strawberry lassi (blended yogurt drink) or finish everything off with a traditional dessert like kheer (rice pudding) or kulfi (dense ice cream). \$\$\$

Tavern on Broad

283 E. Broad St. • 706-548-1038

www.facebook.com/thetavernonbroad

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: DJS, Wi-Fi. THE LOOK: Small new bar hosting industry nights, low key game nights and the occasional dance party. DRINKS: Specialty hot cocktails in winter and freshly squeezed orange juice for mixing when it's warm out. All the standards behind the bar, with Coors Original on tap year-round. \$

Team Biscuits and Burgers

745 Danielsville Rd. • 706-543-8326

www.teambandb.biz

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. FEATURES: Drive-Thru, Catering, Outside Seating. Hours: Breakfast & Lunch, M.-Sat. Dinner, Th.-Sat THE LOOK: Spirited red and black decor and plenty of bulldawg pride. Pull up to the drive-thru window for a grab-and-go meal, or order inside and take a seat on the covered outdoor patio. THE MENU: Breakfast biscuits are prepared with your choice of sausage, bacon, bologna, steak, chicken, country ham, tenderloin, smoke-link or salmon. Make your burger (beef, chicken, salmon or shrimp) a combo by adding one side (fries, coleslaw, sweet potato fries or side salad) and a drink. Also offering baked or deep-fried wings, BBQ sandwiches, hotdogs, grilled cheeses and BLTs. \$

Ted's Most Best 🛩

254 W. Washington St. • 706-543-1523

www.tedsmostbest.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. FEATURES: Beer & Wine, Outside Seating, Live Music, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: Formerly a Snow Tire storage space, this hip and contemporary pizza joint was named in memory of the late Grit owner, Ted Hafer. A large outdoor patio with a bocce ball court is popular with kids. MENU: Personal-sized, oven-fired pizzas are the main attraction here. Build your own or try a classic margherita, White Rabbit (bechamel sauce, mozzarella, arugula, artichoke hearts, red onions, red peppers) or the daily special. Panini-style sandwiches, calzones, salads, antipasto and homemade cheesecakes, too. DRINKS: Five draft beers, including one seasonal selection, and a dozen others in bottle to choose from. \$\$

Ten Pins Tavern

2451 Jefferson Rd. • 706-546-8090 www.tenpinstavern.com

FILE UNDER: American, Something Different, Bars. FEATURES: Live Music. HOURS: Dinner & Late Night, 7 Days. THE LOOK: A bowling alley, bar, restaurant and lounge area all rolled into one. Get in the zone before your game by fueling up with a meal or a drink. MENU: All-American fare like pizza, cheeseburgers, bratwurst, hot dogs and buffalo wings. Fried okra, tater tots, hand-cut fries and pickle chips on the side. DRINKS: A full bar has everything from well drinks to top-shelf liquors. Mostly domestic beers, with a couple Terrapins to choose from. \$

Thai Spoon

149 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-548-9222

www.thaispoonathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Beer & Wine, Delivery. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, Mon.—Sat. THE LOOK: A richly hued, serene setting with colorful Thai art covering the walls. MENU: Boatloads of authentic Thai curry, rice, noodle, seafood and vegetarian dishes with choice of chicken, beef, pork, shrimp, tofu, suegai or mixed vegetables. Start out with an appetizer like green papaya salad, calamari, fish cakes or a cup of coconut chicken soup. Chef specials include lamb panang curry and roasted duck in tamarind sauce. Lunch specials are served with a spring roll, jasmine rice, cup of spicy mushroom soup. \$\$

Tin Drum Asiacafé

196 Alps Rd. • 706-543-8979

www.tindrumcafe.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Catering. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: Order at the counter using a touch-screen device for speedy service at this Asian fusion café. MENU: Noodles, curry, fried rice, stir-frys and tacos

prepared with all-natural meats and organic tofu. House dishes include tikka masala, mango stir-fry, basil fried rice and the Tin Drum Curry (crispy chicken, spinach, peanuts, red curry and sweet coconut chili sauce). Asian tacos (teriyaki chicken, panko shrimp and cucumber wasabi sauce, Thai chicken with chili hoisin sauce) are filled with rice, cabbage slaw, cilantro, scallions and soy-sesame vinaigrette. \$\$

Tlaloc El Mexicano Restaurant

1225 N. Chase St. • 706-613-9301

www.tlalocelmexicano.webs.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican and Latin American. FEATURES: Beer. HOURS: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: Small, brightly painted eatery with a name that means "God of Rain." MENU: Goes beyond the typical Mexican restaurant with authentic Mexican and Salvadorian specialties such as sopes (corn cakes topped with meat, pico de gallo and fresh cheese), papusas (corn cakes stuffed with meat, cheese and beans), tacos dorados (fried tacos stuffed with mashed potatoes or meat), tortas de pambazo (fried potatoes and chorizo between two slices of bread fried in red salsa), huaraches, enchiladas, gorditas and chilaquiles. For breakfast, eggs, sausage, ham and bacon served with rice and beans. On the weekends, you'll find menudo, a traditional soup made with tripe (beef stomach). Pair your meal with a Mexican beer, jarrito (Mexican soda), horchata (sweet rice water), tamarindo (tamarind juice) or Jamaica (sweet flower drink). \$\$

Topper's International Showbar

100 N. Jackson St. • 706-613-0504

Find them on Facebook.

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. THE LOOK: Athens' only strip club is finally 21 years old. Late-night spot with exotic dancers onstage and sports on the flat-screen TVs. Multiple pool tables in the back. Male revues and ladies' nights are held often. DRINKS: Plenty of inexpensive champagne and domestic beers, plus house shots and cocktails to give big spenders lots of options. \$

Transmetropolitan 👾

1550 Oglethorpe Ave. • 706-549-5112 145 E. Clayton St. • 706-613-8773

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian-Friendly, Bars. FEA-TURES: Outside Seating, Art (Downtown). HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. Weekend Brunch (Oglethorpe Ave.). THE LOOK: Pizzeria with a classy-casual aesthetic. The newly-remodeled downtown location has a comfortable upstairs bar area, and the Oglethorpe Avenue location has a rooftop patio. MENU: Home of the Hungry Sasquatch, a meat lover's dream loaded with pepperoni, Italian sausage, meatballs, ham, bacon and a few veggies. Try a specialty pie or choose from a large selection of pasta bowls, salads, calzones and paninis. A build-your-own option with 40 toppings to choose from is available to customize pizzas, pasta and salad. DRINKS: Several beers on draft, including multiple craft beers, and 25+ in bottle. Full selection of wine and a 20+ list of vintage cocktails. Both restaurants feature a bar area separate from the main dining area. \$

Trappeze Pub 👾

269 W. Washington St. • 706-543-8997 www.trappezepub.com FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian-Friendly, Bars. FEATURES: Outside Seating, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. Weekend Brunch. THE LOOK: A pub with a warm and refined atmosphere. MENU: Classic pub fare with a fancier twist. Fresh salads, soups and sandwiches with sophisticated flavors like the Double Pig (braised pork, spiced bacon, pickled green beans, paprika-tomato aioli and arugula on a ciabatta) and a quinoa salad with roasted sweet potatoes, walnuts, parsley, dried cranberries and greens. For something lighter, snack on a cheese plate or Asian pork taco with savory plum sauce, red cabbage, pickled carrots and cilantro. DRINKS: One of the largest selections of beer around with over 30 rotating beers on tap and more than 200 others in 15 categories (pale ales, barley wines, wheat beers, stouts, lambics, mead). Knowledgable bartenders will happily

stouts, lambics, mead). Knowledgable bartenders will happily guide you towards selecting the perfect brew. Plenty of wines to choose from, too. \$\$

Treppenhaus

114 College Ave. • 706-355-3060

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. THE LOOK: A two-story draft house inspired by German beer halls and complete with steel

and wooden accents, a stained glass skylight and a lounge with fur-lined walls. **DRINKS:** European and American craft beer is the focus here, with 20 on draft and even more in bottles. Order a giant stein full of one the 12 German beers on tap. Classic cocktails like the Ginger Collins, Black Russian and Blue Hawaii. Over a dozen aged scotches, too. \$

Two Story Coffeehouse

1911 Barnett Shoals Rd. • 706-850-6701 1680 Lumpkin St. • 706-850-5422 www.twostorycoffeehouse.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. FEATURES: Outside Seating, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Open 7 Days (Five Points). Open M.–Sat. (Eastside). THE LOOK: The original Five Points location is in a cozy historic house with two levels for distinct purposes. Catch up with friends downstairs or find a chill spot to curl up and read upstairs. The Eastside location has a designated quiet room in the back for studying. MENU: Classic coffee drinks prepared with a manual pour over or personal French press. Several teas to choose from, including blooming tea posies. Specialty drinks include The Babarr (chai with a shot of espresso and stick of cinnamon) and the Fire & Ice (gelato and espresso dessert). For something cold, order a fruit smoothie, coffee-free blender (chocolate, vanilla, chai), frozen Latte Ghiaccio or Italian soda. Pastries, gelato and other snacks to munch on. \$

Uptown Art Uncorked

3061 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-208-7337 www.uptownart.com/athens

FILE UNDER: Something Different. FEATURES: Beer & Wine, Reservations. Hours: Open Mon.—Sat. THE LOOK: Painting studio located in the Target shopping center that offers group classes, private parties and kids' camps. Check the website for a monthly schedule of classes. DRINKS: Try your hand at painting a masterpiece while you drink a glass (or bottle) of wine, beer, soda or coffee. \$

Urban Flats

127 W. Washington St.

www.urbanflats.net

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Full Bar, Outside Seating. THE LOOK: This modern yet chic restaurant and wine bar inspired by urban renewal is slated to open in the Washington Street parking deck this year. MENU: Gournet flatbreads are baked in a stone-hearth oven and topped with fresh ingredients. Try a fig and prosciutto, spicy shrimp and chorizo, oven roasted vegetable or turkey, pear and brie. Also offering wraps, salads, steak and seafood. DRINKS: A lengthy list of wines from all over the world. Specially cocktails include the Tiramisu (double espresso vodka, dark creme de cacao, cream) and Caramel Appletini (Van Gogh apple vodka, butterscotch schnapps, apple liqueur, cranberry juice). \$\$

Utage Athens Sushi Bar

440 E. Clayton St. • 706-227-9339

www.utageathenssushibar.com FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian-Friendly, Bars. FEATURES:

The Dorck: Totality, vegetatian Findenty, bars. Frit. Dinner, 7 days. **The Look:** Take a seat at the sushi bar to watch the chefs prepare rolls at this fine dining spot. **Menu**: Wide variety of specialty rolls such as the Bulldog Roll (fried white fish, masago, avocado, eel sauce) and Gatorhater Roll (tuna, smoked salmon, eel, cream cheese, fried asparagus). Teriyaki, curry and grilled meat dinner entrees are served with miso soup and salad. Cleanse your palate with a scoop of green tea, red bean or ginger ice cream for dessert. **DRINK**: Sake, Japanese beers, wine and cocktails. Try a Geisha Girl (rum, orange juice, cranberry juice, melon liqueur) or Singapore Sling (gin, sour mix, grenadine, soda, cherry liqueur). \$\$

The Varsity

1000 W. Broad St. • 706-548-6325

www.thevarsity.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. FEATURES: Drive-Thru, Catering, Outside Seating. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. Late Night, Fri. & Sat. THE Look: "What'll ya have?!" greets you at the door of this retro fast-food eatery, still going strong after 80 years of business. Classic car shows are held often. MENU: Hot dogs (with cheese, slaw or chili), burgers, BLTs, grilled cheeses, chicken sandwiches and salads. Pair your meal with french fries or onion rings, and wash it all down with a



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Viva! Argentine Cuisine

2270 Barnett Shoals Rd. • 706-850-8284

www.vivaargentinecuisine.com

FILE UNDER: Latin American. FEATURES: Beer & Wine, Delivery. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, Tu.-Sun. THE LOOK: Family-run Argentine restaurant. MENU: Traditional cuisine making good use of meat and potatoes, like the Argentine cheesesteak, lomo con papas fritas, tender medallions topped with chimichurri sauce and the pastel de papa, a shepherd's pie-like entree. Empanadas are prepared fresh daily, and include ground beef, ham and cheese, chicken tinga, spinach and mushroom, black bean and sausage. Try a homemade vegetarian soup like black bean, lentil vegetable or the velvety butternut squash bisque. Don't leave without sampling one of chef Gaby's freshly baked Atomic Cupcakes. \$\$

The Volstead

351 E. Clayton St. • 706-354-5300

www.facebook.com/VolsteadAthens FILE UNDER: American, Bars. FEATURES: Outside Seating, Catering, Live Music, Delivery, Trivia, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch, Dinner & Late Night, 7 Days. THE LOOK: A restaurant by day and bar by night, named after the congressman responsible for prohibition, Andrew Volstead. MENU: Classed-up burgers (available with angus beef, turkey or bean patties), sandwiches, salads, fish tacos, wings and other popular pub fare. DRINKS: 28 frosted taps provide draft beers on the verge of freezing, and a frozen Shoca-Vodka system creates blistering five-degree shots. A unique frost rail that runs the length of the bar keeps your drink icy cold through the night. Plenty of wines and cocktails, too. \$\$

Walker's Coffee & Pub

128 College Ave. • 706-543-1433

www.facebook.com/walkerspub FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Bars. FEATURES: Outside Seating, Art, Wi-Fi. Hours: Open 7 days. THE LOOK: An ideal place to study during the day and a social spot to drink at night. The pub offers a spacious interior with large booths and bar seating, an outdoor patio, a covered breezeway and a downstairs nook that hosts weekly karaoke. MEAU: All the essentials are here: locally roasted coffees, teas, blended freeze drinks and juice. For breakfast, grab a pastry, bagel, breakfast burrito or drunken waffle (made with Guinness and chocolate chips). At lunch, several simple sandwiches (ham and cheese, PB&J, hummus) and veggie quesadillas are available. DRINKS: Six beers on draft and over 70 in bottles, including many microbrews. Marry the coffee and pub halves with an Irish Coffee or Keoke Coffee. \$

Weaver D's Fine Foods 🛩

1016 E. Broad St. • 706-353-7797

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Catering, Outside Seating, Delivery. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, Mon.—Sat. THE LOOK: A bright green local landmark with a big reputation due to its "Automatic for the People" slogan made famous by R.E.M. Owner Dexter Weaver's big personality can only be matched by the big flavors of his food. MEAU: Hefty portions of Southern soul food favorites like fried chicken, pork chops, squash casserole, macaroni and cheese, sweet potato souffle, green beans, buttermilk cornbread and homemade desserts. Wash it all down with sweet tea or lemonade. \$\$

What's Cooking

2546 Commerce Rd.

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. FEATURES: Cash Only, Outside Seating. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: An under the radar, roadside spot located off of Hwy. 441. Order at the window and take a seat on the colorful patio surrounded by cacti, tropical plants and kitschy decor. MENU: Authentic Latin cuisine like fajitas, enchiladas, quesadillas, tortas Cubanas, sope, tacos Mexicanos and mole. \$

Whiskey Bent

335 E. Clayton St. • 706-548-8899

www.facebook.com/whiskeybentathens **FILE UNDER**: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES**: DJs/Live Music, Outside Seating. **THE LOOK**: Spacious place with a simple, no-frills decor and large wooden booths constructed out of repurposed barrels. Downstairs, which opens for busy nights and private parties, features pool, beer pong, darts and a second full bar. DRINKS: Whiskey is the obvious focus here, with over 15 different types on display. You'll find all the familiar faces like Jack Daniel's, Jim Beam and Johnnie Walker. Ask about the bar's special Jack Daniel's "Whiskey Bent" Single Barrel. \$

White Tiger Gourmet

217 Hiawasee Ave. • 706-353-6847

www.whitetigergourmet.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Downhome and BBQ, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Catering, Live Music, BYOB, Delivery, Art, Outside Seating. Hours: Lunch, Tu.—Sat. Dinner, Th.—Sat. Sunday Brunch. THE LOOK: Making its home within a cozy historic Boulevard-area store building, this eclectic eatery has local art decorating the walls and picnic tables outside beneath shade trees. MENU: Try a Barbarella (smoked pork, red and white BBQ sauce, mozzarella) Seared Salmon Ciabatta (with cucumbers, capers, cream cheese and field greens) or the Happy Top Cheeseburger. Vegetarian options include the Tofu-Q-Sandwich and a portabella cheese "burger." Sides of organic local produce rotate seasonally, with items like grilled asparagus, broccoli and kale. Check out the display case for homemade chocolates, caramels, turtles and other sweet treats. \$\$

Willy's Mexicana Grill

196 Alps Rd. • 706-548-1920

www.willys.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Beer, Catering, Outside Seating, Trivia. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. THE LOOK: A brightly colored eatery with an assembly-line method to making orders. MENU: Made-to-order burritos, tacos, nachos, quesadillas and salads with your choice of spicy adobe chicken, cilantro garlic steak, citrus-based sinaloa chicken or tofu, chipotle BBQ pork, rice, beans and vegetables. All ingredients are fresh and never frozen, and meats are marinated inhouse. Willy's Coca-Cola Freestyle machine can mix up over 100 different combinations of sodas, juice and flavored waters. \$

Wingster Café

521 Baxter St. • 706-583-9611

www.wingstercafe.com FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. FEATURES: Delivery. Hours: Lunch, Dinner & Late Night, 7 days. THE LOOK: Located near the high-rise freshman dorms, this is a popular late night spot for pick-up-and-go service. MENU: Wings are king here and available in bulk. Fried or grilled chicken wraps and sandwiches (which can also be made with beef or double cheese) are flavored with your choice of homemade sauce: cool ranch, honey BBQ, dijon honey mustard, teriyaki, Cajun, Caesar, chipotle and "Norris" hot sauce. \$

Wok Star

225 Cherokee Rd., Winterville • 706-742-2555 www.wintervillewokstar.blogspot.com

FILE UNDER: Asian. FEATURES: Delivery. THE HOURS: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: An American-Asian fusion restaurant just a short drive from Athens. MENU: A country style breakfast menu focuses on staples such as eggs, grits, muffins and biscuits served with choice of ham, steak, chicken or sausage. For lunch and dinner, choose among American burgers and sandwiches or Asian dishes such as moo goo gai pan, lo mein, spicy garlic eggplant and sesame shrimp. Ask to see the auxiliary menu for a list of spicier, more authentic and unfamiliar Chinese dishes. \$\$

The World Famous

351 N. Hull St. • 706-543-4002

www.theworldfamousathens.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. FEATURES: Live Music/DJs, Art. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: This cozy, eclectic venue housed in the historic Wilson's building may be new, but it already feels distinctly local through its decor of reclaimed materials, colorful artwork and pinball machines. A listening room and stage can be found through the door to the left. Full service dining during lunch. MENU: Food cart style lineup of Southern snacks like chicken and waffles, hand-dipped corndogs, poutine, tofu lettuce wraps and wings. DRINKS: Handmade original cocktails, craft and domestic beer, wines, sake and an array of specialty sodas, teas and coffee. Try a Charlie Brown, Grape Ape or Maple & Mint Toddy. \$

YoDawgs 723 Baxter St. • 706-546-8477

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream. FEATURES: Outside Seating, WiFi. HOURS: Open 7 Days. THE LOOK: A huge mural of UGA's football stadium spanning an entire wall is proof of this frozen yogurt shop's buildawg pride. MENU: Self-serve stations offer the ability to swirl flavors. Combine wild strawberry and cheesecake, dark chocolate and peanut butter, or tropical sorbet and vanilla bean. Top off your treat with sprinkles, candy, fruit, cookies, hot fudge or strawberry syrup. \$

Yoforia

142 Clayton St. • 706-548-4388 1210 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-548-4020

www.yoforia.com FILE UNDER: Ice Cream. FEATURES: Outside Seating, Catering, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Open 7 days. Late Night, Fri.—Sat. THE LOOK: Bright orange and green colors highlight a modern, clean design. Pick up an empty bowl and create your dream dessert at the selfserve stations. MENU: A dozen flavors of organic frozen yogurt prepared fresh daily, with twice as many toppings. Try green tea, pumpkin spice, pomegranate or dark chocolate and load on the candy, nuts and fresh fruit. A freezer full of frozen yogurt pies (key lime, cookies and cream, cheesecake) can be found at the downtown location. \$

Your Pie

1591 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-7424 196 Alps Rd. • 706-549-3179 350 E. Broad St. • 706-850-5675 1045 Gaines School Rd. • 706-355-7048 www.yourpie.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Beer & Wine, Catering, Trivia, Delivery, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 days. Late Night, Th.—Sat. (Downtown) THE Look: Customization is key at this locally based franchise. Watch as your 10" personalized pizza is hand-tossed and popped into the brick oven as you slide down the prep line. (Kids love to watch their pies go into the oven.) MENU: Build your own dream pizza from a selection of eight sauces, 10 cheeses and 36 toppings. Vegan and gluten-free pizzas are available. Several specialty pies, brickoven paninis and bread bowl salads, too. Top off your meal with a cool gelato, offered in a dozen flavors. \$\$

Yummy Pho

167 E. Broad St. • 706-354-6006

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian-Friendly. FEATURES: Beer, Delivery, Outside Seating. Hours: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: A mural of bulldawgs at the beach creates a tropical vibe at this colorful eatery with a large covered outdoor seating area. MENU: Popular Vietnamese dishes like pho (noodle soup with veggies, protein and herbs), banh mi sandwiches, fried rice, curry and bun (vermicelli noodles with fresh veggies). Abundant vegetarian and vegan options. Try a traditional Vietnamese coffee served with sweet condensed milk or a bubble tea offered in 10 flavors like mango, coconut and taro. \$

Zeb Dean's Barbecue

5742 Hwy. 29 N., Danielsville • 706-795-2701

Find them on Facebook. FILE UNDER: Downhome & BBQ. FEATURES: Catering, Checks.

House: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, W.–Sat. Lunch, Sun. THE Look: Unassuming BBQ joint with humble decor. MENU: Dean's signature pepper-vinegar sauce attracts 'cue hounds from far and wide, and the cream-corn-based Brunswick stew has also contributed to this spot's reputation as worthy of a short roadtrip. Pig out on hickory smoked BBQ, burgers, chicken sandwiches, fries, tots and slaw, but the 'cue is the reason for the trip, and don't you forget it. \$

Zoe's Kitchen

145 Alps Rd. www.zoeskitchen.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches. FEATURES: Catering. HOURS: Lunch & Dinner, 7 Days. THE LOOK: New health-conscious Mediterraneaninspired eatery. MENU: Pita sandwiches, kabobs, roll-ups, pita pizzas and salads. Try a classic Greek salad, fresh hummus and a grilled Gruben sandwich (grilled turkey, Swiss, slaw and spicy mustard on rye). Sides like braised white beans, rice pilaf, basil-feta pasta salad and roasted veggies. Quick and tasty when you're on the go. \$



rom collards to shiitake mushrooms to grass-fed beef rib roast, farmers in the Athens area have spent the last decade growing more of the food that northeast Georgians want to eat. With a nine-month growing season, access to farmland and a knowledge base provided by more established small farmers and local experts, a new crop of small farms is flourishing changing the way many Athenians eat. This change has extended into our restaurants, since many local eateries feature locally sourced food and drink.

"Athens has embraced locally grown food, because we have a strong sense of community in this town," says Jan Kozak, the manager of the Athens Farmers Market. "On top of that, we have fertile soil and a hardworking, sustainably minded farming and food-producing community that provides us with such bountiful, beautiful and wholesome food. They make it easy to eat local."

Dozens of vegetable, meat and dairy producers are located within a 30-minute drive of downtown Athens—all making at least part of their living by supplying families and restaurants in the Athens and Atlanta area with locally produced food. While the U.S. has seen the number of farmers markets triple in the last 15 years, Athens' local food scene is unusual in terms of how widespread it is and how quickly it grew.

"There's a lot of towns just like Athens where this did not happen," says Eric Waggoner, who runs online farmers market Athens Locally Grown. "But here, we just had all these things come together at once, organically."

Pick-Your-Own Farms

Here are some pick-your-own farms. They love visitors, but it's always a good idea to call ahead to make sure that there are berries on the bushes or pumpkins on the vine. Most of these farms have recorded "berry status" messages on their answering machines or up-to-date information on their websites. *Hours listed below depend on weather and crop availability*.

Black Gold Worm Farm

446 Swann Rd., Jefferson • 706-254-6292

Beets, carrots, melons, peas, pumpkins, summer squash, winter squash, strawberries, tomatoes and other fruits and vegetables. Worms in soil for sale as well. Call for appointment.

Long Shot Farms

158 Wolfskin Rd., Arnoldsville • 678-469-0007 • athensblueberries@gmail.com. Blueberries from mid-June until they're gone. Friday 4 p.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m.-11 a.m., 4 p.m.-8 p.m., Sunday 4 p.m.-8 p.m.

Miller's Blueberry Farm

1371 Union Church Rd., Watkinsville • 706-769-4161 • www.ronputman.com/ blueberry-farm.html

Eight varieties of blueberries—Mid-June to mid-August, Tuesday 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Wednesday 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Mills Farm

150 Harve Mathis Rd. • 706-543-8113 • www.redmulegrits.us

Watch corn ground into Red Mule grits (polenta, too) in a mule-powered grinder. Buy the same grits found on some of the finest restaurant tables in the Athens area.

Moon Farms Strawberry Farm & Country Market

3498 GA Hwy 72, Colbert • 706-338-0065 • www.moon-farms.com Pick your own strawberries and get beekeeping classes on demand. Monday–Saturday 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m.–6 p.m.

Washington Farms

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5691 Hog Mountain Rd., Bogart • 706-769-0627 • www.washingtonfarms.net Strawberries (May and June), blueberries and blackberries (June and July), pumpkins (October) Monday–Friday 8 a.m.–12 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.–until. Waggoner started athenslocallygrown.com in 2002 with six vendors. Today, more than 100 local farmers and food artisans sell on his website.

"Today, Athens is seen around the country as an example of how a local food scene can quickly grow and mature," Waggoner says. "Ideas that began here have spread out to other communities."

That reputation of supporting local farmers and being a place where people can try out new ideas is attracting young farmers from around the country.

Mandy and Steve O'Shea, who worked for years on farms in Northern California, came back to Athens, where Mandy had earned her bachelor's in horticulture, when they decided to start their own farm in 2011.

"The sustainably-focused farmers market and farm-focused restaurant community was a big draw for us," says Steve, who, with Mandy, launched 3 Porch Farm. "We also love being just outside Athens and experiencing the interplay of traditional rural Southern culture with the more artistic and modern cultural influences of Athens. It's almost like having a foot in two different times and places, but the fusion of the two is surprisingly graceful."

Farmers' Markets

These Athens-area farmers markets spread the wealth among several locations at different times during the week, assuring that even if you don't make it to your favorite market at your usual time, you've got a backup.

Athens Farmers Market

Bishop Park & City Hall www.athensfarmersmarket.net April-December, Saturdays 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Bishop Park and Wednesdays (p.m.

p.m. at Bishop Park and Wednesdays 4 p.m.– 7 p.m. outside Athens City Hall downtown

Central Bishop Market

4860 Macon Hwy (Hwy 441), Bishop The parking lot in front of Bradford Pottery Thursdays 4 p.m.-7 p.m.

Comer Farmers Market

1914 Madison St., Comer www.facebook.com/comerfm March-December, Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Jefferson Farmers Market

Public Square, Jefferson, GA www.mainstreetjefferson.com June–September, Saturdays 7 a.m.–11 a.m.

Oconee County Farmers Market

Oconee County Courthouse & First Christian Church www.oconeefarmersmarket.org

April–November, Saturdays 8 a.m.–1 p.m., Oconee County Courthouse (23 N Main St.), Watkinsville, Tuesdays 4 p.m.–7 p.m. First Christian Church (4 Main St.) Watkinsville

Statham Farmers Market

Railroad St., Statham www.facebook.com/stathamfarmersmarket June-August, Saturdays 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

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West Broad Street Farmers Market 1573 W. Broad St.

www.athenslandtrust.org/community-gardens/west-broad-farmers-market May through December, First Saturday of the month 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Old West Broad Street School at 1573 W. Broad St., Athens. Smaller "tailgate market" Tuesdays 4 p.m.-7 p.m.



The growing number of farmers turning to the Athens area for affordable land and a ready market for their produce has already had a significant impact on the local economy, says Kent Wolfe, director of the UGA Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development.

Wolfe completed a study three years ago indicating that if every household in Georgia spent \$10 on locally grown produce each week, that spending would have a \$1.9 billion impact on Georgia's economy. The impact that local foods are having on local economies across Georgia—and in Athens—has undoubtedly grown since that study was completed, he adds.

While Athenians can find most of the produce they need at local farmers markets and some local grocery stores, they can also volunteer on local farms, take farm tours, pick their own produce and visit farms to pick up their weekly share of the yield. Take a look at the accompanying listings to find some of the food opportunities that abound.

For further information about organic farming see **http://localfoodguide. georgiaorganics.org**, and for more listings of local organic farmers, see **http://athens.locallygrown.net/growers/list**. In addition, as you get out and drive around this area, you'll encounter farm foodstands not included in these pages for various reasons, so get out, and explore!

CSAs and Farmstands

One way to build a personal relationship with local farmers is to drive out to their farms and buy your produce directly from them. Some farmers have farmstands, where they sell vegetables straight from their fields, and almost all have signups for CSA (community supported agriculture) shares. CSAs guarantee you a share of your farmers' produce each week throughout their growing season. In addition, several online CSAs simplify the process even further by allowing signups and pickups for weekly produce.

Athens Locally Grown (Online CSA) www.athens.locallygrown.net

Blackbriar Farms (Farmstand, CSA) 1321 Comer Rd., Crawford • 706-247-5601 • www.blackbriarfarms.com

Cedar Grove Farm (CSA) 372 Oconee Forest Rd., Stephens • 706-621-3637 • www.farmcedargrove.com

Foster Brady Farm (CSA) 4290 Snows Mill Rd., Monroe • 770-267-2031 • clybrady@yahoo.com

Full Moon Cooperative (CSA) 46 Beaver Trail, Winterville • www.fullmooncoop.org

Native Sun Farm (Farmstand, CSA) 1560 Jimmy Daniel Rd., Bogart • 706-254-4231 • www.nativesunfarm.com

Nature's Garden Delivered (Online CSA) 770-441-9976 • www.ga.naturesgardendelivered.com

Pastures of Rose Creek (Winter Farmstand) 1051 Rose Creek Dr., Watkinsville • 706-254-9391 • www.facebook.com/pastures. rosecreek

Sundance Family Farm (CSA) 566 Coley Davis Rd., Danielsville • 706-789-3651

Veribest Farms (Winter CSA) 1192 Veribest Rd., Carlton • 706-202-7680 • toddlister1@gmail.com

Viking Produce (Online CSA) 706-254-7956 • www.vikingproduce.com

West Broad Street Market Garden (CSA) 1573 W. Broad St. • 706-613-0122 • www.athenslandtrust.org/community-gardens

Woodland Gardens Organic (CSA) 1355 Athens Rd., Winterville • 706-227-1944 • www.woodlandgardensorganic.com



Farming For Dummies

Want to learn more about farming? Here are some resources providing information and some farms where you can get your hands dirty helping out or where you can at least take a tour and see farming up close.

Athens Land Trust Community Garden Network

1573 W. Broad St. • 706-613-0122 • www.athenslandtrust.org Garden workshops, volunteer days

Crop Mob Georgia

www.cropmobgeorgia.com/category/crop-mob-athens Connecting volunteers with local farms to help bring in the harvest

Jackson Eco Farm

6561 Jefferson River Rd. • 706-202-5901 • www.jacksonecofarm.org Children and adult farm classes, field trips, tours

Jim's Farm

64 Beaver Trail, Winterville • www.freewebs.com/jimsfarm Work-share available: open invitation to be a farmer for a day.

Lazy B Farm

938 Parker Dr., Statham • 770-289-2301 • www.thelazybfarm.com Homesteading workshops, beekeeping for children and adults

Local P.L.A.C.E

706-461-8288 • www.localplace.org Agriculture policy group working on the local level

Slow Food Athens

www.slowfoodgreaterathens.com Cooking classes, dinners and farmer advocacy events celebrating good food

Spring Valley Eco Farms

1695 Spring Valley Rd. • 706-410-0945 • www.springvalleyecofarms.org Classes, tours

UGA Cooperative Extension

2152 W. Broad St. • 706-613-3640 (county office) • www.caes.uga.edu/extension/ clarke/anr

Gardening, food preservation and composting classes and volunteer opportunities

Ugarden

2500 S. Milledge Ave. • ugarden.uga.edu

Student-run garden offers community programs and fresh produce for sale



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Empanadas and Other Favorite Things

Various locations

Juan Villaveces' empanada stand sells meat and veggie versions of the pocket treats, plus plantain chips and other snacks.

Hip Pops

160 Tracy St., Ste. 13 • 650-521-4022 www.hippopsathens.com

This little store has both a cart and a physical location (in the Tracy Street Warehouses), but you can also find its goods at Daily Groceries and elsewhere. The cart shows up wherever it's happening. Both fruit-heavy and chocolatey pops, named for hip hop stars.

King of Pops

223 College Ave. www.kingofpops.net

This year, you can find the gourmet popsicle downtown, from about 12 p.m.-8 p.m., but it pays to check the website for accurate hours. Flavors include chocolate-sea salt and grapefruit-mint. The pops are available also at Jittery Joe's downtown and at Always Baked.

La Fonda Dawgs

Jackson Street on campus Walter Washington cheerfully retails basic hot dogs and burgers (both veggie and meat), sodas and chips behind UGA's Main Library on Jackson Street, mostly during the academic year.

Streets Cafe

706-540-2134 www.streetscafe.com Streets Cafe is the familiar food truck currently downtown Thursday to Saturday nights on the patio at MAX, 243 W. Washington St., plus occasionally elsewhere, with crosscultural Asian-fusion street food that hits the spot late at night.

Terrapin Beer Company

265 Newton Bridge Rd. • 706-549-3377 www.terrapinbeer.com

Local brewery success story is open for tours and tastings (no reservations needed) Wednesday–Saturday from 5:30–7:30 p.m., plus for frequent fundraising special events. Purchase a souvenir glass (\$10–\$12) and receive eight tickets for 4 oz. tastings, but make sure you have your DD squared away.

Athens Food Tours 706-338-8054

www.athensfoodtours.com

Mary Charles Howard's charming food tours focus on several different neighborhoods, including downtown, and let their participants sample the food while learning about local history, music and architecture. She also offers occasional bicycle tours and other events. Great for tourists and for those who just want to know their city

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