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the late 18th Century, the North Oconee River, which flows just east of downtown, was the frontier—the dividing line between the United States and Creek Indian land. Daniel Easley built a mill and trading post just south of what's now downtown, at a spot known as Cedar Shoals, now called **Carr's Hill**. (In a sign of the times, that spot is now occupied by a luxury student apartment complex on the bluff overlooking downtown.)

Athens and the University of Georgia have been intertwined from the beginning. The state legislature chartered the University of Georgia in 1785, making UGA the oldest public university in the country, no matter what anyone in North Carolina says. Future governor John Milledge, who bought the university's initial 633 acres from Easley, 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 led the building of the city's first railroad, connecting Athens to Augusta in 1841.

As the city grew, wealthy residents built grand homes in the **Cobbham** neighborhood west of downtown. While many of Prince Avenue's stately homes have been torn down to make way for drive-throughs, many remain today. A prime example is the salmonJohn Gilleland was employed, defending the armory, though firing only one barrel. When tested earlier, the chain connecting the balls snapped, knocking down a chimney and killing a cow. The cannon is now displayed outside City Hall, pointed north.

By the turn of the century, Athens had public schools, a police force and its first streetcar suburbs. A utility company developed the **Boulevard** and Buena

## **BY THE NUMBERS**

- **AREA:** About **122** square miles—geographically the smallest county in Georgia.
- **POPULATION: 123,912** (2016 Census estimate includes UGA students)
- **DEMOGRAPHICS: 65** percent white, **27** percent black, **7** percent Hispanic, **3** percent Asian (2010 Census)
- UGA ENROLLMENT: 35,162 (Fall 2016)
- LARGEST EMPLOYERS: UGA (10,300), Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center (3,300), Clarke County School District (2,100), Pilgrim's Pride (1,800), Athens-Clarke County government (1,600), Caterpillar (1,500), St. Mary's Hospital (1,400)

Vista neighborhoods on the north side of Prince Avenue, with a streetcar down the wide Boulevard (yes, just Boulevard, like Madonna) powered by a dam on the Middle Oconee River carrying workers downtown. By the 1980s many of the homes had decayed, but locals bought them and fixed them up.

Cotton-mill workers lived in modest homes in Pulaski Heights—which lately has seen an influx of ultra-modern houses—and freed slaves settled along the **Hancock Corridor** and in **East Athens**, areas that are now gentrifying. Other historically African-American neighborhoods were torn down during "urban renewal" under the Johnson Administration. However, the "Hot Corner" at Washington and Hull streets downtown remains a center of commerce and culture. Its centerpiece, the Morton Theatre, was built by one of Georgia's wealthiest black men, Monroe "Pink" Bowers, in 1910. The theater is now owned by the

pink antebellum T.R.R. Cobb House on Hill Street, now a house museum. And Prince remains lined with local businesses, such as those in the Bottleworks—a rehabbed Coca-Cola bottling plant—as well as the *Flagpole* office in a Victorian house across the street from vegetarian restaurant The Grit.

Athens saw little action during the Civil War, but the Cook & Brother Armory—now known as the Chicopee building, owned by UGA—supplied rifles to the Confederate forces. A double-barreled cannon invented by local dentist Athens-Clarke County government and operated by a nonprofit.

In 1891, the State Normal School, a teacher's college, opened at the corner of Prince and Oglethorpe avenues. The Navy took over the college in the 1950s, training its Supply Corps there. When the Navy school moved to Rhode Island in 2011, UGA acquired the property. It's now the UGA Health Sciences Campus. The neighborhood around the campus, **Normaltown**, is a mix of 19th Century homes, '50s ranch houses and hip bars, restaurants and other local businesses.

## FIND YOUR WAY

Keep this *Guide* handy, as well as the weekly *Flagpole*, with its comprehensive calendar of events. Both can be picked up around town at more than 250 locations or read at flagpole.com.

The **UGA Master Calendar** will keep you apprised of events on campus at calendar.uga.edu.

Find out anything you need to know about **local government** at athensclarkecounty.com.

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South of campus, at the intersection of Milledge Avenue and Lumpkin Street, is **Five Points**, another walkable neighborhood of stately homes and locally owned stores and restaurants, and heavy with college professors as well as students. Many of the historic mansions along Milledge have been converted to fraternity and sorority houses.

The suburbs on the **Eastside**—Lexington, Gaines School, Barnett Shoals and College Station roads—began to develop in the 1960s. It remains a middle-class neighborhood (with a sprinkling of aging apartment complexes) with a mix of unique businesses and familiar chains.

When Georgia Square Mall opened in 1981 on **Atlanta Highway**, it nearly killed downtown, as department stores fled. The exodus proved to be an opportunity, as musicians and entrepreneurs took advantage of cheap rents and government incentives to open bars and music venues, spurring Athens' music scene, which spawned R.E.M., The B-52s, Widespread Panic, Vic Chesnutt, Neutral Milk Hotel, of Montreal, Danger Mouse and Drive-By Truckers, among many others. *Flagpole* was founded in 1987 to cover the music scene, which was being ignored by mainstream publications. Since then, the free weekly newspaper has expanded to include politics, arts, theater, movie and literary coverage, as well as a daily online presence at flagpole.com.

Just as Atlanta Highway development threatened downtown, suburban strip malls in neighboring **Oconee County** now threaten Atlanta Highway. But many of the empty big boxes have been resourcefully filled with churches, thrift stores and even a microbrewery.

Downtown continues to evolve. An influx of luxury student high-rises has transformed not just downtown's skyline, but its culture. More chain stores are moving in, and businesses cater to student tastes. Traditionally, the Lumpkin Street "khaki line" divided the student bars to the east and the townie bars to the west, but with thousands of students now living downtown, that distinction is fading, and while a couple of blocks around West Washington and Hull streets are still the center of the scene, more and more, grownups find themselves sticking to nightlife in Normaltown.

## **ENJOY UGA**

- Georgia citizens 62 or older can enroll in classes **tuition-free**. reg.uga.edu/policies
- The **Special Collections Libraries** host a wealth of interesting archives. libs.uga.edu/scl
- The **Georgia Museum of Natural History** and **Georgia Museum of Art** are great family outings.
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BIKE: BikeAthens offers a map of area bike lanes. • bikeathens.com

- DRIVE: Downtown metered parking is \$1.25 an hour Monday– Saturday 8 a.m.–10 p.m. (Sundays are free.) Two-hour limit from 8 a.m.–6 p.m. Meters accept cards and coins. Parking decks cost \$1 per hour after the first half hour, with no limit. • downtownathensga. com | Most surface lots downtown are operated at night by National Parking, which charges \$5 and will tow you if you "forget" to pay. • national-parking.com | On campus, it's a good idea to park in a deck. Most surface lots are permit-only. • 706-542-PARK • parking.uga.edu
- **TAXIS:** Cabs in Athens are not what you'd expect in a city this size. The taxis are large vans, and you have to share with other passengers. If you're downtown late and need to take a cab, you can probably hail one in front of the **UGA Arch**. Be sure it's legit, though. Make sure it has a permit and fares posted and a special license plate. Good luck!
- **RIDE-SHARING: Uber** and **Lyft** both operate in Athens. Fares vary based on demand. Download the apps at uber.com and lyft.com.
- **BUS: Athens Transit** buses leave from the Multimodal Center on East Broad Street. Fares are \$1.75 for adults; UGA students, faculty and staff, and kids under 18, ride free. • 706-613-3430 • athenstransit.com Everybody rides free on **Campus Transit**. Buses mostly run through campus, but there are also routes along Milledge and Prince avenues. They don't stop automatically, but you can flag one down from any Athens Transit stop. • 706-369-6220 • transit.uga.edu
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## DON'T DO IT

- **Smoking** is illegal in public buildings, in parks and on campus. ACC provides cigarette butt receptacles attached to parking meters downtown.
- No **open containers**, except inside the metal rails if you're in a sidewalk cafe or on campus for football game days. And no glass.
- **Last call** is 2 a.m., except on Sundays, when it's midnight. Bars that don't sell food can't open on Sundays at all. (Restaurants can serve you a Bloody Mary starting at 12:30 p.m.)
- We shouldn't have to tell you this, but we do: **Public intoxication** and **public urination** are illegal.
- Drinking under age **21** is illegal everywhere.
- Probably no one will hassle you if you're discreet, but unfortunately Georgia is not one of the states that has legalized **marijuana**.
- It's illegal for **more than two unrelated people** to live in houses zoned single-family. Check with ACC Planning before signing a lease.
- A **noise ordinance** regulates loud parties in residential neighborhoods.
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- Athens Popfest | Aug. 9-12, 2017 | The quirky, impressively curated festival features pop, rock and experimental music from the region and beyond. athenspopfest.com
- Groovy Nights | Aug. 26, 2017 | Rock out for local nonprofit Project Safe at the 40 Watt Club. project-safe.org
- UGA Football Home Games 2017 | Sept. 2 Appalachian State · Sept. 16 Samford · Sept. 23 Mississippi State · Oct. 14 Missouri · Nov. 4 South Carolina • Nov. 18 Kentucky. georgiadogs.com
- Indie South Fair | Sept. 9 & Dec. 2-3, 2017 | This large outdoor market of folk and functional art also has several other events throughout the year. indiesouthfair.com
- North Georgia Folk Festival | Oct. 7, 2017 | Enjoy a day of local and regional folk music at family-friendly Sandy Creek Park. athensfolk.org
- Classic City Fringe Festival | Oct. 19-22, 2017 | Experimental performing arts festival featuring theater, dance, video and film, puppetry, comedy, music, circus, cabaret, burlesque, vaudeville and more.
  - classiccityfringefestival.com
- AthHalf | Oct. 21–22, 2017 | The popular half-marathon begins downtown, features live music along its course and is designed to showcase Athens and UGA athhalf.com
- Wild Rumpus Parade and Spectacle | Oct. 27-28, 2017 | The Halloween parade has grown to include kids' events, music and an after-party. wildrumpus.org
- Downtown Parade of Lights | Dec. 7, 2017 | Floats, marchers and Santa himself make their way through downtown and wind up at City Hall for a tree-lighting. athensclarkecounty.com
- Fluke Mini-Comics and Zine Festival | Mar. 24, 2018 | Local comic and zine creators get together to show off their stuff at the 40 Watt Club. flukeathens.com
- Dancing with the Athens Stars | Apr. 21, 2018 | Local celebrities work hard with their paired dancers for Project Safe at the Classic Center. project-safe.org



- Boybutante Ball | Apr. 21, 2018 | A glamorous tradition at the 40 Watt features drag queens and kings raising funds for the Boybutante AIDS Foundation. boybutante.org
- G-Day Game | Apr. 21, 2018 | UGA football's spring intrasquad game provides fans a first look at next year's team—which is surely gonna win it all. georgiadogs.com
- Twilight Criterium | Apr. 27-28, 2018 | This world-class bicycle race draws thousands downtown, and includes lots of associated activities. athenstwilight.com
- Athens Human Rights Festival | May 2018 | The people's fest celebrates its 40th anniversary, featuring speakers, music and more. athenshumanrightsfest.org

Athens Community Council on Aging Retro Prom | May 11, 2018 | Dress up and show up at The Foundry to support ACCA. accaging.org/prom

- Winterville Marigold Festival | May 12, 2018 | Music, food, arts, a race and more—a day of fun for adults and kids in a cool little nearby town. marigoldfestival.com
- Hot Corner Festival | June 8-9, 2018 | Music, food and fellowship at Hull and Washington streets downtown, celebrating Athens' African-American business roots. facebook.com/hotcornerath
- Flagpole Athens Music Awards | June 2018 | Readers vote for their favorite local musicians, we hand out awards, and live music fills the Morton Theatre, flagpole.com
- AthFest Music and Arts Festival | June 2018 | Hundreds of local bands play the outdoor stages and the clubs, plus an artists' market, kids' activities, comedy, food and drink and more. athfest.com

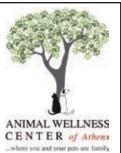


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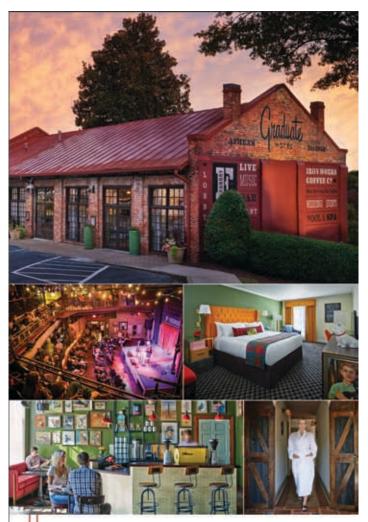
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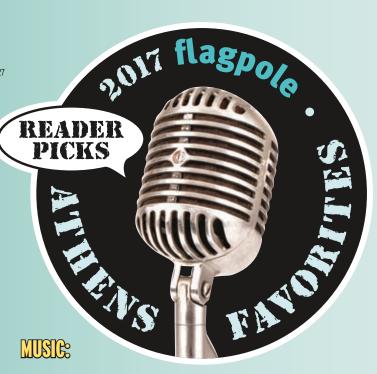
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166 N. Finley St. • 706-369-7000 • marriott.com ≝ 중 ఈ 준 ≣ ♥ \$129 | 105 rooms.

#### Days Inn

230 N. Finley St. • 706-389-1204 • daysinnathens.com ≝ 중 ↔ ≣ \$56 | 75 rooms.

#### Georgia Center Hotel

#### **Georgia Gameday Center**

#### Graduate Athens Hotel &

Spa 295 E. Dougherty St. • 706-549-7020 • graduateathens.com

ن کنه که که که که که \$109 | 122 Athens-themed rooms and a full-service spa on the edge of downtown, plus Iron Works Coffee and The Foundry, a livemusic venue and restaurant. See ad on p. 10. **Comfort Inn** 3980 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-227-9700 • comfortinn.com ≝?¥60≣♥ \$90 | 69 rooms.

#### **Country Inn & Suites**

236 Old Epps Bridge Road • 706-612-9100 countryinns.com ۵ 숙 کې 🗳 \$89 | 81 rooms.

#### **Hampton Inn**

2220 W. Broad St. • 706-548-9600 • hampton-inn.com/hi/athens ≝ ર્જે લ ♥ \$109 | 112 rooms.

#### **Howard Johnson**

2465 W. Broad St. • 706-548-1111 • wvndhamhotels.com/hoio 🛎 🛜 🖬 📱 \$58 | 99 rooms.

#### **Microtel Inn**

1050 Ultimate Dr. • 706-389-4836 • wyndhamhotels.com/microtel ÷?\*\* \$50 | 61 rooms.

#### **Perimeter Inn**

3791 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-548-3000 • perimeterinn.com ا دى 💆 \$55 | 32 rooms.

#### **Sleep Inn and Suites**

109 Florence Dr. • 706-850-1261 • choicehotels.com ≝?¥60∎♥ \$80 | 65 rooms.

## NORTH ATHENS

**Bulldoa Inn** 1225 Commerce Road • 706-543-3611 \$49 | 51 rooms.

## SOUTH ATHENS

#### The Colonels B&B and Inn

3890 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-559-9595 • thecolonels.net - ? . \$135 | Seven rooms in an antebellum country house.

#### **Intown Suites**

2044 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-355-3121 • intownsuites.com <u>ŝ</u> \$220/week | 139 apartment-style rooms

## **WORTH THE DRIVE**

Ashford Manor Bed & Breakfast 5 Harden Hill Road, Watkinsville •

706-769-2633 • ambedandbreakfast.com ÷?\* \$99 | 10 rooms in an 1893 Victorian house and adjacent cottage on five acres. Ages 14 and up.

#### **Butler Motor Inn**

173 S. Main St., Watkinsville • 706-769-7781

\$48 | 18 rooms.

#### Fair Havens Bed & Breakfast

75 Old Edwards Road, Arnoldsville • 706-208-8900 • fairhavensplantation.com Ť  $125 \mid$  Six rooms in an 1825 house

and adjoining cottage on 30 acres.

#### **Springhill Suites by Marriott**

3500 Daniells Bridge Road • 706-353-8484 marriott.com 🛎 🛜 해 🛢 🌒 \$129 | 99 rooms.

## CAMPING

#### **Bell Acres Resort**

158 Bell Acres Road, Maysville • 706-677-2931 • bellacresresort.com 🖌 🖌

\$20 (tent), \$45 (cottage), plus membership fee | RV hookups available on a 60-acre, family-oriented nudist resort

#### **Broad River Outpost**

7911 Wildcat Bridge Road, Danielsville • 706-795-3242 • broadriveroutpost. com \$ \$1 (tent) | Wooded site with showers. No RVs. See ad on p. 49.

#### **Pine Lake**

5540 High Shoals Road, Bishop • 706-769-5486 • pinelakervcamp.com ?**\***• \$26 (tent), \$45 (cabin) | RV rates, bathhouse, checks/cash only.

#### The Sandbar

3435 King Hall Mill Road, Bowman • 706-245-4163 • thesandbarbroadriver.com \* \$10 (tent), \$75 (cabin)

#### Fort Yargo State Park

210 S. Broad St., Winder • 770-867-3489 • gastateparks.org/fortyargo .....

\$25-\$32 (tent), \$85 (yurt), \$135 (cabin), \$165 (cottage).

#### Watson Mill State Park 650 Watson Mill Road, Comer • 706-783-5349 • gastateparks.org/watsonmillbridge \*

\$26 (tents), \$85 (cabin) | RV camping available.



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# ART AROUND TOW

David Hale painting the mural outisde of The Rook and Pawn

A thens is home to a considerable number of galleries, given its size, and more art can be found woven into the fabric of town, adding color and character to the walls of coffee houses, restaurants, bars and gift shops. Through the efforts of organizations like the Athens Cultural Affairs Commission and the Athens Area Arts Council, the arts scene continues to flourish. Third Thursday features extended hours at many venues from 6–9 p.m. each month. Many ceramic studios, such as Farmington Pottery, Wolf Creek Studio, Woodruff Pottery, Carter Gillies Pottery, David Morgan Pottery, Jeff Bishoff, R. Wood Studio, Normaltown Pottery and Southern Star Studio, offer open houses and sales.

For information on exhibitions, receptions and special events, check *Flagpole*'s calendar in print or at flagpole.com.

## **ART VENUES**

#### Athens Institute for Contemporary Art (ATHICA)

160 Tracy St., Unit 4 • 706-389-5450 • athica.org

Hours: Thu, 1-9 p.m.; Fri-Sun, 1-6 p.m. This nonprofit gallery balances Athens-centric exhibitions with those of artists from across the country. The "Emerges" show highlights local artists, while an annual juried exhibition welcomes submissions from across the globe. In addi-

annual juried exhibition welcomes submissions from across the globe. In addition to opening receptions, exhibitions are often accompanied by workshops, performances and talks with visiting artists.

#### **Aurum Studios**

#### 125 E. Clayton St. • 706-546-8826 • aurumstudios.com

Hours: Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Established in 1975, Aurum Studios specializes in fine jewelry, but also features a wide collection of ceramics, woodwork, glass and paintings. Rotating exhibitions highlight the works of local artists.

#### **Chappelle Gallery**

#### 25 S. Main St., Watkinsville • 706-310-0985 • chappellegallery.com

Hours: Mon-Sat, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Run by Jerry and Kathy Chappelle out of the historic Haygood House, Chappelle Gallery shows the work of over 100 local and national artists,

#### Ciné

#### 234 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-353-3343 • athenscine.com Hours: When the theater is open

More than just a movie theater, Ciné features an exhibit space that runs down both walls leading from the entrance and highlights a few select artists each year. Art can be viewed during theater hours, but you don't have to buy movie tickets to check out the art or enjoy opening receptions. See ad on p. 3.

including handmade pottery, glass, wood, fiber arts, jewelry and more. The cou-

ple also co-founded artist community Happy Valley Pottery in 1970.

#### The Circle Gallery

285 S. Jackson St. • 706-542-8292 • ced.uga.edu/exhibit-schedule Hours: Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. during the academic year

Part of UGA's College of Environment and Design, the Circle Gallery celebrates the relationship between fine art, landscape architecture, historic preservation and, naturally, environmental design. Recent artists include painter Rich Panico,

photographer Vaughn Sills and environmental sculpture by Chris Taylor.

#### The Classic Center

#### **300 N. Thomas St. • 706-208-0900 • classiccenter.com** Hours: When the Center is open

In addition to awarding grants and scholarships, the Classic Center Cultural Foundation exists to fund the purchase of local art that adorns the large walls of the conference and events venue. Some art remains on view permanently, while more changes biannually through exhibitions curated by Didi Dunphy. See ad on p. 23.

#### Gallery@Hotel Indigo

500 College Ave. • 706-546-0430 • indigoathens.com/about-us/gallery-indigo-athens Hours: Same as the hotel lobby

Contemporary exhibitions in this boutique hotel typically have a group focus and a theme, carefully curated by Didi Dunphy. The Glass Cube, located just outside the hotel's main entrance, serves as an experimental installation space.

#### Georgia Museum of Art

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

Hours: Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thu, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 1-5 p.m.

Georgia's official art museum houses a large permanent collection of paintings, prints, decorative arts, sculpture and more. This year's diverse lineup includes "Martha Odum: Art Intersects Ecology," "Muse: Mickalene Thomas Photographs and tête-à-tête," "Artful Instruments of Death: Georgia Gunsmiths and Their Craft" and the yearly "Master of Fine Arts Degree Candidates Exhibition." Admission is free, as are most of its many events: gallery tours, lectures, films, workshops, a monthly Family Day and late-night art parties three times a year.

#### K.A. Artist Shop

127 N. Jackson St. • 706-850-1224 • kaartist.com Hours: Daily 12-7 p.m.

Independently owned by Kristen Ashley, this downtown supply shop doubles as a gallery that typically features thematic group exhibitions. It also offers custom design and photo services, plus classes taught by local professional artists.

#### Lowery Gallery

#### 2400 Booger Hill Road, Danielsville • 706-248-9599 • lowerygallery.com Hours: Call ahead

The gallery of photographer Robert Lowery, which operated under the name Visionary Growth Gallery for two decades, now specializes in large-scale, artquality prints. Occasional exhibitions typically have a thematic focus.

#### Lyndon House Arts Center

#### 211 Hoyt St. • 706-613-3623 • athensclarkecounty.com/lyndonhouse

Hours: Tue, Thu, 12-9 p.m.; Wed, Fri, Sat (except home football games), 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Run by the Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services Department, the center displays professional exhibitions in large, sunny galleries, while the Ware-Lyndon House museum offers a glimpse into Athens' past through period decor and artifacts. The center also serves as the meeting grounds for a handful of local craft groups. See ad on p. 19.

#### Madison-Morgan Cultural Center

**434 S. Main St., Madison • 706-342-4743 • mmcc-arts.org** Hours: Tue-Sat, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun, 2-5 p.m.

The MMCC is located in a restored 1895 Romanesque Revival building. Programming ranges from visual art exhibitions and performing arts to annual events such as an antiques show, chamber music festival and tour of homes.

#### The Myers and Bertelsmann Galleries at Athens Academy

1281 Spartan Lane • 706-549-9225 • athensacademy.org

Hours: Open during the academic year, during school hours

Athens Academy includes two galleries on its large campus that are open to public viewing. Although they're typically dedicated to displaying student masterpieces, works of professional local artists occasionally adorn the walls.

#### **Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation (OCAF)**

**34 School St., Watkinsville • 706-769-4565 • ocaf.com** Hours: Tue-Sat, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

In a renovated turn-of-the-century schoolhouse, OCAF promotes performing, visual and literary arts through a range of festivals and exhibitions. Longstanding events include "Southworks," a national juried art exhibition; "Perspectives," the Georgia pottery invitational; a members' exhibition; and a holiday market. Smaller exhibitions are hosted in a converted classroom adjacent to the main gallery.

#### **Trio Contemporary Art Gallery**

**766 W. Broad St. • trioathens.com** Hours: Tue-Thu, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Opened in June 2017, Trio is housed in a newly renovated building shared

with Pixel & Ink Studio, and features revolving exhibitions, installations, murals, performances and more. Artistic director Tatiana Veneruso considers proposals from curators, artists and collectives, with all media welcome.

#### **UGA Lamar Dodd School of Art Galleries**

270 River Road • 706-542-1511 • art.uga.edu/galleries

Hours: Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (except university holidays)

In addition to the popular BFA exit shows, which pop up near the end of each semester to showcase the works of graduating students, UGA's art school hosts exhibitions by students, faculty members and visiting artists. Regular events include receptions and lectures by artists and art historians.

#### **UGA Special Collections Libraries**

300 S. Hull St. • 706-542-7123 • galib.uga.edu/scl

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat, 1-5 p.m. (except home football games)

The galleries feature items from the collections of the Hargrett, Russell and Brown Archives. Historical pieces often include photographs, manuscripts, maps and memorabilia.

#### Winterville Center for Community and Culture

#### 371 N. Church St., Winterville • 706-742-0823 • cityofwinterville.com/wintervillecenter Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Opened in spring 2016, this \$1.3 million renovation project transformed the former Winterville High School into a regional enrichment center for adults. Exhibitions rotate every two months and vary in theme and style. In addition, the facility includes a demonstration kitchen, dining and activity space and multiple classrooms for hosting lectures, workshops and other events.

## **TAKE A CLASS**

#### **ARTini's Art Lounge**

337 Prince Ave. • 706-353-8530 • artinisartlounge.com Learn to paint while enjoying an adult beverage.

#### Blessed Babe

10 Simonton Bridge Road, Watkinsville • 706-424-5640 • blessedbabe.com Sewing classes for all ages.

#### **Clayfully Created**

2440 W. Broad St. • 706-395-5002 • clayfullycreated.com

Paint a ready-made pottery piece and get it glazed and fired.

#### Community

260 N. Jackson St. • 706-316-2067 • shopcommunityathens.com

Garment-making in beginner and intermediate sewing courses.

#### Good Dirt

485 Macon Hwy. • 706-355-3161 • gooddirt.net

Pottery classes for all ages in a variety of techniques.

#### K.A. Artist Shop

127 N. Jackson St. • 706-850-1224 • kaartist.com

#### Photo-room rentals, workshops and art classes.

Lyndon House Arts Center

211 Hoyt St. • 706-613-3623 • athensclarkecounty.com/lyndonhouse Adult and youth classes in diverse media. See ad on p. 19.

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

A wide variety of art and craftwork programs.

The Pearl Girls

- 548 Hawthorne Ave. 706-850-5296 thepearlgirls.com
- Classes in pearl-stringing and wire-wrapping. See ad on p. 7. Revival Yarns

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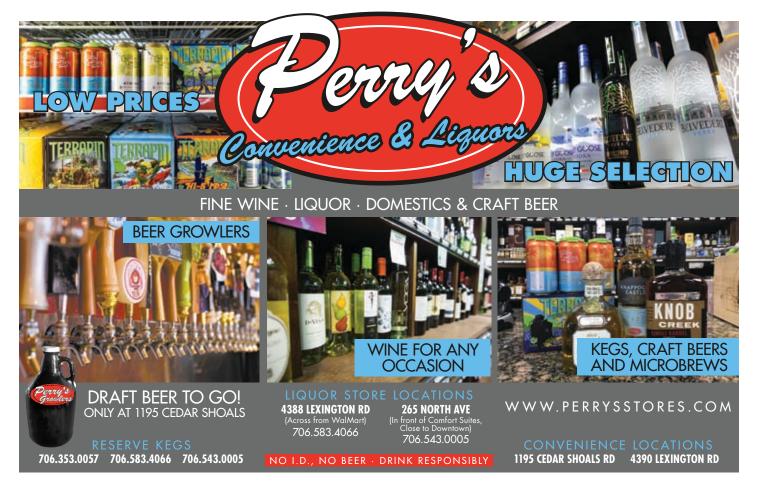
297 Prince Ave., No. 19 • 706-850-1354 • revivalyarnsathens.com Knit and crochet classes.

#### State Botanical Garden of Georgia

2450 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-542-1244 • botgarden.uga.edu Informal garden rambles and classes on garden-related art.

#### **UGA Continuing Education**

1197 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-542-3537 • georgiacenter.uga.edu Various classes available, such as photography.





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## **INDOOR FUN**

#### **Active Climbing**

**Broad River** 

665 Barber St. • 706-354-0038 • activeclimbing.com Indoor, air-conditioned rock climbing adventures. See ad on p. 47.

#### **Canopy Studio**

**160-6 Tracy St. • 706-549-8501 • canopystudio.com** Aerial dance on trapeze or silks for all ages. See ad on p. 13.

#### **Escape the Space**

540 Hawthorne Ave. • 706-389-5931 • escapethespace.com

Build team trust while solving a bunch of puzzles—or stay locked in the room.

#### **Rush Athens**

10 Huntington Road, Ste. B • 706-548-4470 • rushathens.com

Bounce around on trampolines, and other highenergy fun.

#### **Urban Enigmas**

10 Huntington Road, Unit B70 • 706-850-4111 • urbanenigmas.com

Escape rooms with a variety of difficulty levels.

### **OUTDOOR FUN**

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#### Big Dog's on the River

2525 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-353-6002 • bigdogsontheriver.com Kayak on the Middle Oconee, with shoals to break up the ride.

#### BikeAthens

1075 W. Broad St. • bikeathens.com Group bicycle rides through town, plus longer cycling adventures.

#### **Broad River Outpost**

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

Whitewater or scenic, kayak or canoe, day or night. Food and camping, too. See ad on p. 49.

#### The Sandbar

3435 King Hall Mill Road, Bowman • 706-245-4163 • thesandbarbroadriver.com

Kayak the Broad River, or enjoy the zip lines and cabins.

#### Skate Park of Athens

4440 Lexington Road • 706-613-3991 • athensclarkecounty.com

Ramps, bowls and beyond for serious skaters and BMXers.



## **TEAM SPORTS**

- Adult Soccer and Softball Leagues 706-613-3580 • athensclarkecounty.com
- Athens Area Men's Baseball League 297 Hoyt St. • 706-207-8939 • aambl.com

#### Athens Disc Golf

- Sandy Creek Park & Herman C. Michael Park 706-742-2738 • athensdiscgolf.com
- Classic City Rollergirls The Classic Center Arena, 300 N. Thomas St. • classiccityrollergirls.com

Core Soccer

125 Mill Center Blvd. • core-soccer.com Go Kickball

- gokickball.com/athens
- YWCO Adult Soccer 562 Research Dr. • 706-354-7880 • ywcosoccer.com

# PARKS AND RECREATION



Splash Pad at Trail Greek Park

menities vary, and are indicated by symbols. Route numbers of Athens Transit buses (athenstransit.com) or UGA buses (transit.uga.edu) that run near the parks are indicated. Picnic shelters must be rented ahead of time, except for the one at Reese & Pope Park, which is free on a first-come basis. Athens' only public golf course is the UGA Golf Course, at 2600 Riverbend Road: Lane Creek Golf Club is in nearby Bishop.

## ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY

athensclarkecounty.com/149/Parks-Facilities

#### **Ben Burton Park**

616 Mitchell Bridge Road • 706-613-3801 Hours: sunrise-sunset ₩ (5 & 7) 💒 🔍 🎿 🦒

The 32-acre wildlife preserve features a hardwood forest, trails and plenty of picnic spots. A boat launch provides access to the Middle Oconee River.

#### **Bishop Park**

705 Sunset Dr. • 706-613-3589 Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset **※**員(5&7)<美賞習匠を削けえ≦☆次次

Equipped with athletic fields and courts for a variety of sports. Programs include tennis, gymnastics, swimming and more. The Athens Farmers Market runs Saturday mornings, April to December.

#### **Boulevard Woods**

298 Barber St. • 706-613-3801 Hours: sunrise-sunset 🖨 (8) 🏌 A pocket park thoughtfully designed by local volunteers.

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#### **Dudley Park**

100 Dudley Park Dr. • 706-613-3801 Hours: sunrise-sunset 🖨 (2 & 3) 🔍 🤺 Right outside of downtown, with open fields and paved walkways.

#### East Athens Community Center 400 McKinley Dr. • 706-613-3593

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun, 2-6 p.m. 參員(2 & 3) ♦ 🛛 🖾 🌭 🖬 ⊙ 🎿 🦎

The center features indoor and outdoor activities, as well as a branch of the public library.

#### **Holland Youth Sports Complex**

250 Vincent Dr. • 706-613-3991 Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset Ĵ 🖨 (8) 🛛 🌭 🖬 🛈 🕻 The 62-acre facility hosts baseball and softball games, soccer tournaments and more.

#### Lay Park

297 Hoyt St. • 706-613-3596 Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun, 2-6 p.m. 🛠 🖬 🕼 🛋 📻 🔖 🖬 🚣 🦮

Downtown and accessible to everybody looking for sports activity, indoors and out.

#### Memorial Park

293 Gran Ellen Dr. • 706-613-3580 Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset

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A popular park in Five Points, home to the Bear Hollow Zoo (open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.), a dog park, pond and pool, as well as Athens Creative Theater.

#### North Oconee River Park

300 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy. • 706-613-3801 Hours: sunrise-sunset 🔒 (1) 🖌 🔍

Along the North Oconee River, this strip of green is convenient for a picnic or watching the water.

#### **Reese & Pope Park**

375 Reese St. • 706-613-3801 Hours: sunrise-sunset

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A small but serviceable neighborhood park, blocks from downtown.

#### **Rocksprings Community Center & Park**

291 Henderson Ext. • 706-613-3603 Hours: Mon-Sat. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. 🏶 🖨 (5, 6 & 7) 🔍 🖾 在 を 🖬 🌢 🎿

The multipurpose park offers something for everybody with a pirate-ship playground, pool and picnic pavilion.

#### Sandy Creek Nature Center

205 Old Commerce Road • 706-613-3615 Hours: Tue-Sat, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 柔 會情 於

See snakes and other critters up close. Learn about wildlife on a preserve with over four miles of trails. The remains of a 100-plus-year-old brick factory and 19th Century log house are also open for exploration.

#### Sandy Creek Park

400 Bob Holman Road • 706-613-3631 Hours: Tue-Sun., 7 a.m.-sunset

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The county's largest park surrounds Lake Chapman with a beach, hiking trails, picnic sites, horse trails, a dog park and a disc-golf course, to name just a few of its resources.

#### Satterfield Park

**3028 Cherokee Road • 706-613-3991** Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset

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A center for team sports, where Little Leaguers dream big.

#### Southeast Clarke Park

4440 Lexington Road • 706-613-3991 Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset

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Here you'll find the area's biggest playground, World of Wonder, with a slide tower and rock wall. Nearby is the Skate Park of Athens, with 14,000 square feet of ramps, bowls and rails. There's also a dog park, tennis courts, soccer fields and trails.

#### **Trail Creek Park**

200 Trail Creek St. • 706-208-0185 Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset

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Formerly East Athens Community Park, Trail Creek is outfitted with a fitness zone, a popular splash pad and mountain bike trails.

## **UGA PARKS**

#### Legion Pool

830 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-542-8235 • tate.uga.edu/legionpool Hours: late May through July, 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; first week in August, 3-7 p.m. ♀ (5, 7 & 9) ⓒ † † = € 🌜

A historic pool with lap lanes, a bathhouse and snack bar, Legion is enjoyed by the UGA community and by those who join the Friends of Campus Life.

#### **Oconee Forest Park**

College Station Road at Alumni Drive • 706-542-4287 • warnell.forestry.uga.edu/ofp

Hours: dawn-dusk

This park sits on 60 acres behind the UGA intramural fields, preserving a 100-year-old forest and its wildlife. Other features include a large off-leash dog area plus foot and bike trails.

#### State Botanical Garden of Georgia

2450 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-542-1244 • uga.edu/botgarden Hours: 8 a.m-8 p.m.

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Recline by the beautiful and diverse gardens or explore the nature trails. The grounds include a

visitors center with a conservatory and café and frequently serve as a concert or wedding venue. The Day Chapel in the woods is available for rental. No dogs.

## **OCONEE COUNTY**

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#### **Bogart Sports Complex**

S. Burson Ave., Bogart • 706-769-3965 Hours: dawn-11 p.m.

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Lighted ballfields behind the Bogart Library for users from the northeastern parts of Oconee County.

#### Heritage Park

2543 Macon Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-769-3965 Hours: sunrise-sunset

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This 364-acre park bordering the Apalachee River has miles of hiking/biking and horse-riding trails, as well as an open-air pavilion for special events.

#### Herman C. Michael Park

1051 Elder Road, Bishop • 706-769-3966 Hours: Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. ※ ⑤ ▲ 】 ⊠ 任 🌭 🛉 🕪 रै रे ਨੇ

A large, sprawling park with lighted fields and courts, including a free disc-golf course.

#### **Oconee Veterans Park**

3500A Hog Mountain Road, Watkinsville • 706-769-3965 Hours: Mon-Fri, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 1-9 p.m. える新習伝育社会

A community center with walking trails, tennis courts and multipurpose fields outside and a gym and track inside.

## **CITY OF WINTERVILLE**

#### **Pittard Park and Pavilion**

Parkview and Church streets • 706-742-8600 • cityofwinterville.com/pittard-park Hours: 7 a.m.-9 p.m. 梁 ふへ 正 ふ 創作 於

In the heart of Winterville, this park features a pavilion, playgrounds and metal art by Beverly Babb. In May, the park hosts the Marigold Festival.

## **STATE OF GEORGIA**

#### Fort Yargo State Park

210 S. Broad St., Winder • 770-867-3489 • gastateparks.org/fortyargo

Hours: 7 a.m.-10 p.m.

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#### Watson Mill Bridge State Park

650 Watson Mill Road, Comer • 706-783-5349 • gastateparks.org/watsonmillbridge Hours: 7 a.m.-10 p.m. ▲ ☞ 前 云 ☞ 前前 조

This state park contains the longest covered bridge in the state, as well as log cabins and campsites, horseback riding trails and a river perfect for wading or paddling.

## LYNDON HOUSE ARTS CENTER







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Lyndon House Arts Center is operated by ACC Department of Leisure Services. For gallery/class schedules, events and tours call 706–613-3623.



# **SPECIALLY FOR KIDS**



here's lots of fun stuff for kids (and parents) to do in and around Athens, including plenty of opportunities for art, culture and hands-on learning. For information on weekly events and activities, check the Flagpole calendar in print and online, and watch for the regular Kiddie Dope column for in-depth coverage. Find more listings, including places where new parents can find support, at guide.flagpole.com.

## **GET CREATIVE**

#### Athens Institute for Contemporary Art (ATHICA)

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

The contemporary art space hosts exhibits throughout the year. Look for kidfriendly events tied to exhibits, and while you're there, take time to explore the warehouse area.

#### **Frog Stomp Studio**

#### 160 Tracy St., Unit 1A • 706-286-8449 • frogstompstudio.com

An open art studio for children. Plus, birthday parties, summer art camps and more.

#### **Good Dirt Clay Studio**

#### 485 Macon Hwy. • 706-355-3161 • gooddirt.net

Clay-art classes, including after-school and day-off programs, more extensive courses and summer camps. On Fridays and Sundays, families can get together for the Try Clay workshops.

#### K.A. Artist Shop

#### 127 N. Jackson St. • 706-850-1224 • kaartist.com

Workshops and art classes for young kids and teens, too.

#### Lyndon House Arts Center

#### 211 Hoyt St. • 706-613-3623 • athensclarkecounty.com/lyndonhouse

Art shows, workshops, classes and summer camps for a range of ages. Kids can also check out the rotating exhibits in the Lyndon House's several galleries. See ad on p. 19.

#### **Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation (OCAF)**

#### 34 School St. • Watkinsville, 706-769-4565 • ocaf.com

Take a class in pottery or painting. In summer, camps allow kids to explore their artistic side. Kids who join as a member get one of their pieces accepted into the annual members' show.

#### **Treehouse Kid & Craft**

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

Along with thought-provoking toys, Treehouse hosts crafting workshops throughout the year for toddlers up through middle school ages, as well as creative summer camps for younger kids.

#### **Georgia Museum of Art**

#### 90 Carlton St. • 706-542-GMOA • georgiamuseum.org

Check out Family Day once a month, which links a take-home craft to a specific exhibition. Galleries feature temporary exhibits and selections from the permanent collection.

#### **UGA Performing Arts Center**

#### 230 River Road • 706-542-4400 • pac.uga.edu

Introduce kids to music with the Saturday Morning Club, which explores rhythm in a fun, interactive way. Performances are led by UGA student ensembles.

## READ IT

#### **Athens-Clarke County Library**

#### 2025 Baxter St. • 706-613-3650 • athenslibrary.org

Storytimes cater to infants, preschoolers and early readers. Movies, clubs, music and dance classes for kids and teens, plus Monday afternoon Chess and Community gatherings. See ad on p. 7.

#### **Avid Bookshop**

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

1662 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-2843 • avidbookshop.com

Regular storytimes are Thursdays and Saturdays, but other programs include a young-adult book club, spoken-word performances and author visits.

#### **Oconee County Library**

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

Along with family movie nights and toddler storytimes, the library hosts events for all ages. Storytimes on Tuesdays, craft workshops on Thursdays and special events throughout the year.

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#### **Town & Gown**

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## CINEMA

#### AMC Athens 12

#### 1575 Lexington Road • 706-354-0016 • amctheatres.com

Recently renovated, Eastside's AMC Dine-In plays the latest mainstream releases. Early arrivers can relax in the lobby, featuring a full bar and dining area. Guests can also order snacks, meals and drinks from their seats.

#### Athens-Clarke County Library

#### 2025 Baxter St. • 706-613-3650 • athenslibrary.org/athens

Patrons of the public library can watch a variety of movies shown by different departments and clubs.

#### **Beechwood Stadium 11 Cinemas**

#### 196 Alps Road • 706-546-1011 • gtcmovies.com

Beechwood displays big first-run movies, as well as "Flashback Cinema" classics and the occasional indie title, plus live broadcasts of Metropolitan Opera performances. Dinner is available from the Outtakes kitchen and bar.

#### Ciné

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

Athens' arthouse cinema screens indie, foreign and smaller releases. Classic and cult movies are shown alongside local offerings and film festivals. Craft beer, cocktails and soda are available from the full bar. Snacks include local baked goods and popcorn with every imaginable choice of seasoning. See ad on p.3.



#### Flicker Theatre & Bar

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

The theater side of the popular local bar has interesting screenings each month hosted by local film enthusiasts.

#### **Georgia Museum of Art**

#### 90 Carlton St. • 706-542-GMOA • uga.edu/gamuseum/calendar/films

The museum occasionally presents films in conjunction with its art exhibits, frequently introduced by a guest speaker.

#### **Tate Cinema**

#### 45 Baxter St. • 706-542-6396 • tate.uga.edu/content\_page/movies-at-tate

The campus theater plays second-run blockbusters and classics, hand-picked by students. Movies are open to the public for \$3.

#### **University 16 Cinemas**

#### 1793 Oconee Connector • 706-355-9122 • gtcmovies.com

A sprawling multiplex with the biggest screen in town, showing first-run movies. Also features a side theater with its own Outtakes bar and diner food.

## THEATER

#### Athens Creative Theatre

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

ACT, a project of the Athens-Clarke County Department of Leisure Services, stages plays and a variety of classes for adults and children at Memorial Park's Quinn Hall and the Morton Theatre downtown.

#### **Athens Little Playhouse**

#### 191 Alps Road • 706-208-1036 • athenslittleplayhouse.net

ALP specializes in the ater for kids ages 5-18, with classes, summer the ater camps and a season of performances.

#### **Circle Ensemble Theatre Company**

371 N. Church St., Winterville • 706-362-2175 • circleensembletheatre.com The company, which now has a permanent home in the old Winterville Auditorium, mounts plays and teaches classes and workshops for teens and adults.

#### **The Classic Center Theatre**

**300 N. Thomas St. • 706-357-4444 • classiccenter.com** Touring plays and performances, plus local groups such as the Athens Symphony and Dancing with the Athens Stars. See ad on p. 23.

#### **Rose of Athens**

#### 150 Fritz Mar Lane • 706-340-9181 • roseofathens.org

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#### **UGA** Theatre

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hen most people hear the phrase "Athens music," they conjure up sounds from the Classic City's new-wave golden age. But there was much that came before. In the 1920s and '30s, the black-owned Morton Theatre hosted the likes of Duke Ellington, Ma Rainey and Cab Calloway. The Jesters brought "beach music" to Athens in the '60s. Randall Bramblett and the Normaltown Flyers helped establish Athens as a breeding ground for original rock and roll in the 1970s, paving the way for Pylon, the B-52s, Love Tractor and R.E.M. to put their iconoclastic—and iconic—spin on Southern rock.

Of course, the story doesn't stop there. Jam band Widespread Panic gigged regularly around town in the '80s and '90s before becoming internationally touring mega-stars. The Elephant 6 collective's output proved influential on a global scale, with bands like Neutral Milk Hotel, of Montreal and Elf Power paving the way for the ensuing indie-rock explosion. Drive-By Truckers helped usher in a similarly seismic roots-rock revival shortly after, while establishing a moral blueprint for white musicians in the 21st Century Deep South.

Athens music still thrives. A dozen-plus venues host a stream of local and touring talent, meaning you can catch a good show (or two!) nearly every night. Annual events like AthFest and Athens Popfest are showcases for what's cool and current. Local hip-hop, Latin and electronic musicians have challenged the scene establishment's rockism, and are making some of the most exciting sounds in town. All this, plus acclaim for recent exports like indie-pop group Mothers, has shown that our creative flame is in no danger of burning out anytime soon.

There's also a small but growing industry presence in Athens. As retailers like Wuxtry Records and Low Yo Yo Stuff can attest, vinyl-record sales are off the charts. In 2017, a locally owned record manufacturing plant, Kindercore Vinyl, will open for business, becoming one of only a handful of such facilities in the U.S. On campus, the UGA Music Business Program is led by Athens-music hero David Barbe and features faculty like Cracker frontman and artist-rights advocate David Lowery. Several local recording studios flourish, attracting upstarts and rock stars alike. And Nuçi's Space, east of downtown, offers low-cost rehearsal rooms, plus health resources for local musicians.



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#### The Classic Center

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

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#### **Georgia Theatre**

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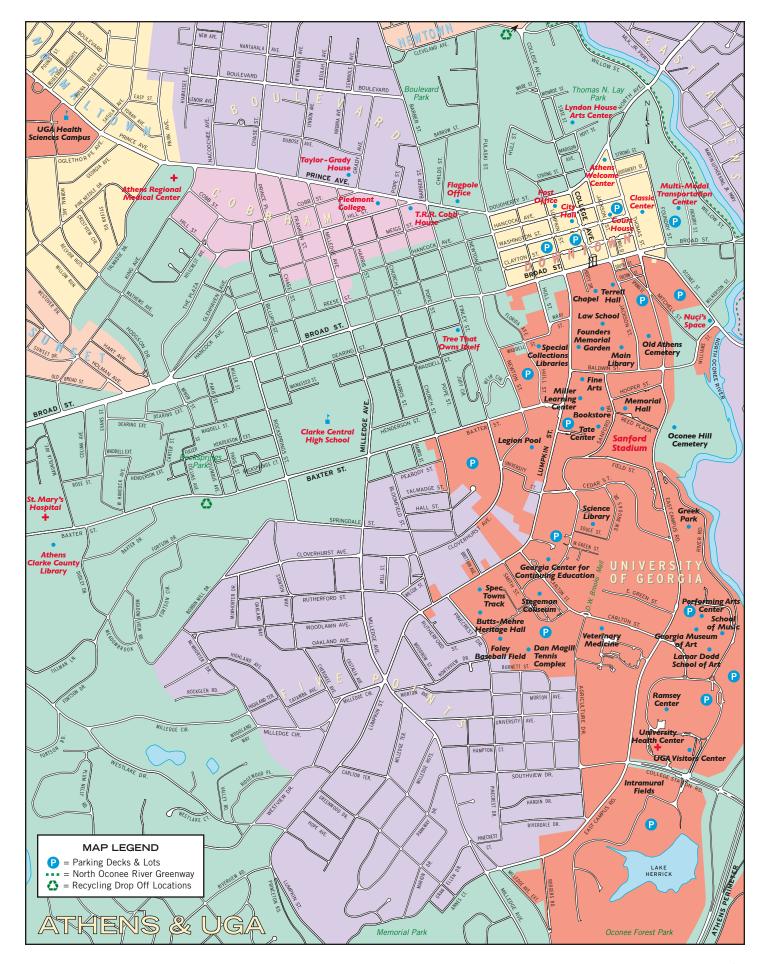
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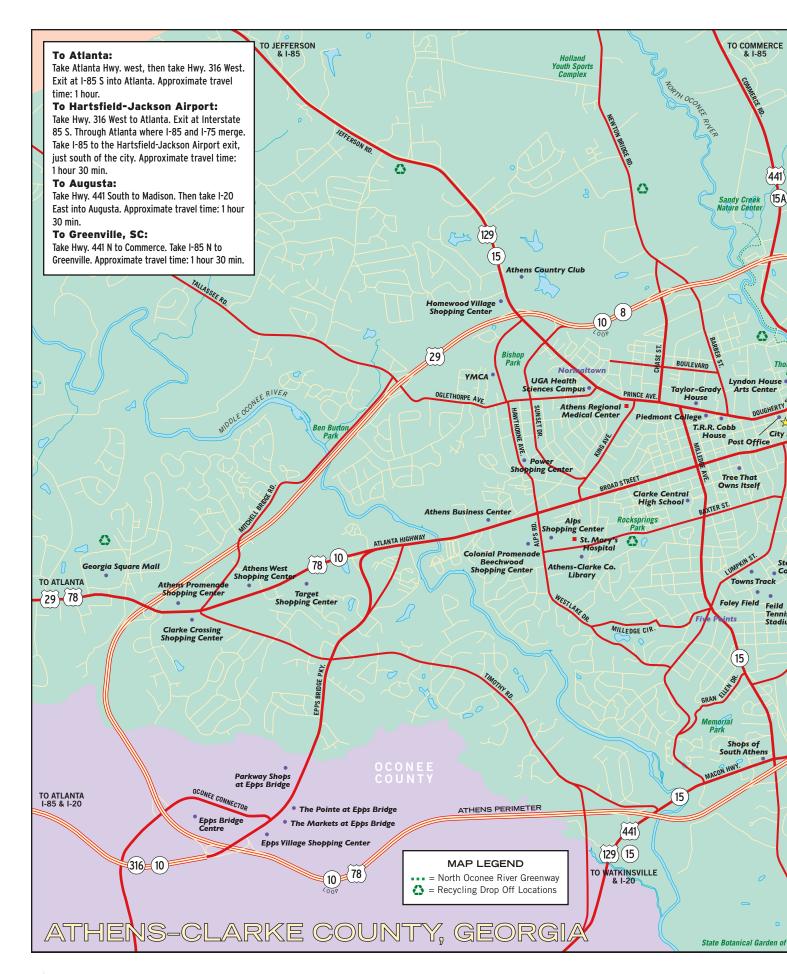
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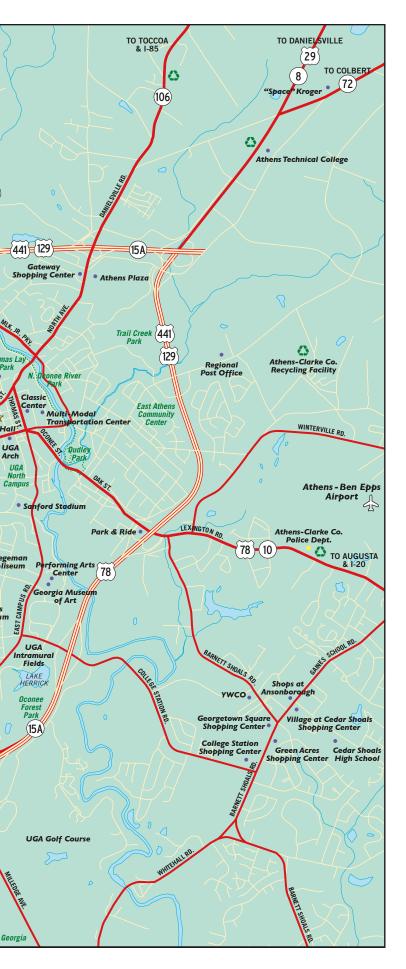
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#### **100 Proof**

364 E. Broad St. • 706-850-8500

facebook.com/100proofathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, outside seating. THE LOOK: A college bar specializing in frozen drinks. Palm trees, rooftop patio and a full-service tiki bar complete this mini tropical oasis. DRINKS: Folks tired from studying, working or bar-hopping can relax with a large assortment of frozen drinks. If that doesn't do the trick, beer, wine, shots and bombs will. \$

#### 1000 Faces Coffee Tasting Room 585 Barber St. • 706-534-8860

1000facescoffee.com

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FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses, Something Different. HOURS: Open Mon–Fri, 8 a.m.–6 p.m., Sat, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. THE LOOK: This space in the DOC building on Barber Street houses the local micro-roaster's production facilities. MENU: Set to move into a larger space at 510 N. Thomas St. later this year, for now 1000 Faces sells

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beans, coffee, espresso and cold brew, hosts educational events and partners with Farm Cart on a monthly biscuitsand-coffee thing that benefits local charities. \$

#### 180°F Cafe

650 W. Broad St. • 706-521-5380 180degreecafe.wordpress.com

File Under: Asian. Features: Counter service. Hours:

Lunch, Mon–Fri, dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Unpromising location gives way to nicely appointed small space with free Wi-Fi and personable staff. **MENU:** Snacky Taiwanese street food, like steamed bao, fish balls and chicken nuggets scented with five-spice. Also bubble tea, smoothies, coffee and some larger dishes. \$

#### 9d's Bar

#### 400 Clayton St. • 706-461-0268

facebook.com/9dsbar

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, DJs/ live music. THE LOOK: This bar attracts students and others ready to dance the night away to NSYNC, Britney Spears and OutKast. Posters of '90s artists look on as customers sweat it out to their tunes. DRINKS: Buy a tall boy or a shot for dancing fuel, or enjoy a mixed drink but no drafts (they'll spill!). \$

#### **Add Drug Store**

1695 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-548-2239 facebook.com/add.drug

FILE UNDER: American. Hours: Breakfast and lunch, Mon–Sat. THE LOOK: An old-fashioned neighborhood soda fountain and lunch counter inside a Five Points pharmacy. MENU: Southern staples for breakfast. Burgers, hot dogs, simple sandwiches (egg salad, tuna salad, pimento cheese, BLT) and small baskets of fresh, hot french fries at low prices for lunch. Malts, milkshakes, floats and classic vanilla and cherry sodas made in front of you. \$

#### Agua Linda Mexican Restaurant & Cantina 2080 Timothy Road • 706-543-0154 1376 Prince Ave. • 706-543-1500

agualindarestaurant.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican and Latin American. FEATURES: Full bar, catering, outside seating, delivery. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Friendly and familyowned, Agua Linda has two locations: Prince and Timothy. MENU: Lots of Ameri-Mex standards (burrito supreme, etc.). Your kids can get chicken fingers, but if you're willing to be more adventurous, there's also horchata, Mexican-style tacos with al pastor or barbacoa, tortas and more. DRINKS: Margaritas (frozen and non), bottled and draft beer, sangria and micheladas (beer cocktails). \$\$

#### Akademia Brewing Co.

#### 150 Crane Dr., Bogart akademiabc.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Beer. THE LOOK: Brewpub due to open in the fall, with a big, barrel-shaped bar and crowlers to go. MENU: Chef Josh Aaron previously ran the Savory Spoon in Jefferson, where he served farm-fresh vegetables, good burgers and the like. Expect something beer-inspired and good. DRINKS: Craft beers made in house. \$

#### Allgood Lounge 📕

256 E. Clayton St. • 706-549-0166 allgoodlounge.com

FLE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, upstairs pool, outside seating. Hours: Opens at noon Mon-Sat. THE LOOK: A triple-layer bar with seem-



ingly endless drink opportunities. Move from the downstairs space upstairs for a little pool, to the patio to bask in the glow of torches at the tiki bar. Relax all day long, especially during a five-hour happy hour from 5-10 p.m. DRINKS: 20 rotating

beers, 55 whiskeys, 18 tequilas and over 200 bottle beers, plus a build-your-own Bloody Mary bar daily, noon-9 p.m. See ad on p. 16. \$

#### **AMC Athens 12**

#### 1570 Lexington Road • 706-354-0584

amctheatres.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Full bar. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: The former Carmike Cinemas dine-in is now an AMC. All 12 theaters have call buttons to order food/drink, plus there's a bar/dining area in the lobby (where you don't have to have tickets to eat). MENU: Candy and popcorn, yes, but also burgers, flatbreads, some sushi and poutine. DRINKS: Mostly domestics on draft, imports, domestics and local in the bottle, wine and full bar. \$

#### **American Deli**

2139 West Broad St. • 706-395-6615 3700 Atlanta Hwy. Ste. 4 • 706-543-3009 1055 Gaines School Road, Ste. 102 • 706-714-1212 americandeli.com File UNDER: Sandwiches. FEATURES: Take-out. Hours:

Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. \$

#### Amici 📕

#### 233 E. Clayton St. • 706-353-0000

amici-cafe.com

FILE UNDER: Pizza, Bars. FEATURES: Trivia, catering, outside seating, art, take-out, delivery, full bar, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Casual dining space with dark wood, long bar and brick walls. MENU: This small Georgia chain focuses mostly on pizza and wings, but also does sandwiches, pasta, salads and soup. Lots of pizzas with exciting topping combos, like the Pineapple Express (white pizza with grilled chicken, bacon, feta, pineapple and fresh basil). DRINKS: Full bar with lots of draft choices. The Beer of the Month is usually a good craft brew. \$\$

#### **Applebee's**

2226 W. Broad St. • 706-543-1339 applebees.com

appiebees.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Full bar, curbside pick-up. Hours: Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. \$\$

#### **ARTini's Art Lounge**

337 Prince Ave. • 706-353-8530

artinisartlounge.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars. FEATURES: Art classes, parking. THE LOOK: Walk into a large artist's stu-

dio complete with brick walls and galleries. The more you sip your drink, the better your work of art seems to get. DRINKS: Beer, wine, sodas and bottled water. \$

#### Athens Bagel Co.

#### 268 N. Jackson St. • 706-543-5001 athensbagel.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Catering, delivery, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Breakfast and lunch, seven days. THE LOOK: Locally owned bagel bakery in a nice, open space downtown. MENU: Big, good bagels boiled and baked in-house, in a wide variety of flavors. Top with hummus, butter (whipped, honey, peanut) or cream cheese (bacon and chive, jalapeño, snickerdoodle, sundried tomato and basil). Breakfast and lunch sandwiches on bagels: smoked pork, reuben or egg salad. \$

#### **Athens Wok**

#### **493 E. Clayton St. • 706-850-2695** athenswok.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Take-out, delivery, beer and wine. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Casual atmosphere; friendly owners. MENU: Thai, Chinese, Korean and Japanese quick sauteed dishes made with chicken, steak, salmon, shrimp, vegetables or tofu, plus sushi. The Thai curries are some of the best things on the menu, but everything is fast and fresh. \$

#### Auntee's Home Cooking 645 Danielsville Road • 706-255-6198

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Debit cards, cash, take-out. HOURS: Lunch and early dinner on Fri and Sat, lunch only on Sun. THE LOOK: A few tables bear hints of decoration, and a covered steam table is incorporated into a counter at the back. MENU: A classic meat-and-two menu, with a four-veggie plate should you prefer. Great cornbread dressing, mac and cheese, blackeyed peas, cabbage, fried chicken, baked ham, etc. \$

#### Automatic Pizza 📕

#### 1397 Prince Ave. • 706-850-2037

facebook.com/automaticpizzaathens

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Beer and wine, counter service, outside seating, take-out. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Small but efficient Normaltown space with lots of character. MENU: Excellent, large, floppy, New York-style slices or whole pies, topped with quality stuff, including great anchovies and, should you be vegan, dal cheese; good salads; nice subs on Luna bread; cannoli. DRINKS: Local and mainstream draft beer, wine, half-pours of either for half-price while you wait on a to-go order. \$

#### **Bar South**

#### 104 E. Washington St. • 706-850-1329

facebook.com/barsouthathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, outside seating, live music. THE LOOK: Located near the Georgia Theatre, this sports bar provides lots of room, plenty of TVs, pool tables and darts. DRINKS: Lots across a wide range of taste and budget, appealing to students, alumni, townies and visitors alike. \$

#### The Bar-B-Que Shack

4320 Lexington Road • 706-613-6752 facebook.com/bbgshackathens FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Checks, live music. Hours: Lunch and dinner, Thu–Sat. THE LOOK: Old-school barbecue establishment with picnic tables covered in checkered tablecloths. MENU: Chicken, pork and rib plates served with coleslaw, stew, chips and bread. Great sweet tea. Don't leave without trying the famous banana pudding. Thursday night bluegrass. \$\$

#### Barberitos Southwestern Grille & Cantina 📕

1880 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-354-0300 1739 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-548-1866 1860 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-549-9954 259 E. Clayton St. • 706-549-9008 2 S. Main St., Watkinsville • 706-705-1228 680 N. Hwy 29 • 706-543-5299 barberitos.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Beer (Clayton St.), catering, outside seating, delivery, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Locally owned burrito chain. MENU: Health-oriented Mexican fare. Build your own burrito (or quesadilla, fajitas, tacos, nachos or salads) as you walk down the counter. Lots of vegetarian and vegan options, plus the "7 Under 7" menu that has seven options with less than seven grams of fat each and a salsa bar. \$

#### **Barnes and Noble Café**

3650 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-354-1195

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 Road, Watkinsville • 706-769-8363 1055 Gaines School Road • 706-353-7166 dunkindonuts.com

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream and Smoothies, Coffee Houses and Bakeries. FEATURES: Drive-thru (Prince Ave. and Watkinsville). Wi-Fi (Prince Ave. and Watkinsville), counter service. Hours: 5 a.m.–12 a.m. (Prince Ave.), 6 a.m.–10 p.m., seven days (Watkinsville and Gaines School Road).

#### Bee's Knees Bakery & Gifts

#### 1850 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-353-3633

beeskneesbakeryandgifts.com

FILE UNDER: Bakeries, Delivery. FEATURES: Catering, counter service. HOURS: 9:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m., Mon–Sat. THE LOOK: Order a custom cake for any occasion (including weddings), or drop by this cute bakery to see what's in store. MENU: Special orders, or pick up something from the display case (cake, iced cookies, cupcakes, brownies, cake pops and more). Box lunches with a sandwich, cheese straws and a cupcake are available without preordering. \$

#### Beef 'O' Brady's

#### 1860 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-850-1916 beefobradys.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. FEATURES: Catering, outside seating, trivia, delivery, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Family-friendly pub franchise with lots of TVs. MENU: Sports-bar fare: burgers and sliders, sandwiches, wraps, salads, tasty wings, fried shrimp and fish and chips. DRINKS: 22 beers on tap, 44 in the bottle. Try the signature sangria, mint mojito or spiked frozen lemonade. \$\$

#### **Bella Noche**

# 2061 Hog Mountain Road, Watkinsville • 706-310-4414 bellanochewatkinsville.com

FILE UNDER: Italian, Mexican and South American. FEATURES: Reservations, catering, beer and wine. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, seven days. Sunday brunch. THE LOOK: Quiet dining in a Watkinsville shopping center with a covered patio. MENU: Many Italian standards but some Latin accents, too, especially in the sides section, where you can get sweet or savory plantains to go with your chicken piccata. Gluten-free pastas, kids' menu and lunch specials on pastas and sandwiches. \$\$

#### Ben & Jerry's Scoop Shop

105 College Ave. • 706-208-0031 benjerrys.com/athens

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream and Smoothies. FEATURES: Outside seating, counter service. Hours: 11 a.m.-12 a.m., Sun-Thu. 11 a.m.-1 a.m., Fri-Sat. \$

#### Big City Bread Cafe 393 N. Finley St. • 706-353-0029

bigcitybreadcafe.com

FILE UNDER: Bakeries, Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Beer and wine, catering, counter service (breakfast and lunch), outside seat-



ing, Wi-Fi. Hours: Breakfast, lunch and dinner, six days. Sunday brunch. THE LOOK: One of the best patios in Athens has sidewalk chalk for the kids and

plenty of shade. MENU: Big City does good business all day, starting with early a.m. biscuits, not-toosweet French toast, omelets and more. Mid-day brings sandwiches, burgers and salads, with a few bigger entrees, and in the evening there's a shift to table service and brasserie-style French standards. The bakery makes fresh breads, pastries, muffins and cakes daily, and bakes special items for order during holiday seasons. DRINKS: Small but good selection of bottled, canned and draft beer; wine by the glass or bottle. See ad on p. 41. \$\$

#### **Big Family Cafe**

2467 Jefferson Road • 706-355-3102 thebigfamilycafe.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Take-out. HOURS: Breakfast and lunch, Tue–Sun, 8 a.m.–3 p.m. THE LOOK: Warm and welcoming in an informal atmosphere. MENU: Think California diner. Big Family will make you a scramble, burrito, sandwich, order of pancakes, crepes, huevos rancheros, burger, eggs Benedict and more any time it's open. Everything is made in house, and it shows. The food is genuinely fresh, reliably delicious and has a healthy accent (lots of whole grains). Hot berry cobbler is always available for dessert. \$

#### **Bill's Bar-B-Que**

#### 10010 Fortson Store Road, Hull • 706-549-4949 facebook.com/billsbarbeque

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Take-out. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sat. THE LOOK: Classic barbecue surroundings, a couple of TVs, vintage UGA memorabilia. MENU: Bill's is known for hash (halfway between Brunswick stew and chopped pork), which you can get in a sandwich, and chicken mull, but also has slaw dogs, hash dogs, pork, beef, burgers, hush puppies and fried catfish. Sauce is vinegary and thin. Cokes in glass bottles. \$

#### **Blazer's Hot Wings**

#### 1462 Glenn Carrie Road, Hull • 706-208-0705 blazers-n-hull.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. FEA-TURES: Take-out. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. THE LOOK: Little red stand that serves wings and chicken fingers to go. Covered, picnic-style seating outside. MENU: Boneless or traditional wings, tossed in any combination of 13 sauces (lemon pepper, honey mustard, sweet and sour, Rajin Cajun) and available in bulk. Blazer's also has hamburgers, corn dogs, fried shrimp and fried-chicken salads. Onion rings, fries and fried apple pies on the side. Other locations are in Statham, Lexington, Commerce, Elberton and Hartwell. \$

#### **Blind Pig Tavern**

#### 312 E. Washington St. • 706-548-3442 2440 W. Broad St. • 706-208-7979 2301 College Station Road • 706-850-4919 blindpigtavern.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken, Veg-

etarian Friendly, Bars. FEATURES: Catering, outside seating, trivia, delivery, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. THE LOOK: Three locations of a longtime Athens sports bar. Downtown is the newest, migrated from the old location on Baldwin. MENU: Tasty bar food: burgers, wings, sandwiches, wraps, hot dogs, fried pickles and chili cheese fries. Tuesdays bring po'boys, Cajun burgers and more. The Hot Healthy Mama plate includes blackened fish, spinach and black beans. DRINKS: Beer on tap, more in the bottle including local brews, plus standard cocktails. A Bloody Mary bar on Saturday and Sunday. \$\$

#### **Blue Sky**

#### 128 College Ave. • 706-850-3153

blueskyathens.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, outside seating. THE LOOK: A cozy room hidden above its sister bar, Walker's Pub. With a dark wood interior, featuring large windows overlooking North Campus. Plus, a rooftop patio tucked away in between buildings where you can sit back and enjoy the blue sky. DRINKS: 300+ craft beers, 100+ scotches, a wide selection of bourbon and Irish whiskeys, array of wine and specialty cocktails. \$

#### **Boar's Head Lounge**

260 E. Washington St. • 706-369-3040 @BoarsHeadLounge

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, live music, outside seating. THE LOOK: With a downstairs interior that screams "classic tavern," this spot also features an outdoor multi-level deck and patio. Wander in from the outdoor live music to find a large bar in the middle of the room surrounded by pool, beer pong, popcorn machines and more. DRINKS: Regular specials on already inexpensive drafts and wells. \$

#### **Bone Island Grillhouse**

1720 Epps Bridge Pkwy. Ste. 108 • 706-623-0255 boneislandgrillhouse.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Catering, take-out, full bar. Hours: Lunch and dinner, Mon—Sat. THE LOOK: Upscale-ish surf-and-turf out of Eatonton with a fancy fireplace and nice lighting. MENU: Fried and grilled seafood and steaks plus sandwiches, a whole bunch of American restaurant-style apps, Key lime pie and a tasty house salad dressing it sells bottled. **DRINKS:** Plenty of beer in bottle and on draft. Tropical frozen drinks by the glass or pitcher. \$

#### **Bourbon Street**

#### 333 E. Broad St. • 706-369-1313

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FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, outside seating. THE LOOK: Party New Orleans-style all night (well, until 2 a.m.). Nightly specials allow for cheap, boisterous fun for students and visitors alike. DRINKS: Cheap beer, nightly specials and liquor drinks, including Pat O'Brien's hurricanes and fishbowls. \$

#### **Bread Basket**

#### 723 Boulevard • 706-548-3412

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

#### **Brett's Casual American Restaurant**

3190 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-850-1395

brettscasualamerican.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Beer and wine, curbside pick-up, catering, outside seating, delivery, take-out, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. THE LOOK: Tucked into a strip mall, Brett's is casual and familyfriendly in a way few places in Athens can match. MENU: The kitchen makes pretty much everything from scratch, including the salad dressings, on a large menu that ranges from grilled seafood to burgers, tacos, chili dogs, steaks, big salads, nachos and artichoke dip. Kids' meals start at \$2 and are served for both lunch and dinner. \$

#### **Bubble Café**

#### 154 College Ave. • 706-355-3002

bubblecafeathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Catering, counter service, take-out, delivery, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. THE LOOK: Tiny eatery tucked underneath a shoe-repair shop is cozy and cute. MENU: Bubble tea and other drinks, of course, but also gyoza, some hearty noodle soups, tasty Taiwanese-style snacks and rice bowls. Prepackaged snacks by the register. \$

#### **Buddha Bar**

#### 431 E. Broad St. • 706-208-7017

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FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar. THE LOOK: A large golden Buddha sits in the window, beckoning you in with his smiling face. Inside, you'll find an Asian-themed college bar with high energy. DRINKS: Sake bombs, champagne and shots. \$

#### Bulldawg Pizza, Wings & More

2026 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-355-3294 bulldawgpizzaandmore.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. FEA-TURES: Counter service, delivery, take-out. Hours: Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. THE LOOK: No-frills restaurant in a shopping center; booth seating. MENU: Order pizzas as big as 24 inches in diameter on Bulldawg Pizza's website, with up to 20 toppings, as well as wings (15 sauces), hot and cold subs, calzones, fried apps, pasta, salads, breadsticks and dessert. \$

#### Butt Hutt Bar-B-Q

#### 480 Macon Hwy. • 706-850-8511

butthuttathens.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Full bar, live music, catering, outside seating, delivery. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Casual, as you'd think. MENU: Giggle about the name, but the pulled pork is excellent, even without sauce. Ribs are on point. A great salty, creamy potato salad incorporates bacon, and the chicken mull is popular. DRINKS: Beer, liquor, frozen drinks. \$

#### **The Cabin Room**

#### 321 E. Clayton St. • 706-548-5888 @CabinRoomAthens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, outdoor seating. THE LOOK: You'll feel like you're on a mountain getaway in this cozy cabin-themed bar. Pass the time pretending you're snowed in with games like beer pong and pool. DRINKS: Cheap well drinks and domestic beer during happy hour and power hour. \$

#### **Cafe Istanbul**

#### 430 E. Clayton St. • 706-850-6444

facebook.com/cafeistanbul4

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Full bar, take-out, catering, live music, reservations. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, Tue—Sat. Dinner, Sun. THE LOOK: Athens' only Turkish eatery is in a long space with a big bar and murals. MENU: Lots of Mediterranean standards (dolmeh, hummus, baba ghanouj) but some things you can't get anywhere else in town, like a wonderful Turkish pizza topped with lamb, tomatoes, onion, garlic and feta. Options for meat-eaters and vegans alike. Don't snooze on the eggplant dishes. DRINKS: A full bar, with fruity specialty cocktails and a lively, clublike vibe at night. \$

#### Cali 'N' Tito's Eastside

#### 1254 Cedar Shoals Dr. • 706-355-7087

lapuertadelsol.net

FILE UNDER: Mexican and Latin American. FEATURES: Outside seating, beer and wine, delivery. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, Tue-Sun. THE LOOK: Take a left at the palm trees across from Cedar Shoals High School and enter another world, with coin-operated children's rides, vintage Mexican movie posters, an airplane hanging from the ceiling, a full-size fountain and much more. MENU: The menu is almost the same as at the original Cali 'N' Tito's, but there are some differences, like chicken dishes under the heading Pollo Criollo and, of course, beer, wine and margaritas. La Michoacana... es Natural operates a booth with ice cream, paletas and street snacks inside the restaurant. \$\$

#### Cali 'N' Tito's 📕

#### 1427 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-227-9979

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FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American, Vegetarian Friendly, Cash and Checks Only. FEATURES: BYOB, outside seating, delivery. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Tons of outdoor seating (covered and not), boats to play in and sometimes a parrot; it's like nothing else. MENU: Latin American food with a Peruvian influence, from tacu tacu (rice and beans topped with eggs) to lomo saltado (steak, french fries, tomato, red onions), big delicious sandwiches, yuca frita, plantains two ways (sweet and savory), fish burrito and more. Lots of veggie choices. Show up early if the weather's nice; the lines can get long. \$

#### **Carrabba's Italian Grill**

3194 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-546-9938

carrabbas.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. FEATURES: Full bar, curbside pick-up. Hours: Dinner, seven days. Lunch, Sat and Sun. \$\$\$

#### Catch 22 Gastropub

1021 Parkway Blvd. • 706-549-6333 catch22gp.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Full bar. Hours: Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. THE LOOK: A rare independent restaurant in the Epps Bridge area with a large wooden bar and relaxed atmosphere. MENU: Bar food done with lots of creativity. Pretzels come with wasabi honey mustard, and the "Porknado Burger" includes bacon jam and smoked pork. Fun snacks, lots of specials, cute kids' menu. DRINKS: Serious about beer, with many on draft and even more canned (gose, witbier, many IPAs), plus regular beer dinners and tastings. \$\$\$

#### **Cecilia Villaveces Cakes**

# 610 N. Milledge Ave. • 706-543-3308 ceciliascakes.com

FILE UNDER: Bakeries. FEATURES: Catering. THE LOOK: Family-owned cake bakery that supplies many restaurants. MENU: All cakes are made to order; specialty and wedding cakes require more advance notice and can be customdesigned. Popular flavors include lemon, tres leches, Hummingbird, mocha, caramel, coconut and red velvet. \$

#### **Centro Bar**

400 E. Clayton St.

@CentroAthens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, outdoor seating. THE LOOK: A college bar with an upscale look, Centro has two bars and two stories, the second looking onto the first from a balcony. DRINKS: Full bar with specialty cocktails like the Classic City Tom Collins and the East Clayton lemonade. \$

#### **Champy's Famous Fried Chicken**

1120 Baxter St. • 706-850-3092

champyschicken.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. FEA-TURES: Full bar, take-out, catering. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, Tue-Sun. THE LOOK: Delta-style juke joint with crazy, chicken-themed yard art. MENU: Fried chicken is the main offering, but don't miss the Delta hot tamales, served with slaw and saltines. Other fried food, like jalapenos, pickle spears, green tomatoes and catfish, plus frogs' legs and wings. DRINKS: 40s of beer, plus a full bar and local brews on tap. \$

#### **Charlie Graingers**

1791 Oconee Connector • 706-521-5767

charliegraingers.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Counter service, outside seating, take-out. Hours: Lunch and dinner,



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washingtonsquarestudio.com



Mon–Sat. Lunch, Sun. THE LOOK: Hot-dog franchise out of North Carolina with a rustic aesthetic. Fast eats near the movie theater. MENU: A whole bunch of different combinations of hot-dog toppings, from cheese to tomatoes, jalapenos and "Jamaican relish," plus brisket, pimento cheese and turkey salad. House strawberry lemonade is a point of pride. \$

#### **Cheddar's Casual Cafe**

1791 Oconee Connector • 706-353-0217

cheddars.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Full bar, outside seating. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

#### **Chef Ming**

#### 1720 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-552-3233

chefmingathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Catering, take-out. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: A shopping-center space that feels more elegant than it should. MENU: Lots of standards, but all prepared with a lighter touch and less grease than usual. Lunch specials come with rice, spring roll, crab rangoon or chicken wings and your choice of hot and sour, egg drop or wonton soup. \$\$

#### **Chili's Grill & Bar**

183 Alps Road • 706-613-5405

chilis.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Full bar, curbside pick-up, catering. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

#### **Chill Spot Ice Cream**

777 Athens Road, Lexington • 706-338-8380

facebook.com/chillspoticecream

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream and Smoothies. HOURS: Open Mon–Sat. THE LOOK: Locally owned ice cream parlor in a Lexington shopping center. MENU: Ice cream by Hershey's (no relation to the chocolate company), which you can't get anywhere else. Have it in a cone, a cup or a cookie sandwich. \$

#### China 1

#### 2026 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-850-7788

FILE UNDER: Asian. FEATURES: Counter service, catering, delivery. Hours: Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sun. THE LOOK: Quick service is key at this small Chinese restaurant that focuses on to-go food. MENU: Lo mein, pancit, teriyaki, egg foo young, sweet and sour, moo shu and meat entrees, plus chef's special Cantonese dishes. \$

#### **China Star Super Buffet**

#### 3567 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-316-3382

athenschinastar.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Buffet, catering, delivery. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Eight buffet tables, including a sushi bar and a hibachi area; take-out priced by the pound. MENU: Choose from over 300 Chinese, American and Japanese dishes from the buffets 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. Crab legs are available daily after 4 p.m. \$

#### **China Wok**

2475 Jefferson Road • 706-353-3399

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. FEATURES: Counter service, takeOUT. THE LOOK: Limited seating means get your food to go. MENU: Americanized quick-service Chinese dishes, including chop suey, lo mein, mai fun, moo shu and egg fu yung, make up the primary order of business here. \$

#### Chipotle

165 Alps Road • 706-548-7210 chipotle.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican. FEATURES: Counter service, takeout, catering, outside seating. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

#### **Choo Choo Japanese Korean Grill Express** 1055 Gaines School Road • 706-543-8888

choochoorestaurants.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Beer and sake, counter service, delivery, trivia, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. THE LOOK: Counter service, big booths and hibachi-style cooking. MENU: Generous servings of Korean and Japanese noodle and rice entrees prepared with chicken, steak, salmon, shrimp or tofu. Traditional dishes include bibimbap, bulgogi and tonkatsu. Korean tacos come stuffed with jae yuk (marinated pork), kimchi or calamari. \$

#### **Chops and Hops**

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

chopsandhops.com

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Beer and wine, reservations, outside seating, art, Wi-Fi, catering. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: White-tablecloth dining and a big bar with TVs. MENU: Steaks and beer are a strong point, but not the only option by a long shot. You can also eat salmon tacos, chicken banh mi, grilled fish and fun, chef-crafted burgers. Lots of specials. DRINKS: Big selection of beer and wine, wellpriced and well-chosen, tap takeovers. \$\$\$

#### **Chuck E. Cheese's**

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

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. FEATURES: Beer and wine. HOURS: Open seven days. \$

#### **Cici's Pizza**

3190 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-613-2424

#### cicis.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. FEATURES: Buffet, catering, counter service, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

#### Ciné Barcafé 234 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-353-3343

athenscine.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, movies, art. THE LOOK: A wonderfully retro

repurposed tire recapping plant features an art gallery, two movie theatres, a lab/meeting room and full bar. **DRINKS:** Thoughtful selection of beer (draft and bottled), wine and liquor with specialty cocktails. Coffee, tea, sodas, local baked goods and fresh-popped popcorn. See ad on p. 3. \$

**Cinnaholic** 170 W. Broad St. • 706-608-9100 cinnaholic.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Vegetarian Friendly. HOURS: Open seven days. THE LOOK: Gourmet cinnamon-roll franchise tucked under a fancy student apartment building. MENU: This business featured on "Shark Tank" makes vegan sweet treats you can top with frosting, fruit, nuts, jam, chocolate chips and more. \$

#### **City Bar**

#### 220 College Ave. • 706-546-7612 facebook.com/CityBarAthens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, outside seating. THE LOOK: An elegant bar in a historic space with tall ceilings, hardwood bar and marble accents—an urban sanctuary. DRINKS: A well-stocked bar known for martinis and cocktails like the Mantini and the Key Lime Pie. \$

#### **Clarke's Standard**

225 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-5152

facebook.com/clarkesstandard

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Catering, full bar, take-out. HOURS: Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. THE LOOK: Preppy but not aggressively so. MENU: This reinvention of the former Branded Butcher isn't quite as upscale. Instead, it offers burgers, sandwiches, avocado toast, some nice salads and waffles for dessert, all made much better than they need to be. The Scotch egg remains. DRINKS: Big list of bottled beer, a few nice wines, some cute cocktails. \$

#### Clocked!

#### 259 W. Washington St. • 706-548-9175 clockeddiner.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Beer, outside seating, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, seven days. Late night, Fri and Sat. THE LOOK: Cute and vintage, with lots of fun things to look at. MENU: Diner fare updated. Burgers are what Clocked is best known for, made with all-natural, humanely raised, antibiotic-free beef and creative toppings: bacon jam, peanut butter, gouda, grilled mushrooms and more. Round it out with tater tots and a milkshake. Lots of gluten-free options. \$\$

#### Cloud

#### 164 E. Clayton St. • 706-613-7771 @CloudAthens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar. THE LOOK: Though this second-story bar isn't quite in the clouds, its mesmerizing, color-changing bubble wall helps you to imagine you are. With spacious couches, seating areas and games to play, this makes a great spot for groups to party. DRINKS: Specials posted on Facebook. \$

#### **Condor Chocolates**

#### 1658 S Lumpkin St. • 706-850-4803 condorchocolates.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses, Something Different. HOURS: Open Tue—Sun. THE LOOK: Beautifully painted space in Five Points takes inspiration from Aztec motifs. Operations are fully visible. MENU: Artisanal bean-to-bar chocolate shop sells truffles, milk chocolate bars with Georgia pecans, drinking chocolate, coffee, gelato and occasional sweets like salty caramel brownies and pots de crème. Selection is constantly evolving. A small shelf features fancy chocolate bars from other producers. \$



#### **Cook Out**

1020 Jordan Dr. • 706-425-8662 1917 W. Broad St. • 706-850-9305 cookout.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. FEA-TURES: Drive-thru, take-out. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

#### **Copper Creek Brewing Company**

140 E. Washington St. • 706-546-1102

coppercreekathens.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars. FEATURES: Catering, trivia, delivery. HOURS: Dinner and late night, Tue—Sun. Weekend brunch. THE LOOK: With plenty of booth seating, this brewpub has a dark, quiet environment. MENU: Pub stuff with some international accents and American standards. Brunch includes hot wings alongside omelets and amaretto French toast. DRINKS: Housemade beers may be Belgian, English, German, Scottish or American in style, and the long list of options changes constantly. Guest beers, too. You can buy a growler full to take home. \$\$

#### **Courtyard Café**

1197 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-542-2633

georgiacenter.uga.edu/uga-hotel/dining

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Counter service, outside seating, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Breakfast and lunch, Mon-Fri. THE LOOK: Cafeteria inside the UGA Hotel but open to all. Validated parking for up to one hour is available at the South Campus Parking Deck. MENU: Breakfast in the a.m., made-to-order deli sandwiches in the p.m. Southern standards from a steam table and a soup and salad bar on weekdays. Coffee, muffins and bagels are available around the corner at Georgia Java. \$

#### **Cozy Yum Yum**

179 N. Jackson St. • 706-543-8898

cozyyumyum.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Beer and wine, delivery. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, seven days. Late night, Thu–Sat. THE LOOK: Tucked away on Jackson Street, with pretty paper lanterns and flowers on the tables. MENU: Thai food with many vegetarian options, including massaman curry, pad Thai, curries and drunken noodles with tofu or vegetables. Also soups, satay, bubble tea and plenty more. \$\$

#### **Cracker Barrel Old Country Store**

1913 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-208-0304 crackerbarrel.com

**FILE UNDER:** American. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner, seven days. \$\$

#### **Craft Public House**

#### 1040 Gaines School Road • 706-850-4363 craftathens.com

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Full Bar. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. Weekend brunch. THE LOOK: Gastropub in the Ansonborough development. MENU: Menu changes seasonally but tends to feature nice vegetables, like a roasted beet salad with curry-spiced carrot purée and housemade ricotta. Great pork-belly sandwich. Good options for vegetarians and meat-eaters; kids menu. DRINKS: Local beers on draft, craft beers in bottle or can, some wines and cocktails. \$\$

#### Creature Comforts Brewery

271 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-410-1043 creaturecomfortsbeer.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Beer. THE LOOK: A large, airy, semi-industrial space inside the historic Snow Tire building downtown, plus an outdoor area where the Athens Farmers Market sets up Wednesdays. DRINKS: Sample the popular local brewery's year-round offerings, like the hoppy Tropicalia, tart Athena or crisp Bibo. One-off and seasonal beers are often available during tour hours. Purchase cans on-site to take home. \$

#### **Cutters Pub**

120 E. Clayton St. • 706-353-9800

facebook.com/CuttersPubAthens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, live music, outside seating. THE LOOK: This Irish pub features exposed brick and festive decorum. With its recent expansion, the bar is more spacious than ever. You'll find a mix of patrons here, from students to townies. DRINKS: A full bar with vodka slushies, whiskey and, of course, Guinness on tap. \$

#### D.P. Dough

180 W. Broad St. • 706-842-2828

dpdough.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. FEATURES: Delivery, take-out, catering, counter service, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. THE LOOK: Calzone franchise on the ground floor of the Georgia Heights apartments. MENU: Calzones, wings (bone-in and boneless), tots, breadsticks (savory and cinnamon sugar), pints of ice cream. Online ordering for late-night delivery. \$

#### Dawg Gone Good BBQ

224 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-613-9799 facebook.com/dawggonegoodbbq

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Catering, counter service, delivery. Hours: Lunch and dinner, Tue– Sat. Late night Thu–Sat. THE LOOK: Take-out downtown, with tables inside and out to eat on site. MENU: Ribs, barbecue chicken, pulled pork sandwiches and sausage dogs, plus sides like baked-potato salad, creamed spinach, yams, coleslaw, baked beans and mac and cheese. \$

#### DePalma's Italian Cafe 2080 Timothy Road ● 706-552-1237 1965 Barnett Shoals Road ● 706-369-0085

401 E. Broad St. • 706-354-6966 depalmasitaliancafe.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Full bar, catering, outside seating, delivery. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK:



seven days. THE LOOK: Classic Italian with a little ritz but family-friendly. MENU: Each location is different, but all have New York-style pizza, calzones,

pasta, salads and desserts. The menu expands at dinner, with regular specials and nice entrees like shrimp charmaine or tortelloni with grilled chicken sausage. Vegan, vegetarian, dairy-free and glutenfree customers are given full consideration. **DRINKS**: Long wine list, mostly Italian. Really good beer list and cocktails. See ad on p. 2. \$\$



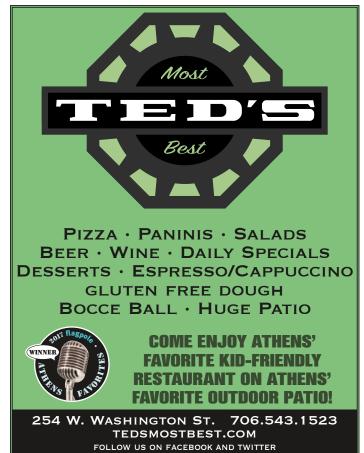
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diablossouthwestgrill.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, seven days. FEATURES: Catering, counter service, take-out. THE LOOK: Fast-casual burrito chain with a saddle by the door to sit on and free charging stations for your phone. MENU: Basically the intersection of Moe's, Willy's and Barberitos: Pick a protein, then have it as a burrito, tacos, salad, etc., with a wide variety of toppings and a few different salsas. \$

#### **Dickey's Barbecue Pit**

#### 2131 Hog Mountain Road, Watkinsville • 706-705-1326 dickeys.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Catering, counter service, delivery. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Texas-based chain with trademark big yellow cups for drinks. MENU: Brisket, pulled pork, honey-glazed ham, smoked sausage, pork ribs, turkey and chicken. Homestyle sides, sandwiches, giant baked potatoes, family meals and pecan pie. \$\$

#### Di'lishi Frozen Yogurt Bar

1791 Oconee Connector • 706-208-1170

facebook.com/dilishiathens

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream and Smoothies. HOURS: Seven days, until 9 or 10 p.m. in the summer. THE LOOK: Fro-yo chain in Epps Bridge Centre, across from the movie theater. MENU: Ten flavors at a time, rotating regularly, with more than 60 toppings and a focus on environmental friendliness. \$

#### **Dolce Vita Trattoria Italiana**

323 E. Broad St. • 706-353-3911

ladolcevitaathens.com

FILE UNDER: Italian. FEATURES: Beer and wine, reservations, catering. Hours: Dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Hidden space up a steep staircase with a great view of UGA's North Campus. MENU: Traditional Italian with carpaccio, ragu, handmade gnocchi, carpaccio, whole branzino poached in white wine, seafood risotto and veal marsala. Cannoli, tiramisu and gelato finish off your meal. DRINKS: Italian wine, of course. \$\$\$

#### **Dominick's Italian**

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

FILE UNDER: Italian. FEATURES: Catering, Full bar, Reservations, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Family-style upscale Italian. MENU: Classics like eggplant parmigiana, lasagna, stuffed pork chops, chicken saltimbocca and steaks, most available in full or half servings. Tiramisu, cannoli and a kids' menu. DRINKS: Big wine list, limoncello, frozen drinks, beers, monthly wine dinners. \$\$\$

#### **Donderos' Kitchen**

#### 590 N. Milledge Ave. • 706-354-8688

donderoskitchen.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Catering, counter service, outside seating. HOURS: Breakfast and lunch, Mon–Fri. Weekend brunch. THE LOOK: Big, sunny rooms in a historic house and a playroom with toys for kids. MENU: Hot breakfast and lunch to order until 2 p.m., but open later on weekdays for pick-up of pre-made items. Brunch on the weekends. To-go meals in the fridge and the freezer include breakfast stratas, casseroles, desserts and more. Walkers, bikers and bus riders get a 5 percent discount. \$

#### Donna Chang's 📕

#### 1664 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-215-9100

donnachangs.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Something Different. FEATURES: Full bar, take-out, outside seating. HOURS: Dinner, Thu-Tue. THE LOOK: Sleek, hip space on the ground floor of Five Points' Henrietta Building. MENU: Gourmet versions of Chinese-American classics. This isn't mall Chinese food, but it's not Atlanta's Buford Highway either. Major love for vegetables, nice small plates, beauteous ice creams for dessert. DRINKS: Fun, intelligently picked and described wine list; a few nice beers; fancy cocktails that can be a little retro. \$

#### Dos Palmas Restaurant & Cantina 3523 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-353-7771

#### athens-dospalmas.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Full bar, catering, delivery. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Big, beachy mural, chill atmosphere in a shopping center. MENU: Americanized Mexican staples: tacos, burritos, nachos, fajitas, quesadillas, big burritos, enchiladas, queso, fish tacos, fried ice cream. DRINKS: More than 30 tequilas, a couple of draft beers, more in bottles. \$\$

#### **The Double Barrel**

429 E. Broad St..

facebook.com/DoubleBarrelAthens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, DJS, outdoor seating. THE LOOK: Southern-themed bar named after Athens' famously unique double-barreled cannon. DRINKS: Signature cocktails like the Bacon Watson and Scarlett O'Hara. \$

#### **Earth Fare Café**

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

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Buffet, counter service, outside seating, art, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Breakfast, lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Restaurant inside the grocery store; great deals for kids' meals. MENU: Items are created with the same kind of natural ingredients the store sells: salads with organic ingredients, sushi, fresh-made sandwiches and a hot bar, plus smoothies, juice, coffee, soups and baked goods. \$\$

#### **Eddie's Calzones**

#### 265 E. Clayton St. • 706-549-9676 eddiescalzones.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. FEATURES: Counter service, delivery, take-out. HOURS: Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. THE LOOK: No-frills calzone franchise focusing on delivery and take-out. MENU: Calzones in many varieties (including dessert), wings, tater tots, curly fries, mozzarella sticks and pints of Ben & Jerry's ice cream. Open until 4 a.m. every day. Order online. \$

#### **Einstein Bros. Bagels**

259 E. Broad St. • 706-549-0027 einsteinbros.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Catering, counter service, take-out, Wi-Fi. HOURS: 6 a.m.-4 p.m., seven days. \$

#### **Em's Kitchen**

#### 975 Hawthorne Ave. • 706-206-9322 emskitchenathawthorne.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bakeries. FEATURES: Catering, counter service, delivery. HOURS: Breakfast and lunch, Mon–Fri. Saturday brunch. THE LOOK: A sepa-



rate room within Hawthorne Drugs, with sweet decorations and children's books to read. MENU: Breakfast brings biscuits, omelets and homemade muffins and scones, as well as egg plates; brunch has more options. Lunch is mostly

classic sandwiches (chicken salad, pimento cheese, egg salad) but also a good Cuban and a BLT with homemade chipotle mayo on Texas toast. See ad on p. 47. \$

#### Fatz Café

## 4115 Lexington Road • 706-425-8780 fatz.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Full bar, catering, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$\$

#### **Firehouse Subs**

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

firehousesubs.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches. FEATURES: Catering, outside seating, delivery. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Franchised sub shop originally founded by firefighters. MENU: Classic hot and cold subs. \$

#### **The Fish Shack**

#### 1660 W. Broad St. • 706-521-8333

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Take-out, outside seating. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, Wed-Sat. THE LOOK: Tiny vintage building with nets and a boat, some booths outside, warm family service. MENU: A few different kinds of tasty, fried white-fleshed fish, plus classic sides like hush puppies and coleslaw. Homemade cake by the register. \$

#### **Five & Ten**

1073 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-546-7300 fiveandten.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. FEATURES: Full bar, reservations, catering, outside seating. HOURS: Dinner, seven days. Sunday brunch. THE LOOK: Hugh Acheson's flagship restaurant is on one of Athens' most beautiful streets in a superlatively renovated historic home. MENU: Serious dining that stays up on trends and pushes the envelope without being obnoxiously hip. Some items recur frequently, but there's always something new to eat, based on the season. The early-evening three-course prix-fixe is a great deal. DRINKS: Wine list by James Beard nominee; unpretentious but smart cocktails; excellent after-dinner drinks. \$\$\$\$

#### **Five Bar**

#### 269 N. Hull St. • 706-543-5515

five-bar.com/athens

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. FEATURES: Full bar. Hours: Dinner, Tue–Sun. Late night, Fri and Sat. Sunday brunch. THE LOOK: Two levels of dining, lit by multiple chandeliers, but not formal. THE MENU: Five options of snacks and entrees, plus nightly specials, are a little bit Southern, a little bit Asian and all bar. Baked avocado, gyoza, cheeseburger, market catch from Destin and more. Brunch brings breakfast cheeseburgers and chicken and waffles. DRINKS: Wine, beer and signature cocktails (all in groups of five, again). \$\$\$

#### **Five Guys Famous Burgers and Fries**

101 College Ave. • 706-549-2811

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

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches and Burgers. FEATURES: Outside seating. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

#### Flanagan's

301 E. Clayton St. • 706-208-9711

flanagansathens.homestead.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, outside seating. THE LOOK: A classic Irish pub with a brick and dark wood interior and a mezzanine lounge featuring a water wall. Located next door to its sister bar, Half Moon Pub, this bar is at the center of downtown night life. DRINKS: Full bar with daily specials on everything from cocktails to shots. Try the famous Irish Carbomb. \$

#### Flicker Theatre & Bar

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

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, live music, outside seating, movies. THE LOOK: If you're ever bored, this small, hip venue promises entertainment. From music to comedy, open mic to movies, there's plenty to see—and drink. DRINKS: A full bar with signature concoctions and old-school cocktails. Try a Happy Meal—a shot of Jameson with a PBR. \$

#### **Food for the Soul**

#### 1965 W. Broad St. • 706-546-0052

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Buffet, catering. HOURS: Lunch, Tue–Fri. and Sun. THE LOOK: Small, homey eatery with a self-service buffet and a cool new mural. MENU: Soul-food staples that rotate daily, like pork chops, fried chicken livers, mac and cheese and country-fried steak. Pair a meat and two sides for a hearty meal, or take advantage of the all-you-can-eat buffet. \$

#### The Foundry

#### 295 E. Dougherty St. • 706-549-7051 thefoundryathens.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Live music, outside seating, reservations, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Dinner, Tue–Sat. THE LOOK: You can eat at



this music-venue restaurant until the start of a show if you don't have tickets. Hotel guests and ticket holders can dine until late. MENU: Revamped bar standards: salads, lots of burgers, barbecue sandwich, steaks, shrimp and grits,

snacks. **DRINKS**: A wide selection of wines, scotches, microbrews and craft beers. See ad on p. 10. \$\$

#### Fox's Pizza Den

2971 Monroe Hwy., Watkinsville • 678-661-0220 foxspizzaoconee.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. FEA-TURES: Delivery, take-out, catering, outside seating, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

#### **Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers**

2050 Oconee Connector • 706-354-0671 freddysusa.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken, Ice Cream and Smoothies. FEATURES: Drive-thru, take-out. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

#### Fresh Air Bar-B-Que

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

freshairbbq.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Buffet (Hull Road), catering, counter service, take-out. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days (Atlanta Hwy.). Lunch and dinner, Wed–Sat (Hull Road). THE LOOK: Wood paneling, shack-like exterior. MENU: The Hull location does an all-you-can-eat buffet lunch Wednesday through Friday, with ribs, shrimp and catfish respectively on the menu. Otherwise, it's chopped pork and chicken, Brunswick stew, baked beans, chicken tenders and banana pudding. Family and tailgating specials for take-out. \$

#### Fuzzy's Taco Shop

265 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-353-0305 fuzzystacoshop.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Bars. FEATURES: Full bar, catering, counter service, outside seating, trivia. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. Late night, Fri and Sat. \$

#### **The Garden Grille**

#### 390 E. Washington St. • 706-353-6800

hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Full bar, buffet, catering, Wi-Fi. Hours: Breakfast and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Full-service restaurant inside the Hilton Garden Inn hotel. MENU: Breakfast can be cooked to order or assembled from the buffet (kids under 12 eat free). Steaks, burgers, pasta, salads and other all-American staples for dinner. \$

#### The Gatsby

#### 114 College Ave. • 706-355-3060

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FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, live music. THE LOOK: True to its name, this bank-turned-bar boasts a Roaring Twenties atmosphere. The stair-filled spot across from the Arch is popular with students and locals alike. The interior has wood features and beautiful globe lighting. DRINKS: High-end cocktails are the focus here. Over a dozen aged scotches, limited-release bourbons—serious stuff. \$\$

#### **General Beauregard's**

164 E. Clayton St. • 706-543-8201 Find Us on Facebook

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, outside seating. THE LOOK: Walls draped with velvet, chandeliers and Civil War memorabilia transport patrons back to days of yore. DRINKS: Try the Dixieland Tea, made with bourbon, sweet tea and a wedge of lemon served in a frosty mason jar. Tastes like sweet tea, kicks like whiskey. \$

#### **George's Lowcountry Table**

#### 2095 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-548-3359 georgeslowcountrytable.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Full bar, catering, live music, reservations, outside seating. Hours: Dinner, seven days. Weekend brunch. THE LOOK: Quiet atmosphere and attentive service. MENU: Gulf and Carolina Coast cuisine: étouffée, shrimp and grits, sherry crab bisque, oysters, peel-and-eat shrimp and more. Every table gets housemade cheddar biscuits. DRINKS: Wines from all over, a few beers and Southern-accented cocktails. \$\$\$

#### **Gigi's Cupcakes**

296 W. Broad St. • 706-208-7879 1791 Oconee Connector • 706-208-3727 gigiscupcakesusa.com FILE UNDER: Bakeries. FEATURES: Catering, delivery,

gluten-free options. **Hours**: Open seven days. \$

#### Girasoles

# 24 Greensboro Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-310-0410 girasoleswatkinsville.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. FEATURES: Beer and wine, reservations, catering, outside seating. HOURS: Lunch, Tue–Fri. Dinner, Tue–Sat. Sunday brunch. THE LOOK: Cozy space in downtown Watkinsville. MENU: Mexican-accented fusion. Tapas, entrees and frequently changing specials: crab cakes, Cajun pasta, fish and grits. Sunday brunch includes waffles, omelets and a buffet. \$\$\$

#### The Globe

#### 199 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-353-4721

facebook.com/globe.athens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs, Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. FEATURES: Live music, outside seating, Wi-Fi. THE LOOK: Exposed brick interior, comfy couches and a big brass bar create a charming and relaxed atmosphere. Soccer and live music upstairs. Sunday brunch includes pancakes, steak and eggs, and the frittata of the day. MENU: Pub cuisine, including fish and chips, burgers, sandwiches, vegetarian chili and housemade potato chips with gorgonzola sauce. DRINKS: An eclectic selection of over 80 craft beers, 60 wines and 40 single-malt scotches. \$

#### Go Bar

#### 195 Prince Ave. • 706-546-5609

facebook.com/go.bar.35

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, live music/DJs, outside seating. THE LOOK: This funky space allows patrons to tear up the dance floor under the reflections of a disco ball, or sit on the whimsical patio surrounded by bushes and twinkling lights. A throwback '80s vibe with updated hairstyles. DRINKS: Bottled brews, cocktails and shots. \$

#### **Golden Chick**

#### 7990 Macon Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-705-1655 goldenchick.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches and Chicken. FEATURES: Catering, drive-thru. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

#### **Golden Dragon**

#### 126 Alps Road • 706-552-1688

athensgoldendragon.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Beer and wine, buffet, delivery, catering. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Chinese restaurant in a shopping center. MENU: Big lunch buffet daily. Tons of standard Chinese options. Dragon Dinners feature combinations of dishes for two to 10 people. \$

#### **Golden Sun Chinese Restaurant**

#### 4375 Lexington Road • 706-549-3388

goldensuninathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Beer and wine, delivery. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sun. THE LOOK: Pleasant dining in the Eastside Walmart shopping center. MENU: Countless classic options, 30 chef's specials, 50 different lunch specials and Peking duck (if you order ahead). A Lighter Fare section offers steamed MSG-free meals low in sodium; lots of tofu choices. \$\$

#### The Grill F 171 College Ave. • 706-543-4770

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Beer. HOURS: 24 hours, seven days. THE LOOK: 1950s diner with cute



toys in glass cases; punk-rock servers. MENU: Burgers, hot dogs, BLTs and tons of veggie choices. Crinkle-cut fries with a side of feta dressing are an Athens standard. Breakfast (midnight to noon) is greasy and satisfying, enormous milkshakes

are made to order, and you can get a fountain cherry or vanilla Coke with syrup. See ad on p. 43. \$

#### Grindhouse Killer Burgers

1553 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-612-9327 arindhouseburgers.com

FILE UNDER: Burgers, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. FEA-TURES: Full bar, counter service, outside seating. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: TWO-floor small chain out of Atlanta. MENU: Burgers are small, flat and tasty, made with beef, turkey or beans and quinoa; lots of topping choices. Handspun milkshakes, crinkle-cut fries, fried pimento cheese nuggets, salads, chili. DRINKS: Domestics, imports and craft beers, wine, boozy milkshakes. \$\$

#### The Grit 📕

#### **199 Prince Ave. • 706-543-6592** thegrit.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Beer and wine, outside seating, art, Wi-Fi. Hours: Breakfast, lunch and dinner, seven



days. Weekend brunch. THE LOOK: An Athens classic, with tons of character and local art on the walls. MENU: Vegetarian and vegan deliciousness that can convert meat eat-

ers. The Golden Bowl is the signature item, a huge serving of brown rice tossed with double-fried tofu and soy sauce and topped with veggies and cheese. Make your own veggie plate from the chalkboard, or eat around the world (tabbouleh, stir fries, dal, pasta, etc.). Breakfast and brunch bring burritos, pancakes, omelets and more. Don't skip dessert. Whole housemade cakes and pies are available with 48 hours notice. See ad on p. 44. \$\$

#### **Groove Burgers**

1791 Oconee Connector • 762-499-5699 grooveburgers.com

FILE UNDER: Burgers, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Beer and wine, take-out. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Sleek local business seems ready to franchise. MENU: Burgers (beef, turkey, chicken, veggie) are the centerpiece, but the sides ("street corn," asparagus, brussels sprouts, fabulous onion rings) are what set this place apart. Clever toppings and smart choice of ingredients like chicken thighs and chimichurri sauce. \$\$

#### **The Grotto**

#### 140 E. Clayton St. • 706-549-9933

facebook.com/grotto.athens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, live music. THE LOOK: A hidden gem in downtown Athens. Often overlooked, this underground hangout has a very intimate atmosphere. DRINKS: Top-shelf sipping whiskeys and fresh-fruit-driven cocktails like the Rocking Chair and Hawaiian Mojito. \$

#### **Gyro Wrap**

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

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Beer, counter service, outside seating,



delivery. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE Look: No frills. Tables in one room, a few outside and some seats at the counter. MENU:

Tortilla and pita wraps, salads and Phillies. See ad on p. 49. \$

#### Half Moon Pub

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

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar. THE LOOK: Nestled beneath its sister bar, Flanagan's, Half Moon is a calmer place to pass the time amidst the energy of downtown Athens. Enjoy a brew at the authentic Irish bar handcrafted on the Emerald Isle. DRINKS: Several beers to choose from; known for its wine and whiskey selection. \$

#### **Hedges on Broad**

346 E. Broad St. • 706-850-8500

facebook.com/HedgesOnBroad

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURING: Full bar, live music, outside seating. THE LOOK: Named for Sanford Stadium's hedges, this is an ideal place for a Dawg to watch the games. A huge screen for football-watching and a giant dance floor with a balcony, two bars and live music. DRINKS: Fully stocked bar. \$

#### Heirloom Cafe and Fresh Market 815 N. Chase St. • 706-354-7901

heirloomathens.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Full bar, catering, outside seating, art, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch, Mon–Fri. Dinner, Tue–Sat. Weekend brunch. THE LOOK: Converted gas station includes a bocce court and a wonderful





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patio in a historic neighborhood. **MENU**: Lunch in the light-filled space is casual but refined, with soups,



salads, sandwiches and quiche. The dinner menu changes more often, with interesting influences on Southern cuisine. Local providers are listed on a chalkboard. Brunch is busy for good reason. Very accommo-

dating of diet restrictions. **DRINKS**: Artisan cocktails, good wines, some non-frou-frou beers. Regular wine tastings. See ad on p. 49. \$\$\$

#### **Hendershot's Coffee Bar**

237 Prince Ave. • 706-353-3050

hendershotscoffee.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Bars, Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. FEATURES: Full bar, catering, counter service, live music, art, Wi-Fi, outside seating. Hours: Open seven days. Lunch, seven days. Dinner Mon-Sat. THE LOOK: Eclectic coffeehouse/restaurant/bar/ music club in the Bottleworks. MENU: Coffee drinks, nitro coffee, teas and juices all day pair with muffins, cookies and savory scones or tasty pre-packed chicken salad and zippy pimento cheese. Good burgers, hot sandwiches and salads for lunch and dinner. DRINKS: Draft and bottled/ canned craft beers, wine, craft cocktails (some involving coffee). \$

#### Hi-Lo Lounge 📕

1354 Prince Ave. • 706-850-8561 hiloathens.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Full bar, counter service, trivia. Hours: Dinner and late night, Mon–Sun. Lunch, Fri and Sat.



Sunday brunch. THE LOOK: Family-friendly neighborhood bar with eats. TVs for sporting events. MENU: Hot dogs with lots of toppings, plus veggie and vegan

versions of most menu items. Pierogi scramble and tempeh hash for brunch, plus housemade caramel corn and more. DRINKS: Full bar with 14 draft beers (with one rotating nitro line) and a well-curated selection of bottles and cans; half pours; classic cocktails. See ad on p. 13. \$

#### **Hibachi Grill Supreme Buffet**

2020 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-546-8668 hibachiathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian. FEATURES: Buffet. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Huge Asian buffet of over 300 items. MENU: Hibachi station cooks your veggies and proteins to order, including clams, lobster, crab legs and mussels. Buffet tables with tons of Chinese dishes, sushi, American food, fruit, salad and desserts are spread across the room. Open most holidays. \$\$

#### **Highwire Lounge**

269 N. Hull St. • 706-543-8997

highwirelounge.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Live music, trivia, outside seating, art. Hours: Dinner and late night, Mon–Sat. THE LOOK: Upscale cocktail bar with soft lighting, reclaimed wood walls and live music. MENU: Snacks and heavier options from Trappeze, its sister bar, to which it connects. DRINKS: High-end cocktails carefully crafted with small-batch liguors and fresh ingredients. \$

#### Hilltop Grille 2310 W. Broad St. • 706-353-7667

## hilltopgrille.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. FEATURES: Reservations, live music, full bar, outside seating. Hours: Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sun. Dinner, Mon. Sunday



e-Sun. Dinner, Mon. Sunday brunch. THE Look: Big, Craftsman-style building with warm atmosphere, fireplaces, a Jack Davis mural and a large patio. MENU: A step up from chains that go for the same kind of feeling, Hilltop Grille serves

American comfort cuisine: artichoke dip, fried green tomatoes, crab cakes, Key lime pie, steaks, wedge salad, fried pork chop. **DRINKS:** Large wooden bar serving beer, wine and cocktails with weekly happy hour specials. See ad on p. 34. \$\$\$

#### **Hodgson's Pharmacy**

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

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream. HOURS: Mon–Fri, 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Sat, 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m. THE LOOK: Old-fashioned drug store with soda fountain counter. MENU: Scoops of Edy's ice cream in a cup or cone for just \$1. Malts, shakes and floats, too. Sit on the hill outside for the best experience. \$

#### home.made **F**

#### 1072 Baxter St. • 706-206-9216

homemadeathens.com

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Catering, delivery, take-out, full bar. Hours: Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sat. Weekend brunch. THE LOOK: Kinfolkesque combination of rustic and sophisticated. MENU: Mimi Maumus' food has a Southern accent and a New Orleans influence; it's also seasonal, fresh and wellinformed. Lunch brings variations on classics like the BLT (pepper-jelly-glazed pork belly!), beautiful salads, grain bowls and veggie sides. Dinner is relaxed fine dining. Dessert is a highlight. You can also buy casseroles, sides, snacks and take-away meals. DRINKS: Crafty cocktails, good wine list and beer selection. \$\$

#### HoneyBaked Ham Co. & Café

3690 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-613-8800 honeybaked.com FILE UNDER: Sandwiches. FEATURES: Delivery, catering, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Lunch, Mon–Sat. \$

#### **Hot Thomas Barbecue**

#### 3753 Hwy. 15, Watkinsville • 706-769-6550 hotthomasbbg.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Catering, checks. HOURS: Lunch, Tue—Sat. Dinner, Fri and Sat. THE LOOK: Country barbecue since 1984; vintage soda bottles for decoration. MENU: It's short: chopped pork, ribs, chicken, hamburgers and chili dogs, plus chicken mull, slaw and Brunswick stew. Slices of pecan or chocolate pie for dessert. \$

#### Hungry Howie's

#### 529 Baxter St. • 706-826-2600

hungryhowies.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. FEATURES: Counter service, take-out. Hours: Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. \$

#### **Ideal Bagel**

815 W. Broad St. • 706-353-0005 Find Us on Facebook

FILE UNDER: Bakeries, Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Counter service, outside seating, take-out. HOURS: Breakfast and lunch, Mon–Sun. THE LOOK: Homage to a classic deli. MENU: Breakfast and lunch sandwiches, some on bagels and some on bread. The scrambled egg and ketchup sandwich on white toast sounds strange but induces nostalgia. House-smoked fish is great. Deli meats are sliced in full view from the stuff in the big refrigerated case. \$

#### Ike and Jane

#### 1307 Prince Ave. • 706-850-1580 ikeandiane.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Catering, counter service, outside seating, take-out, Wi-Fi. Hours: Breakfast and lunch, seven days. THE LOOK: Extreme cuteness in Normaltown. MENU: Doughnuts are the big thing, with a gazillion varieties that change out regularly, as well as many other baked goodies (try a cranberry bar instead of the standard lemon). Build your own biscuit for breakfast. Lunch brings soups, salads and sandwiches. \$

#### Independent Baking Co. 📕

#### 1625 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-3550

independentbaking.com

FILE UNDER: Bakeries. HOURS: Open Tue–Sun. FEATURES: Outside seating. THE LOOK: Small shop with a few stools by the window and the full operation in plain view. MENU: Independent Baking Co. could hold its own anywhere in the country. Everything is delicious, from the multigrain that includes millet, quinoa, flax and sunflower seeds to the incredibly refined danish made with seasonal fruit and savory elements. If you buy only one croissant, you will regret it as soon as it is inhaled. Counter Culture coffee is served, and every detail is impeccably managed. Products available at a few other places around town. \$

#### **Inoko Express**

2061 Experiment Station Road, Watkinsville • 706-769-7088

#### 3190 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-425-8828

FILE UNDER: Asian. FEATURES: Counter service, delivery, take-out. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Ideal for meals to go. MENU: Steak, chicken, shrimp, salmon, tofu and "Ultimate Vegetarian" prepared hibachi style or with teriyaki sauce. Entrees come with fried rice, vegetables and two sauces. \$

#### **Inoko Japanese Steak House**

161 Alps Road • 706-546-8589 inokos.com

FILE UNDER: Asian. FEATURES: Full bar, reservations, delivery, take-out. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, Sun-Fri. dinner, Sat. THE LOOK: Hibachi cooked in front of you as entertainment with your meal. MENU: Combinations of ribeye, filet mignon, chicken, shrimp, scallops and lobster cooked on the grill, served with rice and veggies and paired with onion soup, salad and a shrimp appetizer. Discounts for college students and senior citizens. Smaller portions during lunch. Good selection of sushi. \$\$\$

#### Inoko Sushi Express

2301 College Station Road • 706-546-5662

facebook.com/InokoSushiExpress

FILE UNDER: Asian. FEATURES: Counter service, delivery, take-out. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, seven days. Late night, Thu–Sat. THE LOOK: Fast sushi in a casual environment. MENU: No bells and whistles, but the sushi is surprisingly good and very well priced. Choose among nigiri, maki and specialty rolls, then accessorize with katsu, edamame, seaweed salad, etc. Teriyaki and tempura too. \$

#### **Insomnia Cookies**

#### 228 E. Clayton St. • 877-632-6654

insomniacookies.com

FILE UNDER: Bakeries. FEATURES: Catering, delivery. Hours: Noon–3 a.m., seven days. \$

#### **Iron Factory**

255 W. Washington St. • 706-395-6877 ironfactoryinc.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Beer and wine, full bar, live music, karaoke. Hours: Dinner and late night, seven days. THE LOOK: Each table in the big space has its own grill in the middle and its own hood for venting; big patio outside and private karaoke rooms. MENU: Grill your own Korean barbecue, or let the servers cook your pork belly, steak, chicken, shrimp, prawns, fish of the day, mushrooms or mixed veggies, all of which come with salad, rice and side vegetables. DRINKS: Korean soju and wine, plus sweet cocktails in addition to regular beer and wine. \$\$

#### **Iron Works Coffee**

295 E. Dougherty St., • 706-254-6909

graduateathens.com/dining/graduate-coffee-bar FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses. Hours: 7 a.m.-9



p.m., seven days. THE LOOK: You don't have to be a guest at Graduate Athens to stop by the coffee shop in its lobby. MENU: Pastries, muffins, hot chocolate with M&Ms and coffee by La Colombe. See ad on p. 10. \$

#### **J & J Flea Market**

11661 Hwy. 441 N. • 706-613-2410 jandjfleamarket.com

janujneamarket.com

FILE UNDER: American, Mexican. FEATURES: Outside seating, counter service, cash only. Hours: Breakfast and lunch, Sat and Sun. THE LOOK: Georgia's biggest flea market has several large buildings with regular eateries and a ton of tables outside selling fresh, well-priced produce. MENU: Biscuits and burgers at the Flea Bite Cafe, barbecue, boiled peanuts, pizza and the wonderful Taqueria Mi Tierra, serving up excellent and authentic Mexican food, including fantastic pollo a la brasa. The big building in the back houses Backwoods Grill, serving homemade burgers, smoked pork and brisket, veggies and breakfast. \$

#### **J. Christopher's**

1650 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-3520 jchristophers.com FILE UNDER: American. Hours: Breakfast and lunch, seven days. FEATURES: Outdoor seating, Wi-Fi. \$

#### **Jason's Deli**

#### 140 Alps Road • 706-425-4950

jasonsdeli.com FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Delivery, catering, counter service, outside seating. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

#### **JB's Smokin' Pig Barbeque**

64 N. Main St., Watkinsville • 706-705-6116 Find Us on Facebook

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Counter service, outside seating, take-out. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sat. THE LOOK: Not too rustic, not too fancy, with a large covered patio on the edge of downtown Watkinsville. MENU: Pulled and chopped pork, a small but good array of sauces, good barbecue chicken and great beans. Slices of pie in the case up front, and ribs on special. \$

#### **Jennings Mill Drug Company**

1360 Caduceus Way • 706-621-5996 ienningsmilldrugcompany.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. FEA-TURES: Counter service, take-out. HOURS: Breakfast and lunch, Mon-Fri. THE LOOK: Soda fountain in an independent drugstore. MENU: Bagels for breakfast. Lunch expands to offer classic sandwiches (pimento cheese, chicken salad, grilled cheese) and less traditional stuff (southwestern chicken wrap, spinach salad with egg, bacon and poppyseed dressing). Also chili dogs, slaw dogs, good soups, PB&J, fro-yo and milkshakes. \$

#### Jersey Mike's

690 US Highway 29, Suite 125 • 706-353-4655 jerseymikes.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches. FEATURES: Catering. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

#### **Jerzees Sports Bar**

420 E. Clayton St. • 443-579-5566 facebook.com/jerzeessport

FILE UNDER: American, Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Live music/DJs. HOURS: Dinner and late night, seven days. THE LOOK: Sports bar by day, dance club by night frequented by students, athletes and locals. This huge space features a multitude of TVs for catching a game or watching music videos. MENU: All-American staples like burgers, wings and fries. Sunday brunch. DRINKS: Ten beers on draft and many more in bottle. \$

#### **Jimmy John's Gourmet Subs**

#### 600 Baxter St. • 706-613-0500

2301 College Station Road • 706-543-5411 jimmyjohns.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches. FEATURES: Drive-thru (Baxter), delivery, catering, counter service, outside seating (Baxter). Hours: Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. \$

#### Jittery Joe's Coffee 📕

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jitteryjoes.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. FEATURES: Drive-thru (Baxter, Greensboro and Epps Bridge), outside seating, art, Wi-Fi. Hours: Vary by location. Open seven days. THE LOOK: Serving coffee roasted right here in town, each location of this local franchise is different, but all are welcoming and orange-accented. MENU: Wide range of specialty roasts that benefit different causes. Lots of hot and cold drinks and premium teas. Locally baked goodies like bagels, giant brownies, parfaits, scones and muffins. Heartier fare at some locations. \$

#### The Tasting Room at Jittery Joe's Roasting Company

425 Barber St. • 706-227-2161

jitteryjoes.com FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. FEATURES:

Outside Seating, Wi-Fi. Hours: 7 days. THE LOOK: An old Quonset hut: Industrial-strength coffee-roasting equipment, tables inside and out; used bicycles for sale. MENU: Fresh-roasted beans by the pound—whole or ground to your specs—cups of coffee, teas and shots of espresso. Home base for the ubiquitous local brew. \$

#### Johnny's New York Style Pizza

1040 Gaines School Road • 706-354-1515 johnnyspizza.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. Vegetarian Friendly. FEA-TURES: Beer and wine, catering, delivery, outside seating, trivia, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

#### **Journey Juice**

1428 Prince Ave. • 706-850-0707

journeyjuice.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. Hours: 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Mon-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. Noon–5 p.m., Sun. THE LOOK: Swing by this juicing operation for a quick liquid meal. Knowledgeable staff members will gladly offer tips on how to plan a juice cleanse. MENU: Raw, organic, cold-pressed and unpasteurized fruit and vegetable juices that are also delicious and pre-packaged for easy transporting. \$

#### **Just Pho...and More**

1063 Baxter St. • 706-850-1420

facebook.com/justphoandmore

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Outside seating, art, delivery. Hours: Lunch and dinner, Tue-Sun. THE LOOK: Fern-decorated Vietnamese eatery with sit-down service and local art on the walls. MENU: The menu definitely isn't just pho, although the noodle soup comes in many varieties, including a veggie version. You can also get com (rice with grilled meat), bun (noodles) or banh mi sandwiches. Bubble tea, fruit smoothies, pastries in the case. \$

#### **KEBA Spitfire Grill**

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

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Catering, counter service, outside seating, drive-thru (Watkinsville), delivery, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK:

**KEBA** shop (KAY-ba, not Ke Menu: The signature

Local franchised sandwich shop (KAY-ba, not KEY-ba). sandwich includes tons of

veggies and your choice of beef, chicken, pork, feta, falafel, corned beef or tuna. Add Belgian fries and a dipping sauce to create a combo. Kids' meals, gelato for dessert, low-carb choices. See ad on p.2. \$

#### **Kelly's Jamaican Food**

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

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FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Beer, catering, counter service, outside seating. Hours: Lunch and dinner, Tue-Sun (Five Points), Mon-Sat (Epps Bridge). THE LOOK: Lumpkin Street is bigger, with a covered patio. The Epps Bridge offshoot is hidden away. MENU: Kelly's does tasty Jamaican food in a meat-and-two format that includes sweet tea and combread. Entrees may include jerk chicken, oxtail, curry goat, barbecue ribs or salmon. Sides are veggie-friendly: spicy cabbage, squash, rice and peas, fried plantains, mac and cheese. \$\$

#### **Kiki's Bakeshop**

#### 20 Greensboro Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-769-6766 kikisbakeshop.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. FEATURES: Catering, counter service, take-out. Hours: 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Mon-Fri. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat. MENU: Fresh breads (loaf-style, baguettes, bagels), muffins, scones (sweet and savory), cinnamon rolls and sweets from cheesecake to bar desserts, cupcakes, layer cakes and cookies. The deli case holds pimento cheese, chicken salad, tuna salad and hummus, all made in-house. Specialty cakes and pies orderable in advance. \$\$

#### **Koyla Sizzling Grill and Hookah Lounge** 2024 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-215-9555

koylasizzlinggrill.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Catering, buffet. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: One room for dining, one room for grocery items, one room for hookah smoking. Plastic cutlery. MENU: Indian and Pakistani food, a lot of which is prepared on a grill. Lovely snacks like chicken 65, batata vada and samosas, plus biryani, lots of desserts, nonalcoholic drinks (lassis, etc.). \$

#### Krimson Kafe

#### 40 Greensboro Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-310-0888 Find Us on Facebook

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Catering, counter service, outside seating, art. Hours: Lunch, Mon-Sat. THE LOOK: Friendly small-town café. MENU: Homemade soups, salads and deli sandwiches. Chicken salad, egg salad, ham salad and pimento cheese are all homemade daily. Nice selection of veggie options. Fresh-squeezed apple and carrot juice. \$

#### **Krispy Kreme Doughnuts**

3703 Atlanta Hwv., Bogart • 706-208-0628 krispykreme.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. FEATURES:

Catering, drive-thru, Wi-Fi. Hours: 5:30 a.m.-10 p.m., Sun-Thu. 5:30 a.m.-11 p.m., Fri-Sat. \$

#### La Cabaña de Don Juan

2061 Hog Mountain Road, Watkinsville • 706-769-4490 facebook.com/cabanadedonjuan

FILE UNDER: Mexican and Latin American, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Full bar, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Americanized Mexican restaurant: booths, TVs, sombreros. MENU: Queso, burritos, combo plates, many varieties of fajitas and quesadillas, and lots of lunch specials, too. DRINKS: Margaritas, Mexican beers and a few draft brews. \$\$

#### La Estrella

400 Hawthorne Ave. • 706-353-8557 Find Us on Facebook

FILE UNDER: Mexican. FEATURES: Full bar. Hours: Breakfast, lunch and dinner, Wed-Mon. THE LOOK: Awesome murals and beach-inspired decor. MENU: Breakfast starts a little late, but is a nice option, with eggs and pancakes. The menu has all the Americanized standards, but also wonderful seafood specialties (mojarra frita, caldo de siete mares) and excellent al pastor. DRINKS: Margaritas, plus beer and wine. \$\$

#### La Fiesta

#### 1395 College Station Road • 706-549-5933 athens-lafiesta.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Full bar, catering, outside seating, delivery, Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Eastside restaurant with colorful decor and a large covered outdoor patio. MENU: Popular Americanized Mexican fare: burritos, enchiladas, fajitas, taquitos, nachos, tacos and quesadillas. Special entrees and combo plates. DRINKS: Margaritas, Mexican beers, domestics and house wines. \$\$

#### La Michoacana... es Natural

1635 Glenn Carrie Road, Hull • 706-521-8008

facebook.com/lamichoacanahull

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream and Smoothies, Mexican. FEATURES: Outside seating. Hours: Noon-9 p.m., seven days. THE LOOK: Bright pink and green environs connected to the gas station in front of the Ingles. Second location inside Eastside Cali 'N' Tito's. MENU: This ice-cream chain popular in Mexico makes flavors fresh in-store daily (try the tequila ice cream), as well as gorgeous paletas full of fruit, smoothies, aguas frescas and a variety of Mexican street-food snacks like Dorilocos and loaded potato chips. Tostadas de ceviche on Fridays. Paletas available in a cooler at Los Compadres in Normaltown. \$

#### La Tienda Los Amigos

#### 109 Rowe Road • 706-543-9637

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American, FEATURES: Counter service, take-out. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Small counter in a Mexican grocery store with a few booths. MENU: Meaty tacos, mostly, plus horchata and aguas frescas with tamarind, pineapple and hibiscus. It wouldn't hurt to know a little Spanish, but pointing works well, too. Cash is preferred. \$

#### Larry's Giant Subs

1720 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-227-7298 1959 S. Barnett Shoals Road • 706-850-4926 larryssubs.com FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Catering, counter service, delivery. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days.  $\$ 

#### Last Resort Grill 📕

184 W. Clayton St. • 706-549-0810

lastresortgrill.com

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. FEA-TURES: Outside seating, art. HOURS: Dinner, seven days. Lunch, Mon–Sat. Sunday brunch. THE LOOK: Exposed brick walls, tight but cheerful quarters. MENU: Southern meets Southwestern, with lots of black beans, corn, avocado and peppers alongside fried green tomatoes, peaches, black-eyed peas and bacon. Brunch has a line out the door for breakfast enchiladas, stuffed French toast and crab benedict. DRINKS: American vodkas, gins and vermouths, as well as Armagnac, ice wine, Madeira, sherry and lots of wines by the bottle. \$\$\$

#### Lay-Z-Shopper

#### 351 E. Clayton St. • 706-548-6000

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches. FEATURES: Take-out, counter service. Hours: Lunch, dinner, and late night, seven days. THE LOOK: Big downtown convenience store with a sandwich counter that also sells beer-pong accessories, cat food and the like. MENU: Big deli sandwiches made with fresh sliced Boar's Head meats and cheeses, in a hurry. Plenty of choice for beverages. Free high fives if you leave a tip. \$

#### **Liberty Athens**

581 S. Harris St. • 706-850-3335 libertyathens.com

THE LOOK: Casual bar/restaurant in the former Harris Street Loco's, brought to you by local entrepreneur Matt Downs. Opening someday soon. \$\$

#### **Lighthouse Seafood**

585 Vine St. • 706-850-5364

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FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Take-out. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, Wed–Sat. THE LOOK: Small seafood store in a shopping center. Festooned with lighthouses. MENU: Fresh seafood from the case can be purchased to take home or steamed while you wait and served in a Styrofoam container with garlic butter. No frills, but the food is tasty and fast. Crab legs, low country boil, tilapia, shrimp, salmon. Fish by the pound, too. \$

#### **Lindsey's Culinary Market**

1238 Prince Ave. • 706-353-0558

lindseysculinarymarket.com

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Catering, take-out, counter service. Hours: 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Mon–Fri. THE LOOK: Mostly pick-up operation in Normaltown. MENU: Best known for its frozen casseroles you can take home or bring to an ailing friend or new parents, Lindsey's also does biscuits and grits for breakfast and homemade soups, sandwiches and salads for lunch. Pimentoless cheese and chicken salad are highlights. Move planned for later this year to Thomas Street downtown, at which point options will expand. \$\$

#### **Little City Diner**

135 Cherokee Road, Winterville • 706-742-7590 littlecitydiner.com

FILE UNDER: American. HOURS: Breakfast and lunch, Mon-Sat. Dinner, Fri. Sunday brunch. THE LOOK: Pretty, sunny little restaurant in the middle of Winterville. MENU: The younger sibling of Big City Bread, Little City Diner does great food without the wait. Southern breakfast and brunch include country-ham biscuits, hotcakes, Red Mule grits and sawmill gravy. Lunch has a hot blue-plate special, plus soup, salads and sandwiches. Dinner one night a week offers burgers and a lot of local veggies. Fab pie. \$

#### **Little Italy**

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

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. FEA-TURES: Beer, counter service, take-out. HOURS: Lunch, dinner and late night, Mon–Sat. THE LOOK: Traditional New York-style pizzeria. MENU: Choose your own toppings and order by the slice or by the pie. Massive 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 facebook.com/lkshuffleclub

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, live music, trivia, outside seating, Wi-Fi. THE LOOK: A sanctuary for anyone seeking to escape the college scene, this bar is a hit for the local crowd. Inside, you'll find brick walls and high ceilings; outside, you'll find a large patio decked out with a camper, boat, cornhole and more. A great place to find a dance party or drag show. DRINKS: A wide variety of bottled beers and rotating drafts that include seasonal brews. Wines, too. \$

#### **Live Wire**

#### 227 W. Dougherty St. • 706-543-8283 livewireathens.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, live music/DJs, outside seating. THE LOOK: This all-purpose music venue has three stages—two inside and one outside in a large beer garden with plenty of seating. Plus, state-of-the-art audio and video capabilities. DRINKS: A good assortment of craft and local brews and cocktails, as well as budget-friendly options. \$\$

#### Locos Grill & Pub 2020 Timothy Road • 706-549-7700 1985 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-208-0911 locosgrill.com

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. FEATURES: Curbside pick-up (Timothy), delivery, live music (Timothy), trivia, catering, Wi-Fi, outside

seating. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Local chain gone statewide has a focus on sports. MENU: Deli sandwiches, burgers with lots of toppings, salads, grilled cheese and chili combo, wings, fish tacos, and, surprisingly, lots of vegetarian

options. **DRINKS**: Fully stocked bar with inexpensive domestic beer available in pitchers or by the glass. See ad on p. 2. \$\$

#### Logan's Roadhouse

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

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Full bar. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$\$



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#### **Longhorn Steakhouse**

2170 W. Broad St. • 706-548-0054 longhornsteakhouse.com FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Full bar. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$\$\$

#### Los Reyes Mexican Restaurant

1880 Hwy. 29 N. • 706-227-8308

facebook.com/losreyesmexrest

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. FEATURES: Delivery, outside seating, full bar. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: It might be in a gas station, but you wouldn't know it from the inside. MENU: A large menu of authentic Mexican fare. Excellent tacos (filled with cilantro, onions and fish, al pastor, barbacoa or lengua), big tortas, menudo and a molcajete full of grilled meats and veggies. DRINKS: Margaritas, beer and beertails. \$

#### **LRG Provisions**

1653 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-2020

Irgprovisions.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Catering, full bar, reservations. HOURS: Dinner, Tue-Thu. THE LOOK: Modern, open space with an enclosed porch. MENU: The catering base for Last Resort Grill also does dinner three nights a week (meat-and-three-inspired on Tuesday; dishes related to its big sister Wednesday and Thursday), plus UGA home games, tailgate boxed lunches and other special events. DRINKS: Local beers, specialty cocktails and fine wines. \$

#### **Madison Bar & Bistro**

500 College Ave. • 706-546-0430

indigoathens.com/about-us/madison-bar-bistro FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars. FEATURES: Reservations, outside seating, live music, Wi-Fi. Hours: Breakfast and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Hotel Indigo's restaurant has a nice patio featuring a fire pit and a weekly cocktail hour to which you can bring your dog. MENU: Breakfast starts at 6:30 a.m. every day and is divided into "hot and hearty" and "quick and easy," with pastries from Ike & Jane and locally made bagels. Dinner brings both fancy bar snacks and full meals better than average hotel fare. DRINKS: Nice cocktails that might include houseinfused peach bourbon, High West vodka or blackberries. Local draft beer, wine. \$\$

#### **Magnolias**

312 E. Broad St. • 706-543-0797

facebook.com/magnoliasathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, outside seating. THE LOOK: Across the street from North Campus in the historic Frigidaire building, it's a two-story lounge with free pool upstairs and several large projection screens to watch the Dawgs play while enjoying a beautiful view of both downtown and campus. DRINKS: The usual array of brews behind the bar, plus daily deals on domestics and wells. \$

#### **Main Moon Restaurant**

#### 2061 Experiment Station Road, Watkinsville • 706-769-8686

FILE UNDER: Asian. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Quick and casual counter service is the focus. MENU: Chow mein, stir fry, fried rice, lo mein, egg foo yung, Mongolian chicken, Szechuan beef and Hunan shrimp, all ready for take-out or eat-in. Menu has a Weight Watchers section. \$\$



### Mama Jewel's Kitchen

1075 Baxter St. • 706-850-9797 mamaiewelskitchen.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Catering, counter service, take-out. Hours: Breakfast and lunch, Tue–Fri. Weekend brunch. THE LOOK: Big space with homey touches like a bookshelf filled with cookbooks. MENU: Breakfast is served all day, with biscuit plates and eggs. Lunch and dinner are Southern but not exclusively, from ladies-who-lunch fare to a very good corned beef and hot platters. Housemade cinnamon whipped cream is great. Take-and-bake casseroles and food to-go. \$

#### Mama Sid's Pizza

2240 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-549-6100 mamasidspizza.net

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. FEA-TURES: BYOB, buffet, delivery. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. THE LOOK: Casual family-run pizzeria that has been open for more than 30 years. MENU: An all-you-caneat buffet is perfect for pizza lovers with a large appetite and a small budget. Order from the menu for salads, subs, pasta, hot wings, calzones and more. \$

#### Mama's Boy 📕

197 Oak St. • 706-548-6249 8851 Macon Hwy.

mamasboyathens.com FILE UNDER: Downhome, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Catering, outside seating, reservations, art, Wi-Fi. Hours: Breakfast and lunch, Mon-Thu.



Modern Southern with a pretty patio by the Greenway. Long line on weekends. Location No. 2 newly opened on Macon Highway. MENU: Breakfast all day (biscuits, of course, but also scramblers, chocolate

Brunch, Fri-Sun. THE LOOK:

cake, omelets and more); lunch (fried chicken plate, pimento cheese-topped burger, fried green tomato sandwich, salads) in the second half of the day. Pancake Tuesdays. Strawberry lemonade. Very accommodating to those with special dietary needs. See ad on p. 28. \$\$

#### Manhattan Café 📕

337 N. Hull St. • 706-369-9767 Find Us on Facebook

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, outside

seating, DJs. THE LOOK: Mismatched vintage furniture matches the eclectic style of this local favorite for more than two decades. Lights, vinyl records and other odds and ends hang from the ceiling, and a time-worn jukebox spins tunes. DRINKS: Look around for signs that indicate specials. Cocktails, beer, wine, sangria and even sake. \$

#### Mannaweenta

#### 1055 Gaines School Road • 706-850-8422

Find Us on Facebook

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. THE LOOK: Wonderfully hospitable Ethiopian in a nondescript shopping center. MENU: Lots of beef dishes, but also tons of vegetarian and vegan options, all served with chewy, pancake-like injera bread. You'll be surprised how many ways lentils, tomatoes and onions can come together to make something delicious. Ethiopian tea and coffee, plus cookies. \$

#### Marker 7 Coastal Grill

1195 Milledge Ave. • 706-850-3451 marker7coastalgrill.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Full bar, outside seating. Hours: Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sun. Dinner, Mon. Sunday brunch. THE LOOK: Lots of outdoor



seating in a beautifully renovated historic house. MENU: Georgia and Gulf seafood: lightly fried baskets, peeland-eat shrimp, oysters (raw or cooked), grilled or blackened entrees and sides like

coleslaw and hush puppies. A few options if you hate seafood. Cornhole on the lawn. Park at the fire station if you need to; they have an agreement. **DRINKS:** Beachy cocktails, beer and wine. See ad on p. 34. \$\$

#### Marti's at Midday 📕

1280 Prince Ave. • 706-543-3541 martisatmidday.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Catering, outside seating, Wi-Fi. Hours: Breakfast and lunch, Mon–Fri. THE LOOK: Sunny rooms in a pretty white house in Normaltown. MENU: Southern-style lunch and take-home entrees and casseroles are what Marti's is known for, although it also does breakfast weekdays with homemade muffins and more. Highlights include tarragon chicken salad, pimento cheese, egg salad, chicken gumbo and mint sweet tea, all of which can be bought in bulk. \$\$

#### Max

243 W. Washington St. • 706-286-0339 facebook.com/themaxcanada

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, DJS, outside seating. THE LOOK: This huge, grungy bar has a lot to offer. Play pool, air hockey or vintage arcade games in the back, or enjoy the night air and possibly a DJ in the large outdoor beer garden featuring a Pabst Blue Ribbon mural. DRINKS: A great variety of beers both bottled and on draft at the three full bars. \$

#### **Mayflower Restaurant**

171 E. Broad St. • 706-548-1692

mayflowerrestaurant.weebly.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Cash only, delivery. Hours: Breakfast, seven days. Lunch, Sun-Fri. THE LOOK: Family-run Southern diner operating since 1948. 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 squash casserole. \$

#### Mediterranean Grill

1591 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-543-5000 mediterraneangrill.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Counter service, catering, takeout. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Small chain from Decatur



cooks Mediterranean standards in an open kitchen. MENU: Grilled meats and veggies (lamb,

chicken, kufta, gyros) and tons of vegetarian choices, like falafel, salads, dolmas, hummus and tabbouleh, all of which can be mixed and matched into good combos. Kids' meals and business lunch specials. Baklava and other desserts. See ad on p. 51. \$

#### **Mell's Place**

#### 4648 Atlanta Hwy., Bogart • 706-548-0830 facebook.com/mells.place.7

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, cash only, live music. THE LOOK: Built in 1952, this classic bar is a great place to experience Athens outside of downtown. Sing karaoke, play slot machines, shoot pool or learn to line dance. DRINKS: A full bar with the usual domestic beer selection and generous liquor pours on classic mixed drinks. \$

#### Mellow Mushroom

320 E. Clayton St. • 706-613-0892 mellowmushroom.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. FEATURES: Catering, delivery, outside seating, trivia, takeout. HOURS: Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. THE LOOK: Big airy space filled with psychedelic decorations. TVs for sports. MENU: This Atlanta-based chain founded in 1974 has been in Athens a long time. Lots of toppings and specialty pies, plus pretzels made with the same dough, salads, subs, calzones and munchies. DRINKS: More than 40 beers on tap, including regional, craft and high-gravity brews; bottled/canned beers, too, as well wine and liquor. \$\$

#### Menchie's 📕

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

menchies.com

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream. FEATURES: Outside seating, Wi-Fi. Hours: Open seven days, noon-10 or 11 p.m. \$

#### **Mirko Pasta**

2 S. Main St., Watkinsville • 706-310-1233 mirkopasta.com

FILE UNDER: Italian, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Beer and wine, catering, outside seating. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Athens-based casual dining franchise. MENU: Pick a fresh pasta and a sauce (you can also add a protein: chicken, sausage, meatballs, shrimp) or choose a seasonal entree (like Pollo Marsala and Lasagna Verde). Add on a salad, some antipasti and dessert. White-bean hummus comes complimentary with bread. \$\$

#### Moe's Southwest Grill

1320 Baxter St. • 706-369-7776

moes.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Catering, counter service, outside seating. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

#### **Mother Pho**

#### 167 E. Broad St. • 706-354-6006

motherphoathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Outside seating. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. THE LOOK: Patio out front with a fountain in the middle; plenty of seating inside, too. MENU: The traditional beef-brothbased noodle soup is a mainstay, but you can also order banh mi sandwiches, Vietnamese crepes, summer rolls, claypots and rice dishes. Vietnamese coffee, fruit slushies, bubble tea and coconut juice to drink. \$

#### The National 📕

#### 232 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-549-3450 thenationalrestaurant.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Reservations, catering, outside seating, Wi-Fi, full bar. Hours: Lunch, Mon–Sat. Dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Big windows and blue-and-white oilcloth on the tables. Not intimidatingly fancy, but good for date night. MENU: Spanish-Mediterranean with small plates and regular-sized entrees. The "power lunch" features an ever-changing array of healthy, colorful veggie items. Dinner

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includes classic tapas (anchovies, olives, patatas bravas), plus large plates and great dessert. DRINKS:



Wine by the glass selection is bigger and more interesting than most places, due to the Enomatic wine system. Finely crafted cocktails change seasonally. The bar has its

own scene and hosts the occasional late-night dance party. See ad on p. 27. \$\$\$\$

#### **New Red Bowl Asian Bistro**

1935 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-227-7888 newredbowl.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Delivery, take-out. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Slick place with a sushi bar, a full bar with big TVs, a bunch of booths and a big dining room. MENU: You can order fairly pedestrian stir-fries, bento boxes and sushi, but if you're adventurous, you'll ask for the full menu, which features some Szechuan specialties (cumin lamb sprinkled with dried red chilis, interesting soups with pickled vegetables, unusual meats). Good noodles, too. \$\$

#### **Normal Bar**

1365 Prince Ave. • 706-548-6186

facebook.com/normal.bar.7

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, outside seating. THE LOOK: Make yourself at home in this neighborhood bar in Normaltown. With plenty of space inside and out, this is a great place for group hangouts. With fires on the patio in the winter, it feels extra homey. **DRINKS:** Ever-changing craft and local beers with weekly specials and handcrafted cocktails. If the drinks aren't enough, try the boiled peanuts. \$

#### **Nowhere Bar**

#### 240 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-546-4742

facebook.com/NowhereBarAthens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, live music. THE LOOK: An enchantingly dive-y bar where you'll find locals and students throwing darts, shooting pool and enjoying live music most nights. DRINKS: Plenty of beers on draft, with the usual suspects behind the bar. Acclimate yourself with an O-Bomb—Bacardi, orange juice and Red Bull. \$

#### The Office Lounge

#### 2455 Jefferson Road • 706-546-0840

facebook.com/officeathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, outdoor seating, live music, karaoke. THE LOOK: Tucked away in a corner of Homewood Shopping Center, The Office is popular amongst the more seasoned local crowd. Performances from classic Athens musicians are weekly staples. Play a round of pool, shuffleboard, darts or keno. DRINKS: The full bar offers inexpensive wells and domestics, as well as signature cocktails like the Red Snapper, made with Crown Royal and cranberry. \$

#### **The Office Sports Bar and Grill**

#### 135 W. Washington St.

theofficecolumbusga.com

FILE UNDER: American, FEATURES: Full bar, Hours: Lunch and dinner. THE LOOK: Second location of a Columbus sports bar, opening soon. MENU: Fancier sports-bar fare,

from burgers to salads that incorporate kale, oranges and blue cheese. Steaky entrees, too. \$\$

#### The Old Pal 📕

1320 Prince Ave. • 706-850-4340

theoldpal.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, outside seating. THE LOOK: For an evening of the finest cocktailsipping, The Old Pal is a local favorite. Set among the shops of Normaltown, the interior is old brick, tin and wood with a fireplace as the eye-catching centerpiece. DRINKS: An extensive craft beer selection on draft and in bottles and cans, plus a sophisticated cocktail selection using housemade bitters and flavoring. \$

#### **The Olive Garden**

3666 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-227-2225 olivegarden.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. FEATURES: Full bar, catering. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$\$

#### **On the Border Mexican Grill & Cantina**

3640 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-247-7290 ontheborder.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican. FEATURES: Full bar, catering, outside seating. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$\$

#### **On the Rocks**

255 E. Clayton St. • 706-354-6666 facebook.com/OnTheRocksAthens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar. THE Look: Imagine a college bar. This no-frills drinking spot features lots of cheap booze. DRINKS: No draft system or specialty cocktails, but plenty of inexpensive domestics, wells, shooters and margaritas. \$

#### **Outback Steakhouse**

3585 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-613-6015

outback.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Full bar, curbside pick-up. **Hours**: Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$\$\$

#### **Outtakes**

#### 1793 Oconee Connector • 706-355-9122 196 Alps Road • 706-546-1011

georgiatheatrecompany.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Beer and wine (Watkinsville), full bar (Athens). Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: A full-service restaurant in the University 16 and Beechwood cinemas. MENU: Hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, pizzas and salads, plus Georgia Street Tacos with tilapia. View movies in a dine-in theater with servers (one at University 16, five at Beechwood), or pick up meals ahead of time to bring into the other theaters. DRINKS: Mostly domestics on drafts, imports and domestics in the bottle, wine; full bar with cocktails in Athens. \$

#### Panadería Tacuari

#### 2131 Hog Mountain Road, Watkinsville • 706-705-6333 Find Us on Facebook

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. Bakeries. FEATURES: Counter service, take-out. Hours: Mon–Wed, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Thu-Sat, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Sun, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. **THE LOOK:** Lovely bakery/restaurant in a Watkinsville strip mall, across from Publix, with a nice kids' area. MENU: Uruguayan choripan, chicken milanesa torta, breakfast all day. The baked goods are excellent, with a huge array of

Latin American sweet breads at super-cheap prices, and don't miss the empanadas, both sweet and savory. Some things are made with rice flour. \$

#### **Panera Bread**

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

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Catering, Wi-Fi. Hours: Breakfast, lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

#### **Pauley's Original Crepe Bar**

134 E. Clayton St. • 706-549-0034

pauleyscrepebar.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. FEATURES: Outside seating, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. THE LOOK: Long, narrow downtown space is quiet at lunch, then turns into a busy bar at night. Big TVs for sports. MENU: A bunch of different crepes, both savory and sweet, plus sandwiches, salads, dips and some bar snacks available after 11 p.m. DRINKS: Over 150 beers, including 28 on tap ("Around the World Beer Club" rewards completers with a photo on the wall), wines, cocktails. \$

#### **Peking Restaurant**

#### 2725 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-549-9333

pekingathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Beer and wine, buffet, delivery. Hours: Lunch, Mon-Fri and Sun. Dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Resembles a large Chinese palace with an ornate interior. MENU: Wide range of Chinese cuisine: all the standards and more on the huge menu. Lots of vegetarian options. Pre-set dinners based on the quantity of quests 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**

#### 950 Whitehall Road • 706-613-1616

peppinospizzeria.homestead.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. FEA-TURES: Beer and wine, counter service, take-out. Hours: Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sun. THE LOOK: Family-friendly pizza parlor with quick counter service and big TVs. Same folks as Little Italy. MENU: New York-style staples: huge slices of thin- and thick-crust pizza (or get a whole pie), calzones, giant subs (Italian sausage, Philly cheesesteak, eggplant parmigiana), stromboli, pasta and a salad bar. \$

#### **Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center** 1199 Prince Ave. • 706-475-7000

piedmont.org/locations/piedmont-athens/amenities FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly. Hours: Breakfast, lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. THE LOOK: Two eateries that welcome the general public as well as visitors or staff. The Dogwood Bistro Cafeteria is on the basement floor of Talmadge Tower 1; the Dogwood Deli is on the first floor of Prince Tower. MENU: Cafeteria selections rotate daily and are relatively nutritious. The deli does sandwiches, salads, smoothies and Jittery Joe's coffee. \$

#### The Pine

#### 1235 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-208-0059 thepineathens.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Full bar, outdoor seating. Hours: Lunch, Tue-Sat. Dinner and late night, Tue-

Sun, Weekend brunch, THE LOOK: New South eats fueled by a visible wood-fired oven behind the long bar. MENU: Flatbreads with creative toppings make good use of the oven. Daily burger special, guinoa salad with veggies and some heartier stuff for dinner. Brunch highlights biscuits. DRINKS: Five Points Bottle's owners are involved, which means a great list of beer and wine and some cocktails that might include two kinds of fancy gin, among other ingredients. \$\$\$

#### Pita Pit

123 N. Jackson St. • 706-552-0051 nitanit com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Catering, counter service, delivery, Wi-Fi. Hours: 10:30 a.m.-late night, seven days. \$

#### Pizza Hut

496 Baxter St. • 706-353-0888 1995 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-546-6100 1720 Epps Bridge Road • 706-208-3399

pizzahut.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

#### The Place 📕

229 Broad St. • 706-850-2988

theplaceathens.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ, Bars. FEATURES: Outside seating, full bar. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. Sunday brunch. THE LOOK: Two stories in a beautifully renovated, historic downtown space, with a great bar upstairs. MENU: Southern food that updates meat-andthree standards with lighter, healthier ingredients. There's fried chicken and fried pork chops, but the vegetables show off their natural flavors. Daily specials and milk and cookies for dessert. DRINKS: 11 draft beers, all craft, wine, Southern-accented cocktails. \$\$

#### **Planet Smoothie**

196 Alps Road • 706-316-3090 1993 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-353-8181 planetsmoothie.com FILE UNDER: Smoothies. FEATURES: Catering. Hours:

Open seven days. \$

#### **Plantation Buffet**

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

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Buffet, catering, counter service, take-out, checks. Hours: Lunch, Mon-Fri. THE LOOK: Casual atmosphere, unassuming space. MENU: Country cooking with a buffet that changes daily. Expect fried chicken, steak and gravy, barbecue pork, meatloaf, turnip greens, mashed potatoes, yams and Southern desserts. Goat makes an appearance on the menu sometimes. \$

#### **Polleria Pablo**

#### 3075 Danielsville Road • 706-461-2533

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FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. FEATURES: Cash only, counter service, take-out. Hours: Lunch and dinner, Thu-Sun. THE LOOK: A counter and a few tables at the back of a convenience store by Sandra's Salon. MENU: Mostly Peruvian dishes, with a few Salvadorean offerings and some Mexican standards. Excellent ceviche, magical roasted/grilled chicken with cilantro-infused rice, good

lomo saltado (beef, french fries, onion, tomatoes) and some desserts. Menu on a whiteboard for easy alteration. \$

#### Porterhouse Grill

#### 459 E. Broad St. • 706-369-0990

porterhouseathens.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. FEATURES: Reservations, outside seating, live music. Hours: Lunch, Mon-Fri. Dinner, Mon–Sat. Sunday brunch. THE LOOK: Locally owned steakhouse is dark and quiet, a grown-up space downtown. MENU: Lunch has lots that isn't steak: fish tacos, grilled salmon BLT, turkey club, crab-avocado salad. Dinner is fancier, with steaks alongside surf-and-turf, traditional à la carte sides and a classic wedge salad. Brunch is all-you-can-eat Southern, with made-to-order omelets and pancakes, special entrees and a carving station. DRINKS: Four beers on tap, long wine list, full bar. \$\$\$

#### **Pouch Savory World of Pies**

151 E. Broad St. • 706-395-6696 pouchpies.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Counter service, take-out, full bar, outside seating. Hours: Lunch, dinner and late night, Mon-Sat. THE LOOK: Community tables, long bar, highboy tables and regular seating in a long space. MENU: Savory pies with fillings inspired by South Africa, Russia, the Mediterranean, Portugal and more. Good sides, some larger entrees, sweet pies and soup and salad. DRINKS: Draft beer, some cocktails, wine. \$

#### **Pour Restaurant and Bar**

#### 22 N. Main St., Watkinsville • 706-705-6064 pouruga.com

FILE UNDER: American, Italian and Pizza. FEATURES: Full bar, outdoor seating. Hours: Dinner Mon-Sat, lunch Sun. THE LOOK: Tries to encourage a date-night atmosphere; kids aren't welcome; dress up a little. MENU: Flatbreads are a cornerstone, with ingredients like prosciutto, figs and goat cheese, plus seafood entrees, filet mignon, white-truffle macaroni and the like. \$\$

#### The Pub at Gameday

#### 251 W. Clayton St. • 706-353-2831

facebook.com/thepubatgameday

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, outside seating, Wi-Fi. THE LOOK: A spacious bar with custom woodworking and a large outdoor seating area. Darts, board games, Wii and TVs for watching sports. DRINKS: A large selection of scotch, bourbon and over 150 beers, including craft, high-gravity and seasonal options. \$

#### Pulaski Heights BBQ 📕 675 Pulaski St. • 706-583-9600

pulaskiheightsbbg.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: BYOB, catering, outside seating, delivery. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days.



THE LOOK: Next to the railroad tracks in the Leathers building, with great views from upstairs and a family-friendly patio with sidewalk chalk. MENU: Chefinterpreted barbecue, which

sounds pretentious but isn't. Excellent meats smoked out back, but pescatarians and vegetarians will find

plenty to eat, too. Ramen, kids-eat-free Mondays and other specials are well publicized. Housemade pickles, vinegar-lime slaw, smoked potato salad, tacos and a family dinner for take-out that feeds four for \$32. See ad on p. 41. \$\$

#### **Rachel's Southern Style Restaurant**

1021 Jamestown Blvd., Watkinsville • 706-310-0091 rachelssouthernstyle.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Catering. Hours: Lunch and dinner, Mon-Fri. Lunch, Sun. THE LOOK: Country cooking in a strip mall in Watkinsville. MENU: Traditional Southern cuisine with a rotating menu written on a whiteboard. Choose among pork chops, chicken, fish and more, grilled or fried, plus fried chicken livers and a host of vegetable sides (rutabagas, cabbage, carrot-and-raisin salad, turnip greens, hash-brown casserole). Homemade desserts. \$

#### **Rafferty's Restaurant & Bar**

#### 15 Huntington Road • 706-613-0045 raffertys.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Full bar, catering, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

#### **The Rail Athens**

1120 Mitchell Bridge Road • 706-354-7289

facebook.com/therailathens

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken, Bars. FEATURES: Outside seating, live music. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. Late night. 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 weekly. MENU: Typical bar food including burgers, wings, sandwiches, nachos and fries. DRINKS: 15 beers on draft and a fully stocked bar. \$

#### **Raising Cane's**

795 Baxter St. • 706-548-2008

raisingcanes.com

FILE UNDER: Chicken. FEATURES: Counter service, drivethru. Hours: Lunch and dinner, late night, seven days. \$

#### **Rashe's Cuisine**

#### 211 Tallassee Road • 706-850-4164 facebook.com/rashecuisine

FILE UNDER: Something Different. FEATURES: Live music, take-out, catering, counter service, outdoor seating. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, Wed-Sat. THE LOOK: Mostly outdoor space (some of which is covered), with a stage for music and comedy. MENU: Jamaican food from jerk chicken to ribs, plantains, veggies, salmon, salads, oxtail and more. It's all well priced, and Friday fish specials come with wonderful peppers. Sometimes makes an appearance at the West Broad Farmers Market. \$\$

#### **Red Lobster**

#### 1956 W. Broad St. • 706-549-5376

redlobster.com

FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Full bar. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days, \$\$\$

#### **Redfearn Grille**

197 E. Broad St. • 706-549-4433 facebook.com/redfearngrille FILE UNDER: American, Bars. FEATURES: Buffet, cater-

ing. Hours: Breakfast, lunch and dinner, seven days. The Look: Inside the Holiday Inn and serving hotel guests and the public alike. MENU: Stuffed French toast, waffles, biscuit sandwiches and omelets in the morning. Buffet or à la carte lunch. Evening entrees include a New York strip steak, sun-dried-tomato ravioli, fried chicken and balsamic-glazed pork chops. \$\$

#### **The Roadhouse**

137 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-613-2324

facebook.com/roadhousedive

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, live music, outside seating. THE LOOK: A dive bar to the core, the Roadhouse features lots of neon lighting, wood interior and classic bar games to pass the time. Conveniently located next door to pizza. DRINKS: "Serving hangovers since 1991," all the usual domestics and imports are behind the bar. \$

#### **The Rooftop**

#### 215 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-7670

georgiatheatre.com/rooftop

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. FEATURES: Counter service, outside seating, live music. HOURS: Lunch and dinner. Mon-Sat. THE LOOK: Cool bar/ restaurant on top of the historic Georgia Theatre; take the elevator up to see fantastic views. DJs and bands reqularly. MENU: Open both during shows and not, the Rooftop makes grass-fed burgers, a veggie banh mi, pork or tofu barbecue and a few other things ready in a jiffy. DRINKS: Full bar, draft and canned/bottled beer, \$

#### The Rook and Pawn 📕

#### 294 W. Washington St. • 706-543-5040

therookandpawn.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs, Something Different. FEATURES: Full bar, counter service, outside seating. Hours: Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. The



LOOK: Board-game café with a floor-to-ceiling shelf stocked with games and intimate tables in a long space. Kids under 13 ROOK & PAWN play for free. Free bar games. Food: Lots of things you can

eat with one hand while you roll dice with the other: panini, cold sandwiches, salads, cheese plates, bowls of salty and sweet snacks. DRINKS: Rotating beers, wines and spirits, including cocktails. Coffee, tea and smoothies, too. See ad on p. 8. \$\$

#### The Root

1235 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-208-0059

thepineathens.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar. THE LOOK: In the basement of Five Points restauraunt The Pine, this bar has an intimate, neighborhood feel. DRINKS: Plenty of craft beer, hand-crafted cocktails and whiskey. Try the Bee's Knees or Apple Cider Mule. \$

#### **The Royal Peasant**

1675 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-549-7920 royalpeasant.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars. FEATURES: Full bar, outside seating. Hours: Lunch, dinner and

late night, seven days. THE LOOK: Itty-bitty English pub with a nice covered patio out front and an emphasis on "footy." MENU: The tiny kitchen turns



out delicious English food: bangers and mash (sausages and perfect mashed potatoes with cabbage), a lamb burger on special, lamb vindaloo curry, housemade potato chips with blue cheese and bacon and shepherd's pie

on Tuesdays, plus a couple of really good desserts. DRINKS: UK beers, dry ciders, craft brews, wine and whiskey. See ad on p. 34. \$\$

#### Ru San's

#### 196 Alps Road • 706-552-0488 rusans.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Full bar, reservations, outside seating. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Big, loud sushi bar with a heated outdoor patio. MENU: Lots of specialty rolls and sashimi and sushi combinations. Many options if you don't do sushi. like noodles, rice dishes, tempura, arilled fish and more. DRINKS: Premium cold sakes and cocktails with Japanese ingredients. Beer and wine, too, including four plum wines. \$\$

#### Sakura Steak House

#### 3557 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-227-0001

sakuraathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Full bar. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Don't let the shopping center location fool you-the inside of this Japanese restaurant is fancy. A second location in Five Points should open this fall. MENU: Everything is fresh and beautiful, from sushi to miso soup. Lunch specials are a great deal, with bento boxes and maki combinations. Hot pots, yaki udon and hibachi dinners. DRINKS: Japanese beer, sake, cocktails, wine. \$\$

#### Sandbar

#### 220 College Ave. • 404-271-8440

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FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, DJs, outside seating. THE LOOK: Palm trees, surf boards and a relaxing beach atmosphere upstairs and a livelier dance party downstairs. DRINKS: Surfboard shots (yes, you actually take them by lifting up a mini surfboard), frozen drinks and a full bar provide all the refreshments you need. \$

#### **Saucehouse Barbeque**

#### 830 W. Broad St. • 706-363-3351

saucehouse.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, catering, counter service, live music, outside seating, take-out, trivia. Hours: Breakfast, Tue---Sun. Lunch, dinner and late night, Wed-Sun. THE LOOK: Big complex, with a great patio and a bar that serves a different menu from the restaurant proper. MENU: Chicken, pork, brisket, ribs, tofu, heftily topped baked potatoes; classic sides like mac and cheese, slaw and baked beans; a ton of different kinds of sauce. Breakfast brings eggs, gravy, meats and grits. The bar has snacks like pork nachos and fried mac-and-cheese balls. DRINKS: The bar is housed in a separate building and is open seven nights





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#### The Savannah Room

#### 1197 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-542-6341

georgiacenter.uga.edu

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Full bar, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch, Mon-Fri. Dinner, Mon-Sat. THE LOOK: Country club-style dining in the UGA Hotel, with attentive servers, nice tablecloths and butter mints. MENU: Southern-accented food includes standards like Celestial Chicken (breaded chicken tenders over rice pilaf with a special sauce) and strawberry ice-cream pie, but also steak, grilled fish, shrimp and grits and good vegetarian choices. Sustainable options are highlighted, and parking is validated for up to two hours in the South Campus Deck. \$\$

#### Schlotzsky's Deli

1490 Baxter St. • 706-543-2518

schlotzskys.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Drive-thru, catering, counter service, outside seating, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

#### Scott & BJ's BBQ

4007 Danielsville Road • 706-546-1005

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Cash and checks only. Hours: Lunch and dinner, Thu-Sat. THE LOOK: Country 'cue spot with a few booths, a lunch counter and the motto "Where the Food Speaks for Itself." MENU: Barbecue pork, chicken, beef and ribs with sides like baked beans, hash, slaw, potato salad, collard greens and seasonal vegetables. Sauce is hot and thin. \$\$

#### Seabear Oyster Bar 📕

297 Prince Ave. • 706-850-4367

seabearoysterbar.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars. FEATURES: Full bar, catering, outside seating. Hours: Daily, 3 p.m.-midnight. THE LOOK: Beautifully appointed, inti-



mate oyster bar in the Bottleworks. MENU: Oysters change daily and are from places familiar and not. The

rest of the menu is mostly small plates: a fantastic grilled cheese; mini lobster roll; Parker House rolls. Monday is ramen night (vegan and delicious). Oyster deals at daily happy hours, 3-6 p.m. and 10 p.m.midnight. DRINKS: Beer, wine, absinthe, sake, serious cocktails, ever-changing punch and frozen Negronis. See ad on p. 34. \$\$\$

#### Sr. Sol 2455 W. Broad St. • 706-850-7112 175 Tallassee Road • 706-546-1570

facebook.com/SrSolRestaurants

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Full bar, delivery, catering, outside seating. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Tallassee location has limited seating but a few tables outside (and is attached to a gas station). Broad Street location is better for big groups. MENU: Plenty for the kids and folks who don't venture beyond the traditional arena of Mexican food, but there's also horchata to drink, real Mexican-style tacos

(corn with onions, cilantro, lime and fatty meats) and an awesome hamburguesa topped with ham and pineapple. DRINKS: Margaritas served frozen or on the rocks come in many flavors. Beer, too. \$\$

#### **Shane's Rib Shack**

680 U.S. Hwy. 29 N • 706-549-9135 shanesribshack.com FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Catering,

take-out. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$\$

#### Shokitini 📕

251 W. Clayton St. • 706-353-7933

shokitini.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. FEATURES: Karaoke, full bar, outside seating, delivery. Hours: Dinner and late night, seven days. THE LOOK: Loud and slick, with private karaoke rooms upstairs that are a big attraction. MENU: Long menu of sushi and sashimi options: nigiri, hand rolls, veggie options, house and special rolls. Also fried softshell crab, dumplings, land proteins (steak, chicken), lobster, noodles and desserts. DRINKS: Hot and cold sake, saketinis, wine, mostly domestic beer but a few Japanese brews. \$\$\$

#### Silver Dollar 📕

262 College Ave. • 706-353-3093

facebook.com/silverdollarathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, live music/DJs, outside seating. THE LOOK: With a tin ceiling, taxidermied animals and a landscape mural spanning the wall, patrons are transported to to a mountain lodge. A spacious, covered outdoor patio provides a breath of fresh air. DRINKS: Plenty of domestics, well drinks and daily specials. \$

#### Sips Espresso Café

1390 Prince Ave. • 706-363-7211

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FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. FEATURES: Outside seating, art, Wi-Fi. Hours: Open until 9 p.m. seven days. THE LOOK: Small, independent coffee shop in the heart of Normaltown with a covered year-round porch. MENU: Pastries and treats from local bakeries, plus lattes, cappuccinos and espresso drinks brewed with Jittery Joe's and 1000 Faces coffee. Some Latin-inspired options and specialty drinks (Vietnamese iced coffee in the summer). Many loose tea options as well. \$

#### Siri Thai Cuisine 📕

367 Prince Ave. • 706-548-7667 1040 Gaines School Road • 706-850-3500

sirithaiathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Beer and wine, full bar (Prince Ave.), catering, delivery. Hours: Lunch and dinner, Wed-Mon. THE LOOK:



Both locations feature photos of Thailand and a slightly upscale atmosphere. MENU: Large menu, with tons of vegetarian options and many dishes that

can be built around chicken, shrimp, pork, beef, seafood, tofu or vegetables. Noodles, rice entrees, soups, hot pot, salads, curries and a big Thai dessert selection. Spice level can be serious. Lunch specials. DRINKS: A couple of Thai beers among the domestics, sakes and a section of organic wines. Full bar at the Bottleworks location, which serves American food as well. See ad on p. 28. \$\$

#### **Sister Louisa's Church**

#### 254 W. Clayton St. • 706-850-3668

sisterlouisaschurch.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, outside seating. THE LOOK: Not for the easily offended, this irreverent bar is covered in ironic icons and other pseudo-religious paraphernalia. Enjoy ping-pong in the Boom Boom Room and complimentary Goldfish crackers that flow all night. **DRINKS:** Their sangria is sacrilegiously delicious. \$

#### **Smoothie King**

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

smoothieking.com

FILE UNDER: Smoothies. FEATURES: Catering, delivery, Wi-Fi. Hours: Vary by location. Open seven days. \$

#### Sonny's Real Pit Bar-B-Q

3755 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-546-0385 sonnysbbq.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Catering. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$\$

#### South Kitchen and Bar

#### 247 E. Washington St. • 706-395-6125

southkitchenbar.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, catering. Hours: Lunch, Mon-Fri. Dinner, Mon-Sun. Sunday brunch. Late night, Fri-Sat. THE



LOOK: Beautiful historic space with vintage tile and stained glass. MENU: New South cuisine from deviled eggs incorporate

Masala curry. The tater tots are made with duck jus. Small plates and large ones. Brunch has egg scramblers and meaty skillets, plus pancakes and special cocktails. Gluten-free menu. DRINKS: Draft beers in full or half pours, good wines by the glass (and bottle) and regularly changing craft cocktails with housemade ingredients. See ad on p. 44. \$\$

#### **Southern Brewing Company**

231 Collins Industrial Blvd. • 706-548-7183 sobrewco.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Beer. THE LOOK: A brewery off the beaten path, SBC offers an indoor space full of brewing equipment, plus a big, open outdoor green area complete with games, fire pits and live music. DRINKS: A wide variety of beers, from ales to IPAs to porters, with standards like the Broad Street Pale Ale and Ironmaker Kolsch on tap. The brewery also offers smallbatch, seasonal releases throughout the year. \$

#### **Southern Standard**

166 E. Clayton St. • 706-395-6001 facebook.com/ssathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, outdoor seating. THE LOOK: An upscale Southern-themed bar.

**DRINKS:** Full bar with cheap domestics and wells. Check the board for a long list of specialty cocktails at well prices. \$

#### Steak 'n Shake

2033 W. Broad St. • 706-353-6969

steaknshake.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. FEA-TURES: Drive-thru, outside seating. Hours: 24 hours, seven days. \$

#### **Strickland's Restaurant**

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

stricklandsrestaurant.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Catering, checks. HOURS: Breakfast and lunch, Mon–Fri. Breakfast, Sat. THE LOOK: Family-run half-century-old operation. Look for the big billboard to find it. MENU: Southern comfort food done perfectly. Big buttermilk biscuit sandwiches (filled with eggs, cheese or many meats), pancakes, grits and hashbrowns in the morning. Meat 'n' three lunches off a steam table may include fried chicken, ribs, catfish, pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, creamed corn and greens. Excellent desserts made in town. \$

#### The Sultan

1074 Baxter St. • 706-850-7725

facebook.com/thesultanathens

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Delivery, catering, outside seating. Hours: Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. THE LOOK: Great big shady patio and a welcoming atmosphere in this restaurant that sells some Middle Eastern dry goods. MENU: Lunch specials include Lebanese-style flatbreads topped with cheese, tomato or za'atar. Lots of vegetarian and vegan options (big salads, stuffed grape leaves, hummus, tabbouleh, baba ghanouj, falafel) good enough to please even meatatarians, plus shawarma and kebabs of grilled beef, chicken and lamb. \$\$

#### **Suncatcher Café**

42 Greensboro Hwy, Watkinsville • 706-424-8281 facebook.com/suncatchercafe

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Take-out. HOURS: Breakfast, Mon–Sat, 5–11 a.m. THE LOOK: Neat small place next to a gas station in downtown Watkinsville, with some seating. MENU: Biscuits, omelets, bowls of breakfast stuff, pancakes (with chocolate chips or blueberries), French toast, hash browns, grits and the like, all made fast. Kids' meals. \$

#### **Sundown Saloon**

50 Gaines School Road • 706-850-1177

facebook.com/SundownSaloonAthens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, live music, outside seating, Wi-Fi. THE LOOK: A local watering hole for Eastside residents, this country bar maintains a Western saloon feel. DJs and live music regularly, plus games like darts and pool. DRINKS: The usual collection of domestics and wells behind the bar. Try a pancake shot. \$

#### **Sweetie Pie by Savie**

150 E. Whitehall Road • 706-850-9255

facebook.com/sweetiepiebysavie

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. FEATURES: Catering, take-out. Hours: 7:30 a.m.–3 p.m., Tue–Sat. THE LOOK: Historic grocery renovated into cute bakery. MENU: European, American and Asian sweets, including fancy custom cakes, taro croissants, cupcakes, mini pies, bar cookies and anything you can imagine with fondant. Savory things, too, including scones and tiny pies. Espresso and drip coffee in the a.m. Custom orders of all kinds. \$

#### The Table

#### 1075 Baxter St., B102 • 706-395-6599

mkt.com/thetableathens

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Counter service, outside seating, take-out, catering. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. THE LOOK: Sweet hidden gem on Baxter that attracts grown-ups. MENU: Asian-accented quick bistro with an emphasis on fresh flavors and beautiful presentation. Lots of veggies and seafood, little in the way of salt. Gluten-free and dairy-free options. \$

#### Taco Stand 📕

#### 2230 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-549-5481 247 E. Broad St. • 706-549-1446 670 N. Milledge Ave. • 706-549-2894

facebook.com/thetstand

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Full bar (Broad St.), beer (Milledge Ave. and Eastside), outside seating (Broad St. and Milledge Ave.). HOURS: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: The original location on Milledge is the most spartan, but has its own charm. Downtown is big and open, with sports on TV. Eastside is in a strip mall, but clean and neat. MENU: Tacos (derr), but also burritos (with beef, chicken, tofu, beans), giant Mega Nachos, veggie chili in the cooler months and wonderfully simple quesadillas (with onions and jalapenos). Don't expect a plate. Slight menu variations among locations. DRINKS: Frozen margaritas downtown; beer at the other two. \$

#### **Tacos los Plebes**

#### 3077 Danielsville Road • 706-208-1930

FILE UNDER: Mexican. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, seven days. FEATURES: Counter service, take-out. THE LOOK: Food counter in the back of a small but well-stocked supermarket with a few tables. MENU: Limited but wellexecuted choices, cooked right in front of you on the flat top. Pollo, lengua, cabeza, al pastor, chorizo, carnitas, barbacoa, asada and tripa prepared as tacos, sopes, tortas, burritos or quesadillas; menudo on weekends and a big cooler of horchata. Credit cards accepted, cash preferred. \$

#### Takorea

#### 311 E. Broad St. • 706-521-8131

mytakorea.com/hankook-takorea-athens

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Counter service, full bar, take-out, catering. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, seven days. Late night Thu-Sat. THE LOOK: Athens branch of Atlanta restaurant that combines Korean and Mexican cuisine. MENU: "Takos" and burritos filled with Korean specialties like bulgogi, as well as tofu and veggies, bibimbap, nachos, rice, beans and some snacks. The sesame fries are good eats, late at night or as a side earlier in the day. Kids menu. \$

#### Taqueria Del Sol 📕

334 Prince Ave. • 706-353-3890

taqueriadelsol.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican. FEATURES: Full bar, catering, counter service, outside seating. Hours: Lunch, Mon–Sat.



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#### **Taqueria El Agave**

1280 Oconee St. • 706-549-2639

facebook.com/tagueriaelagavee FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES:

Full bar, delivery, take-out. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Lots of booths, bar in the back, soccer on the TV. MENU: Some Americanized Mexican standards, but also Mexican tacos (lengua, al pastor), seafood, aguas frescas and weekend specials, including menudo and seafood soups. DRINKS: Mexican beers, margaritas. \$

#### **Tagueria La Jalisco**

3750 Old Jefferson Road • 706-316-3560

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: A small taqueria housed inside a Mexican grocery store. MENU: Authentically prepared Mexican cuisine, including menudo, carnitas, chorizo tacos, tortas, al pastor and a few freshly made salsas. Great baked goods in the grocery section. \$

#### **Tagueria La Parrilla**

1431 Capital Ave., Watkinsville • 706-310-9991 2439 Jefferson Road • 706-549-4977 855 Gaines School Road • 706-548-5040 473 U.S. Hwy. 29 N. lapa.us

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Full bar (Jefferson Road and Gaines School Road), beer and wine (Watkinsville), delivery, catering, outside seating. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Family-friendly Mexican restaurant with festive decor; U.S. Highway 29 location to open this year. MENU: Lots of friendly standards, well executed, like big burritos to which you can add cheese dip, tons of vegetarian options, taco salads, fajitas and combo after combo. Also Jarritos, a low-cal menu, Mexican tacos, sopes and tortas. Something for everyone, and great for big groups. DRINKS: Margaritas, Mexican beers, regular bottled stuff, pitchers. \$\$

#### **Taqueria Tsunami**

1791 Oconee Connector • 706-353-0040 320 E. Clavton St. • 706-621-7999

taqueriatsunami.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Mexican and South American, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Outside seating, take-out, full bar. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Small, Atlanta-based chain with two of six locations in Athens. MENU: Asian/Latin fusion tacos: bulgogi and shiitake; teriyaki chicken with pineapple pico de gallo; tofu with sesame-soy vinaigrette; more. Apps, bowls and salads, too, \$

#### **Taste of India**

131 E. Broad St. • 706-559-0000

indiaathens.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Beer and wine, buffet, catering. Hours: Lunch and dinner, Mon-Sat. THE LOOK: Tablecloths, tapestries and statues. MENU: Big menu of Indian standards, from samosas and pakoras to poori, chat, tandoori and many vegetarian options. There's goat if you want it, and combination dinners if you want to try a bunch of things (the daily lunch buffet works, too). Lassis, chai and Indian tea to drink. Grab a pinch of the spices by the door on your way out instead of popping an Altoid. DRINKS: Wine and beer, including Indian varieties of both. \$\$\$

#### **Taziki's Mediterranean Cafe**

227 Prince Ave. • 706-247-7619

tazikiscafe com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Beer and wine, catering, counter service, takeout. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Two-level corner space in The Bottleworks. MENU: Mediterranean quick-service franchise does healthful grilled food, including gyros, entree-size salads and "feasts" (grilled veggies or protein, salad, side). Soups, baklava, daily specials, family take-home meals, hummus and spicy pimento cheese, too. \$\$

#### **Team Biscuits and Burgers**

745 Danielsville Road • 706-543-8326 teambandb.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. Sandwiches. Burgers and Chicken, FEATURES: Counter service, drive-thru, catering, outside seating. Hours: Breakfast and lunch, Mon-Sat. Dinner, Thu–Sat. THE LOOK: Red and black, football theme. THE MENU: Breakfast biscuits with sausage, bacon. bologna, steak, chicken, country ham, tenderloin, smokelink or salmon. Beef, chicken, salmon and shrimp burgers. Some healthier options, too. Wings available in large quantities geared to tailgating. \$

#### Ted's Most Best 📕 254 W. Washington St. • 706-543-1523 tedsmostbest.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Beer and wine, counter service, outside seating, live music, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch and dinner,



seven days. The LOOK: One of the best patios around, with a bocce court converted into a

giant sandbox. MENU: Individually sized thin-crust pizzas are light as a feather. Build your own or pick a predetermined arrangement of toppings, all of which are refined and beautiful. Sandwiches, calzones, pastas, sliders and a great beet salad, too. Desserts in the refrigerated case. **DRINKS**: Five taps, \$1 PBR at happy hour, good beer in cans and bottles, a few wines by the glass. See ad on p. 44. \$\$

#### Terivaki 101

#### 1805 Epps Bridge Pkwy., Suite 103 • 706-353-0823 Find Us on Facebook

FILE UNDER: Asian. FEATURES: Take-out, counter service. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days, THE LOOK: Simple, clean space; looks like a franchise but isn't. MENU: Terivaki bowls or wraps (essentially a Korean burrito) come with beef, shrimp, chicken or pork, your choice of veggies and a sauce (spicy Korean, yum yum, wasabi mayo, terivaki). Fried shrimp, fried fish, wings, chicken tenders and fried rice. Kids' menu. \$

#### **Terrapin Beer Co.**

#### 265 Newton Bridge Road • 706-549-3377 terrapinbeer.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Beer. THE LOOK: A warehouse in the industrial part of town, with a spacious, wood-lined indoor tasting room



and a huge outdoor area dotted with tables, tents and a stage for music. Dogs are welcome! **DRINKS:** The company that introduced craft beer to Athens continues to brew and bottle some of the tastiest suds around. Sample the flagship Rye Pale

Ale or Hopsecutioner IPA, or drink to the season with offerings like Maggie's Peach Farmhouse Ale. See ad on p. 3. \$

#### Thai E3 Cuisine

#### 269 E. Broad St. • 706-215-9500

thaie3cuisine.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Delivery, take-out. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Nice views from second-floor place with bright entrance. MENU: Thai classics made with fresh ingredients and less sugar than at many restaurants. Curry fries, good noodles and salads, Thai duck, seafood and sweet rice for dessert. Lunch specials. \$\$

#### Thai Spoon

#### 149 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-548-9222

thaispoonathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly, FEATURES: Beer and wine, take-out, delivery, reservations. Hours: Lunch and dinner, Mon-Sat. Dinner, Sun. THE LOOK: Cozy and ornate, with lots of small tables throughout the space. MENU: Big menu runs from fresh Thai salads to satay, spicy basil duck, lots of seafood and vegetarian (and vegan) options. Kids menu with Thai scrambled eggs. Great deals at lunch. New sushi bar. DRINKS: Beer and wine, Thai iced tea and Thai iced coffee. \$\$

#### **Tlaloc El Mexicano Restaurant** 1225 N. Chase St. • 706-613-9301

FILE UNDER: Mexican and Latin American. FEATURES: Full bar, outside seating. Hours: Breakfast, lunch and dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Brightly colored cinder-block building near the loop on Chase Street; some picnic tables outside by the substation. MENU: Named for the Aztec rain god, this restaurant has a cult following for its Central American specialties and real-deal Mexican food. Pupusas, massive tortas, regular specials and fantastic mole. Breakast starts at 9 a.m. and features eggs, beans and pork products. DRINKS: Margaritas, beer. \$\$

#### **Tokyo Express**

#### 690 U.S. Hwy. 29 • 706-543-8833

tokyoexpressga.com

FILE UNDER: Asian. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. FEATURES: Counter service, take-out, THE LOOK: Quick-service hibachi and sushi in the new large development anchored by the Space Kroger on Highway 29. MENU: A decent selection of sushi rolls, including specialty ones, plus wings, bento box specials at lunch and dinner, hibachi, soup, edamame and some fried apps. \$

#### **Toppers International Showbar**

100 N. Jackson St. • 706-613-0504

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FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, exotic dancing. THE LOOK: Athens' exotic-dancing club is in the middle of downtown. Special shows like the male revue happen often. Watch a game on a large-screen TV or play a game of pool. DRINKS: Champagne, shots, brews or specialty cocktails from the full bar. Prices for high rollers and budget drinkers alike. \$

#### **Transmetropolitan**

145 E. Clayton St. • 706-613-8773

transmetathens.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. FEATURES: Outside seating, art. HOURS: Lunch, Mon–Sat. Dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: Pizza with table service. Big bar upstairs, plus rooms for private parties. MENU: Large thin-crust slices that aren't as floppy as classic New York-style 'za and have a puffier crust at the edge. Lots of toppings and specialty pies. Also: pastas, salads, panini, burgers and delicious oven-roasted potatoes with plenty of garlic. DRINKS: Draft beer, craft beer in bottles/cans, wine, build-your-own Bloody Mary bar on Sunday. \$

#### Trappeze Pub 📕

#### 269 W. Washington St. • 706-543-8997

trappezepub.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. FEATURES: Full bar, outside seating, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. Sunday brunch. THE LOOK: High ceilings, plenty of character. MENU: Fun snacks and plenty of real meals. Stuff for people who love bacon, and tasty choices for vegetarians and vegans. Interesting sandwiches and salads. Entrees like cider slow-roasted ribs and North Carolina trout. Lunch specials are a good deal. DRINKS: Serious beer, with more than 200 well-described options in the bottle and 30 on tap, plus wine and nice cocktails from Highwire Lounge (under the same ownership and accessible through a door). \$\$

#### **The Traveling Hobo Cafe**

#### 20 Greensboro Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-310-4323 facebook.com/TravelingHoboCafe

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. HOURS: Lunch, seven days. Dinner, Mon–Sat. THE LOOK: Lots of train paraphernalia in a cozy space. MENU: Burgers are the biggest attraction, and they're large and varied: lamb, bison, doughnuts for patties, etc. Not much in the way of health food, but the fries with gravy are great. \$

#### Two Story Coffeehouse

#### 1680 Lumpkin St. • 706-850-5422

twostorycoffee.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. FEATURES: Outside seating, Wi-Fi, live music. Hours: Open seven days. THE LOOK: A cozy, historic house with a quiet room for studying. MENU: High-quality, classic coffee drinks prepared with a manual pour-over, Chemex or personal French press, plus nice teas, smoothies, Italian sodas and more. Pastries from Independent Baking Co., gelato, Cecilia Cake and other snacks. \$

#### **Utage Athens Sushi Bar**

#### 440 E. Clayton St. • 706-227-9339

utageathenssushibar.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. FEATURES: Full bar, reservations, delivery. Hours: Lunch, Mon–Fri. Dinner, seven days. THE LOOK: A long sushi bar, plus tables lit by twinkling star lights. MENU: Lunch combos get you a lot for a little. There are many specialty rolls on the menu, but the nigiri is what shines. Udon and ramen are great if you want something heartier, and there's tonkatsu, teriyaki, fried rice and kids' specials that come with ice cream. DRINKS: Hot and cold sake, Japanese (and American) beers, wine, sake bombs and martinis. \$\$

#### **The Varsity**

#### 1000 W. Broad St. • 706-548-6325 thevarsity.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. FEA-TURES: Drive-thru, catering, counter service, outside seating, take-out. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, seven days. Late night, Fri and 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. MENU: Hot dogs (with cheese, slaw or chili), burgers, BLTs, grilled cheeses, chicken sandwiches, french fries and onion rings; wash it down with a famous Varsity frosted-orange drink. Fried apple or peach pies, 16 flavors of ice cream and brownies for dessert. \$

#### **Veronica's Sweet Spot**

159 Oneta St. • 706-247-0421

facebook.com/weetspotstudio FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. Hours: 10

a.m.-4 p.m., Mon-Sat. THE LOOX: Sweet space in the Tracy Street warehouses packed with art, books and more. MENU: Coffee from Jittery Joe's, tea, pastries from Independent Baking Co. and others, plus packaged snacks (yogurt, cheese sticks, pretzels, etc.) and some readymade sandwiches. Comedy nights. \$

#### Viva! Argentine Cuisine 247 Prince Ave. • 706-850-8284

vivaargentinecuisine.com

FILE UNDER: Latin American, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Beer and wine, delivery, outside seating. Hours: Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sun. THE LOOK:



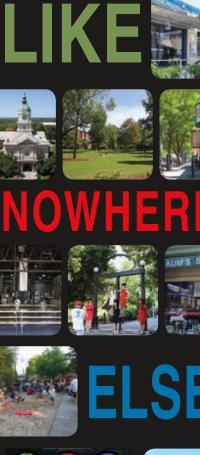
Bottleworks restaurant in blue and white (like the Argentinean flag). MENU: Argentinean cuisine is known for beef, but Viva has made many of its dishes vegetarian. Empanadas are a popular option, with fillings including sausage and rice, spinach and

mushroom and ham and cheese. Dinner options include lomo con papas fritas, as well as chicken, shrimp and steak entrees. Cupcakes in regular and mini sizes, with a soft filling in the middle, are a highlight. See ad on p. 27. \$\$

#### Walker's Coffee & Pub

128 College Ave. • 706-543-1433 facebook.com/walkerspub

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Bars, Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. FEATURES: Full bar, outside seating, counter service, art, Wi-Fi. Hours: Open seven days. THE LOOK: Big space turns from a coffeehouse into a bar at night. MENU: The a.m. brings locally roasted coffees, pastries, bagels, breakfast burritos and drunken waffles (Guinness and chocolate chips). Afternoon means sandwiches, quesadillas and nice compact burgers.

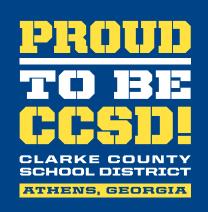






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DRINKS: Six beers on draft and over 70 in bottles, including many microbrews. \$

#### Weaver D's Fine Foods

#### 1016 E. Broad St. • 706-353-7797 weaverds.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Catering, counter service, outside seating, delivery. Hours: 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Mon-Sat. THE LOOK: Look for the brightgreen cinderblock building and the sign that reads "Automatic for the People." Few frills. Be snappy with your order, or you'll hear about it. MENU: Dexter Weaver is still serving up fantastic fried chicken, squash casserole, mac and cheese, collards and the like. The James Beard Foundation named it an "America's Classic." Damn right. \$

#### What's Cooking

#### 2546 Commerce Road • 706-850-0606

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. FEATURES: Cash only, outside seating. Hours: Lunch, seven days. THE LOOK: An under-the-radar roadside spot located off of Highway 441. Order at the window and take a seat on the colorful patio surrounded by cacti, tropical plants and kitschy decor. MENU: Fajitas, enchiladas, quesadillas, tortas Cubanas, sope, tacos Mexicanos and mole, some authentic, some less so. \$

#### Whiskey Bent

335 E. Clayton St. • 706-548-8899

facebook.com/whiskeybentathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: DJs/live music. outside seating. THE LOOK: Sister bar to Half Moon Pub and Flanagan's, this drinking spot is known for its rambunctious patrons. Enjoy the large outdoor patio in the middle of the downtown street bustle. DRINKS: Lots of whiskey. You'll also find a full bar with brews and wells. \$

#### White Tiger Gourmet

#### 217 Hiawassee Ave. • 706-353-6847

whitetigergourmet.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Downhome and BBQ, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Catering, counter service, live music, BYOB, delivery, take-out, art, outside seating. Hours: Lunch, Tue-Sat. Dinner, Thu-Sat. Sunday brunch. **THE LOOK**: In a historic building in a historic neighborhood, White Tiger supplies toys and crayons for kids and many artistic renderings of its namesake. MENU: Carnivores and vegetarians will be equally happy. Good ingredients shine in the Happy Top cheeseburger (simple and perfect, with grilled onions, field greens and mayo) or a seared salmon ciabatta. Smoked pork barbecue and tofu-q; great daily specials and seasonal sides. At brunch, try a biscuit sandwich or stack of pancakes covered in pulled pork. \$\$

#### Wildcat Grill at Broad River Outpost

#### 7911 Wildcat Bridge Road,, Danielsville • 706-795-3242 facebook.com/BROwildcatgrill

FILE UNDER: Something Different. FEATURES: Outdoor seating. Hours: Lunch and dinner, Sat and Sun, May---Sep. THE LOOK: A food stand at the canoeing and kayaking outpost on the Broad River. MENU: Curry burgers, dogs, curried rice, waffles, sandwiches, banh mi, vegetarian tamales, boiled peanuts. \$

#### Willy's Mexicana Grill

196 Alps Road • 706-548-1920 willys.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Beer, catering, counter service, delivery, outside seating, trivia. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

#### Wing House Grill

#### 8727 U.S. Hwy. 29, Hull • 706-850-9700 Find Us on Facebook

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. FEA-TURES: Take-out, outside seating, live music, beer. Hours: Lunch seven days, dinner Mon–Sat. THE LOOK: Casual environs with picnic tables outside that's one of the rare options to get a beer in Madison County. MENU: Wings (duh), but also fried green tomatoes, burgers, mozzarella sticks, hot dogs, chicken sandwiches and a couple of salads. Kids' meals include a cookie. \$

#### Wingster Café

#### 521 Baxter St. • 706-583-9611

wingsterathens.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. FEA-TURES: Counter service, delivery. Hours: Lunch, dinner and late night, seven 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 and chicken tenders (for an individual or in bulk), wraps (including one with french fries, cool ranch, cheese and bacon), sandwiches and some Asian options (sesame chicken, tonkatsu, teriyaki). \$

#### Wok Star

#### 225 Cherokee Road, Winterville • 706-742-2555 wintervillewokstar.blogspot.com

FILE UNDER: American, Asian. FEATURES: Delivery, takeout. THE HOURS: Lunch and dinner, Tue-Mon. THE LOOK: American standards plus real Chinese food, hidden in a Winterville shopping center. MENU: Chinese dishes such as moo goo gai pan, lo mein, spicy garlic eggplant and sesame shrimp. Curiosity is rewarded with hot pot, boiled fish, interesting soups, cumin lamb and more. \$\$

#### Wok's Up

#### 1791 Oconee Connector, Bogart • 706-521-5486 facebook.com/woksupgeorgia

FILE UNDER: Asian. FEATURES: Counter service, take-out. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. The Look: Epps Bridge fast-casual Asian; part of a planned franchise. MENU: Made-to-order stir-fry. Pick a protein (steak, chicken, shrimp, pork, tofu), some veggies, a sauce and a base (rice, noodles, salad), then watch the flames leap high as the dudes behind the counter toss it together. \$

#### Wonderbar

#### 240 E. Washington St. facebook.com/wonderbarathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, outside seating. THE LOOK: From Giant Jenga to FIFA to Pac Man, this spunky bar is for anyone looking for more than just a drink. The gamer's haven has you covered with vintage arcade games, video-game consoles and old-school board games. A few snacks are served to help you keep up the gaming energy. DRINKS: The usual full bar, but with specialty cocktails such as Princess Peach Tea and Sonic Blast. \$

#### Woodford

#### 120 E. Washington St. • 404-271-8440

Find Us on Facebook FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURING: Full bar, outside seating. THE LOOK: A hip, upscale feel with Edison lightbulbs, digital murals, a cool backlit bar and a nice indoor-outdoor seating area. This place caters to the older college crowd. DRINKS: Focusing on craft and draft beer and specialty cocktails. \$

#### **The World Famous**

#### 351 N. Hull St. • 706-543-4002

facebook.com/theworldfamousathens FILE UNDER: American, Bars, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Counter service, live music/DJs, art, full bar. Hours: Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. The LOOK: Bright and cute, with funky art and fresh flowers. MENU: Smart bar food with good veggie options: tacos on Tuesday, steamed bao, fat sandwiches. Home football games for Georgia bring early hours and tasty breakfast specials. DRINKS: Creative but not intimidating cocktails, well-priced beer (including lots of canned craft brews), wine, housemade nonalcoholic sodas. \$

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FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Beer and wine, catering, counter service, trivia, delivery, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. The LOOK: Locally-based franchise lets you customize a personalized pizza baked in a brick oven right in front of you. MENU: Lots of topping, sauce and cheese choices, as well as several doughs. Pick a specialty pie or build your own. Vegan and gluten-free pizzas are available. Panini, bread bowl salads and gelato, too. Beer and wine available. \$\$

#### Zeb Dean's Barbecue

#### 5742 U.S. Hwy. 29 N., Danielsville • 706-795-2701 Find Us on Facebook

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. FEATURES: Catering, counter service, checks. Hours: Breakfast, lunch and dinner, Wed–Sat. Lunch, Sun. THE LOOK: Country barbecue joint with awesome signage, un-fancy environs. MENU: Dean's signature pepper-vinegar sauce attracts 'cue hounds from far and wide, and the creamed-corn-based Brunswick stew has also contributed to its reputation as worthy of a drive. Burgers, chicken sandwiches, fries, tots and slaw, too. Brightly colored slices of soda cake by the register. \$

#### **Zoe's Kitchen**

#### 145 Alps Road • 706-850-3400 zoeskitchen.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Catering, counter service, drive-thru, take-out. Hours: Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

#### Zombie Coffee and Donuts

350 E. Broad St. • 706-850-2526 zombiecoffeeanddonuts.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Late Night. FEATURES: Outside seating, Wi-Fi. Hours: Open seven days. Late night, Thu-Sat. THE LOOK: Wooden tables, doughnuts made before your eyes behind the counter. MENU: Coffee, espresso and the main attraction: doughnuts customizable with toppings from shredded coconut to bacon, pecans, Fruity Pebbles and the traditional sprinkles. Vegan, paleo and gluten-free options. \$

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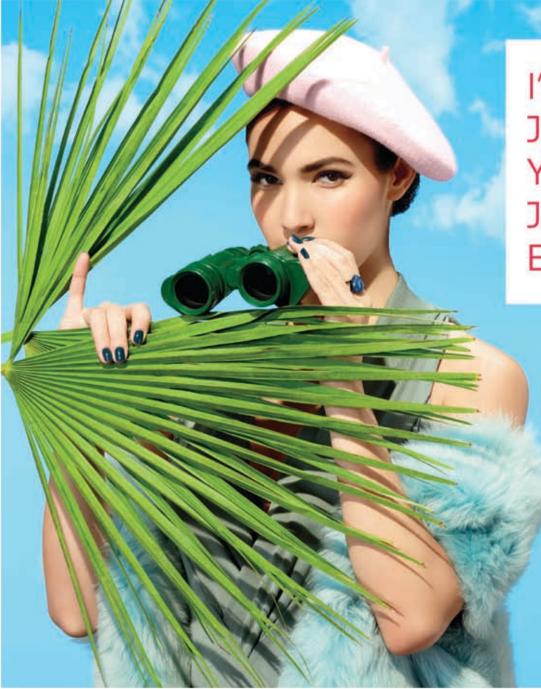
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