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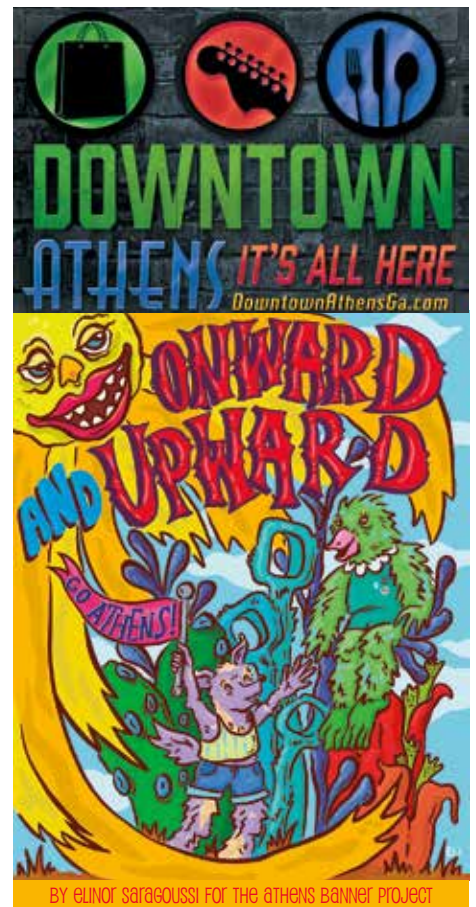
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Five Points

Athens is a special place: a small town with welcoming people, a big university and many of the amenities of a big city, like vibrant music, arts, food and brewery scenes. After two years of COVID closures and vaccine card checks, slowly those scenes are getting back to normal. What fuels it all is a diverse population and a progressive open-mindedness that truly makes Athens a blue dot in a sea of red, as the saying goes.

HOW WE GOT HERE

Athens and the University of Georgia have been intertwined from the beginning. The state legislature chartered UGA in 1785, making ours the oldest public university in the country, despite the fact that an upstart school in North Carolina erected a building before we did. Future governor John Milledge, who bought the university's initial 633 acres from early settler Daniel Easley in 1801, named the village-to-be for the Greek cradle of philosophy. Easley, who knew a deal when one came riding up, retained the adjacent land and was happy to sell off his lots to the villagers. Although UGA was situated in the woods to keep it far away from the evil influences of taverns, the villagers quickly learned how to cater to students, and at present, this cradle of philosophy boasts around 100 bars.

The county is named for Elijah Clarke, a Revolutionary War hero who ambushed the British in a swamp down the road at the Battle of Kettle Creek. After the war, he attempted to set up his own nation—the Trans-Oconee Republic—which attacked the Creek Indians and eventually became involved in the Yazoo Land Fraud. Our namesake: right or wrong!

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.

Other than a minor skirmish, Athens saw no action during the Civil War but participated nonetheless. The Cook and Bros. armory across the river from downtown—now the Chicopee-Dudley building—manufactured rifles for the Confederacy. On a lighter note, local dentist John Gilleland devised a double-barreled cannon that failed spectacularly when tested. The chain connecting the balls snapped, knocking over a chimney and killing a cow. The cannon is now displayed outside City Hall, facing north.

Many prominent rebels—including Confederate Vice President Alexander H. Stephens, former U.S. House Speaker Howell Cobb and his brother, T.R.R. Cobb, whose writings defended slavery—had ties to Athens. Plantation slave labor funded the construction of many grand antebellum homes, such as those of the Cobb brothers. T.R.R. Cobb's home is now a house museum in the Cobbham neighborhood. A downtown Confederate monument, though, has been removed to a spot off the Loop 10 highway.

By the turn of the century, Athens had public schools, a police force and its first streetcar suburbs: Cobbham, Boulevard and Five Points. (The last remaining streetcar-stop shelter can be seen at the corner of Lumpkin and Cedar streets.) In 1891, the State Normal School, a teacher's college, opened in what's now called Normaltown. Thanks to Athens' powerful then-congressman, Carl Vinson, the U.S. Navy took over the college in the 1950s, training its supply corpsmen there. When the Navy school moved to Rhode Island in 2011, UGA acquired the property and turned it into a health sciences campus in conjunction with Augusta University.

In the early 20th Century, Black-owned businesses were flourishing downtown on the Hot Corner at Hull and Washington streets, centered around the Morton Theatre, which was built by wealthy developer Monroe “Pink” Morton, the son of a former slave. But race relations remained tense. Hamilton Holmes and Charlayne Hunter integrated UGA in 1961, sparking near-riots. In 1964, Athens Klansmen murdered Lemuel Penn, a Black Army Reserve officer who was passing through town late at night. Marches and sit-ins were held at the popular fast-food restaurant The Varsity (recently closed). Local public schools didn't fully integrate until 1970, 16 years after *Brown v. Board of Education*. This was also the time of “urban renewal,” which tore down whole Black neighborhoods, such as Linnestown, on Baxter Hill, which was razed in the early 1960s to make way for new UGA high-rise dorms.

A decade later, the Model Cities program brought millions of dollars in federal money to provide much-needed infrastructure—street paving, water lines and sewerage, structural rehabilitation and a neighborhood health center—to East Athens, a predominately Black and poor area of town. Model Cities, through its citizen-participation component, also empowered a generation of Black citizens who went on to elected and appointed positions within the governmental and civic life of Athens.

Downtown largely emptied out when Georgia Square Mall opened on Atlanta Highway in 1981, paving the way for Athens to become the music mecca it is

today. R.E.M. was about to hit it big, and, fueled by low-interest loans from the new Athens Downtown Development Authority, entrepreneurs took advantage of the vacancies to open quirky shops and music venues that quickly became popular—some even iconic, like the 40 Watt Club, the Georgia Theatre and the late-lamented Caledonia Lounge.

Clarke County and the City of Athens, after two previous failed attempts, merged in 1990, and the newly unified Athens-Clarke County elected Gwen O'Looney as its first female chief executive and first progressive mayor.

Today, the mall is struggling and will soon be redeveloped, while downtown has become in some ways a victim of its own success. The proliferation of luxury apartment complexes has brought rising rents and more chain businesses, increasingly catering to students and pushing locally owned businesses out into the Five Points, Normaltown and Chase Park areas. Historically Black neighborhoods like East Athens and the Hancock Corridor that have suffered for decades from lack of investment are now ripe for gentrification.

These issues and more galvanized voters in 2018. They swept five new, more liberal commissioners into office and chose another progressive, Kelly Girtz, as mayor in a landslide. Girtz was re-elected overwhelmingly in 2022, but Republican legislators drew new districts that forced out three incumbent commissioners, resulting in a more conservative commission.

As it was 220 years ago, the university and the city of Athens remain intertwined. UGA is by far Athens' largest employer, its students fuel the local arts and music scenes, its alumni boost the economy every football Saturday, and it provides many cultural opportunities like concerts and lectures that are open to the public. Likewise, students and professors are drawn to UGA as much by Athens' charm as by the university's academics.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Flagpole's City Dope column is a great resource for keeping up with local politics.

The ACC Commission includes 10 members, each representing a district, and the mayor, who is elected countywide and presides over meetings but only votes in case of a tie. An appointed manager runs the government's day-to-day operations. The commission meets at least three times a month: Work sessions, where staff give presentations on upcoming decisions, are at 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday; agenda-setting meetings, which include further discussion as well as public input, are at 6 p.m. on the third Tuesday; voting meetings are at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the following month. All three are at City Hall (301 College Ave.) and televised on Channel 180 on Charter cable and streamed at youtube.com/accgov. Agendas and contact information for county officials are available at accgov.com.

The Clarke County Board of Education, composed of nine members who elect a president from among themselves, meets at the new headquarters on the former Piedmont College campus (595 Prince Ave.) on the first and second Thursdays of the month at 6 p.m. Superintendent Xernona Thomas heads the Clarke County School District, but is retiring at the end of 2022. Agendas can be accessed through CCSD's website at clark.k12.ga.us.

Although Athens votes reliably Democratic, Republicans in the Georgia legislature have kindly used their mathematical skills to arrange the districts so that Athens is represented by five Republicans and just one Democrat in the state legislature. Republicans still dominate both the House and the Senate, despite losing seats in 2018, when Gov. Brian Kemp only narrowly defeated Democrat Stacey Abrams (without much help from his hometown of Athens). They'll have a rematch in November. The state flipped blue in 2020, sending senators Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff and President Joe Biden to Washington. The General Assembly meets for 40 working days a year, starting on the second Monday in January and usually ending sometime in late March (in time for the Masters golf tournament). Check legis.ga.gov to contact legislators, read the text of bills and watch the action on livestream.

Athens has numerous activist groups working on labor, discrimination, LGBTQ, immigration, transportation and other issues. An incomplete list includes the Clarke County Democrats (clarkcountymd.com), Athens Anti-Discrimination Movement (aadmovement.org), Athens Immigrant Rights Coalition (athensimmigrantrights.org), the Athens PRIDE + Queer Collective (athenspride.org), United Campus Workers of Georgia (ucwga.org), BikeAthens (bikeathens.org), Young Democrats of UGA (facebook.com/YoungDemsUGA), Young Democratic Socialists (facebook.com/AthensYDSA), College Republicans (ugarepublicans.com), Athens GOP (athensgop.com) and the Libertarian Party

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of Athens (facebook.com/AthensLP). Many campus group meetings are open to non-students.

UGA also hosts nearly daily lectures, exhibitions, readings and discussion groups that are open to the public; check *Flagpole's* Calendar or calendar.uga.edu for the latest.

HOW TO GET AROUND

WALK/BIKE: Downtown, North Campus and most intown neighborhoods are compact and easy to navigate on foot or bike. BikeAthens has a map of bike paths. (Drivers, remember to stop for pedestrians, and allow three feet between your car and bicyclists!) The North Oconee River Greenway runs from Sandy Creek Nature Center through downtown to College Station Road, except for one gap near Oconee Hill Cemetery still under construction. The Firefly Trail runs from The Mark development on the southern edge of downtown east to Hancock Road and will eventually extend to downtown Winterville. A modern trestle based on the partially destroyed one pictured on the back cover of R.E.M.'s *Murmur* is under construction.

DRIVE: On-street parking downtown is \$1.50 per hour between 8 a.m.–10 p.m. Monday–Saturday, with a two-hour time limit from 8 a.m.–6 p.m. Meters accept cards and coins. Tickets will run you \$20–\$25. Avoid the risk by parking in a deck—they're free for the first half-hour (and all day Sunday) and \$1 per hour after that. Most surface lots are operated at night and on weekends by National Parking, which usually charges \$5 and can tow or boot you if you don't pay. On campus, surface lots are permit-only, so visitors should park in a deck. See downtownathensga.org and parking.uga.edu for more.

TAKE A CAB: Athens taxis are mostly large vans shared with other passengers. Fares aren't metered; they're based on zones and should be posted inside the cab. Vans gather by the Arch late at night. Expect to be asked whether you're going to the Eastside or Westside. With multiple stops to make, the ride might take a while. Uber and Lyft also operate in Athens.

TAKE A BUS: Athens Transit (athenstransit.com) buses leave in all directions from the Multimodal Center on East Broad Street, down the hill from downtown. Both Athens Transit and Campus Transit (transit.uga.edu) are free and open to the public—just hop on. Campus buses mostly run through campus (duh), with additional routes from the main campus to the Health Sciences Campus in Normaltown and the Veterinary Teaching Hospital on the Eastside that don't stop in between. Both agencies have apps that allow you to find stops and track buses.

SKIP TOWN: Southeastern Stages (southeasternstages.com) intercity buses leave from 4020 Atlanta Highway. Groome Transportation (groometransportation.com) will take you from one of several pick-up locations to Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta. Athens is still searching for a commercial aviation carrier to fly into and out of our spiffy airport. Amtrak's Crescent (amtrak.com) stops in Gainesville on its run between New Orleans and New York City. Athens may one day be a stop on a proposed high-speed rail line between Atlanta and Charlotte, but likely not for decades. In the meantime, the ACC government is working on a deal with Atlanta transit agency MARTA to run buses from Athens down Highway 316 to Chamblee, where riders could connect to Atlanta's train system.

HOW WE STACK UP

AREA: About **122 square miles**—geographically the smallest county in Georgia.

POPULATION: **130,081** (2022 Census estimate—includes UGA students)

DEMOGRAPHICS: **66%** white, **28%** Black, **11%** Hispanic of any race, **4%** Asian (2020 Census)

UGA ENROLLMENT: **40,118** (Fall 2021)

LARGEST EMPLOYERS: **UGA** (10,700), **Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center** (3,300), **Clarke County School District** (2,400), **St. Mary's Hospital** (2,100), **Athens-Clarke County government** (2,100), **Caterpillar** (1,600), **Pilgrim's Pride** (1,350)



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FAVORITE LOCAL BURGER

Clocked!

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Seabear Oyster Bar

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Blind Pig Tavern

FAVORITE VEGETARIAN OPTIONS

The Grit

FAVORITE SANDWICH

Marti's at Midday

FAVORITE DESSERT

The Last Resort

FAVORITE FROZEN TREAT

Andy's Frozen Custard

FAVORITE BREAKFAST

Mama's Boy

FAVORITE LUNCH

Marti's at Midday

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Ted's Most Best

FAVORITE TAKE OUT

Maepole

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Peter Dale at The National

FAVORITE UNIQUELY ATHENS RESTAURANT

The Grit

BARs

FAVORITE BARTENDER

Richard Mikulka at Flicker

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GAMES

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FAVORITE PLACE TO SEE LOCAL ART

Lyndon House Arts Center

FAVORITE NONPROFIT/CHARITY

Nuci's Space

FAVORITE EVENT

Historic Athens Porchfest



UGA Sanford Stadium

Athens' many annual events include festivals, parades, fundraisers, sporting events, craft markets and outdoor fun among other things. After COVID shuffled around and postponed many favorites, a lot of familiar happenings have returned. Check *Flagpole's* weekly calendar in print and at flagpole.com for a comprehensive community events roundup.

UGA Home Football Games 2022 | Dawg fans fill the stadium and overflow to occupy every nearby space with a TV and a tap. **Sept. 10** Samford • **Sept. 24** Kent State • **Oct. 8** Auburn • **Oct. 15** Vanderbilt (Homecoming) • **Nov. 5** Tennessee • **Nov. 26** Georgia Tech. georgiadoogs.com

Pride Fest | **Sept. 17, 2022** | Welcoming and inclusive to all, this LGBTQIA+ community celebration also highlights local resources and activities. athenspride.org

Groovy Nights | **Sept. 24, 2022** | Get your groove on with Project Safe for a '70s vs. '80s lip sync battle at the VFW. project-safe.org

North Georgia Folk Festival | **Sept. 24, 2022** | Enjoy a day of outstanding folk music at sprawling Sandy Creek Park. athensfolk.org

Wildwood Revival | **Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2022** | A grown-up, camp-out, upscale, ecology-friendly festival of music from country to rock to jazz to hip hop and more. wildwoodrevival.com

Classic City Brew Fest | **Oct. 1, 2022** | Enthusiasts sample craft beer from Athens and around the region at this long-running event. classiccitybrew.com

LatinxFest | **Oct. 1, 2022** | Celebrate with the local Latinx community during National Hispanic Heritage Month. latinxfestath.com

Boo-le-Bark on the Boulevard | **Oct. 2, 2022** | Rain or shine, show off your pup's best Halloween attire. barkonboulevard.com

PorchFest | **Oct. 2, 2022** | The Athens music scene kicks up on front porches all over Athens' walkable intown neighborhoods for a tuneful afternoon/evening ramble. historicathens.com

AthHalf | **Oct. 22-23, 2022** | AthFest Educates' half-marathon and 5K highlights live music along its meandering course and is designed to showcase Athens and UGA. athhalf.com

Wild Rumpus Parade and Spectacle | **Oct. 29, 2022** | Don your best costume and howl at the moon on Halloween weekend. Kids events, music and more. wildrumpus.org

Downtown Parade of Lights | **Dec. 1, 2022** | Floats, marching bands and Santa Claus make their way through downtown and wind up at City Hall for a tree-lighting ceremony. athensclarkecounty.com

Indie South Fair | **Dec. 10-11, 2022** | This large outdoor market of handcrafted and functional art has several other events throughout the year. theindiesouth.com

MLK Day Parade and Music Fest | **Jan. 16, 2023** | The festival and the parade through downtown are sponsored by the Athens Anti-discrimination Movement and include music, dance, speeches and vendors. aadmovement.org

Dancing with the Athens Stars | **Mar. 18, 2023** | Local celebrities work hard with their paired dancers for Project Safe at the Classic Center. project-safe.org

Fluke Mini-Comics and Zine Festival | **Mar. 25, 2023** | Comic and zine creators (lots of them) get together annually to share and sell their stuff at the 40 Watt Club. flukeathens.com

Boybutante Ball | **April 2023** | A glamorous tradition at the 40 Watt features drag queens and kings raising funds for the Boybutante AIDS Foundation. boybutante.org

International Street Festival | **April 2023** | Student and community groups present a day of music, art, food and more to showcase cultures from around the world. isl.uga.edu

G-Day Game | **Apr. 15, 2023** | UGA's free spring scrimmage provides fans a first look at next year's football team. georgiadoogs.com

Twilight Criterium | **Apr. 21-23, 2023** | This world-class bicycle race draws thousands downtown and includes lots of associated activities. athenstwillight.com

Indie South Fair | **May 6-7, 2023** | This large outdoor market of handcrafted and functional art has several other events throughout the year. theindiesouth.com

Winterville Marigold Festival | **May 13, 2023** | Music, food, arts and a day of fun for all ages in a quirky, cool pocket of Clarke County. marigoldfestival.com

Hot Corner Celebration and Soul Food Festival | **June 2023** | Music, food and fellowship at Hull and Washington streets downtown, celebrating local black culture and commerce. hotcornerathens.weebly.com

Pride Parade | **June 2023** | After Athens' first overwhelmingly successful Pride Parade, the celebration will return downtown with floats, music, vendors and food. athenspride.org/parade

AthFest Music and Arts Festival | **June 23-25, 2023** | Local and regional bands play the free outdoor stages located in downtown Athens. There's also an artist market, kids activities, food and drink and more. athfest.com

Star-Spangled Classic | **July 1, 2023** | Celebrate American independence with a fireworks display launched from Athens Ben Epps Airport. accgov.com



Rainbow Forest

Athens has a handful of interesting galleries, and even more eye-catching artwork can be found around town, adding bursts of color and character to the walls of coffee houses, restaurants, bars and shops. Check *Flagpole's* Art Around Town for a weekly list of current exhibitions. Organizations like the Athens Cultural Affairs Commission and Athens Area Arts Council continue to fund public art projects, while many working artists frequently show off their studios during open houses and seasonal sales. For info on receptions and events, check *Flagpole's* calendar in print and at flagpole.com.

ACE/FRANCISCO Gallery

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Located inside of the historic Leathers Building, this new gallery was established in May 2022 by Jason Thrasher and Beth Hall Thrasher. Following the inaugural exhibition of painter Vernon Thornsberry, upcoming shows include Ouida Williams; John Cleveland, Lukyan Davis and Philip Juras; and Franni Thrasher. Exhibitions are accompanied by a limited edition of numbered and signed prints; the sales of which support the gallery as well as student arts organizations in the Southeast.

The Athenaeum

287 W. Broad St. • art.uga.edu/athenaeum

Much like the scholarly sanctuaries of ancient Greece, the newly opened Athenaeum of UGA's Lamar Dodd School of Art is dedicated to creative engagement and education. Curated by Dodd Galleries director Katie Geha, the Athenaeum is a downtown contemporary art space focused on internationally and nationally acclaimed artists and cross-disciplinary conversation.

Athens Institute for Contemporary Art (ATHICA)

675 Pulaski St., Ste. 1200 • 706-850-7770 • athica.org

ATHICA balances Athens-centric exhibitions with those of professional contemporary artists from across the globe. Currently celebrating its 20th anniversary, the all-volunteer organization successfully purchased its building in 2021. In addition to traditional opening receptions, exhibitions are often accompanied by educational workshops, performances and panel discussions with visiting artists.

ATHICA@Ciné Gallery

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

More than just an indie movie theater, Ciné is also a venue for visual art. The exhibit space runs down the main entrance and is curated through a partnership with ATHICA. Art can be viewed during the same hours as the theater, but you don't have to buy movie tickets to check it out or enjoy opening receptions.

Aurum Studios

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

With multiple in-house jewelers, Aurum specializes in custom jewelry. The shop also offers pottery, painting, woodwork and metalwork, the majority of which was made by local artists. Aurum plans to reopen under new ownership during the summer of 2022.

The Classic Center

300 N. Thomas St. • 706-208-0900 • classiccenter.com

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

Creature Comforts Brewing Co.

271 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-410-1043 • getcurious.com/get-artistic

In addition to exhibitions, the brewery hosts workshops, art parties and other enrichment opportunities for the community.

The Dodd Galleries

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

UGA's renowned art school neighbors the Georgia Museum of Art. In addition to the popular BFA exit shows, which showcase the works of graduating students near the end of each semester, galleries host exhibitions by students, faculty members and visiting artists that rotate while school is in session. Regular events include receptions and lectures by artists, curators, art historians and other guest speakers.

Flicker Theatre and Bar

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

In addition to a jam-packed calendar of concerts, film screenings and trivia nights, Flicker showcases a different local artist along its iconic orange wall every month. Upcoming highlights include Mark Dalling, Seth Martin, Bernadine Sears and Spencer Lusk.

Georgia Museum of Art

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

Georgia's official art museum, located on UGA's East Campus, houses a large permanent collection of paintings, prints, decorative arts, sculpture and more. This season's diverse lineup includes "Kristin Leachman: Longleaf Lines," "Jane Manus, Undaunted," "Reckonings and Reconstructions: Southern Photography from the Do Good Fund" and "Object Lessons in American Art." Admission is free, as are almost all of its many events: gallery tours, lectures, films, workshops for teens and family activities. The museum will celebrate its 75th anniversary with associated programming running February through November.

Heirloom Café and Fresh Market

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

In line with sourcing its ingredients locally, this Boulevard neighborhood restaurant also features rotating exhibitions spotlighting local artists on its walls.

Hotel Indigo Athens

500 College Ave. • 706-546-0430 • indigoathens.com

ArtWall@Hotel Indigo presents quarterly rotating shows of small scale works with thematic focuses. Located outdoors and viewable 24/7, GlassCube@Hotel Indigo is a literal glass cube housing creative installations.

Indie South

470 Hawthorne Ave. • 706-850-0644 • theindiesouth.com

After establishing itself as one of the largest handmade markets in the Southeast, Indie South opened a brick-and-mortar boutique full of artisan, handcrafted and vintage goods, rare plants, crystals and more. The space, which also houses its own screen printing studio, now stocks several popular artists including David Hale and Chris Hubbard. In between huge biannual craft fairs, Indie South hosts creative classes and pop-up markets.

The K.A. Artist Shop

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

A one-stop shop for all artist supply needs, K.A. hosts occasional group exhibitions that are typically hung in eclectic salon-style arrangements. The shop also offers photography services and workshops for all ages.

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PUBLIC ART PROJECTS TO CHECK OUT

ART DECKO Organized by the Athens Area Arts Council, Art Decko is a series of nine large-scale paintings installed on each floor of the Vertical Gallery, an unconventional stairwell-turned-art space in the College Avenue Parking Deck. Artists include Ashley Anderson, Jared Brown, Jeremy Kiran Fernandes, Ruth Allen, Jacob Wenzka, Hannah Betzel, Will Eskridge, Jeanne Whately and Dorian Edwards.

ART SHELTERS Serving transit riders while also injecting creativity into the built environment, many of Athens-Clarke County Transit's bus shelters double as public art. The program produced 11 art shelters between two phases in 2005 and 2011 as a partnership between ACC Transit and the Athens Area Arts Council called "You, Me and the Bus." Under the guidance of the Athens Cultural Affairs Commission, ACC Transit added a new round of 13 art shelters and an additional 20 artist-designed laser cut shelters in 2020. Look out for Joni Younkins-Herzog's giant pillbug on Lexington Road and Richard Herzog's larger-than-life ginkgo leaves on North Avenue.

ATHENS CREATIVE DIRECTORY Organized by the Athens-Clarke County Economic Development Department and CREATE Athens (a division of Envision Athens), the Athens Creative Directory serves as a hub for finding and interacting with creatives working in a variety of disciplines. Visit athenscreatives.directory to search through profiles.

ATHENS MURAL ALLEY Located downtown in between Clayton and Washington streets near Classic City Cycling, the new Athens Mural Alley activates an otherwise overlooked alley into a walk-through art experience. Artists include John Ahee, Tayler Ayers, Luka Carter, Maria Elias, Elinor Saragoussi Phillips, Tori Watson and Beaux Xavier. The series joins Taylor Shaw's "ATHENS Mural," which resembles a vintage "Greetings from..." postcard and celebrates the Classic City as a musical mecca. Part of the Athens Music Walk of Fame, the mural depicts a collage of local music references embedded into the block letters: Pylon, Widespread Panic, The B-52's and more.

COBBHAM TRIANGLE PARK Occupying the slice of land nestled between Prince Avenue, Cobb and Harris streets, the Cobham Triangle Park is a neighborhood gathering spot accentuated by public art. Highlights include an entranceway designed by St. Udio, a mosaic sitting wall called "Flow" by Krysia Ara, a towering sculpture called "Spirit of Inspiration" by Harold Rittenberry, a new "Venus Flower of Love" sculpture by Steve Sweetser and granite sculptures by Stan Mullins for games of chess and ping pong. A solar-powered robot sculpture can charge phones and offers a small library of free books in its belly.

FIRE UP THE HYDRANTS A project of the Athens-Clarke County Public Utilities Department, Fire Up the Hydrants transformed 20 ordinary hydrants into functional, life-saving works of art. Spread across downtown, the hydrants were cleverly hand-painted by local artists, including Sarah Cook, Ashley Crain, Megan Reeves, Lilli Sams and Dan Smith.

HOPE Located downtown on the exterior walls of Epiphany Athens and The Rook & Pawn, David Hale's mural, "Hope," depicts barn swallows—a symbol of rebirth and hope—flying across a prismatic, rainbow-colored sky. "Hope" celebrated the 25th anniversary of the AthFest Music and Arts Festival, and replaced "BirdSong," Hale's mural of 20 species of native songbirds that was commissioned by AthFest Educates to mark the festival's 20th anniversary.

HOT CORNER: AN ATHENS LEGACY Located at the corner of Lumpkin and Washington streets, "Hot Corner: An Athens Legacy" is dedicated to the rich history of Hot Corner, a hub of African-American entrepreneurship. Organized by the Athens Cultural Affairs Commission with support from a National Endowment for the Arts grant, the mural was created by Miami-based muralist Elio Mercado and local artist Broderick Flanigan.

PROJECT GINKGO Beautifying 17 concrete bases of light poles with intricate mosaics, Krysia Ara's Project Ginkgo adds glittering charm and color into the downtown landscape. Funded by the Athens Downtown Development Authority, each design is unique and can be found outside of Flicker Theatre and Bar, The World Famous, Morton Theatre, Epiphany, Creature Comforts, Musician's Warehouse, Ciné, Chamber of Commerce, Post Office, Last Resort, Ted's Most Best and others.

RAINBOW FOREST Visible from Martin Luther King Parkway on the North Oconee River Greenway, "Rainbow Forest" is a new public art installation by Los Angeles-based designer Andrew Kovacs, who worked alongside local artist assistants Eli Saragoussi and Patrick Sprague. Supported by the Athens Cultural Affairs Commission and unveiled in August 2021, the outdoor installation consists of a grid of 36 brightly colored columns.

SCULPTURES AND MURALS Athens' most recognizable sculptures are a series of giant bulldogs painted in colorful designs. To check out more sculptures, visit Steve Sweetser's kinetic "Tree of Oneta" near the historic Southern Mill complex or Abbot Pattison's infamous "Iron Horse" on Athens Highway in Watkinsville. Popular murals include Eleanor Davis' at home.made, Dave Jenkins' at Last Resort Grill, Anthony Wislar at Creature Comforts Brewery and Michael Ross on Hawthorne Avenue. athensculturalaffairs.org

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Lyndon House Arts Center

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

Run by Athens-Clarke County, the arts center displays professional exhibitions in large, sunny galleries upstairs and down, while the Ware-Lyndon House museum offers a glimpse into Athens' past through period decor and artifacts. In addition to offering classes instructed by professional artists, summer camps and the occasional festival, the center serves as meeting grounds for local craft groups. The center also offers open studio memberships to use workspaces full of professional equipment. This year's programming spotlights painter and photographer Margo Newmark Rosenbaum, ceramicists Mark Johnson and Zuzka Vaclavik, and students attending local schools.

Madison-Morgan Cultural Center

434 S. Main St., Madison • 706-342-4743 • mmcc-arts.org

The nonprofit is outside of Athens in a beautifully restored 1895 Romanesque Revival building. Programming ranges from visual art exhibitions to performing arts, and annual events include an antiques show, chamber music festival and tour of homes. Permanent exhibitions include a 1895 schoolroom, a gallery of original furnishings from the Arts and Crafts Period, a museum of Piedmont history and a series of portraits by George Andrews aka "The Dot Man."

Milan Art Store

1687 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-395-6333 • milanartstore.com

Located in the heart of Five Points, this new family-run shop operates as the storefront and gallery space for the Milan Art Institute. In addition to all sorts of professional art supplies, the shop intends to offer demos, classes, events and other opportunities to experience art.

Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation (OCAF)

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

Centered in a renovated turn-of-the-century schoolhouse, OCAF is a nonprofit that promotes performing, visual and literary arts through a range of exhibitions and classes for all ages. Longstanding annual 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.

Porcelain and Decorative Arts Museum

2450 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-542-1244

Located at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, the Porcelain and Decorative Arts Museum opened in 2021 to showcase the personal collection of Deen Day Sanders. The state-of-the-art facility blends conservation, botanicals, art and history.

The Quiet Gallery

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

Nestled on the second floor of the Athens-Clarke County Library, the Quiet Gallery is a comfortable reading room with rotating exhibitions celebrating established local artists.

Tif Sigfrid

393 N. Finley St. • info@tifsigfrids.com • tifsigfrids.com

Owner Tif Sigfrids first relocated her gallery from Los Angeles to downtown Athens, then moved further out to Comer, and is now back in Athens as well as New York City. Exhibitions primarily showcase the works of professional contemporary artists.

tiny ATH gallery

174 Cleveland Ave. • tinyathgallery@gmail.com • tinyathgallery.com

Athens' smallest physical gallery space packs a punch with high-quality pop-up exhibitions that rotate each month. Limited-capacity opening receptions are typically held on Sunday afternoons, and private appointments can be reserved by email. The gallery is also open during the evening for Third Thursday. Upcoming local artists include Keith P. Rein, Valley StipeMaas, Peter Loose and Andrea Wellnitz.

UGA Special Collections Libraries

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

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

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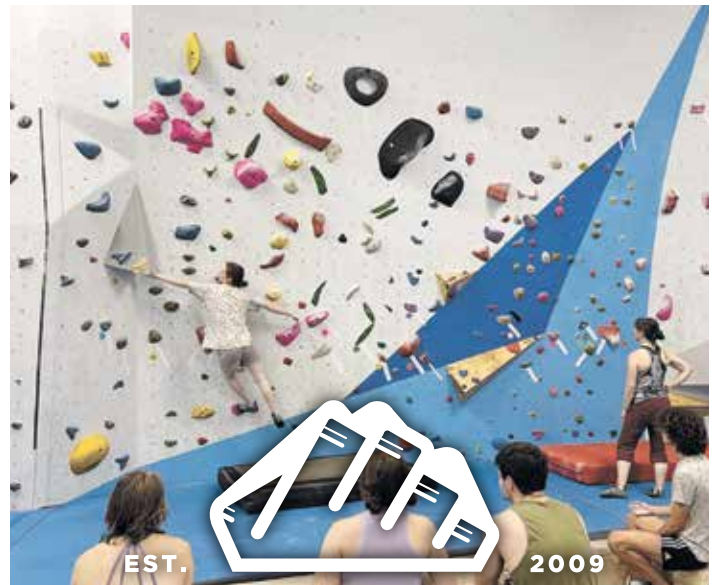
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ACTIVITIES for KIDS



Athens features more than college hang outs and townie hot spots; there are plenty of places to see and things to do for children, too. Here are some highlights and hidden gems for a variety of interests, from physical activity to mental stimulation.

GO PLAY OUTSIDE

Athens-Clarke County has more than a dozen playgrounds, each with its unique set of slides and surroundings. If you're looking for open fields instead of swings, check out the open areas around the extensive playground at Southeast Clarke Park (325 Whit Davis Road). If you're looking for a smaller neighborhood playground, check out Reese and Pope Park (375 Reese St.) or Boulevard Woods (298 Barber St.). Note that parks close a few hours each week for regular maintenance, so check out accgov.com/2550/Playgrounds for schedules and the full list of locations. For a more comprehensive list of parks, see page 16.

If you want to head into the woods, find trails and a naturalscape play area at Sandy Creek Nature Center (205 Old Commerce Road and also accessible via the Greenway). There's also the Birchmore Trail at Memorial Park (293 Gran Ellen Drive), and Ben Burton Park (615 Mitchell Bridge Road) has walking routes along the river.

Beyond county parks, there are also extensive trails at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia (2450 S. Milledge Ave.) that will take you along the North Oconee River and through restored wetlands and native grasses. And along with the specimen gardens, don't miss the Alice H. Richards Children's Garden—a must-visit for any kids in town. UGA's Oconee Forest Park (110 Lake Herrick Drive), adjacent to the intramural fields, offers a trail system around Lake Herrick. You can even bring your fishing poles.

SPEED IT UP

Lake Herrick also allows non-motorized boating, so it's a good spot to try out a canoe or kayak with the kids. Sandy Creek Park's Lake Chapman (400 Bob Holman Road) is also an option for putting in your own watercraft or renting one from the county (weather and staff permitting). Note that admission to the park is \$2/person for ages 4–64. Ben Burton Park also offers a spot to launch

your canoe or kayak.

If the kids want to take out the bikes or scooters, you have options. For gently rolling paved trails through much of downtown Athens, check out the Greenway's network. You can connect from Sandy Creek Nature Center to Dudley Park, the Firefly Trail and South Campus (accgov.com/greenway). If you haven't explored the most recently installed section of the Firefly Trail through downtown Winterville, it's worth the ride. Or take your bikes off-road at Walker Park (200 Trail Creek St.), which has several trails maintained by the local chapter of the Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association (sorbaathens.com). You can also find paved trails at Bishop Park (705 Sunset Drive), Southeast Clarke Park (the opposite side from the playground, at 4440 Lexington Road) and Memorial Park.

LEARN AROUND US

Check out the latest art exhibits at the Lyndon House Arts Center (211 Hoyt St.) throughout the year; check accgov.com/lyndonhouse for details on classes and events. The Georgia Museum of Art (90 Carlton St.) is also a prime place for getting creative, whether it's viewing the latest exhibits or watching the water work its way through the patio garden; visit georgiamuseum.org for upcoming kid-friendly events.

In addition to trails at Sandy Creek Nature Center, kids can now learn inside and out. The naturalscape play area gives kids a space to investigate while they play, and inside they can explore STEM topics such as electricity, food, planets and pollinators. It makes for a cool option on a hot afternoon. For more natural wonders, visit the animals at Memorial Park's Bear Hollow Zoo (and visit the ducks at the nearby pond—but please don't bring bread!).

The libraries in the Athens Regional Library System rotate storytime events that are both in-person and virtual. Visit www.athenslibrary.org for updates, or drop in to the Athens-Clarke County Library (2025 Baxter St.) to just experience the space and the helpful children's librarians.

To help give kids a glimpse of Athens history, drop by the Historic Athens Welcome Center (280 E. Dougherty St.) or the Ware-Lyndon House adjacent to the Lyndon House Arts Center. Both are open for self-guided tours during business hours, and the Welcome Center also offers kid-friendly scavenger hunts and online tours of other notable buildings on its Facebook page.



Dudley Park

Athens has many public parks, some of which are connected by the North Oconee River Greenway, which features several scenic miles of walking and biking paths. Amenities vary and are indicated by symbols on this page. Picnic shelters must be rented ahead of time at most parks. 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 government also has a "Park Finder" app to help match users with locations that fit their amenity selections. For a complete list of county parks and recreation areas, please visit accgov.com/parks.

Athens-Clarke County

Ben Burton Park

615 Mitchell Bridge Road • 706-613-3620

Hours: sunrise-sunset



The 32-acre in-town wildlife preserve features a hardwood forest, trails, restrooms and a picnic shelter. A boat launch and shoals provide easy access to the Middle Oconee River.

Bishop Park

705 Sunset Drive • 706-613-3589

Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset



This large Normaltown park is equipped with fields and courts for a variety of sports, a paved walking path and a pool. Programs include tennis, pickleball, gymnastics, swimming and more. Home to the Athens Farmers Market on Saturdays from March to December.

Boulevard Woods Park

298 Barber St. • 706-613-3620

Hours: sunrise-sunset



This cute pocket park in the Boulevard neighborhood has a paved walking loop, a small playground and an amphitheater.

Dudley Park

100 Dudley Park Road • 706-613-3620

Hours: sunrise-sunset



This 32-acre park is near downtown by the river

and features open fields, restrooms, an amphitheater and connections to the Firefly Trail and the North Oconee River Greenway.

Firefly Trail

Multiple entrances: East Broad Street, Dudley Park, Poplar Street, Inglewood Avenue, Old Winterville Road • 706-613-3801 • fireflytrail.com

Hours: sunrise-sunset



This 39-mile rail trail project begins in downtown Athens and extends three miles towards Winterville where an additional 1.6-mile trail section is often called the "Model Mile." The entire walking and biking trail is set to extend to Union Point along the historic Georgia Railroad corridor, and phase two of expansion (consisting of the bridge over Trail Creek/Murmur Trestle) is currently underway.

Greenway and Riverside Parks

706-613-3620

Hours: sunrise-sunset



These linear parks have over eight miles of concrete for non-motorized use. Connections include Dudley Park, Firefly Trail, Sandy Creek Nature Center and Sandy Creek Park. Please note that Cook's Trail near Sandy Creek Nature Center is prone to flooding, so checking the park website is

advised. For a complete list of trails and points of interest, please visit www.accgov.com/greenway.

Heard Park

400 McKinley Drive • 706-613-3593

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun, 2-6 p.m.



Previously named the East Athens Community Center, this facility has indoor and outdoor activities to serve everyone from kids to seniors and also includes a branch of the public library.

Holland Youth Sports Complex

250 Vincent Drive • 706-613-3991 (before 4 p.m.); 706-613-3604 (after 4 p.m.)

Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset



The 62-acre sports complex is home to Athens United soccer, Downtown Falcons football and Athens Little League baseball and softball action.

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.



Athens' only downtown park is accessible to everybody looking to get active, both indoors and out with activities like tennis, pickleball, pétanque, swimming in the outdoor pool and more.

Memorial Park

293 Gran Ellen Drive • 706-613-3580

Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset



This popular 72-acre park in the heart of Five Points is home to Bear Hollow Zoo (open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.), trails, a dog park, a playground, a duck-filled

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pond and a public pool, as well as Athens Creative Theatre.

Reese & Pope Park

375 Reese St. • 706-613-3801

Hours: sunrise-sunset

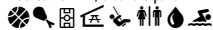


This is a small neighborhood park with basketball courts, a picnic shelter and a playground.

Rocksprings Community Center & Park

291 Henderson Ext. • 706-613-3602

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

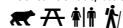


This multipurpose park has something for everyone, including a pirate-ship playground, pool and splash pad.

Sandy Creek Nature Center

205 Old Commerce Road • 706-613-3615

Hours: Tue-Sat, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.



See snakes and other live critters up close. Features 225 acres of woodlands and wetlands, with over four miles of trails (including an ADA interpretive trail) plus an exhibit hall, planetarium and gift shop. Discover a 19th Century log house and the ruins of a century-old brick factory. The Nature Playscape invites visitors to explore and be as adventurous in nature as possible. Please note that dogs, bikes, skates, skateboards and scooters are not allowed in the playscape.

Sandy Creek Park

400 Bob Holman Road • 706-613-3631

Hours: Tue-Sun., 8 a.m.-6 p.m.



The county's largest park (782 acres total) surrounds picturesque Lake Chapman featuring a beach, dog parks (one public and five private) and trails. Enjoy disc golf, picnicking, boating and fishing. The park is open mostly from sunrise to sunset but changes depending on the time of the year.

Satterfield Park

2950 Cherokee Road • 706-613-3991

Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset



A community park with a playground, athletic fields for baseball/softball, courts for tennis/pickleball and a picnic area. Satterfield is also home to the East Athens Little League.

SORBA Mountain Bike Loop and Skill Park

100 Newton Bridge Road • sorbaathens.org

Hours: sunrise-sunset

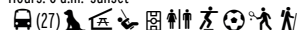


A newly-opened course on the property of General Time Athens, built by MTB Atlanta and maintained by SORBA Athens volunteers. The space features a wooden skills course (teeter totter, small rollers, etc.) and a ¼-of-a-mile trail loop with small rock features that can be bypassed. Helmets are required and motorized vehicles are not permitted.

Southeast Clarke Park

4440 Lexington Road • 706-613-3991

Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset



Home to World of Wonder, this 135-acre park is home to the largest play area in the park system and features two playgrounds, three dog parks and

pickleball courts. Also the Skate Park of Athens, with a series of concrete ramps, bowls and rails.

Tennis Center

4460 Lexington Road • 706-613-3991

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun, 1-6 p.m.

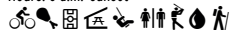


This center offers year-round usage for open play, leagues, instructional programs, clinics and tournaments and includes 12 lighted, hard-surface courts with viewing and staging areas. There's also a covered pavilion, restrooms and office and meeting facilities. The center is staffed seven days a week according to hours of operation, but courts open daily at 8 a.m. (Hours may be affected by the weather.)

Walker Park

200 Trail Creek St. • 706-613-3991

Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset



A sprawling, 113-acre park just minutes from downtown, Walker Park has a fitness zone, an ADA accessible playground, a popular splash pad for kids, soccer fields and mountain bike trails.

UGA Parks

Legion Pool

830 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-542-8235 • tate.uga.edu/legion-pool

Hours: late May through July, 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; beginning of August, 3-7 p.m.



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

Oconee Forest Park

College Station Road at Alumni Drive • 706-542-4287 • warnell.uga.edu/oconee-forest-park

Hours: dawn-dusk



This 60-acre park with hiking trails sits behind the UGA intramural fields, preserving a 100-year-old forest and its wildlife around Lake Herrick.

State Botanical Garden of Georgia

2450 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-542-1244 • botgarden.uga.edu

Hours: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.



Admire beautiful and diverse gardens and explore nature trails, but no dogs. The grounds include a visitors center with a conservatory and café and a new Porcelain and Decorative Arts Museum (with an elevator from the parking area down to the visitors center). The Alice H. Richards Children's Garden is a hands-on, kid-centric wonderland. Some garden facilities, such as the lovely Day Chapel in the woods, are available for rental.

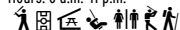
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Bogart Sports Complex

200 S. Burson Ave., Bogart • 706-769-3965

Hours: 5 a.m.-11 p.m.

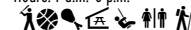


This 33-acre park behind the Bogart Library has lighted ballfields, multipurpose fields, a picnic pavilion, a playground and a half-mile paved walking trail.

Harris Shoals Park

Harris Shoals Drive, Watkinsville • 706-769-5161

Hours: 7 a.m.-8 p.m.



This small park has picnic tables, walking trails, horseshoes, shoals and a baseball field. There are also three pavilions available to rent.

Heritage Park

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

Hours: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

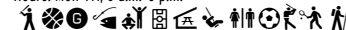


The 364-acre park bordering the Apalachee River boasts miles of hiking, biking and horse-riding trails as well as an open-air arena that hosts special events.

Herman C. Michael Park

1051 Elder Road, Bishop • 706-769-3965

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

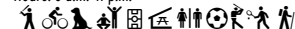


This 37-acre park has lighted courts and fields, a gymnasium, a playground, a free disc golf course and a 1.25-mile paved walking trail.

Oconee Veterans Park

3500A Hog Mountain Road, Watkinsville • 706-769-3965

Hours: 5 a.m.-11 p.m.



This 197-acre park contains walking trails, tennis courts and multipurpose fields outside and a community center with a gym and track inside.

City of Winterville

Pittard Park and Pavilion

Parkview and Church streets • 706-742-8600 • cityofwinterville.jiggy.com/pittard-park

Hours: sunrise-sunset



This park has a pavilion, playgrounds and metal art by Beverly Babb. It hosts the Winterville Mari-gold Festival every spring. When renting the pavilion for events, hours of operation are April-Dec., 8 a.m.-10 p.m.

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.



The park surrounds a lake for swimming, fishing and boating. It features a 1792 log fort and campsites, including yurts and cabins. Five-dollar parking with annual passes is available for purchase. Some social distancing measures may still apply when visiting.

Watson Mill Bridge State Park

650 Watson Mill Road, Comer • 706-783-5349 • gastateparks.org/watsonmillbridge

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



This picturesque park a short drive from Athens contains the longest covered bridge in the state, as well as log cabins, campsites, horse-riding trails and a river perfect for wading. Five-dollar parking with annual passes is available for purchase. Some social distancing measures may still apply when visiting.

ATHENS MUSIC



10 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT ATHENS MUSIC

1. IT'S (NOT) ONLY ROCK AND ROLL

Athens is known for its contributions to the rock and roll canon—our lil' town birthed R.E.M., the B-52s, Pylon, Widespread Panic, Neutral Milk Hotel, of Montreal and Drive-By Truckers, among others—but there's a lot more going on locally. Hip hop continues to boom, and the Latinx scene is hot, too. Roots music, including country and Americana, can be found just about everywhere, as can experimental and genre-defying acts.

2. MUSIC VENUES RANGE IN SIZE AND FOCUS

Though the live entertainment industry has been severely impacted by the pandemic, Athens is still home to a remarkably high number of music venues, given its population size. The best bets for catching major touring acts have always been the 40 Watt Club and Georgia Theatre, while Southern Brewing Company, Flicker Theatre & Bar, Hendershot's Coffee Bar, Nowhere Bar and The World Famous are good choices for catching local bands any night of the week.

3. FESTIVALS HAPPEN YEAR-ROUND

While the pandemic threw a wrench into many yearly traditions, most festivals carried on with modifications and have since returned to their in-person formats. In fall, the North Georgia Folk Festival livens Sandy Creek Park, LatinxFest fills downtown with performances, Historic Athens PorchFest takes over neighborhoods and the Wild Rumpus Parade & Spectacle is a Halloween-time hoot. Spring stays busy between BreastFest and the International Street Festival. The hip hop-centric Hot Corner Celebration takes place in early summer, followed by Athens' flagship event, the AthFest Music and Arts Festival.

4. IT'S KID-FRIENDLY

As more Athenians start families, there's been an increased focus on kid-centric music and music education. The leader of the pack is Nuçi's Space, a resource center that offers health services to musicians, plus rehearsal rooms and Camp Amped, where local youth learn to start their own bands. We Rock Athens operates a similar program for female and nonbinary kiddos, while Full Moon Studio serves nearby Watkinsville with summer camps and biannual "rockcitals."

5. THERE'S AN ATHENS MUSIC WALK OF FAME

The Athens Music Walk of Fame debuted in 2020 to honor the movers and shakers who helped place our town on the map as a musical destination, and new inductees are added every year. The walk recognizes honorees with bronze plaques that are embedded along a route that passes notable music venues. An interactive mobile app offers sights and sounds associated with each honoree.

6. TUNE IN TO TURN ON

You can hear local music all over the airwaves, starting with WUOG 90.5 FM, UGA's student-run station that broadcasts "Live in the Lobby" performances every Tuesday and Thursday. This year marks WUOG's 50th anniversary. University-chartered NPR affiliate WUGA 91.7 and 94.5 FM airs "Sound of Athens" and "New South Showcase," segments of live concert recordings.

7. SEE ATHENS ON THE SCREEN

Tony Gayton's 1987 documentary *Athens, GA: Inside/Out* is essential viewing for any aspiring local music buff for its interviews and live footage from the mid-'80s scene. Released in 2021, *Red Turns Into Blue: Athens/Inside-Out 2: Red Turns Into Blue* follows up over 30 years later. For another glimpse into today's cultural landscape, check out local filmmaker James Preston's pair of documentaries *Athens Rising: The Sicyon Project* and *Athens Rising 2: Transmittance* (both free at athensrising.com), which compile vignettes of DIY house shows, festivals, performance art, comedy, restaurants and other interesting local organizations and independent businesses.

8. IT'S A RECORDING DESTINATION

Behind the tremendous number of albums churned out by up-and-coming artists each year are the recording studios in and around Athens that perfect and preserve their work. Chase Park Transduction, The Glow Recording Studio, Pighpen Studios, Full Moon Studio and several others stay busy year-round. Tweed Recording Audio Production School, a world-class facility located downtown, aims to train the next generation of audio professionals.

9. THERE'S CULTURE ON CAMPUS

Though its sheer size and a lack of effective town-gown communication can make the university seem intimidating to newcomers, its cultural programming is open to the public and worth taking advantage of. The Performing Arts Center brings in acclaimed classical and world-music artists, with the 2022–23 season including Complexions Contemporary Ballet, Villalobos Brothers, Soweto Gospel Choir, Lviv National Philharmonic Orchestra of Ukraine and Yamato.

10. FLAGPOLE HAS YOU COVERED

Trust us when we say that *Flagpole* is your No. 1 source for all things Athens music, from the weekly print edition and comprehensive events calendar to our online premieres, photo galleries, live reviews and beyond. Covering local music was our founding mission, and it remains an integral part of who we are at *Flagpole* and what we do.

MUSIC VENUES

40 Watt Club

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

The world-renowned 40 Watt has been an Athens institution since 1978. Touring artists and locals share its hallowed stage.

Athentic Brewing

108 Park Ave. • 706-850-6252 • authenticbrewing.com

The patio of this Normaltown neighborhood brewery is a perfect spot for catching a singer-songwriter, country act or hip-hop showcase.

Boar's Head Lounge

260 E. Washington St. • 706-369-3040 • instagram.com/boarsheadlounge

Country or cover bands can usually be found on busy weekends.

Buvez

585 Barber St. • 706-850-0172 • facebook.com/buvezathens

Located in the Boulevard neighborhood, this tucked away café frequently hosts local indie, pop and electronic acts.

The Classic Center

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

The theater, Grand Hall and 440 Foundry Pavilion host big-ticket touring acts.

Flicker Theatre & Bar

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

Hear a selection of folk, indie, experimental, punk and more in the spiffed-up side room.

Georgia Theatre

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

Owned by Live Nation and booked by Zero Mile, this is the downtown spot for trendy touring acts. The rooftop bar also features live music and DJs during warmer months.

The Globe

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

After a two-year-long closure, The Globe is back open and easing into hosting shows in its upstairs space again.

Hendershot's Coffee Bar

237 Prince Ave. • 706-353-3050 • hendershotsathens.com

A welcoming java joint and pub known for evening shows, open mic nights and more.

The Lewis Room

131 E. Clayton St. • 706-204-9144 • facebook.com/thelewisroom

Operated by Tweed Recording, the Lewis Room offers a state-of-the-art space to host touring musicians.

Little Kings Shuffle Club

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

This historic space with a great patio occasionally hosts salsa nights, punk shows and dance parties.

Live Wire

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

A state-of-the-art space that hosts weddings and other special events, but also books live concerts.

Morton Theatre

195 W. Washington St. • 706-613-3770 • mortontheatre.com

Built in 1910, the historic building carries on Hot Corner's legacy with gospel and soul.

Nowhere Bar

240 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-546-4742 • nowherebarlive.com

Frequent local talent with a focus on blues, funk and rock.

Rabbit Hole Studios

1001 Winterville Rd. • 762-499-4182 • rabbitolestudios.org

In addition to offering space for recording, rehearsals and events, this community center hosts shows, solstice celebrations and open jams.

Rialto Club

500 College Ave. • 706-546-0430 • indigoathens.live

Located on the ground level of Hotel Indigo, this upscale space hosts wedding receptions, meetings and concerts.

The Root

1235 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-395-6278 • therootathens.com

Located below The Pine, this Five Points neighborhood basement bar now hosts live music.

Southern Brewing Company

231 Collins Industrial Blvd. • 706-548-7183 • sobrewco.com

With its large outdoor stage, Southern Brewing has taken the lead in hosting socially distanced concerts ranging from indie, pop, Americana, singer-songwriters and everything in between.

Terrapin Beer Co.

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

Terrapin's separately ticketed space, with state-of-the-art sound and lighting, showcases country, folk, jam, rock and more.

UGA Performing Arts Center

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

Classical performances from students and faculty, plus celebrated symphonies, world music and more.

VFW Post 2872

835 Sunset Dr. • 706-543-5940 • facebook.com/vfwpost2872

This space near Bishop Park hosts a variety of events, including live music from country and rock bands, karaoke and Rabbit Box Storytelling.

The Warehouse

346 E. Broad St. • thewarehouseathens.com

A large capacity venue with singer-songwriters, Southern rock bands and country acts.

The World Famous

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

A tiny room with a ton of character, featuring hip hop, indie, dance music and beyond.



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Athens is emerging as a true craft beer destination and is now home to six local breweries offering a huge variety of microbrews. If you'd like to sample their work, you can check out their tasting rooms on-site or you can purchase cans or crows (aluminum growlers) to go. Native brews are available in bars and restaurants across town, and there's also the Classic City Brew Fest on Oct. 1, which brings beer lovers into Athens from all over.

Akademia Brewing Company

150 Crane Dr. • 678-726-2288 • akademiabc.com

Unique among Athens' local breweries, Akademia sports a full food menu seven days a week, including brunch. Located on Atlanta Highway near the mall, Akademia has ample space to spread out, both outside on its expansive patio and inside in a large, rentable event space capable of seating 100 people. If you're in a hurry, they've got crows to go, which you can fill up with anything on tap to enjoy later. Their beer selection is as diverse as ever, ranging from dark and bold with coffee stouts, winter warmers and barleywine brews, to light and refreshing with pale ales, fruited goses, lagers and pilsners—and standbys like IQ, their flagship IPA.

Athentic Brewing Company

108 Park Ave. • 706-206-2074 • athenticbrewing.com

One of Athens' newest breweries, Authentic is located in the historic Boulevard neighborhood. Designed from the beginning as a music venue, Authentic regularly hosts live music on its spacious patio and indoor stage along with other performances like drag shows and activities like trivia. Depending on availability, you'll be able to pick from a variety of brews, including Escape Button, a tropical IPA, Floodgate, a Japanese rice lager, and Upright Hermit, a dry stout. They were the first brewery in Athens to create a line of hard seltzers and regularly offer a variety of seltzer slushies.

Creature Comforts Brewing Company

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

If you're a beer connoisseur in Athens, you already know that Creature Comforts has a convenient downtown location, a spacious and delightful patio and some of the best beer in town, including their ever-popular Tropicália IPA and Classic City Lager. The brewery also hosts food trucks, along with art, music and the Athens Farmers Market every

Wednesday from July through November. They also have a large selection of special offerings and limited releases sold in bottles.

Normaltown Brewing Company

149 Oneta St. • 706-850-8996 • facebook.com/Normaltownbrewingco

Nestled in a cozy corner of the Chase Street Warehouses in between Oneta and Tracy streets, Normaltown Brewing is the smallest of Athens' microbreweries. They've expanded to seven taps and continuously rotate their selections, so new beers will come available often. When visiting, you can expect a sour from their Sun Tan series to be on tap along with a hazy, New England-style IPA such as Summon the Fog. They'll also keep a stout and a lower-ABV beer like a blonde or pilsner on tap for you to enjoy. You can sample these brews on-site or take anything they've got home with you in a crowler.

Southern Brewing Company

231 Collins Industrial Blvd. • 706-548-7183 • sobrewco.com

Most know Southern Brewing for its wide selection of delicious craft beers, including old favorites like Hobnail IPA, the Red and Black fruited sour and Midnight Train porter, but did you know it's also a music venue? Head out to their five-acre yard and large, open-air warehouse to catch live performances or just relax at the bar. You might be glad to learn that 7AM, Southern's light, American-style lager brewed with lime, will now be available year-round. If you prefer darker beers, you can't go wrong with Moon Eyes imperial stout which is served up in different varieties, like cookies and cream or peanut butter, throughout the year.

Terrapin Beer Company

265 Newton Bridge Road • 706-549-3377 • terrapinbeer.com

In a warehouse on Newton Bridge Road with an indoor tasting room and a huge lawn, Athens' OG brewery hosts live music regularly and lots of annual events, weather permitting. Can you believe that in spring of 2022 Terrapin celebrated their 20th anniversary of making beer in Athens? Sample old favorites like the sessionable Recreation Ale, Hopsecutioner IPA or Wake-n-Bake coffee oatmeal stout. They've also got a large variety of new offerings including Depth Perception imperial IPA, Los Bravos Mexican-style lager and a Watermelon Gose sour, most of which are available in cans to take home with you. Here's to 20 more years!

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RESTAURANT & BAR LISTINGS

1000 Faces Coffee

510 N. Thomas St. • 706-534-8860

1000facescoffee.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses. **FEATURES:** Counter service, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Seven days. • Fancy but simple coffee roasted in the same building for maximum freshness and ideally prepared as pour-over. Also: tea, other drinks, bags of coffee, coffee accessories and light snacks. Coffees on offer change out frequently. \$

The 11th Pin

555 Macon Hwy. • 706-548-1028

11thpinathens.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, catering, counter service, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Standard bowling alley food inside Showtime Bowl (chicken fingers, fries, pretzels, wings, pizza) but slightly nicer than average. Beers by the bucket include local and craft brews, or you can do hard seltzers in bulk. \$

1785 Bar & Grill

420 E. Clayton St. • 443-579-5566

1785athens.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs. • Big college bar that gets its name from the year UGA was chartered. Also serves food (burgers, wings, tacos, nachos, loaded fries, salads), which means it's open Sundays. Margarita towers, pitchers of domestics. Poker Mondays, Taco Tuesdays, Wing Wednesdays. \$

9d's Bar Plus

400 Clayton St. • 706-461-0268

facebook.com/9dsbar

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs/live music. • College kids sweat it out on the dance floor to (mostly) '90s jams. Buy a tallboy, shot or mixed drink for dancing fuel. Also: Zima to go with the theme. \$

Add Drug Store

1695 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-548-2239

add-drugstore.com/lunch-counter

FILE UNDER: American. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. **FEATURES:** Counter service. • Opened in 1961, this soda fountain and lunch counter inside a Five Points pharmacy hasn't changed much since then. Grab a stool and watch the cooks make your fries and bitty burgers. Real cherry and vanilla sodas, plus malts, milkshakes and floats. A serious bargain. \$

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. • A mix of Americanized Mexican and more authentic stuff, which means it pleases everyone. Family atmosphere. Normaltown location has a gorgeous rooftop bar with a mural and nice views. The restaurant's La Carreta food truck continues to pop up around town, including at breweries, and has great birria tacos. \$\$

Ahi Hibachi & Poke

489 E. Clayton St. • 706-543-8898

ahihibachi.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • It's not fancy, but its poke is right on, with loads of topping choices (raw and cooked). Vegetarian options, hibachi, fried rice, noodles and basic soups and salads. \$\$

Akademia Brewing Co.

150 Crane Dr. • 678-726-2288

akademiabc.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music, trivia. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Brunch. • Unlike most breweries, this one has a full restaurant of its own as well as a really wide variety of brews, from a pineapple grodziskie to super-hoppy IPAs. Beer (available in flights) is featured in many dishes, like fancy fries topped with pork shoulder and ale cheese. Also: flatbreads, burgers, bangers and mash, salads, biscuits + beer at brunch. Cocktails, wine, shots and cider, too. \$\$\$

The Alley

2451 Jefferson Road • 706-850-5040

thealleyathensga.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Beer, full bar, live music, trivia. **HOURS:** Mon-Sat. • New bar that was once a bowling alley in Homewood Hills and will be again soon. For now, it's mixing drinks and scheduling live music. \$\$

Allgood Lounge

256 E. Clayton St. • 706-549-0166

allgoodlounge.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **HOURS:** Opens earlier than most bars. • Two floors plus a rooftop tiki bar and TVs. Hundreds of drink options, including a build-your-own bloody mary bar. Twenty rotating beers, 55 whiskeys, 18 tequilas and over 200 bottled beers, one of the best selections in town. \$

Alumni Cookie Dough

480 N. Thomas St. • 762-400-2634

alumnicookedough.com

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream, Something Different. • Cookie dough specially formulated to be safe to eat raw, available in many flavors. Jittery Joe's coffee, milkshakes (with cookie dough), ice cream sundaes and toppings. Some gluten-free and sugar-free choices. You can also take its product home and bake it if you want some crunch. \$

Amici

233 E. Clayton St. • 706-353-0000

8851 Macon Hwy. • 706-850-1027

amici-cafe.com

FILE UNDER: Pizza, Bars. **FEATURES:** Trivia, catering, outside

seating, art, take-out, delivery, full bar, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Two options are nearby for this small chain: downtown Athens and on Macon Highway in the Falls of Oconee shopping center. Wings and pizza, with a wide variety of toppings, plus sandwiches, pasta, salads and soup. Good craft brews. \$\$

Andy's Frozen Custard

2180 W. Broad St. • 762-356-4330

eatandys.com

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream and Smoothies. **FEATURES:** Take-out, drive-thru, counter service. **HOURS:** Seven days, open until 11:30 p.m. or 12 a.m. \$

Another Broken Egg Cafe

2375 W. Broad St.

anotherbrokenegg.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Breakfast, vegetarian friendly, full bar, catering. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, seven days. • Mostly breakfast (eggs, pancakes, biscuits, French toast) with a few lunchier things (club sandwich, burger, salads) and a whole bunch of cocktails like spiked coffee and mimosas from this national franchise opening soon in Athens. \$\$

ARTini's Art Lounge

337 Prince Ave. • 706-353-8530

artinisartlounge.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars. **FEATURES:** Art classes, parking. • Local in-town paint-and-sip with beer and wine, plus nonalcoholic beverages if you need to concentrate on your sunset masterpiece. Open studio time if you don't want a structured class. To-go kits for private parties in your own space. \$

Athens Bagel Co.

268 N. Jackson St. • 706-543-5001

athensbagel.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. • Excellent bagels boiled and baked in-house in a wide variety of flavors. Should be reopening after major renovations this fall (cross your fingers). \$

Athens Cooks

100 Prince Ave., Ste. 103 • 706-623-3373

facebook.com/athenscooksga

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Catering, wine. • This serious cooks' store should be open in the fall sometime, with cooking, baking and serving ware, charcuterie supplies, classes, camps for kids and a small cafe with coffee and pastries. \$\$

Athens Pizza

2095 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-850-9292

pizzaathens.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. **FEATURES:** Take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Locally owned pizza place with a wide variety of toppings, plus pasta (baked ziti, lasagna), subs, wings, calzones, salads and meatballs à la carte. Lots of desserts, including baklava. \$\$

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

Athens Wok

493 E. Clayton St. • 706-850-2695
athenswokga.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Take-out, delivery, beer and wine. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Informal place focusing on quick-sauteed Thai, Chinese, Korean and Japanese dishes. The Thai curries are a highlight, but everything is fast and tasty. \$

Athentic Brewing Company

108 Park Ave. • 706-850-6252
authenticbrewing.com

FILE UNDER: Breweries. **FEATURES:** Beer, live music, comedy, trivia. • Small brewery with lots of offerings in the historic Boulevard neighborhood. Sixteen different taps, changing often, with sours, pilsners, wheat beers, ales, stouts, hard seltzer and more, plus a big patio that hosts events and food pop-ups (including by Homero Elizalde, yum!). \$

Automatic Pizza

1397 Prince Ave. • 706-850-2037
autopizzaathens.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, counter service, delivery, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Large slices of New York-style pizza made in pans brushed with garlic oil, plus delicious but not giant subs, salads and cannoli all with quality ingredients. Vegan-friendly plus gluten-free options. \$\$

B&B Theatres

1570 Lexington Road • 762-216-5051
bbtheatres.com/athens-12/theatre-info

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Burgers, chicken, flatbreads, hot dogs, funnel cake fries and the like, available for munching while you watch a movie. Pepsi products, but also a full bar. \$\$

Bad Moon

246 E. Clayton St.
instagram.com/badmoonbar

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. • Instagrammable, with lots of neon, disco balls and a light-up dance floor, '90s music, karaoke. Choose from domestic and local standbys, or order a house specialty like the disco lemonade, jello shots or 1.5-gallon Moscow mule. \$

Bar South

104 E. Washington St.
instagram.com/barsouthathensga

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, live music. • Roomy bar beloved by Barstool Sports

with TVs, pool tables, darts and foosball. Beer and mixed drinks across a wide range of taste and budget. Pool tournaments. \$

The Bar-B-Que Shack

4320 Lexington Road • 706-613-6752
facebook.com/bbqshackathens

FILE UNDER: BBQ. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Thu-Sat. • Old-school barbecue, with chicken, pork and rib plates served with coleslaw, stew, chips and bread, which is all you need. Famous banana pudding for dessert but also cake and pie. Drive-thru only. \$\$

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. • 706-705-1228
680 N. Hwy. 29 • 706-543-5299
1180 Prince Ave. • 706-850-1701
45 Baxter St. (UGA Tate Student Center)
barberitos.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer (Clayton St.), catering, outside seating, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Locally owned burrito chain has expanded throughout the Southeast but remains Athens-y. Serves health-oriented Mexican-ish fare, highlighting low-fat options. Everything is customizable to your taste/dietary needs: burritos, quesadillas, fajitas, tacos, nachos and salads, lots of veggies; vegetarian and vegan options. \$

Bee's Knees Bakery & Gifts

1850 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-353-3633
beeskneesbakeryandgifts.com

FILE UNDER: Bakeries, Sandwiches, Delivery. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service. • Cute independent bakery does cupcakes, custom cakes, cookies, cake pops, gooey bars and box lunches with a sandwich, cheese straws and a cupcake. \$

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. \$\$

Ben & Jerry's Scoop Shop

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

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream and Smoothies. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, counter service. **HOURS:** Seven days. \$

Big City Bread Cafe

393 N. Finley Street • 706-353-0029
bigcitybreadcafe.com

FILE UNDER: Bakeries, Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, catering, counter service, outside seating, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. • Long-time Athens favorite has a great patio popular with dogs and kids. The menu is French-ish and the bread is baked in-house. Biscuits, French toast, continental



breakfast, omelets, great sandwiches, quiche, soups, salads, burgers (beef or veggie), small but good selection of beer and wine. Baked goods galore, including for special order. \$\$

Billy Meadow's Station

6729 Hwy. 72 • 706-788-3517

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Take-out, counter service, cash only (ATM available). • Old-school hot doggerly in the country makes a steamed dog with coleslaw on a toasted bun like no other. Also grilled cheese, corned beef and chicken salad. \$

Birrieria & Taqueria Jalisco

494 Broad St. • 678-767-2912
birriadejalisco.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Tacos, grilled meats and Mexican standards, but the real attraction is the birria, a meaty stew highlighting goat or lamb, darkly spicy with ancho chiles. Goat and lamb cooked similarly can also make for good taco fillings or sope toppings. Pendergrass location, too. \$

Biscuit Basket

723 Boulevard • 706-548-3412

FILE UNDER: Downhome. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. • New name and new sign but not much else new at this counter inside a neighborhood convenience store. Fat biscuits with sausage, ham, eggs, tenderloin, cheese, gravy and more. Grits, eggs or hashbrowns on the side. Lunch items rotate and include corn dogs, chicken fingers, pork chops and fish on Fridays. \$

Bitty and Beau's Coffee

1540 Lumpkin St. • 678-361-8184
bittyandbeauscoffee.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses. **HOURS:** Seven days. **FEATURES:** Wi-Fi. • This coffee shop out of Wilmington, NC, employs people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and

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Blazer's-N-Hull

1462 Glenn Carrie Road • 706-208-0705

blazers-n-hull.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Take-out, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Wings and chicken fingers to go, with 13 different sauces. Also: burgers, corn dogs, meaty salads, onion rings, fries and fried apple pies. Other locations are in Statham, Lexington, Commerce, Elberton, Hartwell and Royston. Online ordering. \$

Blind Pig Tavern

312 E. Washington St. • 706-548-3442

2440 W. Broad St. • 706-208-7979

2301 College Station Road • 706-850-4919

22 N. Main St., Watkinsville • 706-310-4450

blindpigtavern.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:** Catering, outside seating, trivia, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. • Long-time Athens sports bar has a big menu including vegetarian choices. Beer on tap and in bottles. Standard cocktails plus a bloody mary bar on Saturday and Sunday. \$\$

Blue Sky

247 E. Broad St. • 706-850-3153

blueskyathens.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. • Cozy bar on the second story of a historic building, for students and townies with a nice view and a rooftop patio. Big drink selection: 300+ craft beers, 100+ scotches, a wide selection of whiskeys and wine from all over. \$

Boar's Head Lounge

260 E. Washington St. • 706-369-3040

instagram.com/boarsheadlounge

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music, outside seating. • Big, divey, multi-level student bar. Pool, beer pong, popcorn machines and more inside. Live music outside every Thursday and on game days. Regular specials on already inexpensive drafts and wells. \$

Bourbon Street

333 E. Broad St. • 706-369-1313

https://www.instagram.com/bourbonstreetathens/

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. • College bar encourages you to chug through Power Hour and party New Orleans-style all night. Pool upstairs. Cheap beer, nightly specials and liquor drinks, including hurricanes and fishbowls. \$

Brett's Casual American Restaurant

3190 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-850-1395

brettscausalamerican.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, curbside pick-up, catering, outside seating, delivery, take-out, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Family-oriented restaurant with a huge menu, great deals on kids meals and something for everyone, including celiac folks. Big salads, fried apps, tacos, burgers, grilled seafood and more. \$\$

Bruster's Real Ice Cream

1029 Parkway Pl. • 706-850-1249

brusters.com

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream and Smoothies. **FEATURES:** Catering, drive-thru. \$

Bubble Café

247 E. Broad St. • 706-355-3002

bubblecafeathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering,

counter service, take-out, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Bubble tea, of course, in a wide variety of flavors (almond milk for the lactose intolerant; milk teas, fruit teas, smoothies, cloud cream, matcha), but also snacks, dumplings, good soups, rice and poke bowls and more, all in an Instagrammable interior. Good vegetarian options. \$

Buddha Bar

431 E. Broad St. • 404-271-8440

instagram.com/buddha_athens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar. • Less zen, more sake bombs that involve pounding on the table to make the shot fall into the drink. Skee-Ball in the back, lychee martinis, shots and beer. Lots of sports. \$

Bulldawg Pizza, Wings & More

2026 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-355-3294

bulldawgpizza.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Counter service, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night. • Some of the biggest pizzas in town, plus wings, hot and cold subs, calzones, fried apps, pasta, salads, breadsticks and dessert. Open as late as 2:45 a.m. \$\$

Bulldog Bistro

1197 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-338-8781

hotel.uga.edu/dining-in-athens/bulldog-bistro

FILE UNDER: American, Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Take-out, outside seating, full bar. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner. • This restaurant inside UGA's Georgia Center does a wide variety of dishes throughout most of the day, including some grab-and-go stuff and made-to-order breakfast. Bar snacks, Savannah Room favorites like celestial chicken, Thai chicken salad, burgers and more. \$

Butt Hutt BBQ

480 Macon Hwy. • 706-850-8511

butthuttathens.com

FILE UNDER: BBQ. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music, catering, outside seating, delivery, trivia, karaoke. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • The rare barbecue place that has both good smoked meats (especially pork and ribs) and a full bar. Sides like chicken mull, corn nuggets, fried okra, meat skins and a meaty potato salad are legit. Desserts are well thought of. Kids menu. \$\$

Buvez

585 Barber St. • 706-850-0172

facebook.com/buvezathens

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Bars, Sandwiches. **FEATURES:** Full bar, counter service, outside seating, Wi-Fi, comedy, live music. • Boo-vay, not booves. European-style cafe with a light menu (pre-made sandwiches, pastries, snacks at \$1 a scoop, snoballs, including boozy ones) and a lot of different beverages: coffee, tea, cool sodas, craft cocktails, wine, beer and aperitifs. Popular with kids. \$

Cabin Creek BBQ

199 Memorial Dr. • 706-757-2267

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FILE UNDER: BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Worth the drive a bit outside of Athens to Nicholson for some of the best barbecue around. Also: chicken mull, Sunday buffet with Southern standards and cobbler for dessert. Holiday specials. \$\$

The Café on Lumpkin

1700 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-215-9240

thecafeonlumpkin.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Take-out, outside seating, beer and wine, catering, counter service.

HOURS: Breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea. • Breakfast until late afternoon, with pastries, burritos, sandwiches, good baked things; classic sandwiches, soups and salads at lunch; several different types of proper tea service 3–5 p.m. (by reservation) with scones, clotted cream, tea sandwiches; and then snacks and light drinks in the early evening. Wide selection of teas. \$\$

Cafe Racer Coffee + Donuts

3 Arnoldsville Road • 706-899-0210

2343 W. Broad St.

caferacer78.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru. **HOURS:** Breakfast and occasional dinner. • This itty-bitty drive-up donut stand outside Athens does intense donuts, real good coffee, biscuits piled with good ingredients, breakfast tacos and, occasionally, smashburgers and 100% perfect fries. Watch its social media for details on specials and changes to hours. Athens location coming in 2022. \$

Cali 'N' Tito's

1254 Cedar Shoals Dr. • 706-355-7087

1427 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-227-9979

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FILE UNDER: Mexican and Latin American. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, beer, wine and margaritas (Eastside), delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Both locations of this Athens original do Latin American food with a Peruvian influence: lomo saltado, big sandwiches, plantains (sweet and savory), yuca, tacu tacu (rice and beans topped with eggs) and much more. Lots of veggie choices. Eastside location is bigger and full of quarter-operated kiddie rides. Lumpkin has a small fee to BYOB. Westside location is in the works. \$\$

Carrabba's Italian Grill

3194 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-546-9938

carrabbas.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. **FEATURES:** Full bar, curbside pick-up. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. \$\$\$

The Carriage House of Athens

3755 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-546-0385

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FILE UNDER: Downhome. **FEATURES:** Buffet, catering, take-out. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner. • All-you-can-eat Southern-style cooking off the buffet, featuring Fish Fridays and Pasta Thursdays. Lots of dessert choices. \$\$

Catch 22 Gastropub

1021 Parkway Blvd. • 706-549-6333

catch22gp.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • This hashtag-happy gastropub welcomes "thirst seekers, hopgazers, palate pushers" and plays fast and loose with flavors like sriracha and blue cheese. Good beer selection, regular specials, street tacos, lots of fusion and a food truck that pops up at bars and breweries. \$\$

Cava Mediterranean

145 Alps Road • 706-715-5481

cava.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Take-out, curbside pick-up, vegetarian friendly, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

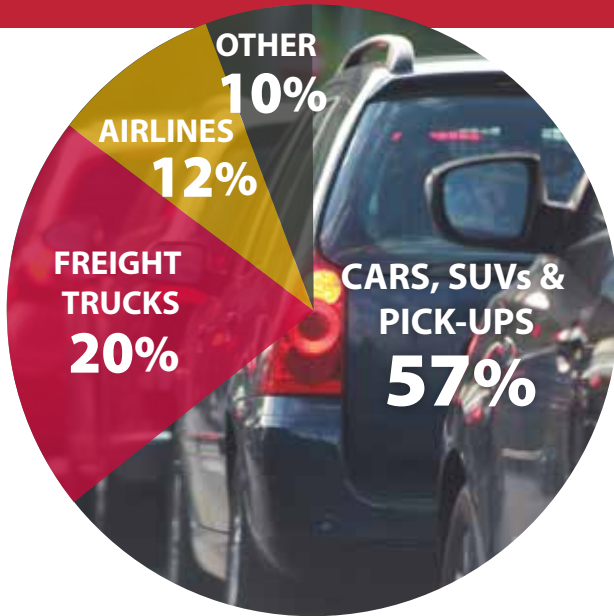
Cecilia's Cake Shop

610 N. Milledge Ave. • 706-543-3308

ceciliascakeshop.com

FILE UNDER: Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Catering. • Long-time Athens bakery now under new ownership. Cupcakes and cookies for quick pick-up. Cakes made to order, including for special occasions like weddings and birthdays. Popular fla-

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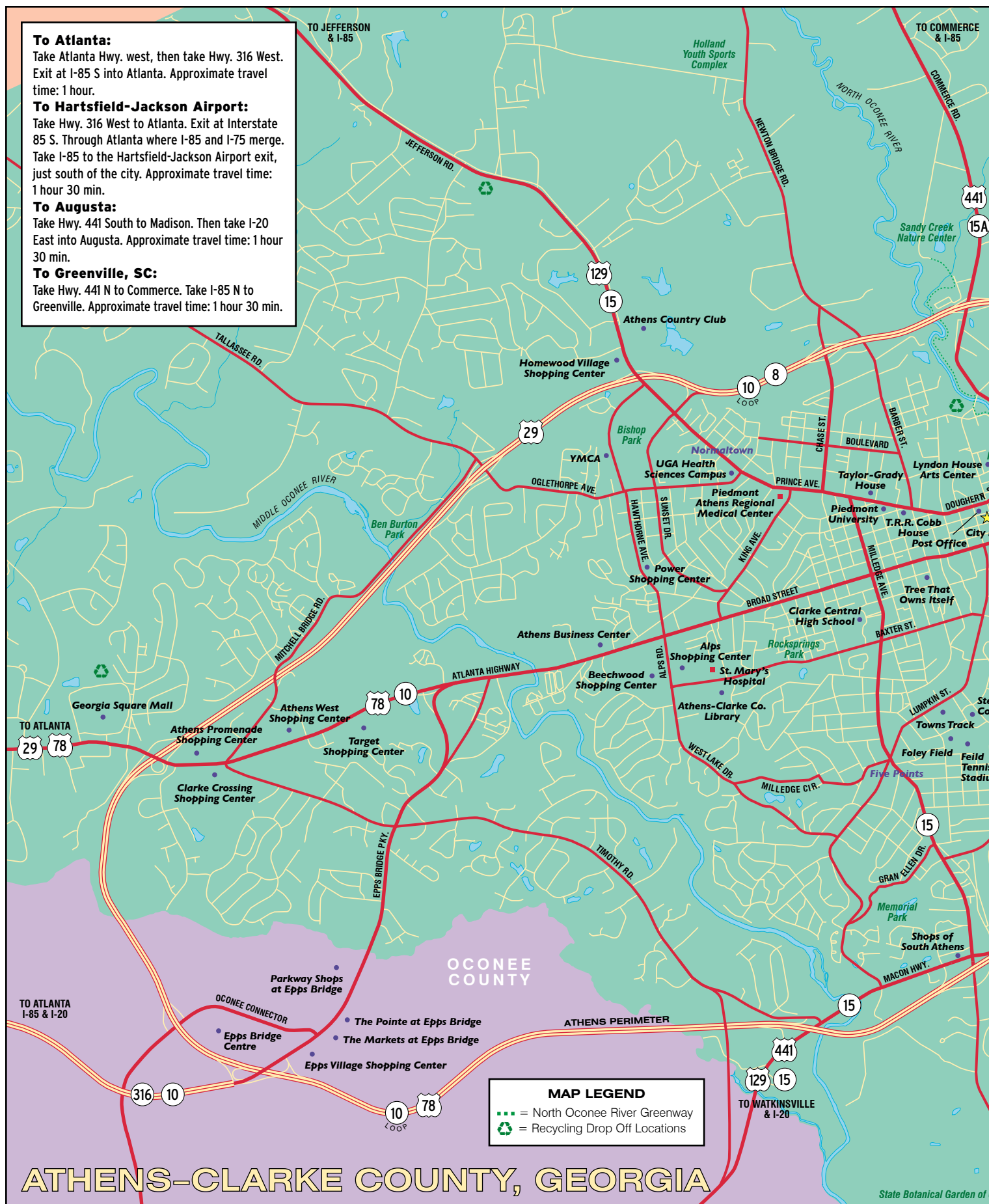
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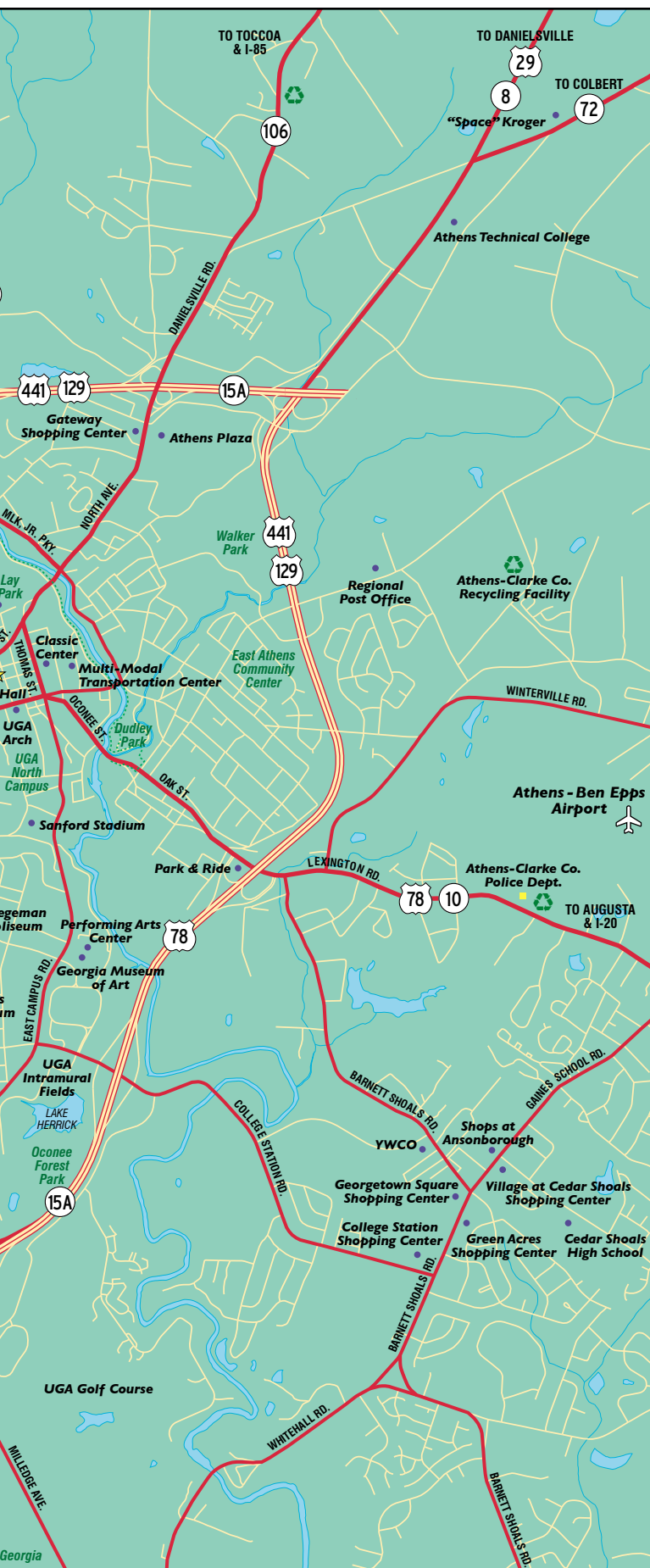
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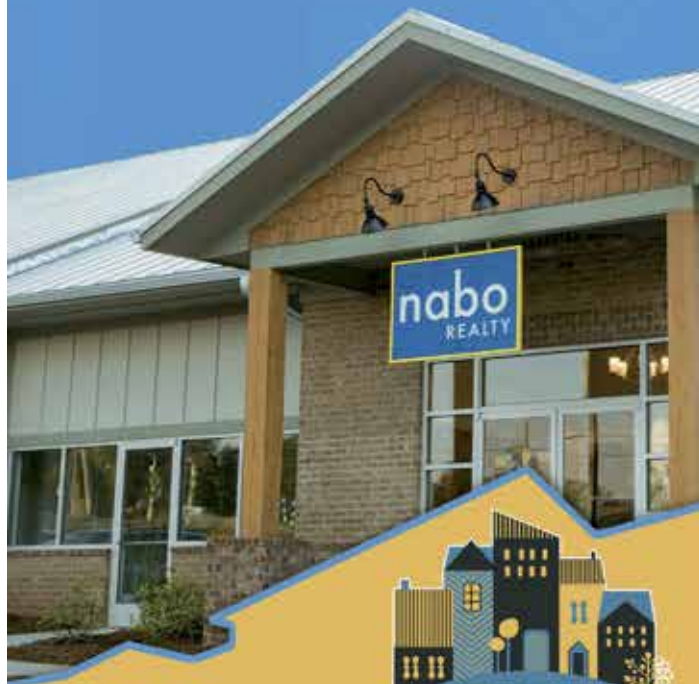
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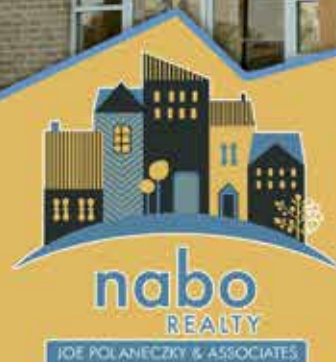
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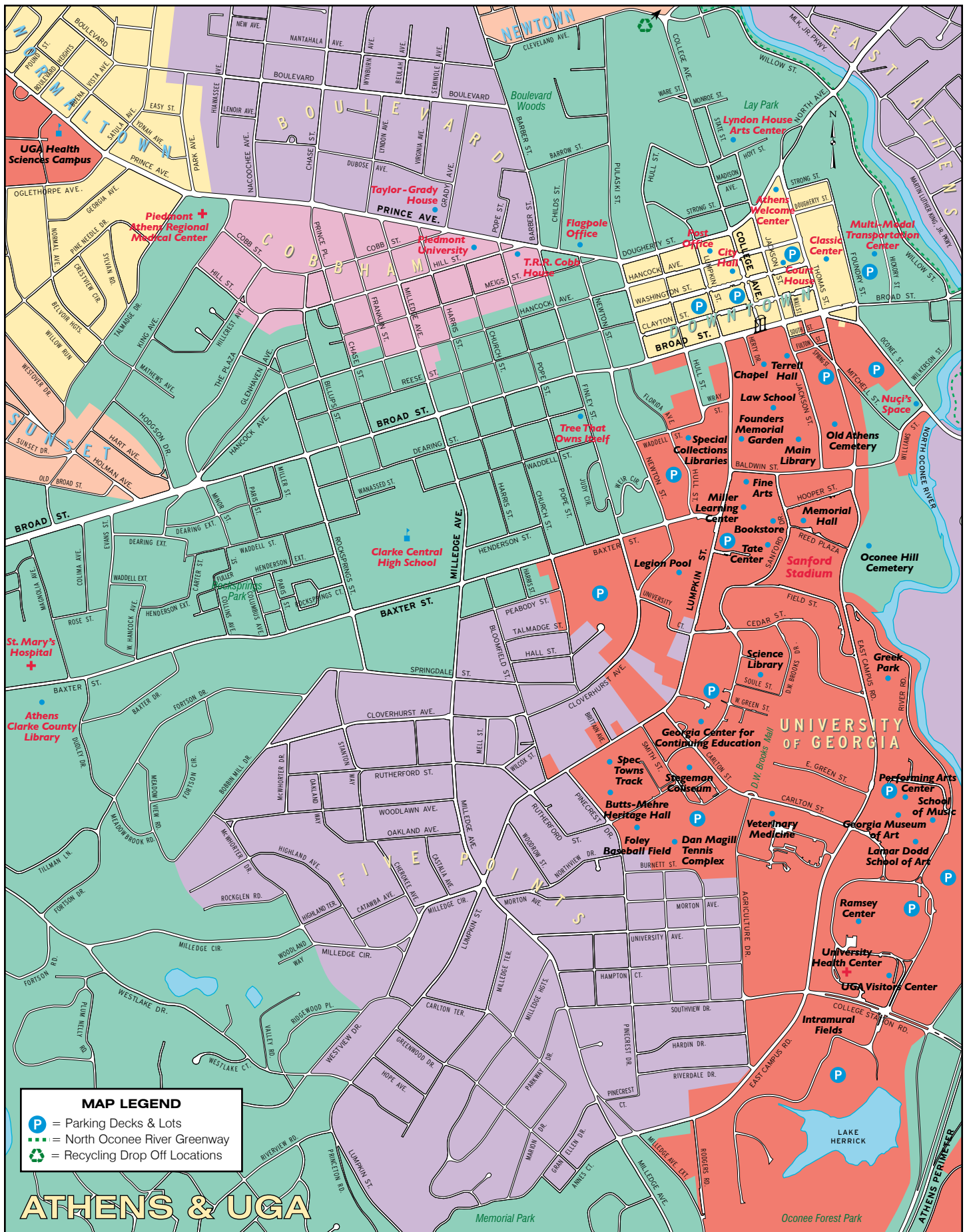
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Celia's Bakery

9029 Hwy. 29 N. • 706-850-2021

facebook.com/celiasbakeryga

FILE UNDER: Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Seven days. • Sweet and savory Mexican breads (sometimes with cream cheese and jalapenos), light and sweet cakes (whole and by the slice), coffee and sometimes tamales (!), all well priced and nicely made. \$

Centro Bar

400 E. Clayton St. • 404-271-8440

instagram.com/centrobarathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. • Watch football on a big screen, dance under the disco ball and sign up for the weekly beer pong tournament. A balcony with its own bar wraps around the main floor. Full bar with specialty drinks like the East Clayton lemonade and key lime pie shots. DJs and karaoke. \$

Champs Chicken/Hangar 54 Pizza

474 North Ave.

FILE UNDER: Chicken. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner, seven days. • Chicken fingers, sandwiches, tenders, biscuits and southern sides inside the Amoco at a counter in the back. \$

Charlie Graingers

1791 Oconee Connector • 706-521-5767

charliegraingers.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Counter service, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Hot dogs, brisket and barbecue. \$

Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen

2040 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. • Better and healthier-than-average strip-mall Chinese, focusing on Cantonese standards. Hot pot, seafood, Singapore noodles, roast duck and lunch specials. Online ordering. \$\$

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. \$\$

China 1

2026 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-850-7788

chinaoneathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Counter service, catering, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Mostly to-go food, available fast, but a better selection than your standard stir-fry eatery: egg foo young, lo mein, pancit, teriyaki, sweet and sour, moo shu and meat entrees, plus chef's special Cantonese dishes. \$

China Star Super Buffet

3567 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-316-3382

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Buffet, catering, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Large AYCE buffet with many Chinese, American and Japanese dishes, including crab legs sometimes. You can also order off the

menu of mostly Americanized Chinese standards or get take-out priced by the pound. \$

China Wok

2475 Jefferson Road • 706-353-3399

athenschinawok.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. • Americanized quick-service Chinese dishes, including chop suey, lo mein, mai fun, moo shu, et al., make up the primary order of business in this small restaurant that mostly does to-go. \$

Choo Choo Japanese Korean Grill Express

1055 Gaines School Road • 706-543-8888

choochoojapanesekoreanexpress.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and sake, delivery, trivia, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night. • Quick-service Japanese and Korean food at bargain prices. You can get hibachi basics and lots of fried stuff, but also bibimbap and bulgogi. \$

The Chop House

2055 Oconee Connector • 706-395-7855

thechophouse.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, Wi-Fi **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Mostly Tennessee-based chain steakhouse opening this year in Oconee with seafood, pork, large variety of sides, Beyond Meat for veggie folks. Kids menu and cocktails. \$\$

Chops and Hops

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

chopsandhops.com

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, outside seating, reservations, Sunday brunch, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Steak and beer, but also seafood, chicken, ratatouille and burgers at this somewhat upscale Watkinsville restaurant. Tap takeovers, mocktails, lots of fresh vegetables and gluten-free items, soup emphasis in cold weather. \$\$\$

Chuck E. Cheese

3654 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-353-6715

chuckecheese.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine. **HOURS:** Seven days. \$

Chuck's Fish

220 W. Broad St. • 706-395-6611

chucksfish.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Catering, full bar, outside seating, reservations, take-out. **HOURS:** Dinner. • Upscale place with an emphasis on Gulf seafood, including a large, well-executed sushi menu. Land animals, too. Signature cocktails with sake or Japanese whiskey as well as standards. Big for date night. \$\$\$

Cicis Pizza

3190 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-613-2424

cicis.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. **FEATURES:** Buffet, catering, counter service, curbside pick-up, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

Ciné

234 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-353-3343

athenscine.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, movies, art. • Yes, it's a movie theater, with a wide variety of indie flicks and classics on its two screens, but you can also go hang out in the bar and drink movie-themed cocktails or good beer, wine and liquor. Coffee, tea, sodas, local baked goods and fresh-popped popcorn, plus an art gallery run by ATHICA. \$

City Bar

220 College Ave. • 706-546-7612

instagram.com/citybarath_

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, trivia. • Watch sports on big-screen TVs in a historic space with marble accents and chandeliers. Daily drink deals, plus the usual selection of beer, seltzers and trendy shots. Spiked hot chocolate in the winter. \$

Clarke's Collective

225 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-5152

clarkescollective.com

FILE UNDER: Bars/Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, live music. • An event space and college bar, with frosé, Mario Kart, more cocktails than usual, a disco ball and a covered back patio. \$\$

Classic City Eats

1290 Greensboro Hwy. • 706-705-6434

classicciteats.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Full bar, take-out, catering, karaoke. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon-Sat. • Wings, catfish, sliders, flatbreads and a bunch of fried snacks, plus a room full of video games and pool. Bar has draft, canned and bottled beer plus makes beachy drinks. \$\$

The Clayton Social

335 E. Clayton St. • 706-395-6575

instagram.com/claytonsocial

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, trivia. • Nicer college bar with a large "How Bout Them Dawgs" light-up sign for photo ops. Espresso martinis, aperol spritzes. \$

Clean Eat3

1791 Oconee Connector, Ste. 560

cleaneatz.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Catering, curbside pick-up, take-out, vegetarian friendly. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Health-focused franchise does bowls, salads, burgers (no ground beef, just healthier options), kids meals, smoothies and weekly meal plans for busy folks who can't afford a personal chef. \$\$

Clocked!

259 W. Washington St. • 706-548-9175

clockeddiner.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer, curbside pick-up, delivery, outside seating, take-out, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Local favorite balances meaty burgers (made with all-natural, humanely raised, antibiotic-free beef and creative toppings: bacon jam, peanut butter, gouda, etc.) with vegetarian and vegan offerings, both burgers and otherwise. Also: grilled cheese, tater tots and milkshakes (including boozy ones). Gluten-free options and a big patio. \$\$

Cloud

164 E. Clayton St. • 706-613-7771

cloudathens.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music. • Rainbow-lit bubble wall bar and a light-up dance floor. Spacious layout, pool, TV and laser lights. Full bar with all the shots and bombs you could ask for, plus boozy slushies. Beer pong tournaments and DJs. \$

Coconut Pat's

120 E. Clayton St. • 706-353-9800

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar. • Filling the need for a tiki bar in Athens, with loads of nautical decor, this bar is inside Cutters Pub and specializes in drinks served out of a fresh pineapple. \$

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FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses, Something Different. **HOURS:** Open seven days. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, Wi-Fi. • Locally based small-batch chocolate shop offers truffles, chocolate bars, coffee bars and more, plus drinking chocolate, coffee, gelato, ice cream sandwiches, toffee, etc. Vegan options. Downtown location has big windows to watch the chocolate elves at work. \$

Cozy Bar

179 N. Jackson St.
instagram.com/cozybar179
FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, live music. • Itty-bitty space on a side street downtown, with paper lanterns and flowers on tables, gets rowdy and crowded. Food is sometimes available. Domestic, Asian beers, wine and liquor (especially sake bombs). \$

The Crab Hut

2361 W. Broad St. • 706-850-6173
1860 S. Barnett Shoals Road • 706-850-0762
1011 Park Dr.
thecrabhutgeorgia.com
FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • This Viet-Cajun fusion does tasty boil-in-bag seafood (crawfish, shrimp, mussels, crab legs and more) with plenty of spice as well as fried baskets, salmon and shrimp burgers, corn, hushpuppies, coleslaw and wings. Draft and bottled beer, plus wine. Watkinsville location coming soon. \$\$\$

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store

1913 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-208-0304
crackerbarrel.com
FILE UNDER: American. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner, seven days. \$\$

Cravings

480 E. Broad St. • 706-850-0049
facebook.com/cravingsathens
FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses, Sandwiches. **FEATURES:** Take-out, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch. • Low-key downtown restaurant does deli sandwiches (build-your-own or pick a combo), salads, soups, kids sandwiches and, surprisingly, bubble tea, plus sides like potato salad or chips and a range of coffee drinks. \$

Creature Comforts Brewery

271 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-410-1043
creaturecomfortsbeer.com
FILE UNDER: Breweries. **FEATURES:** Beer, outside seating. • Big, beautiful brewery with lots of indoor and outdoor seating, pretty lighting and legit art. Popular year-round offerings include Tropicalia, Athena and Classic City Lager, but there are lots of seasonal and limited-edition beers, too. Purchase cans, bottles and merch on site to take home. Food trucks and pop-ups for eats. \$



Crumbl Cookies

196 Alps Road • 706-389-5894
crumblcookies.com
FILE UNDER: Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Catering, delivery. **HOURS:** Mon.-Sat, opening early and closing late. • National cookie chain changes its offerings weekly and makes real big cookies in cute pastel pink boxes. Ice cream, too. \$

Cutters Pub

120 E. Clayton St. • 706-353-9800
cutterspub.com
FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. • One of the largest bars in town, with a more grown-up, less college-heavy crowd than many bars around it. Pool, Skee-Ball, Golden Tee, foosball, darts, a photo booth and football on TV. Huge whiskey selection, befitting its Irish branding, 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. \$

D92 Korean BBQ

1080 Baxter St. • 706-850-7990
www.d92kbbq.com
FILE UNDER: Asian. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. • Grilled meats cooked on your table, either in pre-set portion sizes or all-you-can-eat, plus banchan (free snacks that vary frequently). It's not inexpensive, but it is good. Also: vegetarian options, Korean ramen, kimchi stew. Japanese whiskey, shochu and other unusual selections at the bar. \$\$

Dawg Gone Good BBQ

224 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-613-9799
dawggonegoodbbq.com
FILE UNDER: BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, delivery, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Cheerful, Black-owned barbecue joint that does ribs, chicken, pork and sausage, plus southern-style veggies and fruit cobbles. Picnic tables out front plus seating inside. \$\$

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:** Catering, curbside pick-up, delivery, full bar, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • This Athens favorite has been in business for decades doing classic Italian, from pizza and standard red-sauced pasta to eggplant florentine and grilled salmon. Each location has a slightly different menu, but all have vegan, vegetarian, dairy-free and gluten-free options; kids menu. Long wine list with many Italian reds and plenty of beers. \$\$\$



Ding Tea

125 W. Washington St. • 706-850-3737
facebook.com/dingteaathens
FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Seven days. • Bubble tea: milk, fruit or classic tea-based drinks. \$

Dinner Party

1664 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-215-9100
dinnerpartyathens.com
FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Full bar, take-out, vegetarian friendly, outside seating. **HOURS:** Dinner. • Chef takes on Americanized Chinese food. Excellent vegetarian and vegan options, including a gorgeous salad and dry-fried eggplant with plenty of Szechuan pepper. Excellent ice creams made in-house for dessert. Fun, intelligently picked and described

wine list; a few nice beers; fancy cocktails that can be a little retro. \$\$

Donderos' Kitchen

590 N. Milledge Ave. • 706-354-8688
donderoskitchen.com
FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, outside seating, delivery. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. Weekend brunch. • Something for everyone: brunchy-lunchy hot food made to order until 2 p.m., with lots of veggies; stuff in the fridge and freezer any other time, plus delivery meals and weekly specials, ranging all over the world in influences. Walkers, bikers and bus riders get a 5% discount. Great with dietary restrictions. \$\$

Dooley's Bar and Grill

259 E. Broad St.
instagram.com/athdooleys
FILE UNDER: American, Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar. **HOURS:** Dinner. • Brand new bar that also makes food serves fancy grilled cheese, fried stuff, soups, salads, smash burgers and dessert (deep-fried Uncrustables), with an upstairs bar that also has darts and a pool table. Kids menu. \$\$

Dos Palmas Mexican Grill

3523 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-353-7771
athens-dospalmas.com
FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, curbside pick-up, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Americanized Mexican staples done well: tacos, burritos, nachos, fajitas, quesadillas, burritos, enchiladas, queso. Margaritas, lots of tequilas. \$\$

Double Barrel

429 E. Broad St.
instagram.com/doublebarrelathens
FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs, outside seating. • A college bar named for Athens' famous non-working piece of Confederate memorabilia. TVs to watch sports and low prices. What you'd expect for drinks plus a cocktail named for UGA grad golfer Bubba Watson. \$

Doughby's Pizza and More

50 N. Main St. • 706-705-6500
facebook.com/doughbyspizza
FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, take-out, trivia, live music. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Watkinsville pizza place with lots of events has a big menu with fried apps, wings, salads, subs, wraps, a wide selection of pastas, Italian desserts and big, good garlic rolls as well as pizza. Large covered patio, karaoke. \$

Earth Fare Café

1689 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-353-2170
earthfare.com
FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Buffet, counter service, outside seating, Wi-Fi. • Hot bar inside grocery store includes veggie and vegan stuff, plus chicken, fish, soup and salad. \$\$

Eddie's Calzones

227 E. Clayton St. • 706-549-9676
eddiescalzones.com
FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. **FEATURES:** Counter service, delivery, take-out, beer. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. \$

El Bajío Restaurant and Taqueria

400 Hawthorne Ave. • 706-850-1191
elbajioathens.com
FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • This offshoot of the grocery store on Old Commerce Road divides its menu into "Tex



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Mex" and "Authentic Mexican," but does particularly good seafood. A proper sit-down entree-focused restaurant rather than a taqueria, although you can get tacos. \$

El Barrio

1331 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-850-0708

elbarrioathens.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, curbside pick-up, delivery, outside seating, vegetarian friendly. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Most of the restaurant is outside, and the lawn is often busy with a Five Points crowd. Tacos that change out regularly, plus other Mexican-ish standards, kids menu and a serious bar with lots of tequilas, a selection of mezcal, beer buckets and margs. \$\$\$

Em's Kitchen

975 Hawthorne Ave. • 706-206-9322

emskitchenathawthorne.com



FILE UNDER: American.

FEATURES: Catering, counter service, curbside pick-up, delivery, outside seating. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. • Family-run eatery inside Hawthorne Drugs does a surprisingly good Cuban sandwich as well as southern lunch

standards (pimento cheese and the like), plus breakfast plates, milkshakes, hot dogs and more. Kids menu and a super family-friendly atmosphere. \$

The Expat

1680 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-521-5041

theexpatathens.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Reservations, outside seating, take-out, full bar.

HOURS: Dinner. • Refined and intelligent restaurant with a beautiful bar has an Italian focus to its food, with antipasti, burrata, housemade pasta (can be gluten-free), risotto and more. Offerings change regularly. Virgin cocktails made with as much love as the boozy ones, plus nice wines. \$\$\$\$

Farm Burger

100 Prince Ave., Suite 102 • 706-850-3184

farmburger.com/athens-ga

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers And Chicken. **FEATURES:** Delivery, outside seating, take-out, counter service, catering,

beer and wine, vegetarian friendly. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Locally originating burger chain does patties with 100% grass-fed, no-antibiotics, locally raised beef, pasture-raised pork, ground chicken or vegan ingredients. Lots of toppings, sides, kids menu, shakes and floats, burger + beer combos. \$\$

The Farm Cart

1074 Baxter St. • 706-850-8150

thefarmcart.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Delivery, vegetarian friendly, outside seating, take-out, counter service, beer and wine. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. • Primarily biscuits, served all day, but not just traditional egg and cheese varieties. Nice ingredients like housemade pickles and jam. Lunch adds non-biscuit sandwiches and burgers plus specials. Baked goods in a case at the counter, good coffee. \$\$

Figment Kombucha and People's Pantry

1085 Baxter St. • 706-850-3339

figmentkombucha.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, delivery, take-out. • The tasting room for Figment Kombucha features its small-batch drinks made with high-quality local ingredients, available on tap, canned or by the growler (half or full), plus a rotating selection of fermented goods, like ketchup, giardiniera and various krauts. \$

Five & Ten

1073 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-546-7300

fiveandten.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Full bar, reservations, catering, outside seating, take-out, vegetarian friendly. **HOURS:** Dinner. • Celebrity chef Hugh Acheson's flagship restaurant, in a historic house on Milledge Avenue with a big covered porch. The menu is southern-ish but chef-driven and up to date, changing weekly depending on what's in season. Wine list by James Beard nominee; unpretentious but smart cocktails; excellent after-dinner drinks. Look out for specials, including picnic stuff during football season. \$\$\$\$

Five Bar

269 N. Hull St. • 706-543-5515

five-bar.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, curbside pick-up, delivery. **HOURS:** Dinner, weekend brunch. • Five entrees, five desserts, five apps and so on. Seafood from Destin is a point of emphasis, but you can also get a ribeye

or fried chicken. Jazz brunch on weekends. Five specialty cocktails from the bar. \$\$\$

Flanagan's & Half Moon Pub

301 E. Clayton St. • 706-208-9711

instagram.com/flanagans_athens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music, outside seating. • Irish pub Flanagan's and its downstairs sister bar get packed with students on late nights and weekends. Pool, daily specials on everything from cocktails to shots. Lots of whiskey, both on special and just regularly. \$

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, art, trivia. • Cult film nights, cool movie posters and fun drinks at this chill townie bar. Also: boozy slushies, retro cocktails, mocktails, local tea, snacks (Pouch Pies' savory pies and more). \$

The Flying Biscuit Café

1180 Prince Ave. • 706-850-5656

flyingbiscuit.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, catering, outside seating, take-out, vegetarian friendly. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and weekend dinner. Atlanta franchise does breakfast all day: eggs, pancakes, biscuits (duh), scrambles, tacos, waffles. There are also sandwiches, wraps, salads and burgers. Vegan and gluten-free choices. Draft beer, mimosas, micheladas and a sake Bloody Mary. \$\$

Food for the Soul

1965 W. Broad St. • 706-546-0052

FILE UNDER: Downhome, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch. • Real-deal southern food, available in meat-and-sides combos. Menu changes daily but could include pork chops, fried chicken livers, catfish, greens, yams, black-eyed peas, mac and cheese and more. \$

Four Fat Cows

723 Baxter St. • 678-827-6681

fourfatcows.com

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream. **FEATURES:** Delivery, curbside pick-up, outside seating. • Rich ice cream in lots of flavors (smoked chocolate, fruity cereal, lavender honey, plus standards), some of which swap out, plus gluten-free and puffle cones, baked goods, coffee drinks and pints to go. \$

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foxspizzaoconee.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Delivery, take-out, catering, curbside pick-up, 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, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

Fresh Air Bar-B-Que

5170 Atlanta Hwy. • 770-725-5227
1110 Hull Road • 706-546-6060
freshairbbq.com

FILE UNDER: BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Both locations have classics like chopped pork and chicken, Brunswick stew, baked beans, chicken tenders and banana pudding. Kids menu, tailgating specials, meats and sides in bulk. \$

Frutta Bowls

245 Oconee St. • 706-514-0060
fruttabowls.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **HOURS:** Seven days. **FEATURES:** Take-out, counter service, catering, vegetarian friendly. \$

Fully Loaded Pizza

1260 Mars Hill Road Ste. 101 • 706-705-6150
1255 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-215-9348
fullyloaded.pizza

FILE UNDER: Italian And Pizza. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, take-out, trivia. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Locally owned pizza place that focuses on big slices with a wide variety of toppings. Also: wings, salads, subs, pasta, chicken fingers, cannoli and the Redneck Stromboli (a hot dog and cheddar baked in pizza dough). Kids menu. \$

G Brand BBQ

1140 Athens Road • 706-743-7000
gbrandbbq.com

FILE UNDER: BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering, take-out, drive-thru. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Downtown Crawford eatery prides itself on brisket but also offers pork, chicken and ribs.

Five different sauces, great green beans among the sides and a kids menu that offers grilled cheese or a hot dog. Occasional steak nights. \$\$

The Garden Grille

390 E. Washington St. • 706-353-6800
hilton.com/en/hotels/ahndtgi-hilton-garden-inn-athens-downtown

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Catering, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast. • Inside the Hilton Garden Inn. \$

General Beauregard's

164 E. Clayton St. • 706-521-5500

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. • Controversy-courting downtown spot decked out in Civil War memorabilia. Southern-themed cocktails. \$

George's Lowcountry Table

420 Macon Hwy. • 706-548-3359
georgelowcountrytable.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, reservations, outside seating, take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Dinner and Sunday brunch. • Gulf and low country classics: étouffée, shrimp and grits, sherry crab bisque, oysters (raw, fried, grilled), jambalaya, redfish and much more. Good wine list from all over, beer and Southern-accented cocktails. \$\$\$

Girasoles

24 Greensboro Hwy. • 706-310-0410

facebook.com/girasolesfusioncuisine
FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Take-out. **HOURS:** Dinner and Sunday brunch. • Mexican-accented fusion restaurant does a not inexpensive but very popular all-you-can-eat brunch (with waffle and omelet station), plus dinner with steaks, seafood, pasta, jambalaya, shrimp and grits, escargot, chicken in a roasted garlic mushroom cheese sauce and more along the same lines. Specials change weekly. \$\$\$

The Globe

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

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs, Something Different. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, Wi-Fi, live music. • An Athens classic, reopened after an interior renovation and with a new menu focusing on UK pub fare (bangers and mash, ploughman's lunch, sausage roll, Irish stew). Huge beer selection, general literary atmosphere and

pretty much everything you missed for the past few years. Upstairs has yet to get a facelift. \$

Golden Dragon

126 Alps Road • 706-552-1688
athensgoldendragon.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, delivery, catering, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Tons of standard Americanized Chinese options, including duck, seafood and some good tofu options. Dragon Dinners feature combinations of dishes for two to 10 people. Online ordering. \$\$

Golden Sun Chinese Restaurant

4375 Lexington Road • 706-549-3388
goldensuninathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Countless classic options, loads of chef's specials and lunch specials. A lighter fare section offers steamed MSG-free meals low in sodium; lots of tofu choices. \$\$

The Grill

171 College Ave. • 706-543-4770
thegrillathens.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer, take-out. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner and late night. • Coffee, burgers (veggie and meaty), fries, eggs, pancakes, French toast and classic milkshakes. Cute vintage toys enliven the diner interior. Temporarily closed for renovations. \$

Grindhouse Killer Burgers

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

FILE UNDER: Burgers, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, counter service, outside seating, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Small chain out of Atlanta does smashburgers with one patty or two (beef, turkey, beans and quinoa, or Impossible Burger), hot dogs, salads, chili, plus bar snacks, fried sides and boozy or virgin milkshakes. Nice upstairs outside seating. \$\$



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FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly.

FEATURES: Beer and wine, outside seating, art, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Weekend brunch. • An Athens classic whether or not you're vegetarian. The chalkboard lists daily veggie choices, while the menu has Golden Bowl (brown rice topped with veggies, tofu, cheese and more), chili, noodles, sandwiches, etc. Weekend breakfast/brunch brings burritos, pancakes and omelets. Excellent cakes and pies that can be ordered whole (with advance notice) or by the slice. \$\$

Groove Burgers

1791 Oconee Connector • 762-499-5699

grooveburgers.com

FILE UNDER: Burgers, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, take-out, outside seating, curbside pick-up, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Clever burgers (both meat and veggie), plus salads and hot sandwiches (pimento chicken, Italian beef), good sides ("street corn," brussels sprouts, fabulous onion rings) and milkshakes. \$\$

Gusto

161 Alps Road • 706-850-0855

whatsyourgusto.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, drive-thru, take-out, counter service. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Small Atlanta chain does build-your-own bowls, salads and wraps with a protein (chicken, shrimp, tofu, avocado), veggies and sauce, ready fast. Kids menu. \$

Gyro Wrap

114 College Ave.

gyrowrap.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Take-out, beer and wine. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Long-time Athens franchise, with its own identity and a cult following, will return in 2022 down the street from its original location. Curly fries, gyros, salads, etc., on a menu created with the input of the previous owner, plus a new bar upstairs. \$

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, curbside pick-up, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Weekend brunch. • Neighborhood restaurant focusing on local produce with a seasonally driven menu that changes often. Very accommodating of diet restrictions and preferences. Seasonal artisan cocktails with ingredients like honeysuckle vodka and Patata ginger liqueur. Good wines and beers. Large patio for seating. \$\$\$



Hendershot's Coffee Bar

237 Prince Ave. • 706-353-3050

hendershotscoffee.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, counter service, live music, art, Wi-Fi, outside seating. **HOURS:** Open Mon-Sat. • Coffee drinks, nitro coffee, teas and juices all day, plus baked goods from Independent. Lots of draft and bottled/canned craft beers, plus wine, craft cocktails and mocktails (some made with coffee). Loads of events, including some food pop-ups. \$

Hi-Lo Lounge

1354 Prince Ave. • 706-850-8561

hiloathens.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:**

Full bar, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Family-friendly tavern is all things to all people, with lots of food for lunch and dinner (including a kajillion vegetarian and vegan options) as well as a major bar selection. Noodles, fish and chips, chili, hot dogs, fried cheese, frittatas, coffee, pastries. Great beers; also whiskeys, classic cocktails and juice for kids. \$

Hibachi Grill Supreme Buffet

2020 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-546-8777

FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Buffet, take-out. **HOURS:**

Lunch and dinner. • Huge Asian buffet also does hibachi cooked to order. Tofu, Chinese dishes, sushi, American food, fruit, salad and desserts spread across the room. Open most holidays. \$\$

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. Monday dinner. • Country club-ish place does classic American food with a bit of a Southern accent, like meatloaf, steak sandwich, crab cakes and gumbo. A fair amount of fried stuff but salads, too. Big desserts. Nice patio. Earlybird specials. \$\$\$

Hodgson's Pharmacy

1260 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-543-7386

hodgsonsr.com

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream. • Old-fashioned drug store with soda fountain counter. Dollar scoops of Edy's ice cream in a cup or cone. Malts, shakes and floats, too. Sit on the hill outside for the best experience. \$

home.made

1072 Baxter St. • 706-206-9216

homemadeathens.com

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, take-out, full bar. **HOURS:** Dinner. • Refined, Southern-inspired menu features lots of vegetables, including the amazing tomato pie, and a good bit of New Orleans influence. Gluten-free fried chicken. You can also buy caseroles, sides, snacks and take-away meals. Bright 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, curbside pick-up, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. \$

Hook and Reel

3640 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-850-2010

hookreel.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Catering, curbside pick-up, delivery, full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. \$\$\$

Hybar

412 N. Thomas St. • 706-425-1800

facebook.com/hybarathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, dinner, outside seating. • Fancy rooftop bar with great views of downtown Athens and beyond, atop the Hyatt Place hotel. Also: some snacks (charcuterie, dips, wings) and some heartier eats (burgers, fried chicken strips, salad). Specialty cocktails, including some made with champagne and billed as Hybar Pops. \$

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FILE UNDER: Bakeries, Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Counter service, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, seven days. • Nice bagels, excellent house-smoked fish and sandwiches (either on bagels or on Luna bread) and made with meats sliced in front of you (salami, capicola, pastrami, roast beef, etc.) but also hummus, roasted veggies, sauerkraut and scrambled eggs. Kids meals. \$

Iguana's Mexican Grill

2024 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-850-5324
iguasasmexgrill.com/athens

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Cheerful, colorful Mexican and Americanized Mexican restaurant with a big chalkboard menu, enabling flexibility. Giant burritos, good rajas tacos, sandwiches, loaded fries, tasty esquites in a cup. Kids menu. \$

Independent Baking Co.

1625 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-3550
independentbaking.com

FILE UNDER: Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, Wi-Fi. • Consistently delicious baked goods made by bread nerds with house-milled wheat. Also: delightful viennoiserie. No buttercream to be found, just good ingredients and an emphasis on proper technique. Choco Coffee and hot chocolate, plus house-milled flour and grits. Products available at a few other places around town. \$

Inoko Express

3190 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-425-8828

FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Counter service, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Quick-service hibachi includes steak, chicken, shrimp, salmon, tofu and "Ultimate Vegetarian" with fried rice, vegetables and two sauces. Kids menu. \$

Inoko Hibachi Express

1860 S. Barnett Shoals Road • 706-546-5662
inokoathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Good, fast sushi at a reasonable price. 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. • 706-623-6277
insomniacookies.com

FILE UNDER: Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Catering, delivery. **HOURS:** Seven days. \$

International Grill and Bar

1155 Mitchell Bridge Road Bldg. A • 706-850-1509
facebook.com/IGBAthensGA

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Catering, curbside pick-up, delivery, full bar, outside seating, vegetarian friendly, live music. **HOURS:** Dinner, Tues–Fri. Lunch and dinner, Sat. • Athens' only Persian restaurant focuses on rice, eggplant, various kabobs, but also has pizza (for kids or adults), burgers (meat or veggie), salads, wonderful specials (stews, lamb shanks), doogh to drink and more. Lots of events. \$\$

Iron Factory

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

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, full bar, outside seating, karaoke. **HOURS:** Dinner. • Korean barbecue cooked on your table. Wrap it in a lettuce leaf or radish slice, add condiments and enjoy. Everything comes with salad, rice and side vegetables. Korean soju and sake at the bar. Karaoke rooms. \$\$\$

J&J Flea Market

11661 Commerce Road • 706-613-2410
jandjffleamarket.com

FILE UNDER: American, Mexican. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, counter service. • Wander around the flea market inside and outside and find some eats while you're there. La Michoacana...es Natural has its ice cream/paleta truck there most weekends. Options inside include Taqueria Mi Tierra and a place that offers pizza and other crowd-pleasing foods. \$

J Buffalo Wings

196 Alps Road • 706-850-2095
jbuffalo.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Beer, counter service, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. \$

J. Christopher's

1650 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-3520
jchristophers.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. \$\$

Jason's Deli

140 Alps Road • 706-425-4950
jasonsdeli.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Delivery, catering, counter service, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

Java Joy

1305 Jennings Mill Road • 706-666-4145
javajoy.org

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Catering. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. • This brick-and-mortar location of the mobile coffee cart run by Watkinsville's Extra Special People has coffee, tea and biscuits and snacks from Golden Pantry. \$

Jennings Mill Drug Company

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

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Counter service, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch. • Drugstore soda fountain with sandwiches: pimento cheese, chicken salad, grilled cheese, Southwestern chicken wrap, spinach salad with egg, bacon and poppyseed dressing. Also chili dogs, slaw dogs, good soups, PB&J, fro-yo and milkshakes. \$

Jinya Ramen Bar

351 E. Broad St. • 706-478-0880
jinya-ramenbar.com

FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Highly reputed franchise does lots of ramen but also salads, tacos, rice bowls, curry, sides like crispy chick-peas, dumplings, edamame and takoyaki. Mochi ice cream and panna cotta for dessert. Kids meals, too. \$\$



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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. • The local coffee roaster now extends quite a bit beyond Athens (plus three locations on UGA campus), but the beans are still roasted in town. Lots of specialty roasts benefit different causes. Hot and cold drinks, premium teas and locally baked goodies. Stop by the Tasting Room on Fritz Mar Lane for fresh-roasted beans by the pound—whole or ground; cups of coffee, teas and shots of espresso. \$



Joe and Sam's Café

1021 Jamestown Blvd. • 706-705-1400
joeandsams.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, drive-thru, catering, counter service. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. • Jittery Joe's coffee drinks, biscuits and breakfast plates in the a.m. in an airy, open space. Lunch features classic sandwiches, soups, salads and kids menu. Baked goods, too. \$

Johnny's New York Style Pizza

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

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, catering, delivery, outside seating, take-out, 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. **FEATURES:** Delivery, curbside pick-up. **HOURS:** Seven days. • 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, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Plenty more, actually, in addition to the Vietnamese beef, chicken or vegetable broth-based noodle soup customizable with lots of additions. Other things on the menu include rice dishes with grilled meats, noodle dishes, banh mi sandwiches, goi cuon, tiramisu. \$\$

Kelly's Jamaican Food

1583 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-208-0000
kellysjerk.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer, catering, counter service, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Hefty portions of jerk chicken, oxtail, curry goat, barbecue ribs, salmon, spicy cabbage, spicy squash, rice and peas, fried plantains, mac and

cheese, patties, super-sweet tea and cornbread, served with good cheer. \$\$

Kiké's Kitchen

4272 Old Danielsville Road • 706-850-6355

instagram.com/kikeskitchen

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American **FEATURES:** Catering, outside seating, take-out, counter service. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Birria-focused, squeaky-clean restaurant in a gas station with some seating inside and out. Quesadillas, ramen, burgers and ceviche, plus the hearty meat stew that forms the basis of most of its menu. \$\$

Kiki's Bakeshop

20 Greensboro Hwy. • 706-769-6766

kikisbakeshop.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Mon–Sat. • Watkinsville bakery does a wide variety of cakes and pies (order whole ones in advance), plus cookies, scones, cheese straws, cupcakes, quiches, pimento cheese, bread, muffins and more. Holiday menus. Will accommodate dietary needs. \$\$

Krimson Kafe

40 Greensboro Hwy. • 706-310-0888

krimsonkafe.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, outside seating, art. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon–Thur. • Take-out is available all four days, but dine-in only Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at this sweet little cafe. Deli sandwiches (including pimento cheese, egg salad and hummus) and salads, both lettuce-based and mayo-based. \$

La Cabaña Mexican Restaurant

2061 Hog Mountain Road • 706-769-4490

2971 Monroe Hwy. • 678-661-0571

lacabanawatkinsville.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican and Latin American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Americanized Mexican in a stone-walled interior. Queso, burritos, fajitas, quesadillas and lunch specials. Yes, you can get a margarita or a Mexican beer. \$\$

La Fiesta

1395 College Station Road • 706-549-5933

facebook.com/lafiestaofathens

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, outside seating, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and

dinner, seven days. • Popular Americanized Mexican fare: burritos, enchiladas, fajitas, taquitos, nachos, tacos and quesadillas. Special entrees and combo plates. Margaritas, Mexican beers, domestics and house wines. \$\$

La Michoacana Antojitos Mexicanos

3750 Old Jefferson Road • 706-206-5260

instagram.com/michoacana_ath

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream and Smoothies, Mexican. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Seven days. • Hundreds of flavors of popsicles and ice cream in this shop attached to La Jalisco grocery store and taqueria. Also: street-food snacks like a grilled ear of corn encrusted with Hot Cheetos, agua fresca with ice cream and sliced mango with chile powder. \$

La Michoacana Es Natural

1635 Glenn Carrie Road • 706-521-8008

instagram.com/lamichoacana_esnatural

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream and Smoothies, Mexican. **FEATURES:** Outside seating. **HOURS:** Seven days. • Astonishingly good Mexican ice cream shop that makes flavors fresh in-store daily (including queso, tequila, eggnog and more), as well as gorgeous paletas full of fruit, smoothies, aguas frescas and street-food snacks like Doritos and loaded potato chips. Its food truck shows up at the J&J on weekends with ice cream and savory stuff. \$

La Tienda Los Amigos

109 Rowe Road • 706-543-9637

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FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Walk inside the grocery store to find this taco counter next to the butcher counter. Weekends usually find the tortilla press working hard. Tacos (including "American" style with lettuce, tomato and cheese), tortas, burritos and specials like shrimp cocktail and chiles rellenos. Horchata and aguas frescas to drink, or snag a Jarritos from the store. \$

The Lark Winespace

493 Prince Ave. • 706-850-5455

thelarkwinespace.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Wine, Outside Seating. **HOURS:** Closed Mondays. • The Expat's Krista Slater's wine store and tasting room. Come taste before you buy, and have a snack while you're at it (tinned seafood, nuts, cheese, charcuterie, toasts and Condor chocolates). \$\$

Last Resort Grill

184 W. Clayton St. • 706-549-0810

lastresortgrill.com

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, art, full bar, vegetarian friendly. **HOURS:** Dinner and weekend brunch. • Crowd-pleasing restaurant mixes Southern and Southwestern cuisine; veggie and vegan choices, plus fish and seafood are highlights. Large dessert case. Good bar, with American vodkas, gins and vermouths, as well as Armagnac, ice wine, Madeira, sherry and a long list of wines. Large outdoor dining area. \$\$\$

Lay-Z-Shopper

361 E. Clayton St.

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches. **FEATURES:** Take-out, counter service. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. • Yes, it's a convenience store with a variety of vapes, but it also has a good sandwich counter that slices Boar's Head meats and cheeses to order. Good both after the bars close and in the middle of the day. \$

Lil' Ice Cream Dude's Cool World

1040 Gaines School Road • 706-850-8306

lilicecreamdude.com

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream and Smoothies. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, delivery, take-out, catering. **HOURS:** Seven days. • High-schooler (about to be UGA student) Beau Shell and his family own this super-fun ice cream shop, which has a wide variety of flavors, milkshakes, fat ice cream sandwiches (made in house), Italian ices and pints. You can hire the truck for parties or pick up a tailgate box of ice cream or popsicles. \$

Lindsey's Culinary Market

520 N. Thomas St. • 706-353-0558

lindseysculinarymarket.com

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, take-out, counter service. **HOURS:** Lunch and early dinner (open until 6 p.m.). • Salads (chicken salad, pimento-less cheese and the like, plus bowls of greens and vegetables), soups, lots of veggies that change daily. Cookies, brownies, fancy chocolates, candy and gift items available, too. Holiday menus. Occasional wine dinners. \$\$

Little City Diner

135 Cherokee Road • 706-742-7590

littlecitydiner.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Counter service, curbside pick-up, delivery, take-out, outside seating, vegetarian



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friendly, catering. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and weekend brunch. • The Little City in question is Winterville, just outside Athens. Southern breakfast and brunch include biscuits, eggs, quiche and Red Mule grits. Lunch means sandwiches on housemade breads, burgers and salads. Good desserts, coffee and veggie options. \$\$

Little Italy

125 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-613-7100

facebook.com/littleitalyathens

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer, counter service, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night. • Classic New York-style pizzeria is fast and busy. Slices are big and floppy, subs are enormous, salads available, too. \$

Little Kings Shuffle Club

223 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-369-3144

facebook.com/lkshuffleclub

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, trivia, live music, outside seating, Wi-Fi. • Grown folks' bar hosts music, comedy, trivia and frequent private events. Big patio with cornhole. A variety of bottled beers and rotating drafts that include seasonal brews. Wine and cocktails, too. Pop-up food offerings occasionally. \$

Live Wire Athens

227 W. Dougherty St. • 706-543-8283

livewireathens.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music/DJs, outside seating. • This all-purpose performance/events venue has three stages—two inside and one in a large beer garden—and does a variety of events. A good assortment of craft and local beer. Wine and cocktails, too. \$\$

The Local 706

1676 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-207-8700

thelocal706.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, trivia. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Sports bar and grill in the middle of Five Points. Lunch is meat and three. Dinner brings flatbreads, sandwiches, burgers, salads, fried cheese, wings and kids menu. Also, Southern-themed cocktails. Heated outside dining. \$\$

Locos Grill & Pub

2020 Timothy Road • 706-549-7700

1985 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-208-0911

locosgrill.com

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up (Timothy), delivery, live music (Timothy), trivia, catering, Wi-Fi, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Locally based sports bar chain has a big menu with lots of vegetarian choices, deli sandwiches, burgers, salads, grilled cheese and chili combo, wings and fish tacos. \$\$

Longhorn Steakhouse

2170 W. Broad St. • 706-548-0054

longhornsteakhouse.com

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

Los Primos Taqueria Express

7990 Macon Hwy. • 706-705-6195

facebook.com/losprimosexpresstaqueria

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru, delivery, beer and wine. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Fast-casual Mexican, both drive-thru and dine-in, with surprisingly good tacos (both more traditional offerings on corn tortillas and things like a quinoa taco with a whole-wheat tortilla that is absolutely worth your time), enchiladas, burritos, rice bowls, kids menu, aguas frescas and more. \$

Los Reyes Mexican Restaurant

1880 Hwy. 29 N. • 706-227-8308

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FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Delivery, outside seating, full bar, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • One of the best Mexican restaurants around, with excellent tacos (filled with cilantro, onions and fish, al pastor, barbacoa or lengua), big tortas, menudo, tostadas de ceviche, 7 mares, gorditas, sopes and more. \$

Lumberjaxe

510 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-995-7405

lumberjaxe.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. • Yup, you can drink and throw axes at targets. Also: TVs, games like giant Jenga and handcrafted wood tables. Local craft beer and wine. \$\$

Madison Bar & Bistro

500 College Ave. • 706-546-0430

indigoathens.com/dining

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. **FEATURES:** Reservations, outside seating, live music, room service, take-out, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast and dinner, seven days. • Hotel Indigo's restaurant serves croissant sandwiches and omelets for breakfast, plus a full dinner, with steak, salmon, sandwiches, salads and even a kids menu. Nice cocktails. \$\$

Maepole

1021 N. Chase St. • 706-850-3600

maepole.com

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Virtuous and tasty quick service. Start with brown rice, quinoa, sweet potatoes or salad greens. Add a protein, two veggie-forward sides and a housemade sauce. Menu changes seasonally. Condor Chocolates and cookies for dessert. Kids meals. Gluten-free choices. Everything is recyclable or compostable. \$\$

Magnolias

312 E. Broad St. • 706-543-0797

magnoliasath.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. • Two-story bar in a historic building keeps long hours, has free pool upstairs, a great view of downtown and campus and TVs for sports. The usual brews behind the bar; house drinks tend to be sweet and beachy. Dog friendly. \$

Mai Kai Kava Lounge

1035 Baxter St. • 706-850-1813

maikaikavagame.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Take-out, snacks. **HOURS:** Seven days. • The only kava bar in Athens serves a nonalcoholic beverage that's made to chill you out. Also has board games, video games and pool so you can hang out. It offers traditional kava (in several varieties), kava by the growler, herbal tea made from kava, boba and kava mixed into cocktails, plus the promise of no hangovers. \$

Main Moon Restaurant

2061 Experiment Station Road • 706-769-8686

mainmoonwatkinsvillega.com

FILE UNDER: Asian. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Basic Chinese restaurant with pictures of the food you can order: chow mein, stir fry, fried rice, lo mein, egg foo yung, Mongolian chicken, Szechuan beef, Hunan shrimp and the like, all ready fast. Menu has a Weight Watchers section. \$\$

Mama Ning's Thai

2 S. Main St. • 706-705-1012

mamaningsthai.com

FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Take-out, catering, beer and wine. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Delicate, not oversugary

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Mama Sid's Pizza

2240 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-549-6100

mamasidspizza.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Buffet, delivery, beer. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. • Casual, family-run pizzeria of long standing with budget prices, salads, subs, pasta, hot wings, calzones and more. \$\$

Mama's Boy

197 Oak St. • 706-548-6249

8851 Macon Hwy. • 706-850-8550

1725 Electric Ave., Watkinsville

mamasboyathens.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, curbside pick-up, counter service, outside seating, art, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. • Both existing locations do Southern breakfast and lunch all day: biscuits with lots of toppings, hash, egg plates, tacos, pimento cheese burger, chicken salad, strawberry lemonade. Lots of great sides. Very accommodating to those with special dietary needs. Third, smaller location to open in Watkinsville's Wire Park food hall. \$\$

Manhattan Café

337 N. Hull St. • 706-369-9767

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, DJs. • Eclectic decor in a dimly lit, divey interior popular with townies. Zapp's potato chips pair well with specialty drinks, including a whole selection of hot ones in cold weather, listed on handwritten signs. Cocktails, beer, wine, sangria and sake. \$

Mannaweenta

1055 Gaines School Road • 706-850-8422

mannaweenta.wixsite.com/home

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Athens' only Ethiopian restaurant feels like you're being hosted in someone's home. Beef, for sure, but also loads of vegan choices, all served with chewy, pancake-like injera bread. Ethiopian tea and coffee, plus cookies. \$\$

Marco's Pizza

1021 Jamestown Blvd. • 706-765-2832

1045 Gaines School Road • 706-621-6200

marcos.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. **FEATURES:** Delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Seven days. \$\$

Marker 7 Coastal Grill

1195 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-850-3451

marker7coastalgrill.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and brunch. • Preppy fish shack does Georgia and Gulf seafood with mostly open-air seating: lightly fried baskets, peel-and-eat shrimp, oysters (raw or cooked), grilled or blackened entrees and sides like coleslaw and hush puppies. Burgers and chicken tacos, too. Beachy cocktails. \$\$\$

Martino's Italian Restaurant

2061 Hog Mountain Road, Suite K • 706-705-6243

martinositalian.com

FILE UNDER: Italian. **FEATURES:** Delivery, outside seating, take-out, beer and wine, catering. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Family-owned, friendly local Italian place with lots of booth seating has all the stuff you'd expect: baked ziti, linguini pomodoro, veal marsala, tiramisu. Kids menu. Italian wine. \$\$\$

Marti's at Midday

1280 Prince Ave. • 706-543-3541

martisatmidday.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly.

FEATURES: Catering, counter service, delivery, outside seating, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon–Fri. • Longtime Athens lunch spot guided by the spirit of its late founder is popular for catering, too, as well as for take-home entrees and casseroles that are great for new parents or anyone who doesn't want to cook. Big salads, scoops of pimento cheese and chicken salad, sandwiches, great pita chips, sweets. \$\$



Mayflower Restaurant

171 E. Broad St. • 706-548-1692

mayflowerrestaurant.weebly.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome. **FEATURES:** Cash only, delivery. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. • The oldest restaurant in Athens (since 1948), with Southern comfort food for breakfast and lunch. Lunch options rotate and include pot roast, fried chicken livers and lemon pepper tilapia alongside vegetables like fried okra, cabbage, sweet potato soufflé and squash casserole. \$

McAlister's Deli

2033 W. Broad St. • 706-395-4142

mcalistersdeli.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches. **FEATURES:** Take-out, catering. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. \$

Mediterranean Grill

1591 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-543-5000

mediterraneangrill.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Counter service, catering, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • 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. \$\$

Mell's Place

4648 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-548-0830

Find Us on Facebook

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, cash only. • Escape the downtown scene for the oldest bar in the area, built in 1952. The atmosphere is warm and unfussy with pool and karaoke. Cold domestic beer and liquor drinks. \$

Mellow Mushroom

320 E. Clayton St. • 706-613-0892

mellowmushroom.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:** Catering, curbside pick-up, delivery, outside seating, trivia, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Lots of toppings and specialty pies, plus pretzels made with the same dough, salads, subs, calzones and munchies; good beer selection. \$\$

Mifflin's House

2467 Jefferson Road • 706-850-6806

facebook.com/mifflins

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Delivery, take-out, BYOB. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Family-run Peruvian place with a big menu of delicious standards and surprisingly fancy plating: lomo saltado, aji de gallina, tallarin, lots of ceviche choices and seafood, causas and

causitas (mashed potato terrines with lime and chicken, tuna or shrimp salad). \$\$\$

Mochinut

1860 Barnett Shoals Road

mochinut.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. • Donuts made with rice flour (gluten-free) in a wide variety of flavors at this franchise that also serves bubble tea, soft-serve ice cream and Korean corn dogs coated in things like Hot Cheetos. Opening in fall 2022. \$\$

Molly's Coffee Company

8830 Macon Hwy., Bldg. 100 • 762-499-2002

mollyscoffee.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru. **HOURS:** Seven days. • Darling independently owned coffee place does drip coffee, cold brew, lattes, tea, kombucha, mochas, bagels, pastries from Kiki's Bakeshop, all with an emphasis on sustainability and safety. Latte art and pop-ups. \$

Moonshine Bar

275 E. Clayton St.

instagram.com/moonshineathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** DJs, outside seating, live music. • Clayton Street party bar with wood paneling and literal buckets of liquor drinks. Yes, it has moonshine. \$

Mother Pho

167 E. Broad St. • 706-354-6006

facebook.com/motherpho

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Delivery, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Sweet covered patio is a great place to sit at this Vietnamese restaurant. It has its titular beef broth-based noodle soup, of course, but also banh mi, crepes, summer rolls, claypots and rice dishes. Vietnamese coffee, fruit slushies, bubble tea and coconut juice to drink. \$\$

Munch Hut

175 E. Broad St. • 706-850-7150

munch-hut.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Catering, late night, take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night (closed Sundays). • Snacks, drinks, smokes and food. This convenience store/restaurant does gyros (including one that incorporates mozzarella sticks), plus hot subs, chicken fingers, rice bowls, salads, fries and sodas. Open after the bars close. \$

The National

232 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-549-3450

thenationalrestaurant.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Reservations, catering, curbside pick-up, outside seating, Wi-Fi, full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • This place always pleases, whether for date night or an upscale lunch. The menu is Spanish/Mediterranean-inspired, with lots of vegetables (try the "power lunch") and high-quality ingredients. Roasted chicken with za'atar, Portuguese custard tarts, pizzettes and a lot more. Great wine list and cocktails. \$\$\$\$

Nedza's

1591 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-8331

nedzas.com

FILE UNDER: Ice cream and Smoothies, Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Delivery, catering, outside seating, beer. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. • Everything comes with a customized compliment, whether you're ordering a big savory biscuit, an elaborate crowaffle piled with toppings or a fancy donut. Also: coffee drinks, ice cream, vegan and gluten-free offerings, mimosas made with Creature Comforts' Athena. \$

New Red Bowl Asian Bistro

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

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Take-out, curbside pick-up, full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • One of only two places in the area to get legit Chinese food without driving to Duluth; just remember to ask for the Szechuan menu (or locate it on the website if you're ordering take-out). If that's not your thing, there's sesame chicken, too, plus Thai curries, sushi, steamed seafood and much more. \$\$

Newk's Eatery

1850 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-543-5700
700 Baxter St. • 706-510-6545
newks.com

FILE UNDER: American **FEATURES:** Catering, delivery, dinner, lunch, take-out. **HOURS:** Seven days. \$

Normal Bar

1365 Prince Ave. • 706-548-6186
facebook.com/normal.bar.7

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, live music. • Chill neighborhood bar in Normaltown with a great patio with firepits in the winter and a dimly lit interior. Craft and local beers and handcrafted cocktails. \$

Nothing Bundt Cakes

1021 Dowdy Road • 706-400-6950
nothingbundtcakes.com

FILE UNDER: Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, curbside pick-up, delivery. **HOURS:** Mon–Sat. \$

Nowhere Bar

240 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-546-4742
nowherebarlive.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music. • Old-school dive bar with a big painting of its late founder, Sky Herwig, is like traveling back in time. Darts, pool and lots of live music. Plenty of beers on draft. \$

Oak House Distillery

1015 Macon Hwy.
facebook.com/oakhousedistillery
FILE UNDER: Distillery. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. • A new distillery inside the historic Henry Bishop house, focusing on multiple gins, rum and vodka. Also offering cocktails and tours of the space. Tons of outdoor space under huge oak trees. Opening September 2022. \$\$

Off the Vine Produce

302 Athens Road • 706-899-0400
facebook.com/offthevinewinterville
FILE UNDER: Downhome. **FEATURES:** Take-out, vegetarian friendly, drive-thru. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon–Sat. • Country store/restaurant in Winterville does hot lunch (hot dogs, grilled corn, chili, pork chops, hash brown casserole), fresh produce, cakes, grab-and-go stuff from a cold case. \$

The Office Sports Bar and Grill

135 W. Washington St. • 706-521-5898
theofficeathensga.com
FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Delivery, full bar, trivia. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch. • Fancy-ish sports bar promotes itself as “a guilt-free place to say, ‘I’m at the Office.’” Burgers, wings, pork chops, steakhouse sides. Breakfast burger at brunch. Domestic and craft beer, specialty cocktails named things like “the Sexy Intern.” \$\$

Oglethorpe Garage

1560 Oglethorpe Ave. • 706-850-8810
facebook.com/oglethorpegarage
FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, full bar. **HOURS:** Mon–Sat. • A motorcycle bar, but not like in

the movies. This is just a chill neighborhood spot for people who like to ride and/or fix bikes and enjoy an aperol spritz. Non-riders welcome, too. Snacks, pop-ups/food trucks, ping pong and a nice patio. Sports on TV, fire pits outside in cold weather. \$\$

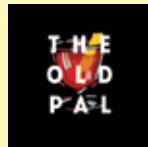
Ok Coffee

154 College Ave.
instagram.com/ok_coffee_athens
FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Counter service. **HOURS:** Open mornings and early afternoons. • Sister shop for Comer Coffee Co., popping up in the itty-bitty space at the foot of Bizarro-Wuxtry. Hot and cold coffee drinks, lemonade, horchata, donuts from Cafe Racer, coffee beans by the bag. \$\$

The Old Pal

1320 Prince Ave. • 706-850-4340
theoldpal.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, take-out. • Recognized regionally for real-good cocktails and named for an old-timey drink that combines rye, campari and vermouth. Cocktail menu changes seasonally and includes both classics and new things. Deep list of good spirits, plus some judiciously chosen wines and beers. Occasional snacks or pop-ups. \$



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 Rocks

255 E. Clayton St. • 706-354-6666
FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar. • College sports bar with an impressive sound system that describes itself as “literally just a hallway with a bar in it.” Plenty of inexpensive domestics, wells, shooters and frozen drinks. Every flavor of White Claw your heart desires. \$

Osteria Athena

323 E. Broad St. • 706-353-3911
osteriaathena.com
FILE UNDER: Italian. **FEATURES:** Catering, dinner, full bar, take-out. **HOURS:** Dinner. • Grown-up restaurant serving Italian standards with a nice view of UGA's North Campus out the second-story windows. Housemade pasta for primi; proper entrees for secondi; carpaccio among the antipasti. Gluten-free options. Italian beer and wine. \$\$\$

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 • 706-355-9152
196 Alps Road • 706-546-1012
gtcmovies.com
FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine (Oconee), full bar (Alps). **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Full-service movie theater restaurant. University 16 location does burgers, chicken sandwiches, flatbreads and tacos with movie-themed names. Beechwood location has full bar only (no kitchen). Mostly domestics on draft, imports and domestics in the bottle, wine and cocktails. \$

Oyishi Sushi and Hibachi

2061 Experiment Station Road • 706-769-7088
oyishiwatkinsville.com
FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Take-out **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Japanese restaurant with sushi (standard and specialty rolls), hibachi, ramen, fried rice, salmon tacos, soup and salad. Kids menu. Specials are a good deal. \$\$

Paloma Park

235 W. Washington St. • 706-850-7356
palomapark.com
FILE UNDER: Bars/Clubs, Something Different. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, trivia. **HOURS:** Dinner and weekend brunch. • Part bar, part tapas restaurant, with small plates like hot chicken bao, Thai chicken salad, Wagyu sliders, charcuterie and chipotle hummus. DJs, cornhole on the patio, tequila specials, giant TV for sports. \$\$

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. \$

Paris Bánh Mì

165 W. Clayton St.
parisbanhmi.com
FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Take out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • This franchise soon to open fall 2022 does Vietnamese baguette sandwiches with pâté, pickled veggies, hot peppers, meats and seitan, plus versions of the same on croissants and hamburger rolls. Bubble tea, too. \$\$

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 and dinner. • Crepe-based restaurant by day (with savory and sweet options, plus non-pancake-based foods) turns into a busy bar by night, offering over 150 beers, including 28 on tap, wines and cocktails. \$\$

Peach Pit Cafe

321 Athens Road • 706-899-0001
facebook.com/peachpitcafe
FILE UNDER: BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Winterville barbecue restaurant has pulled pork, barbecue chicken, ribs and brisket, slaw, stew, chips and bread, plus frequently varying desserts: cakes, cobbles, banana pudding. \$\$

Peking Restaurant

2725 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-549-9333
westpekingathens.com
FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Elaborate decor and Chinese-American standards. Big menu covers all the standards, with lots of vegetarian options. Sizzling rice soup comes with many of the pre-set dinners. \$\$

Pelican's Snoballs

510 Baxter St.
pelicanssnoballs.com
FILE UNDER: Snoballs. **FEATURES:** Outside seating. **HOURS:** Seven days (closes in cold weather). \$

Peppino's

950 Whitehall Road • 706-613-1616
peppinospizzeria.homestead.com
FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, counter service, take-out, outside

seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Tues–Sun. • Owned by the same folks as Little Italy, so the food is similar (New York-style pizza, enormous subs), but the vibe is different and more family-oriented. Italian salads, pasta of the day, stromboli, tiramisu and cheesecake. \$

The Picnic Basket Meal Market

1973 Hog Mountain Road • 706-705-1292

picnicbasketmealmarket.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome. **FEATURES:** Drive thru, take-out, vegetarian friendly. **HOURS:** Lunch and early dinner (closes at 6 p.m.). • Don't feel like cooking? Check out this local company that makes home-cooked meals. Order ahead on the website or stop by to see what's on offer. Options change daily, but could include tomato pie, lasagna, salads, cheesecake, enchiladas, pork chops and anything else the owners feel like making. \$\$

The Pine

1235 S. Millidge Ave. • 706-395-6278

thepineathens.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **HOURS:** Dinner and weekend brunch. First Friday lunch. • Mostly a bar, with a nice wine list, regular wine tastings and discounts for members of its wine club, but also a restaurant. Champagne brunch on weekends has egg dishes, hash and gougères. Oysters, tapas and cheese plates. \$\$\$

Pita Pit

123 N. Jackson St. • 706-552-0051

pitapit.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. \$

Pizza Factory

122 Alps Road • 706-850-6169

facebook.com/pizzafactoryathens

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. **FEATURES:** Delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Seven days. • Pizza, pastas, sandwiches, salads, wings. \$\$

Pizza Hut

1995 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-546-6100

680 U.S. Hwy. 29 N. • 706-354-0225

pizzahut.com

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

The Place

229 E. Broad St. • 706-850-2988

theplaceathens.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome, Bars. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, full bar, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch. • More refined takes on Southern standards, like shrimp and grits with gouda. Big salads, chicken and waffles (not just at brunch), shrimp burger, collard spring rolls. Cocktails that play on things like peanuts and Coke. \$\$

Planet Smoothie

196 Alps Road • 706-316-3090

1993 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-353-8181

1791 Oconee Connector • 706-521-5833

2361 W. Broad St. • 706-369-3111

planetssmoothie.com

FILE UNDER: Smoothies. **FEATURES:** Catering. **HOURS:** 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, outside seating, checks.

HOURS: Lunch, Mon–Fri. • Old-school Southern restaurant opened in the 1970s serves an all-you-can-eat buffet. Expect fried chicken, steak and gravy, barbecue, meatloaf, turnip greens, black-eyed peas, fried okra and Southern desserts. \$

Poindexter

295 E. Dougherty St. • 706-549-7020

graduatehotels.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses. • Coffee shop inside Graduate Athens hotel does grab-and-go breakfast snacks all day and coffee by La Colombe. \$

Poke Bar

1791 Oconee Connector, Suite 740 • 706-850-3410

ilovepokebar.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Take-out. **HOURS:** Seven days. \$\$

Ponko Chicken

529 Baxter St.

ponkochicken.com

FILE UNDER: Chicken. **FEATURES:** Catering, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Even more chicken close to the UGA dorms, but this franchise is a little different, with tenders fried in rice bran oil, tofu options, vegan patties, hot dogs fried and served with slaw and sides that include white or brown rice and Japanese pickles. Opening Fall 2022. \$\$

Poquito's

195 Prince Ave.

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:**

Beer, counter service, outside seating, wine. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Occupying the old Go Bar space, it features authentic taco truck eats without the truck. The large patio area is open for seating. Beer and wine. \$

Porterhouse Grill

459 E. Broad St. • 706-369-0990

porterhouseathens.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, live music. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Independently owned steakhouse also does crab cakes, chicken, shrimp scampi and other things that aren't red meat as well as a la carte sides. Lunch includes a fried green tomato sandwich, grilled salmon BLT and she-crab soup. Desserts divided into edible and drinkable. Port and cognac for after dinner. \$\$\$

Pulaski Heights BBQ

675 Pulaski St. • 706-583-9600

pulaskiheightsbbq.com

FILE UNDER: BBQ, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** BYOB, catering, outside seating, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Who says a barbecue place can't be veggie-friendly? Chef-owned restaurant smokes high-quality meats and tofu daily. Watch the Instagram for specials and to see if things are running low; when they're out, they're out. Proudly inauthentic ramen on Wednesdays. \$\$

Puma Yu's

355 Oneta St., Ste. D-400

instagram.com/pumayus

FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Full bar. • From two of the folks behind pop-up the Side Hustle comes this new intimate bar/restaurant focusing on a wide variety of Southeast Asian flavors on a small menu of food and some exciting cocktails, opening in the Southern Mill development. \$\$

Punta Cana Latin Grill

367 Prince Ave., Ste. 1 • 706-850-8960

facebook.com/puntacanakitchen

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Delivery, full bar, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch



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Caroline

"Do you prefer fashion victim or ensemble challenged?"



Christopher

"She doesn't even go here!"

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Eduardo

"I'm going for a walk."



Jackson

"Party!"



Kai

"I want to be a stone in my next life." - Suga



Keri

"Love wins."



Kevin

"Less is more."



Madison

"Never tell me the odds."



Stephanie

"The fragrance always stays in the hand that gives the rose." - Hada Bejar



Tabitha

"Jake! That horse is whack with poo brain."



Tyler

"I don't answer questions."



Yody

"I cry while watching fish documentaries to slow piano music."



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and dinner, seven days. • Darling Dominican resto serves typical rib-sticking fare featuring a lot of rice and meat, including mofongo (plantains mashed with tons of garlic and broth), sandwiches, tostones, seafood, empanadas, plantain pizzas and churros. Full bar serving all your favorite island drinks. \$\$

Rachel's Southern Style Restaurant

1021 Jamestown Blvd. • 706-310-0091

facebook.com/rachelssouthernstylerestaurant

FILE UNDER: Downhome. **FEATURES:** Catering. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Fri. • 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. • Bar with food, pool tables, dart boards, slot machines and big-screen TVs. Food includes burgers, wings, sandwiches, nachos and fries. \$

Raising Canes's

795 Baxter St. • 706-548-2008

raisingcanes.com

FILE UNDER: Chicken. **FEATURES:** Counter service, drive-thru. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

Rashe's Cuisine

585 Vine St., Ste. 3 • 706-850-4164

rashecuisine.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • From meaty Jamaican food (oxtail, goat) to vegan plates, Rashe's covers it all: roti, coco bread, plantains, vegan and regular mac and cheese, fancy chocolates made in a collab with Condor. Food truck, too. \$\$

Red Lobster

1956 W. Broad St. • 706-549-5376

redlobster.com

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

The Roadhouse

137 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-613-2324

facebook.com/roadhousedive

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music, outside seating. • This dive bar "serving hangovers since 1991" features neon beer signs and friendly bartenders. \$

Rodeo Night Club

1700 Commerce Road • 678-780-0676

www.facebook.com/rodeonightclubathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs/live music. • Nightclub/music venue off the beaten path, focusing on Latin and country music. Ladies get in free regularly. Big dance floor, flashing lights, heavy bass. \$

Roll It Up Ice Cream & Mushroom Head

496 Baxter St. • 404-621-1510

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream, Pizza. • Instagrammable novelty ice cream made in front of you with liquid nitrogen and ice cream base (part of a small Georgia chain; yes, we used to have one on Alps Road), plus a second business in the former Pizza Hut, making pizza, poutine and shawarma, all of which should be popular with the kids in the dorms. Opening fall 2022. \$\$

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, catering. **HOURS:** Dinner • Bar/restaurant on top of the historic Georgia Theatre is open during and just before shows, with snacks and heartier things (tacos, burgers, nice salads). \$

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, take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Board-game café with plenty of food: sandwiches, pizza made with pita, salads, cheese plates, bowls of snacks, kids menu, coffees. Games for rent or purchase and drinks soft and hard. \$\$

The Root

1235 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-395-6278

therootathens.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music. • This bar in the basement of The Pine has a particularly great selection of whiskey, including scotch, and access to its big sibling's food menu. Plenty of craft beer and specialty shots. \$\$

The Rowdy Goose

364 E. Broad St.

instagram.com/therowdygoose

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music. • This college bar has a rooftop patio, a focus on brightly colored boozy slushies and a beer pong table. Karaoke. \$\$

The Royal Peasant

1675 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-549-7920

royalpeasant.com



FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • English pub with a bitty kitchen does legit British food: housemade crisps, bangers and mash, shepherd's pie, curries. Also, good burgers (lamb and beef). Soccer on the telly. U.K. beers, dry ciders, craft brews, wine, whiskey and cocktails. \$\$

Ru San's

196 Alps Road • 706-552-0488

rusansathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, reservations, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Big, noisy sushi place out of Atlanta does specialty rolls and sashimi and sushi combos. Also: ramen, pho, fried tofu, grilled seafood and more. Kids menu. Premium cold sakes and cocktails with Japanese ingredients, plus boba. \$\$

Sabor Latino

2131 Hog Mountain Road • 706-705-6333

1550 Oglethorpe Ave. • 706-850-8299

facebook.com/saborlatinogrill.official

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American, Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Delivery, full bar, take-out, outside seating



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(Oglethorpe). **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Looks like your standard Americanized Mexican restaurant from afar but is actually Uruguayan, with choripan, chivito, churrosco del sur and more hiding on the menu at both locations. Great baked goods, especially Latin American sweet breads (Watkinsville location), and tasty empanadas, both sweet and savory. Kids menu. \$

Sake Mama

166 E. Clayton St.

instagram.com/sakemamauga

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar. • Club-type scene, complete with DJ. Knock some shots off chopsticks and hit the dance floor. A neon menu offers over 20 types of sake bombs. Beer, too. Big TVs for sports. \$

Sakura Steak House

3557 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-227-0001

1225 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-850-2027

sakurahibachiathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Both locations serve a similar menu, from hibachi as entertainment to some of the better sushi in town to elaborately presented sashimi platters. Also: lunch specials, hot pots, yaki udon, dumplings, mochi ice cream, kids menu. Japanese beer, sake, cocktails and wine. \$\$

Sandbar

220 College Ave. • 706-548-1988

instagram.com/sandbarathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs, outside seating. • Beach-themed college bar lets you take a shot off a surfboard or choose from “blackout buckets,” frozen drinks and a full bar to cover all the refreshments you need. Darts. \$

Saucehouse Barbeque

830 W. Broad St. • 706-363-3351

saucehouse.com

FILE UNDER: BBQ, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, delivery, outside seating, take-out, counter service. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Wed–Sun. • Barbecue in a cavernous space in a variety of iterations: pork, brisket, ribs, tofu, hash or stew, served over a starch, plus sides: slaw, beans, potato salad and more. Available in bulk orders, too. Bar menu is smaller and focused on snacks. \$\$

The Savannah Room

1197 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-338-8781

hotel.uga.edu

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, Wi-Fi, take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • UGA Hotel restaurant has been around for ages, serving strawberry ice-cream pie and celestial chicken, but also does shrimp and grits, salads, meatloaf, southern vegetables and more. \$\$

Schlotszky's Deli

1490 Baxter St. • 706-543-2518

schlottslys.com

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

Scott's BBQ

4007 Danielsville Road • 706-546-1005

FILE UNDER: BBQ. **FEATURES:** Cash and checks only. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Family-owned place you might have seen on “True South” on the SEC Network serves barbecue pork, chicken, beef and ribs with 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, take-out. **HOURS:**

Dinner. • Longtime hip oyster bar, with a great selection that changes frequently. Also fun takes on seafood and more:

scallop fried rice, scallion pancake, lobster roll, grilled cheese. Beer, wine, absinthe, sake, serious cocktails and frozen Negronis. Hire its mobile unit to shuck at your party. \$\$\$



Sellers Eatery

18 S. Barnett Shoals Road, Watkinsville • 706-705-1261

facebook.com/sellers Eatery

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Buffet, outside seating, catering. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, seven days. • Hot and cold sandwiches, burgers, hot dogs and a salad bar. Breakfast expected in late 2022. \$\$

Sr. Sol

2455 W. Broad St. • 706-850-7112

175 Tallassee Road • 706-546-1570

srsoathens.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, delivery, catering, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • One location (the original) next to a gas station and the other in a much bigger space on Broad Street. Both serve Americanized Mexican standards but also lengua, buche and tripe tacos. Chilaquiles and surprisingly good hamburguesas. \$\$

Shane's Rib Shack

680 U.S. Hwy. 29 N. • 706-549-9135

shanesribshack.com

FILE UNDER: 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, seven days. • Party sushi bar with private karaoke rooms. Lots of rolls and sashimi as well as surf and turf, noodles, fried tofu and apps. Hot and cold sake, saketinis, wine, mostly domestic beer but a few Japanese brews. \$\$\$

SideCar

1072 Baxter St. • 706-201-9216

homemadeathens.com/sidecar

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **HOURS:** Dinner. • Offshoot of home.made that shares a wall with its big sis is a place for chef Mimi Maumus to experiment with shareable small plates and for her bar staff to have fun with cocktails, including alcohol-free ones. Ten marvelous burgers a night, cute ice creams, playing cards, delightful takes on bar snacks. \$\$

Silver Dollar

262 College Ave. • 706-353-3093

facebook.com/silverdollarathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs, outside seating, live music. • Not really western-themed, despite the name, just a classic college bar with a covered outdoor patio that's often dog friendly. Ten beers on tap, well drinks and daily specials. Beer pong and cornhole tournaments and the Dawgs on TV. \$

Sips Espresso Café

1390 Prince Ave. • 706-363-7211

instagram.com/sipsespresso

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, art, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Seven days. • Small, independent coffee shop makes caffeinated beverages (including trendy stuff) with local coffees, plus has a variety of treats and other snacks like scones (sweet and savory). Good smoothies and plenty of loose tea options. \$

Siri Thai Cuisine

1040 Gaines School Road • 706-850-3500

sirithaiathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, catering, delivery, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Noodles (available with various proteins), rice entrees, soups, salads, curries and a Thai dessert selection. Spice level can be serious. A couple of Thai beers among the domestics, sakes and a section of organic wines. \$\$

Sister Louisa's Church

254 W. Clayton St. • 706-850-3668

sisterlouisaschurch.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. • Eclectic bar with velvet paintings, Pee-Wee Herman dolls and satirical religious art; now offers a patio behind what was the Caledonia Lounge. Dance or play ping-pong. Try the house sangria. \$

Slutty Vegan

700 Baxter St. • 855-439-7588

sluttyveganatl.com/athens-location

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Athens branch of Atlanta franchise has juicy, drippy, completely vegan burgers, fries, bratwurst, sweets and more, all 100% plant-based. Take-out only. \$\$

Smoothie King

1591 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-613-2600

smoothieking.com

FILE UNDER: Smoothies. **FEATURES:** Catering, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Seven days. \$

Sound Track

321 E. Clayton St. • 404-988-6434

facebook.com/soundtrackathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music. • Club atmosphere with lots of dancing, including regular Latin Night. Mostly neon and pumpin' tunes. Standard well drinks, shots, beer and bottle service. Open mic, reggae, industry night. \$

South Kitchen and Bar

247 E. Washington St. • 706-395-6125

southkitchenbar.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering. **HOURS:** Weekend brunch, lunch and dinner. • Historic former hotel with a menu of small and large plates, all with big flavors: sweet potatoes, chicken-fried tofu, duck fat tater tots, candied bacon, that kind of thing. Gluten-free stuff. Rotating draft beers in full or half pours, good wines by the glass (and bottle) and regularly changing craft cocktails with housemade ingredients. \$\$

Southern Brewing Company

231 Collins Industrial Blvd. • 706-548-7183

sobrewco.com

FILE UNDER: Breweries. **FEATURES:** Beer, live music, outside seating, trivia. • Lots of outdoor space and a wide variety of beers, organized into easy-drinking, hoppy, sour and dark. Handcrafted vodka-based slushes (flavors change)

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and small-batch specialty brews but also standards that are always available. Food trucks (different ones listed on the website on the calendar) and lots of events, from trivia to wrestling. \$

Square One Fish Co.

1298 Prince Ave. • 706-353-8862
squareonefishco.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **HOURS:** Dinner and Sunday brunch. • Seafood, both on the raw bar (oysters, seafood tower, tuna tartare) and cooked (blackened salmon, étouffée, snow crab clusters). Also land-based choices, wedge salad. Brunch includes omelets, fish tacos and oyster shooters. Good, refreshing cocktails. \$\$\$

Starland Lounge & Lanes

145 E. Clayton St. • 706-613-8773
starlandbar.com

FILE UNDER: Bars. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, full bar. • This bar recently added duckpin bowling lanes to its substantial upstairs and has other games, too. Domestic and import bottles and cans, tons of craft beer, wine and bourbon. \$\$

Strickland's Restaurant

4723 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-548-7003
stricklandsrestaurant.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome. **FEATURES:** Catering, checks. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. • Open since 1960, this unassuming place out on Atlanta Highway serves some of the best southern food in town. Menu changes daily but always includes fantastic biscuits. You might also get fried chicken, ribs, catfish, pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, creamed corn and greens. Good desserts. \$

Stripling's General Store

4501 Monroe Hwy. • 770-725-7772
striplings.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome. **FEATURES:** Catering, take-out. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. • The grocery out of Cordele also does a hot bar for southern breakfast and a meat-and-three-type lunch, priced by the pound. Pick up some snacks and drinks to round out your options. \$\$

Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream

140 W. Broad St. • 706-850-1668
subzeroicecream.com

FILE UNDER: Ice cream. **FEATURES:** Take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Open seven days. \$

Suncatcher Café

42 Greensboro Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-424-8281
facebook.com/suncatchercafe

FILE UNDER: Downhome. **FEATURES:** Take-out, counter service. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Tue–Sat. Sunday lunch. • As you'd expect from a breakfast place connected to a gas station, speedy service and big biscuits are characteristic, but there are bigger breakfast plates, too, plus meat-and-three Sunday lunch. Kids meals. \$

Sundown Saloon

50 Gaines School Road • 706-850-1177

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs, outside seating, Wi-Fi. • A rare Eastside bar, this no-frills watering hole has DJs sometimes, pool always. 25 and up. A couple beers on draft and the usual domestics in bottle, wells behind the bar. \$

Surcheros

700 Baxter St.
surcheros.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican **FEATURES:** Catering. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Taco and burrito franchise opening fall 2022 near

Slutty Vegan. Pick carnitas, grilled chicken or ground beef to go in a bowl, burrito, taco, quesadilla or salad. Add a bunch of toppings and a sauce. S'mores quesadilla for dessert. Side tacos. \$

Sweet Spot Coffee

149 Oneta St. • 706-247-0421
sweetspotathens.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Outside seating. **HOURS:** Seven days. • Darling space in the Chase Park warehouses packed with art, books and more. In-house-roasted small-batch coffee (available brewed or by bag of beans), tea, baked goods and other surprises. Regular comedy shows. \$

Sweetie Pie by Savie

150 E. Whitehall Road • 706-850-9255
sweetiepiebysavie.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Catering, take-out. **HOURS:** Tue–Sat. • Asian-inflected bakery in a historic grocery store does Eastern and Western baked goods, either custom order or from a selection each day. Impressive and elaborate cakes, croissants, cupcakes, mini pies, bar cookies, scones, mini quiches and more. Espresso and drip coffee. Gluten-free, dairy-free and vegan options available. \$

The Table Bistro

1075 Baxter St., B102 • 706-395-6599
thetablebistro.square.site

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Counter service, outside seating, take-out, catering. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Fresh flavors, low salt cooking and lots of vegetables in dishes like pasta with creamy basil arugula pesto or coconut macademia crusted fish. Gluten-free and dairy-free options. \$\$

Taco Stand

2270 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-549-5481
670 N. Milledge Ave. • 706-549-2894
facebook.com/thetstand

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer, outside seating (Milledge), take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Not a Mexican restaurant but an Athens restaurant. Milledge location has been open since the 1970s, with very little in the way of change, as it should be. Burritos, veggie chili, quesadillas (naked or grilled), gigantic nachos. Eastside has some different options and a much more squeaky clean vibe. \$

Tacos los Plebes

675 Danielsville Road • 706-850-8077

FILE UNDER: Mexican. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Excellent traditional Mexican inside a former Huddle House: pollo, lengua, cabeza, al pastor, chorizo, carnitas, barbacoa, asada and tripa. Menudo on weekends, horchata and great sopes. \$

Tai Chi Bubble Tea

151 E. Broad St. • 706-395-6483
taichibubbletea.com

FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Bubble tea, ramen, poke bowls, sushi burritos and salad bowls. Order online and pick up. \$

Tamez Barbecue

1660 W. Broad St. • 706-850-3939
tamezbbq.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru, take-out, catering, delivery, outside seating. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and early dinner. • Texas-style barbecue with a chef pedigree. Breakfast burritos in the a.m. on unbelievable housemade tortillas, pork and other meats in the p.m. (bris-

ket if you're lucky), plus cornbread, beans, collards. Meats smoked daily. Check the website for sometimes changing hours. \$\$

Tapped Athens

297 Prince Ave., Ste. 19 • 404-538-4369
tappedathens.com



FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars/Clubs. **FEATURES:** Wine. **HOURS:** Tues–Sat. • Wine bar with 24 selections on tap, served

from an Enomatic in various sizes or buy a bottle. Regular tasting events. Biscuits on the first Saturday of the month; snacks to accompany wine. \$\$

Taqueria del Sol

334 Prince Ave. • 706-353-3890
taqueriadelcsol.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, counter service, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon–Sat. Dinner, Tues–Sat. • Chef-crafted taqueria with a focused menu. Pork, brisket, fried chicken, carnitas, fish and veggie tacos, plus weekly specials and a blue-plate special. Great selection of premium tequilas, build-your-own margaritas and bottled beers. \$

Taqueria Juaritos

3875 Jefferson Road • 706-521-5260
instagram.com/juaritostaqueria

FILE UNDER: Mexican. **FEATURES:** Counter service, catering. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Great taqueria inside the Petro Express does tacos, sopes, gorditas and burritos with fillings including asada, chicken, al pastor, barbacoa, carnitas, deshebrada (shredded beef), tongue, tripe, chorizo and buche (stomach), plus hot wings and really good soups. Excellent condiment bar. \$

Taqueria la Jalisco

3750 Old Jefferson Road • 706-316-3560

FILE UNDER: Mexican. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Taqueria inside a full-service grocery store with a butcher counter. Menudo, carnitas, chorizo, tortas, al pastor and a few freshly made salsas. Great baked goods in the grocery section and paletas/helados next door. \$

Taqueria la Parrilla

1431 Capital Ave. • 706-310-9991
2439 Jefferson Road • 706-549-4977
855 Gaines School Road • 706-548-5040
lapa.us

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar (Jefferson and Gaines School), beer and wine (Watkinsville), delivery, catering, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Locally owned small chain Mexican restaurant has chips-and-salsa-type standards and will give you fried ice cream on your birthday, but also serves Mexican-style tacos and good tortas. Kids menu. Margaritas, Mexican beers, regular bottled stuff and pitchers. \$\$

Taqueria Tsunami

1791 Oconee Connector • 706-353-0040
320 E. Clayton St. • 706-621-7999
taqueriatsunami.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Mexican and South American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, take-out, delivery, full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Small Atlanta-based chain does Asian/Latin fusion tacos: bulgogi and shiitake, teriyaki chicken with pineapple pico de gallo, tofu with sesame-soy vinaigrette and more. Apps, bowls and salads. Margaritas, cocktails, sangria and craft beers. \$\$



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Taste of India

1040 Gaines School Road • 706-559-0000

indiaathens.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly.

FEATURES: Beer and wine, delivery, catering, outside seating, take-out, vegetarian friendly. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Big menu of Indian standards, from samosas and pakoras to poori, chat, tandoori and many vegetarian and vegan options. Get your entree made with veggies, paneer, tofu, chicken, lamb, goat, fish or shrimp. Lassis, chai and Indian tea. \$\$\$

Taziki's Mediterranean Cafe

227 Prince Ave. • 706-247-7619

taziskiscale.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly.

FEATURES: Beer and wine, catering, counter service, delivery, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Mediterranean quick-service franchise does 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, Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru, catering, outside seating. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Mon-Sat. • Heavily football-themed place that does biscuits with sausage, bacon, bologna, steak, chicken, country ham, tenderloin, smoke-link or salmon. Beef, chicken, salmon and shrimp burgers. Wings available in large quantities geared to tailgating. \$

Ted's Most Best

254 W. Washington St. • 706-543-1523

facebook.com/tedsmostbest

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, outside seating, take-out, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Beateous personally sized pizzas are as far from chain pizza as you get, carefully prepared with thinly sliced fancy toppings. Also other Italian-ish items and great salads. Gluten-free options. Desserts in the refrigerated case. Good beer in cans, on draft and bottles, a few wines by the glass. Large patio with a sandbox for kids. \$\$

Terrapin Beer Co.

265 Newton Bridge Road • 706-549-3377

terrapinbeer.com

FILE UNDER: Breweries. **FEATURES:** Beer, outside seating. • Local brewer has a huge space, outside and inside, with live music, at which to taste craft beer.

Dogs are welcome! IPA fiends are into Hopsecutioner, but you might also find a watermelon gose or the Wake-n-Bake coffee oatmeal imperial stout. Food trucks are sometimes present. Order on the website for take-out with curbside pick-up. \$



Texas Roadhouse

1021 Dowdy Road • 706-613-1300

texasroadhouse.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, take-out, reservations. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$\$

Thai Spoon

149 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-548-9222

thaispoonathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, take-out, delivery, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch

and dinner. • Big menu runs from fresh Thai salads to satay, spicy basil duck, lots of seafood and vegan options, plus gluten-free stuff, with lots of eggplant, basil, chilis and curry, all customizable to your taste. Kids menu. Beer and wine, Thai iced tea and Thai iced coffee. \$\$

Tlaloc El Mexicano Restaurant

1225 N. Chase St. • 706-613-9301

tlalocelmexicanorestaurant.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican and Latin American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, drive-thru. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner, seven days. • Central American and Mexican food at this cult favorite. Pupusas, massive tortas, regular specials and fantastic mole; lots of seafood options. Breakfast, which includes chilaquiles, starts at 10 a.m. and is served all day. Margaritas, beer and aguas frescas. \$\$

Tokyo Express

690 U.S. Hwy. 29 • 706-543-8833

FILE UNDER: Asian. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. • Quick-service hibachi and sushi, 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

toppers-international-showbar.business.site

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, exotic dancing. • Athens' only strip club sometimes does a male revue. Full bar with prices for high rollers and budget drinkers alike. \$

Trappeze Pub

269 N. Hull St. • 706-543-8997

trapezepub.com

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. Sunday brunch. • Big menu of food and beer with lots of vegetarian choices: loaded mac and cheese, southern fish and chips, tabbouleh salad, house-made pickles, a vegan Reuben, buffalo tofu taco, plus scores of unusual, well-described beers in the bottle and on tap. There's also wine and nice cocktails. \$\$

The Traveling Hobo Cafe

20 Greensboro Hwy. • 706-310-4323

facebook.com/travelinghobocafe

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Ginormous two-hands-required burgers are the focus (bison, lamb, lots of toppings, regular specials), but you can also get other sandwiches, hot dogs, fried apps, wings and salads. Vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options. Kids menu. Cheesecake for dessert. \$\$

Tropical Bar

251 W. Clayton St., Ste 116 • 706-850-0406

instagram.com/tropicalbarathensga

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music. • Latin bar encouraging guests to dance, drink and have fun listening to merengue, bachata, salsa and more. Bottle service, neon lights. \$\$

Utage Athens Sushi Bar

440 E. Clayton St. • 706-227-9339

utagesushibar.restaurant

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Lunch combos have more variety than at many other restaurants. Lots of specialty rolls (the sushi part of the menu is huge), but also good udon and ramen bowls, yakitori, tonkatsu, teriyaki, fried rice and more. Hot and cold sake, Japanese (and American) beers, wine, sake bombs and martinis. \$

Vampire Penguin

115 Hickory St. • 706-449-7140

facebook.com/vampirepenguinathens

FILE UNDER: Shaved Ice. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Tues-Sun. • Taiwanese-style fluffy shaved ice served in mounds topped with chocolate sauce, brownie bites, Sour Xploderz, fresh fruit, boba and more. Fun and light. Parking is validated for two hours. \$\$

VFW Post 2872

835 Sunset Dr. • 706-543-5940

facebook.com/vfwpost2872

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, karaoke, live music. • You don't have to be a member to come enjoy this cash-only bar, which is open to the public on Thursdays and Fridays (there's an ATM if you don't plan ahead). Dance floor, bottled and canned beer, wine and a full bar of liquor drinks. \$

Viva! Argentine Cuisine

247 Prince Ave. • 706-850-8284

vivaargentine.net

FILE UNDER: South American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, catering, delivery, frozen drinks, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Our one and only Argentinean restaurant, with zingy chimichurri sauce, beef, a variety of empanadas (including a samosa-inspired one), hearty soups, lots of vegetarian options and cute cupcakes. \$\$



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. • Local coffee and light food until the early afternoon, bar by night. Six beers on draft and over 70 in bottles, including many microbrews. \$

The Warehouse

346 E. Broad St.

thewarehouseathens.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Live Music. • Large bar/club that encourages lots of dancing. Metal, country, rap and more, with flashing lights and plenty of drinks. Also: cornhole, beer pong, occasional wrestling. \$

Weaver D's Fine Foods

1016 E. Broad St. • 706-353-7797

facebook.com/weaverds

FILE UNDER: Downhome. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Tues-Sat. • A legend, in Athens and far outside it, and thankfully still open. Look for the bright-green cinderblock building and the sign that reads "Automatic for the People." Fantastic fried chicken, squash casserole, mac and cheese, collards and the like, varying a bit daily. \$\$

Whataburger

3321 Lexington Road

3201 Atlanta Hwy.

whataburger.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches and Burgers. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru, counter service. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Texas-based fast-food chain is expanding to Athens with two locations to come. Burgers with jalapeños, fries, shakes, hot apple pies and more. \$

White Tiger Gourmet

217 Hiawassee Ave. • 706-353-6847
64 N. Main St. • 706-705-6115

whitetigergourmet.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Downhome and BBQ, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, delivery, take-out, art, outside seating, table service, full bar (Watkinsville). **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, weekend brunch (Watkinsville). • Original location is in an old-timey grocery with high ceilings and a ton of outside seating under fairy lights. BYOB. New candy-colored "Deluxe" edition is in Watkinsville with cocktails, beer and wine. Both serve amazing cheeseburgers, pork and tofu barbecue and veggie sides. \$\$

Willy's Mexicana Grill

196 Alps Road • 706-548-1920

willys.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer, catering, counter service, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

Wing Zone

142 W. Clayton St. • 706-214-2536

wingzone.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

Winghouse Grill

8727 U.S. Hwy. 29 • 706-850-9700

1307 Prince Ave. • 706-850-8250

winghouse-grill.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, take-out, outside seating, beer. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Two locations, plus a food truck; the original is out in Hull, and the newer one is in the heart of Normaltown. Wings, fried stuff, burgers, hot dogs, chicken sandwiches and a couple of salads. Kids meals include a cookie. Homemade cake. \$

Wingster Café

521 Baxter St. • 706-583-9611

wingsterathens.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • 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). \$

WNB Factory

4375 Lexington Road, Ste. C-11 • 706-308-8088

wbnfactory.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers And Chicken. **FEATURES:** Catering, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Small Southern chain serving burgers, wings, chicken sandwiches, cheesesteaks and more. \$

Wok Star

225 Cherokee Road • 706-742-2555

wokstarrestaurant.com

FILE UNDER: American, Asian. **FEATURES:** Delivery, take-out, vegetarian friendly. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • There is legit Chinese food in this Winterville restaurant that also serves hamburgers. Ask for the Chinese menu and you'll find duck, yu xiang eggplant, hot and spicy boiled fish, mapo tofu, cumin lamb and more. Vegetarian and vegan menu. \$\$

Wok's Up

1791 Oconee Connector, Bogart • 706-521-5486

woksupathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Fast-casual made-to-order stir-fry. Pick a protein (steak, chicken, shrimp, pork, tofu), some veggies, a sauce and a base (rice, noodles, salad), and they'll cook it for you right then and there. \$

Wonderbar

240 E. Washington St.

instagram.com/wonderbarwonderbar

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs, live music. • Video games, board games and rock, paper, scissors tournaments, plus snacks. Sweet specialty drinks like a Yoohoo Mudslide, and shots flavored like Sour Patch Kids. \$

Woodford

120 E. Washington St.

instagram.com/woodford.athens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs, outside seating, trivia. • Craft and draft beer, specialty cocktails including Stiegl grapefruit soda mixed with vodka. \$

The World Famous

351 N. Hull St. • 706-543-4002

facebook.com/theworldfamousathens

FILE UNDER: American, Bars, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Counter service, delivery, art, full bar, live music. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night. • Half bar, half restaurant, with

hearty, fun food (poutine, meatball banh mi, General Tso's tofu), lots of veggie choices and regular specials. Creative cocktails, well-priced beer, wine, housemade nonalcoholic sodas and a great chalkboard that often demonstrates townies' secret love of UGA football. \$\$

Your Pie

196 Alps Road • 706-549-3179

1430 Capital Ave. • 706-705-1510

yourpie.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, catering, counter service, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Locally based franchise does personal-size customized pizzas. Lots of topping, sauce and cheese choices. Vegan and gluten-free choices. Panini, pasta, bread bowl salads, gelato, beer and wine. \$\$

Zeb's Bar-B-Q

5742 U.S. Hwy. 29 • 706-795-2701

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FILE UNDER: BBQ. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, drive-thru, checks, take-out. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner, Wed-Sat. Lunch, Sun. • Country barbecue joint of long standing, has great atmosphere and is well known for its peppery, vinegary sauce. Burgers, chicken sandwiches, fries, tots and slaw, too, but the barbecue sandwich is the real attraction. \$

Zombie Coffee and Donuts

350 E. Broad St. • 706-850-2526

eatzombiedonuts.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Delivery, outside seating, Wi-Fi, catering. **HOURS:** Seven days. • Tell the folks behind the counter which toppings you want on your freshly made chocolate or vanilla doughnut (your choice of glaze, plus sprinkles, bacon, pecans, Fruity Pebbles and more). Iced coffee made with coffee ice cubes. Vegan, paleo and gluten-free options. \$

ZZ & Simone's

1540 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-395-6556

zzandsimones.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, reservations, outside seating. **HOURS:** Dinner. • Italian restaurant with a bit of beachiness and a great 1960s soundtrack. Primi including crudo and anchovies on toast, housemade pasta, meat-centric entrees, pizzas, from-scratch gelato, a serious cocktail program and more. Book a table ahead or walk in. Heated patio. \$

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