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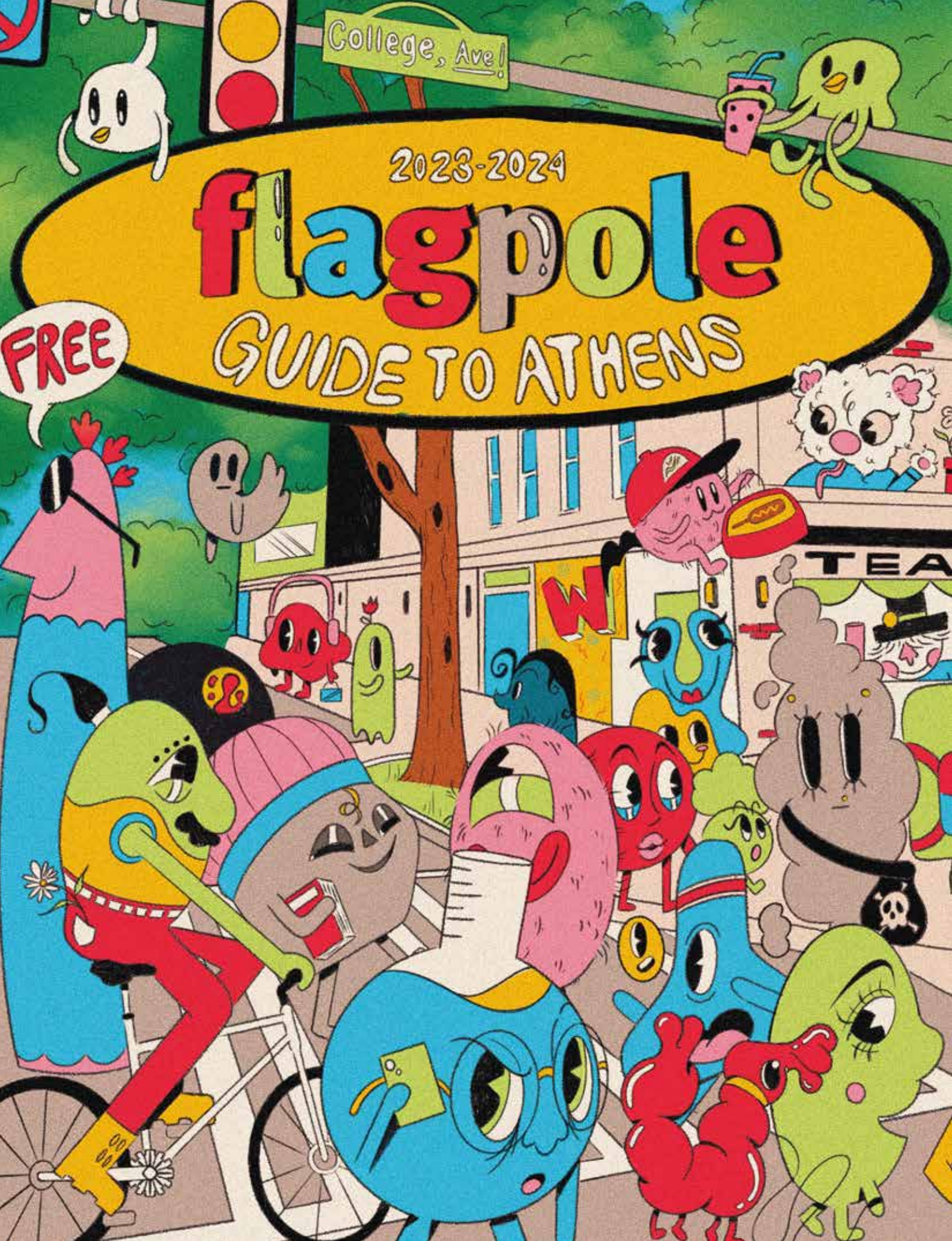
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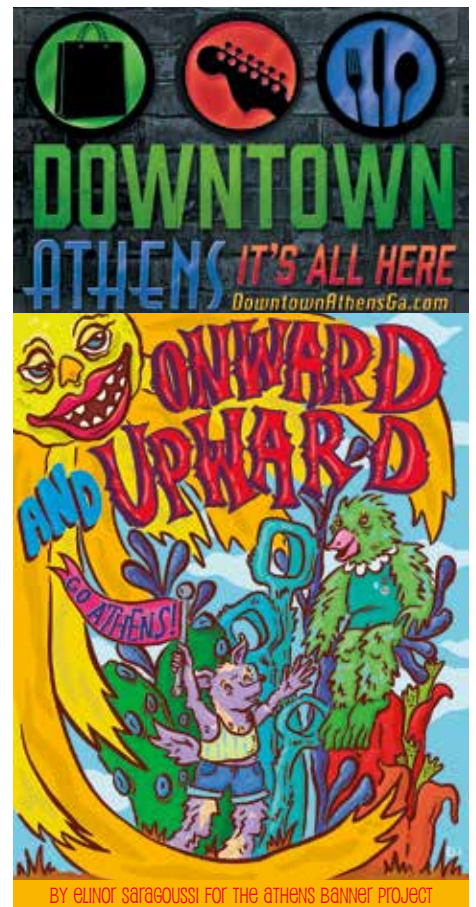
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ATHENS AT A GLANCE



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—now mostly recovered from shutdowns during the COVID-19 pandemic. 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 (which closed in 2021). 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, newer shopping centers in neighboring Oconee County and online retailers have all but killed off the mall, which 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.

Regardless of politics, Athens continues to grow rapidly, with apartments and fast-food restaurants popping up around the Highway 29 "Space Kroger" (so big it can be seen from space), shuttered factories being renovated into mixed-use developments along Newton Bridge Road, Baxter Street undergoing revitalization, and a film/TV studio and biotech company coming to the industrial Olympic Drive area.

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 arts and entertainment 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, in the weekly magazine, 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 second Thursday of the month, with a 5 p.m. work session followed by a 7 p.m. voting meeting. Superintendent Robbie Hooker, hired in 2022, is seeking to lead the school district out of a tumultuous period. Agendas can be accessed through CCSD's website at clarke.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 the state flipping blue in 2020, sending senators Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff to Washington and helping to elect President Joe Biden. Warnock won a full term in 2022, but voters also overwhelmingly re-elected Republican Gov. Brian Kemp as the GOP swept other statewide offices. (Kemp, an Athens native, is now rumored to be considering a run for president.) 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 Athens-Clarke County Democrats (clarkecounty.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 (wcwga.org), BikeAthens

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Loop 10 Beautification Project



Community funded project to plant daffodil bulbs and crape myrtle trees on Loop 10 ramps and medians. Donate or volunteer.

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Adopt-A-Highway Trashercise • Down & Dirty Cleanups • Rivers Alive • Bring One for the Chipper • MLK Day of Service

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(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 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 on the Eastside. The Firefly Trail runs east from The Mark development down the hill from downtown toward the river, and west from downtown Winterville, with a gap in the middle expected to be filled this year. A newly opened bridge over Trail Creek near Dudley Park pays homage to the historic train trestle pictured on the back cover of R.E.M.'s *Murmur* album.

DRIVE: On-street parking downtown is \$1.75 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 UGA Campus Transit (transit.uga.edu) are free and open to the public—just hop on. 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, and competitor Megabus (us.megabus.com) also uses that station. Groome Transportation (groometransportation.com) will take you from one of several pick-up locations to Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta. Plans are in the works for a government-funded bus link between Athens and the Metro Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority station in Doraville as well. 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.

HOW WE STACK UP

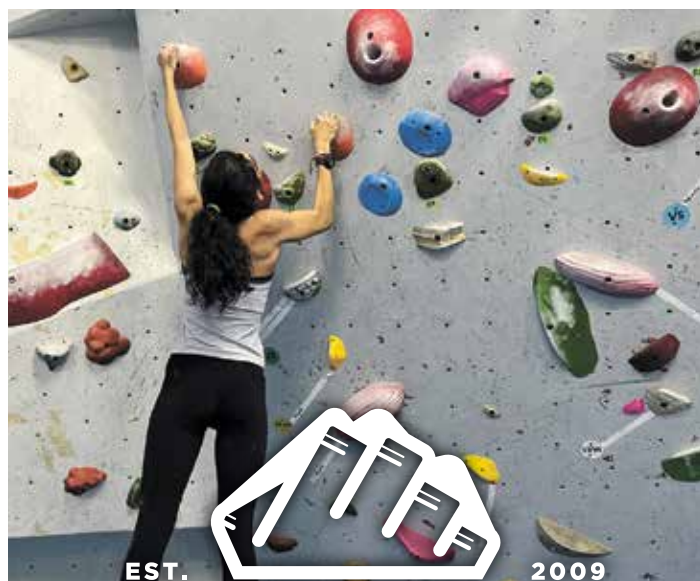
AREA: About **122 square miles**—geographically the smallest county in Georgia.

POPULATION: **132,249** (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 2022)

LARGEST EMPLOYERS: **UGA** (11,541), **Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center** (3,300), **Clarke County School District** (2,350), **St. Mary's Hospital** (2,100), **Athens-Clarke County government** (1,728), **Caterpillar** (1,600), **Pilgrim's Pride** (1,350)



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ATHENS, GA

- BEGINNERS ALWAYS WELCOME!
- ADULT/COLLEGE BOULDERING LEAGUE
- CLIMBING TEAMS: RECREATIONAL & COMPETITIVE AGES 7+
- SEPARATE WORKOUT STUDIO FOR CONDITIONING AND YOGA CLASSES
- CAMPS & BIRTHDAY PARTIES
- MEMBERS NIGHT, LADIES NIGHT, COLLEGE NIGHT



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READERS PICKS



RESTAURANTS

FAVORITE NEW RESTAURANT
(OPENED BETWEEN FEB. '22-JAN. '23)

Puma Yu's

FAVORITE ITALIAN

DePalma's Italian Cafe

FAVORITE AMERICAN

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FAVORITE ASIAN

Puma Yu's

FAVORITE SUSHI

Chuck's Fish

FAVORITE MEXICAN/LATIN AMERICAN

Cali-N-Tito's

INTERNATIONAL

Mannaweenta

FAVORITE BBQ

Pulaski Heights BBQ

FAVORITE BAKERY

Independent Baking Co.

FAVORITE DOWNTOWN/ SOUTHERN

The Place

FAVORITE LOCAL COFFEE HOUSE

Jittery Joe's Coffee

FAVORITE LOCAL PIZZA

Automatic Pizza

FAVORITE LOCAL BURGER

Clocked!

FAVORITE FRIES

Trappeze Pub

FAVORITE BURRITO

Barberitos Southwestern

Grille and Cantina

FAVORITE TACO

Taqueria del Sol

FAVORITE STEAK

Slater's Steakhouse

FAVORITE SEAFOOD

Seabear Oyster Bar

FAVORITE WINGS

Blind Pig Tavern

FAVORITE VEGETARIAN OPTIONS

Hi-Lo Lounge

FAVORITE SANDWICH

Marti's at Middy

FAVORITE DESSERT

The Last Resort

FAVORITE BUBBLE TEA

Bubble Cafe

FAVORITE FROZEN TREAT

Andy's Frozen Custard

FAVORITE BREAKFAST

Mama's Boy

FAVORITE LUNCH

Marti's at Middy

FAVORITE BRUNCH

Mama's Boy

FAVORITE SPECIAL OCCASION

The National

FAVORITE DELIVERY SERVICE

Bulldawg Food

FAVORITE MEAL FOR A DEAL

Taco Stand

FAVORITE KID-FRIENDLY LOCAL RESTAURANT

Ted's Most Best

FAVORITE OUTDOOR DINING

Ted's Most Best

FAVORITE TAKE OUT

Maepole

FAVORITE CHEF

Pete Amadhanirundr at

Puma Yu's

FAVORITE UNIQUELY ATHENS RESTAURANT

Last Resort Grill

BARs

FAVORITE BARTENDER

Abigail Burrow
at Flicker and Rook &
Pawn

FAVORITE SPECIALTY DRINKS

The Old Pal

FAVORITE HAPPY HOUR

Seabear Oyster Bar

FAVORITE BEER SELECTION

Trappeze Pub

FAVORITE WINE SELECTION

The Lark Winespace

FAVORITE LOCAL BREWERY

Creature Comforts Brewery

FAVORITE OUTDOOR BAR SPACE

Little Kings Shuffle Club

FAVORITE PLACE TO PLAY

GAMES

The Rook and Pawn

FAVORITE UNIQUELY ATHENS BAR

The Manhattan Café

RETAIL

FAVORITE SEX POSITIVE BUSINESS

Sexy Suz

FAVORITE STORE TO BUY GIFTS

Indie South

FAVORITE STORE TO BUY HOME GOODS

Indie South

FAVORITE LOCAL CLOTHING BOUTIQUE

Community

FAVORITE PLACE TO BUY LOCAL ART AND HANDMADE GOODS

Indie South

FAVORITE PLACE TO BUY CBD/ HEMP PRODUCTS

Franny's Farmacy

FAVORITE THRIFT/VINTAGE STORE

Dynamite

FAVORITE PLACE TO BUY WINE

The Lark Winespace

FAVORITE PLACE TO BUY BEER

J's Bottle Shop

FAVORITE UNIQUELY ATHENS STORE

Avid Bookshop

MUSIC

FAVORITE RECORDING STUDIO

The Glow Recording Studio

FAVORITE PERFORMANCE VENUE

Georgia Theatre

FAVORITE INTIMATE MUSIC VENUE

Flicker Theatre & Bar

PETS & KIDS

FAVORITE VET CLINIC

Athens Animal Hospital

FAVORITE PET GROOMER

Bark Dog Spa

PET BOARDING/SITTING SERVICE

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Treehouse Kid and Craft

FAVORITE KIDS' CLASSES: MOVEMENT

Canopy Studio

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Urban Sanctuary Spa

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Phelan La Velle at M3 Yoga

FAVORITE PLACE TO GET FIT

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FAVORITE ADULT CLASSES: CREATIVE

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FAVORITE COMMUNITY INVOLVED BUSINESS

Avid Bookshop

STUFF AROUND TOWN

FAVORITE PLACE TO SEE LOCAL ART

Lyndon House Arts Center

FAVORITE NONPROFIT/CHARITY

Nuci's Space

FAVORITE EVENT

AthFest Music and Arts

Festival

ANNUAL EVENTS



Wild Rumpus Parade and Spectacle

ATHENS' many annual events include festivals, parades, fundraisers, sporting events, craft markets and cultural celebrations among other things. Here are some long-standing favorites to look forward to each year. Check *Flagpole's* weekly calendar in print and at flagpole.com for a comprehensive community events roundup.

UGA Home Football Games 2023 | Dawg fans fill the stadium and overflow to occupy every nearby space with a TV and a tap. **Sept. 2** Tennessee-Martin • **Sept. 9** Ball State • **Sept. 16** South Carolina • **Sept. 23** UAB • **Oct. 7** Kentucky • **Nov. 4** Missouri. georgiadogs.com

Groovy Nights | **Sept. 9, 2023** | Get your groove on with Project Safe for a '70s vs. '80s lip sync battle at the VFW. project-safe.org

Pride Fest | **Sept. 30, 2023** | Welcoming and inclusive to all, this LGBTQIA+ community celebration also highlights local resources and activities. athenspride.org

North Georgia Folk Festival | **Oct. 7, 2023** | Enjoy a day of outstanding folk music at sprawling Sandy Creek Park. athensfolk.org

Boo-le-Bark on the Boulevard | **Oct. 15, 2023** | Rain or shine, show off your pup's best Halloween attire. barkonboulevard.com

PorchFest | **Oct. 15, 2023** | The Athens music scene kicks up on front porches all over Athens' walkable intown neighborhoods for a tuneup afternoon/evening ramble. historicalathens.com

AthHalf | **Oct. 21-22, 2023** | 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. 28, 2023** | Don your best costume and howl at the moon on Halloween weekend. Kids events, music and more. wildrumpus.org

Downtown Parade of Lights | **Dec. 7, 2023** | 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. 9-10, 2023** | 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. 15, 2024** | The festival and the parade through downtown are sponsored by the Athens Anti-discrimination Movement and include music, dance, speeches and vendors. aadmovement.org

Fluke Mini-Comics and Zine Festival | **March, 2024** | Comic and zine creators (lots of them) get together annually to share and sell their stuff at the 40 Watt Club. flukeathens.com

Dancing with the Athens Stars | **Mar. 16, 2024** | Local celebrities work hard with their paired dancers for Project Safe at the Classic Center. project-safe.org

Boybutante Ball | **April 2024** | 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 2024** | 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. 13, 2024** | UGA's free spring scrimmage provides fans a first look at next year's football team. georgiadogs.com

Athens Beer Fest | **Apr. 14, 2024** | Enthusiasts sample craft beer from Athens and around the region at this event carrying on the legacy of the original Classic City Brew Fest. classiccenter.com/Athens-Beer-Fest

Twilight Criterium | **Apr. 26-27, 2024** | This world-class bicycle race draws thousands downtown and includes lots of associated activities. athenstwilight.com

Indie South Fair | **May 4-5, 2024** | This large outdoor market of handcrafted and functional art has several other events throughout the year. theindiesouth.com

Winterville Marigold Festival | **May 11, 2024** | 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 2024** | Music, food and fellowship at Hull and Washington streets downtown, celebrating local black culture and commerce. hotcornerathens.weebly.com

Pride Parade | **June 2024** | Taking place in the streets of downtown Athens, this newer celebration will return with floats, music, vendors and food. athenspride.org/parade

AthFest Music and Arts Festival | **June 21-23, 2024** | 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 | **June 29, 2024** | Celebrate American independence with a fireworks display launched from a location to be announced. accgov.com

ART AROUND TOWN

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Bear Hollow Zoo

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

675 Pulaski St., Suite 1500 • acefranciscogallery.com

Located inside of the historic Leathers Building, this new gallery was established in May 2022 by Jason Thrasher and Beth Hall Thrasher. The gallery looks forward to an exhibition of skateboarding photography by San Diego-based artist J. Grant Brittain in the fall of 2023. 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. • athenaeum.uga.edu

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. For the fall season, the gallery will present an audio-visual installation created by Paul Pfeiffer in collaboration with the Georgia Redcoat Marching Band.

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. A community hub for over 20 years, 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. Artist-in-ATHICA residencies spotlight artists working in a variety of disciplines.

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 reopened under new ownership in 2022, and plans to continue hosting rotating displays of artwork.

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 in the Classic Galleries.

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 year-round. Regular events include receptions and lectures by artists and art historians.

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 Andersen Rodriguez, Caitlyn Riesinger, Mark Dalling, Marisa Mustard and Jill Carnes.

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 "Southern/Modern," Jim Fiscus' "Where Shadows Cross," "Nancy Baker Cahill: Through Lines" and "Kei Ito: Staring at the Face of the Sun." Admission is free, as are almost all of its many events: gallery tours, lectures, films, workshops for teens and family activities. The museum is celebrating its 75th anniversary with associated programming running through November.

Hotel Indigo Athens

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

ArtWall@Hotel Indigo presents 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. The hotel also features a handful of local artists such as Mark Steinmetz, Brittany Lauback, Alex Murawski and Rebecca Kreisler in its permanent collection.

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.

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. This year's programming spotlights artists including Jackie Dorsey, Mary Engel, Charmaine Minniefield, Margaret Morrison, Brandon Narsing, Charles Pinckney, Lois Thomas-Ewings, Kristin Roberts and Cheryl Washburn.

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PUBLIC ART PROJECTS TO CHECK OUT

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 Younkings-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.

Cobham 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.

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.

Frequency Debuted in December of 2022, Maryland-based artist Eric Leskinsky's "Frequency" is a 14-piece installation of three-dimensional blue "squiggles" that run along Clayton Street from Thomas to Lumpkin streets. A trained architect and planner, Leskinsky's work encourages viewers to consider how the forms interact with objects along the path.

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 commemorate 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 & 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" visible from Highway 15 N. in Greensboro. Popular murals include Taylor Shaw's ATHENS Mural near Classic City Cycling, Dave Jenkins' at Last Resort Grill, Anthony Wislar at Creature Comforts Brewery, Jamie Calkin at Flowerland and Michael Ross on Hawthorne Avenue.

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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.”

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 • botgarden.uga.edu

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.



ACE/FRANCISCO Gallery

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 receptions and pop-up events are typically held on Thursdays. Upcoming artists include Manda McKay, Jim Barsness and Jesse Blalock, Will Eskridge, Kip Ramey and Elizabeth Hanes.

Twisted Moon Studios

2971 Monroe Hwy., Bogart • 678-661-0126 • twistedmoonstudios.com

This art studio offers classes, camps and workshops for children and adults alike, as well as paint parties. In addition to public events, the space is also available to rent.

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 photographs, manuscripts, maps and memorabilia.

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ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS



Sandy Creek Nature Center

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 naturescape play area gives kids a space to investigate while they play, and inside the center they can explore STEM topics such as electricity, our food, planets and pollinators. 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 host storytime events and activities for kids of all ages. Visit 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.

GO PLAY OUTSIDE

Whether you're looking for sports fields, a walk in the woods or just a place to hang (from the monkey bars, of course), you can find your flavor at one of Athens-Clarke County's dozen-plus playgrounds.

Want to explore? Find trails and a naturescape play area at Sandy Creek Nature Center (205 Old Commerce Road or via the Greenway). Walk the trails in the wooded areas of Southeast Clarke Park (325 Whit Davis Road). There's also the Birchmore Trail at Memorial Park (293 Gran Ellen Drive) and a trail along the river at Ben Burton Park (615 Mitchell Bridge Road).

For more traditional playgrounds, stop by the World of Wonder at Southeast Clarke Park for an expansive play area. If you're looking for open fields instead of swings, this park also has open areas around the playground. For more of a neighborhood feel, hit up 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 playing fields and open areas to run, check out the Holland Youth Sports Complex (250 Vincent Drive), Bishop Park (705 Sunset Drive) and Southeast Clarke Park. Note that this is just a partial list—for parks with pools, more playgrounds and other amenities, check out Parks & Recreation on page ____.

Beyond county parks, find trails, gardens and the Alice H. Richards Children's Garden, which includes an all ages playscape, at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia (2450 S. Milledge Ave.). 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 or non-motorized boats. And 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.

SPEED IT UP

If the kids want to take out the bikes, skateboards or scooters, you have options. For gently rolling paved trails through much of downtown Athens, check out the Greenway. This network of paved paths connects from Sandy Creek Nature Center to Dudley Park, the Firefly Trail and South Campus (accgov.com/greenway)—along with a few spurs along the way into neighborhoods. Or check out the newly opened trestle section of the Firefly Trail, which you can follow to downtown Winterville. 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, Memorial Park and Southeast Clarke Park (with the addition of a popular skate and BMX park).

PARKS & RECREATION



Skate Park of Athens

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 key features are listed in each description. 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

This 32-acre in-town wildlife preserve features a hardwood forest, trails, restrooms, outdoor grills 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 and a paved walking path. Programs include tennis, pickleball, gymnastics and more. There are restrooms, a playground and picnic shelters. Home to the Athens Farmers Market year-round from 8 a.m. to noon. Please note the Bishop Park pool is closed for renovations.

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 hiking trail, 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, picnic areas, 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 the recently completed Firefly Bridge Over Trail Creek. For a complete list of trails and points of interest, please visit accgov.com/firefly.

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. For a complete list of

trails and points of interest, please visit 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 serves everyone from kids to teens with activities such as a branch of the public library, a gymnasium, outdoor tennis courts, an outdoor pool and a Teen Tech Lab.

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. The facility also includes amenities such as a playground, restrooms and a snack bar.

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 anyone looking to get active, both indoors and out, with activities like tennis, pickleball, pétanque, an outdoor pool and more. The facility also features a gymnasium, a public library branch and a Teen Tech Lab.

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 playground and a public pool, as well as Athens Creative Theatre and The Birchmore Trail,

a 1.25-mile trail through the Five Points neighborhood. Please note some amenities may be unavailable while the park undergoes renovations.

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 community center, 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. This facility has 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., 7 a.m.-9 p.m.

The county's largest park (782 acres total) surrounds picturesque Lake Chapman featuring a beach, dog parks (one public and five private), a playground and trails. Enjoy disc golf, picnicking, boating and fishing. Admission is \$2/person (ages 4-64) and \$1 extra for disc golf. 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 non-ACC government-owned 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 (tee-totter, small rollers, etc.) and a ¼-of-a-mile trail loop with small rock features that can be bypassed. Open to all skill levels. 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, Wiggley Field Dog Park and tennis/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. The facility 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, featuring a fitness zone, an ADA-accessible playground, a popular splash pad for kids, soccer fields and mountain bike trails, like the new pump track courtesy of SORBA Athens.

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, a snack bar and a bathhouse, Legion is enjoyed each summer by the university community and 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/bike trails and a dog park 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 the 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 Day Chapel, are available for rental.

OCONEE COUNTY

oconeecounty.com/398/Parks

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, dog-friendly park has picnic tables,

walking trails, horseshoes, shoals and a baseball field. There are also three pavilions available to rent for gatherings and events.

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, a multipurpose field, 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, a dog park, tennis courts and multipurpose fields outside and a community center with a gym and track inside.

Playground of Possibilities & ESP Miracle League Ballfield

191 VFW Drive, Watkinsville, GA 30677 • 706-769-5161

Hours: sunrise-sunset

The Playground of Possibilities is filled with a variety of equipment that people of all abilities and ages can enjoy, including a zipline and a merry-go-round that is flush to the ground. The PoP is located next to Extra Special People's Miracle League Ball Field, which is located next to City Hall and makes baseball available to kids of all abilities.

CITY OF WINTERVILLE

Pittard Park and Pavilion

Parkview and Church streets • 706-742-8600 • cityofwinterville.com/parks-and-recreation

Hours: sunrise-sunset

This park has three pavilions for rent, playgrounds, open fields, disc golf and metal art by Beverly Babb. It also hosts the Winterville Marigold Festival every spring.

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 and annual passes are available for purchase.

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 and annual passes are available for purchase.



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

Athens is 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, Nowhere Bar and The World Famous are dependable choices for catching local bands any night of the week.

3. FESTIVALS HAPPEN YEAR-ROUND

In fall, the North Georgia Folk Festival livens Sandy Creek Park, Wildwood Revival provides a country getaway, 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- and gospel-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 additional sights and sounds associated with each honoree. The 2023 inductees are Monroe Bowers "Pink" Morton, Normaltown Flyers, Jackie Payne, Calvin Orlando Smith and WUOG.

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. Last year marked 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, *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 2023–24 season including Nickel Creek, Indigo Girls, Mariachi Sol de México de José Hernández, Dance Theatre of Harlem, Ladysmith Black Mambazo and more.

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

Athentic Brewing Co.

108 Park Ave. • 706-850-6252 • athenticbrewing.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.

Ciné

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

While films are playing up on the big screens, live bands can often be found performing across the foyer in The Lab. Recently renovated for better acoustics, the space often illuminates musicians with projection art.

Creature Comforts Brewing Co.

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

Live music in the courtyard is a staple at the Athens Farmers Market every Wednesday.

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

The Foundry

295 E. Dougherty St. • 706-549-7020 • graduatehotels.com

Graduate Athens' restaurant and event venue hosts trivia, private events and the occasional concert.

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.

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.

Hendershot's

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

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

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 with a plant-filled courtyard that hosts weddings and other special events, but also books live music 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.

Normal Bar

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

A Normaltown hot spot with a popular patio, the

bar occasionally hosts intimate shows with local acts.

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 • rabbitholestudios.org

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

Red Line Athens

1958 Winterville Rd. • instagram.com/redline_athens

One of Athens' few remaining DIY venues left primarily hosting outdoor punk, metal and hip-hop shows.

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 also hosts live music.

Southern Brewing Company

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

With its large outdoor stage, Southern Brewing hosts 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, performers from around the world and much 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.

RECORD STORES

Low Yo Yo Stuff Records • 261 W. Washington St. • 706-340-0473 • facebook.com/lowyoyostuff • A wide variety of music sold by super-knowledgeable clerks.

The Record Booth • 1743 Lexington Rd. (inside Lexington Vintage) • 706-227-687 • facebook.com/therecordbooth • Specializing in vintage vinyl, new arrivals are added every week to a healthy stock of rock, jazz, blues, soul and more.

Rock Nobster • 52 N. Main St., Suite B, Watkinsville • 706-705-1459 • rocknobster.com • Opened in fall of 2022, this new vinyl record music store in downtown Watkinsville features selections across both time and genre.

Secret Sounds • Online • facebook.com/secretsoundsathens • Due to the pandemic, Secret Sounds is currently operating as a virtual storefront. Score vintage gems and browse new releases.

Shadebeast • 149 Oneta St. Suite 6c3 • 661-666-8653 • shadebeast.com • After beginning as a one-room record shop in 2017, Shadebeast has since evolved into a streetwear brand and booking and promotions company. Following a pandemic-induced hiatus, the shop is back open in a new location with a treasure trove of heavy metal, doom, thrash, hardcore and noise discoveries.

Wuxtry Records • 197 E. Clayton St. • 706-369-9428 • wuxtryrecords.com • With something for every type of music lover, Athens' oldest record shop is a must-visit.



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BREWERIES & DISTILLERIES



Terrapin Beer Company

THE ATHENS area is home to seven local breweries and two distilleries offering finely-crafted cocktails, high-quality spirits and a huge variety of microbrews. You can sample their work on-site in their tasting rooms or purchase bottles, cans or crowlers (aluminum growlers) to go. Native brews are available in bars and restaurants across town, and there's also the Athens Beer Fest (formerly Classic City Brew Fest), 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. They host a classic car show on the first Sunday of every month and a motorcycle night on first Thursdays. Their beer selection is as diverse as ever, with standbys like IQ, their flagship IPA, and other selections 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.

Athentic Brewing Company 108 Park Ave. • 706-206-2074 • athenticbrewing.com

One of Athens' newest breweries, Authentic is located in the historic Boulevard neighborhood. They regularly host live music on their spacious patio and indoor stage along with other events like drag shows and trivia nights. This year, they organized the first ever Normaltown Music Festival to benefit Nuçi's Space and the Athens Boys and Girls Clubs. 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. Look for new beers coming regularly like Wide Open IPA, which is brewed with HBC 1019 experimental hops. Authentic was the first brewery in Athens to create a line of hard seltzers, and they 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 most popular beer in town, including their ever-popular Tropicália IPA, Classic City Lager and Tritonia, a cucumber-lime gose. The brewery also hosts food trucks, along with art, music and the Athens Farmers Market every Wednesday from March 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 between Oneta and Tracy streets, Normaltown Brewing is the smallest of Athens' microbreweries. They normally have 6-8 beers on tap and continuously rotate their selections. Usually, you'll find one of their SunTan series sours on tap, along with a mix of IPAs, ales and stouts. Elder Masters, a 9% ABV west coast IPA, has become a crowd favorite along with Summon the Fog, a hazy New England style IPA. The easy-drinking Hair Band Blonde has also become a regular offering. Normaltown offers the majority of their beers on tap at the brewery, and you can purchase 32 oz crowlers to go.

Oak House Distillery 1015 Macon Hwy • 706-850-5474 • oakhousedistillery.com

Located on Macon Highway in a historic house built in 1864, Oak House Distillery specializes in high-end gin cocktails. It's a little hard to find, but definitely worth the trip for gin connoisseurs and anyone looking for a relaxing and intimate venue. The gin is delicious, the cocktails are expertly crafted and they'll be adding rum and vodka to the menu by the end of 2023. There's plenty of space inside in one of their tasting rooms or outside on their 2.5 acre lot shaded by huge oak trees. Get a tour of their production facility any Sunday, then stay for the live music out on the patio.

Soldier of the Sea Distillery 22 E. South Avenue, Comer, GA • 706-783-2523 • soswhiskey.com

Founded in 2022 by a marine veteran, Soldier of the Sea uses locally-sourced honey and grain to produce fine whiskey and bourbon. Sample their spirits and try a handcrafted cocktail next door at The

Hive, Comer's first ever pub, or you can get a bottle to take home with you. Soldier of the Sea honors veterans with a 10% discount and strives to protect pollinators, offering Honey Pond Farm honey on site. Comer may seem distant to some, but it's only 17 miles from downtown Athens and is a quick trip along GA-72.

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.

South Main Brewing 1725 Electric Avenue, Watkinsville, GA • 706-705-6067 • southmainbrewing.com

Located in Wire Park, South Main Brewing is Watkinsville's first brewery. They have a large and diverse set of offerings on tap, including IPAs, wheat beers, stouts, lagers and even an alcoholic seltzer. Their saison, 53 & Rosemary, is brewed with fresh-picked rosemary and is a staff favorite. Look for food trucks and live music events at Wire Park nearly every Saturday.

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. Sample old favorites like the sessionable Recreation Ale, Hopsecutioner IPA or Wake-n-Bake coffee oatmeal stout, which is rated the best stout in Georgia by vinepair.com. They've also got a large variety of newer offerings including Depth Perception imperial IPA, a Watermelon Gose sour and T-Time, a Berliner Weisse wheat beer made with fresh tea, most of which are available in cans to take home with you.

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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. \$

@local. Coffeehouse & Lounge

198 College Ave.
localonchurch.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses. **FEATURES:** Counter service, live music, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Seven days. • Looking for that '90s vibe of a coffeehouse that also serves as a hangout and a music venue? This new place with an original location in Covington has you covered. Elaborate drinks with fruit and glitter, mocktails, cereal bar, a few snacks and lots of local music. \$\$

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. • 706-543-5711
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 in a family atmosphere. Normaltown location has a gorgeous rooftop bar with a mural and nice views. The restaurant's food truck (La Carreta) pops up around town, including at breweries, and has great birria tacos that are occasionally available at the brick-and-mortar locations. \$\$

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. • Pay attention to the second half of the name and get the poke, available at a reasonable price 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., Bogart • 678-726-2288
akademiabc.com

FILE UNDER: American, Breweries. **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 that is always changing (more than two dozen on tap at any given time). Beer features in many dishes, like ale-battered fried fish. Also: flatbreads, burgers, salads, biscuits + beer at brunch. Cocktails, wine, shots and cider, too. \$\$\$

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 (including some nonalcoholic choices). \$

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 vegan, gluten-free and keto choices. You can also take its product home and bake it if you want some crunch. \$

American Deli

2139 W. Broad St. • 706-395-6615
3700 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-543-3009

1055 Gaines School Road • 706-714-1212

1880 Epps Bridge Pkwy • 706-540-7707
americandeli.com

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

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, 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. Pizza with a wide variety of toppings, renowned wings, sandwiches, pasta, salads and soup. Good craft brews. \$\$

Andy's Frozen Custard

2180 W. Broad St. • 762-356-4330
eatandys.com

FILE UNDER: Frozen Treats. **FEATURES:** Take-out, drive-thru, counter service. **HOURS:** Seven days. \$

Angie's Place

10336 Hull Colbert Road, Hull • 706-546-6141
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FILE UNDER: Downhome. **FEATURES:** Take-out. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. • 'Big ol' biscuits and breakfast plates in an old-school atmosphere. \$

Another Broken Egg Cafe

2375 W. Broad St. • 706-850-1593
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. \$\$

Apotheos Roastery

1725 Electric Ave., Watkinsville
apotheosroastery.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses. • This coffee roaster out of Kennesaw is expanding into the cafe business, with a location to come in Watkinsville's Wire Park development. Baked goods from Gabriel's Bakery in Marietta, owned by the same folks. \$\$\$

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

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

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. Major renovations have been taking eons, but the owners swear it'll be open again at some point. \$

Athens Cooks

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

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Catering, beer and wine. • Fancy cooking store retails plenty of goods for cheffing, baking and making cocktails as well as host gifts aplenty, but also does classes and serves breakfast and lunch. Charcuterie boards to go, housemade granola, coffee from 1000 Faces, beautiful soups and well-presented, tasty sandwiches. \$\$

Athens Pizza

2095 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-705-5294
pizaathens.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. \$\$

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. • 706-206-2074
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. • Big slices of New York-style pizza made in pans brushed with garlic oil, plus delish but not giant subs, salads and cannoli all with quality ingredients. Vegan-friendly + gluten-free options. \$\$

B&B Theatres

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

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, trivia. **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 or play trivia or bingo in the lobby on Wednesdays. \$\$

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. \$

Baddies Burgers + Fries

1591 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-8331
eatbaddies.com

FILE UNDER: Burgers. **FEATURES:** Beer, take-out, catering, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Tiny menu means focus on executing perfect smashburgers, flattened and crisped around the edges just right, then topped with caramelized onions, cheese, housemade pickles and zippy house sauce. There are also fries and banana pudding, but the burger is the main attraction. \$\$

Bar Bruno

1664 S. Lumpkin St. • 770-215-9100
instagram.com/barbrunoathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. • ZZ & Simone's sister business is a bar first and foremost, with some eats on the side. Wine and aperitifs over beer and shots, plus bowls of olives, pretty desserts, fancy toasts and stuff like that to keep you going. \$\$\$

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. \$

Barberitos Southwestern Grille & Cantina

1880 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-354-0300
1739 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-548-1866
1860 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-549-9954
259 E. Clayton St. • 706-549-9008
2 S. Main St., Watkinsville • 706-705-1228
680 N. Hwy. 29 • 706-543-5299
1180 Prince Ave. • 706-850-1701
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. \$

Barnes and Noble Café

3650 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-354-1195
barnesandnoble.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Wi-Fi. \$

Baskin-Robbins/Dunkin' Donuts

771 Prince Ave. • 706-548-3444
2081 Hog Mountain Road, Watkinsville • 706-769-8363
1045 Gaines School Road • 706-353-7166
1880 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-546-1635
935 Highway 29 N. • 706-548-6338
dunkindonuts.com

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream and Smoothies, Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru, Wi-Fi, counter service. • Prince Avenue, Epps Bridge Parkway and Highway 29 locations are Dunkin' Donuts only. \$

bb.q Chicken Athens

230 N. Finley St.
bbqchicken.com

FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Not, in fact, a barbecue restaurant, but a Korean fried chicken chain with locations from California to New York. The "BBQ" stands for "best of the best quality." Tenders, wings, tteokbokki and sides from pickled radishes and cheese sticks to onion rings. Opening later this year. \$\$

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, lunch, Friday dinner • Longtime Athens favorite has a great patio popular with dogs and kids. Biscuits, French toast, continental breakfast, omelets, great sandwiches, quiche, soups, burgers (veggie and non), small but good selection of beer and wine. Baked goods galore, including for special order. Friday night dinners are a chance for the kitchen to play around with more elaborate offerings. \$\$



Billy Meadow's Station

6729 Hwy. 72, Colbert • 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. \$

Birdies

497 Prince Ave.
instagram.com/birdiesathens

FILE UNDER: American, Coffee Houses. **FEATURES:** Counter service. **HOURS:** Lunch. • A specialty market with some table and bar seating serving coffee, sandwiches and soups. Coming this fall. \$\$

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. Pendergrass location, too. \$

Biscuit Basket

723 Boulevard • 706-548-3412

FILE UNDER: Downhome. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. • Southern lunch counter inside a neighborhood convenience store is well known for its 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 serves a range of coffee and espresso drinks, plus snacks like cinnamon rolls. Lots of charging stations. \$

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 17(!) different sauces. Also: burgers, corn dogs, meaty salads, onion rings, fries and fried apple pies on the side. Other locations are in Statham, Lexington, Commerce, Elberton, Hartwell and Royston. Online ordering. \$

Blenderz

245 Oconee St. • 706-514-0060

blenderz.com

FILE UNDER: Smoothies, Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **HOURS:** Seven days. **FEATURES:** Take-out, counter service, catering, vegetarian friendly. • Want to spend extra to get your acai bowl in a fresh coconut half at this small chain in the Mark? You can do that here and Instagram it to your heart's content. Also: smoothies, panini, wraps and juices. \$

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. • Longtime Athens sports bar has several locations and a big menu including many vegetarian choices. Beer on tap and in bottles, including local brews. 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. Occasional vinyl nights where you can bring your own tunes. \$

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. \$

Bon de Paris Bánh Mì

1860 Barnett Shoals Rd. • 706-850-8289

bondeparis.us

FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Vietnamese sandwiches and various fancy beverages in this Eastside space. You can get your banh mi with the classic fillings (grilled pork, ham) or vegan on fresh baked bread. Picking a drink might be harder, with a lot of bubble teas, coffees, smoothies and slushies to select from. Also: pho and snacks. \$\$

Bourbon Street

333 E. Broad St. • 706-369-1313

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 and champagne, nightly specials and liquor drinks, including hurricanes and fishbowls. \$

Brett's Casual American Restaurant

3190 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-850-1395

brettcasualamerican.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. \$

Bruxie

311 E. Broad St. • 706-850-1358

bruxie.com

FILE UNDER: Chicken. **FEATURES:** Beer, catering, delivery, take-out, wine. **HOURS:** Seven days. • This franchise specializes in waffle sandwiches that enclose big, nicely cooked pieces of fried chicken. Somehow, it doesn't all turn soggy. Lots of other things, too: breakfast sandwiches (half size and full size), big milkshakes, sweet waffles, kids meals. \$\$

Bubble Café

247 E. Broad St. • 706-355-3002

bubblecafeathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Tea House, 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 3 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

instagram.com/buvez_athens

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Bars, Sandwiches. **FEATURES:** Full bar, counter service, outside seating, Wi-Fi, comedy, live music. • Boo-vay, not booves, as in the French for "you drink." European-style cafe with a light menu (pre-made sandwiches, pastries, Swedish fish by the scoop, snoballs, including boozy ones) and a lot of different beverages: coffee, tea, cool sodas, craft cocktails, wine, beer and aperitifs. Popular with kids and grown folks alike. \$

C & C Cafe and Produce

302 Athens Road, Winterville • 706-899-0400

facebook.com/offthevinewinterville

FILE UNDER: Downhome. **FEATURES:** Take-out. **HOURS:** Breakfast and Lunch. • New owners and new name at this country store/restaurant in Winterville that was previously Off the Vine (the Facebook address hasn't changed). It does breakfast plates and biscuits, hot lunch (meat-and-three-type stuff, lasagna, burgers), fresh produce, grab-and-go meals, boiled peanuts and more. \$

Cabin Creek BBQ

199 Memorial Dr., Nicholson • 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, Friday through Sunday. 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 (by reservation) with scones, clotted cream, tea sandwiches; and then snacks and light drinks in the early evening. Wide selection of teas. Gluten-free, dairy-free and vegan options. \$\$

Cafe Racer Coffee + Donuts

3 Arnoldsville Road, Crawford • 706-899-0210

2343 W. Broad St.

caferacer78.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Burgers. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru. **HOURS:** Breakfast and occasional dinner. • The original is an itty-bitty drive-up in Arnoldsville that flies a flag when it's open and does intense donuts, real good coffee, biscuits piled with good ingredients and more. A food truck slings smashburgers and 100% perfect fries plus other stuff. The brick-and-mortar Athens location should be open by press-time, combining the other two into something bigger

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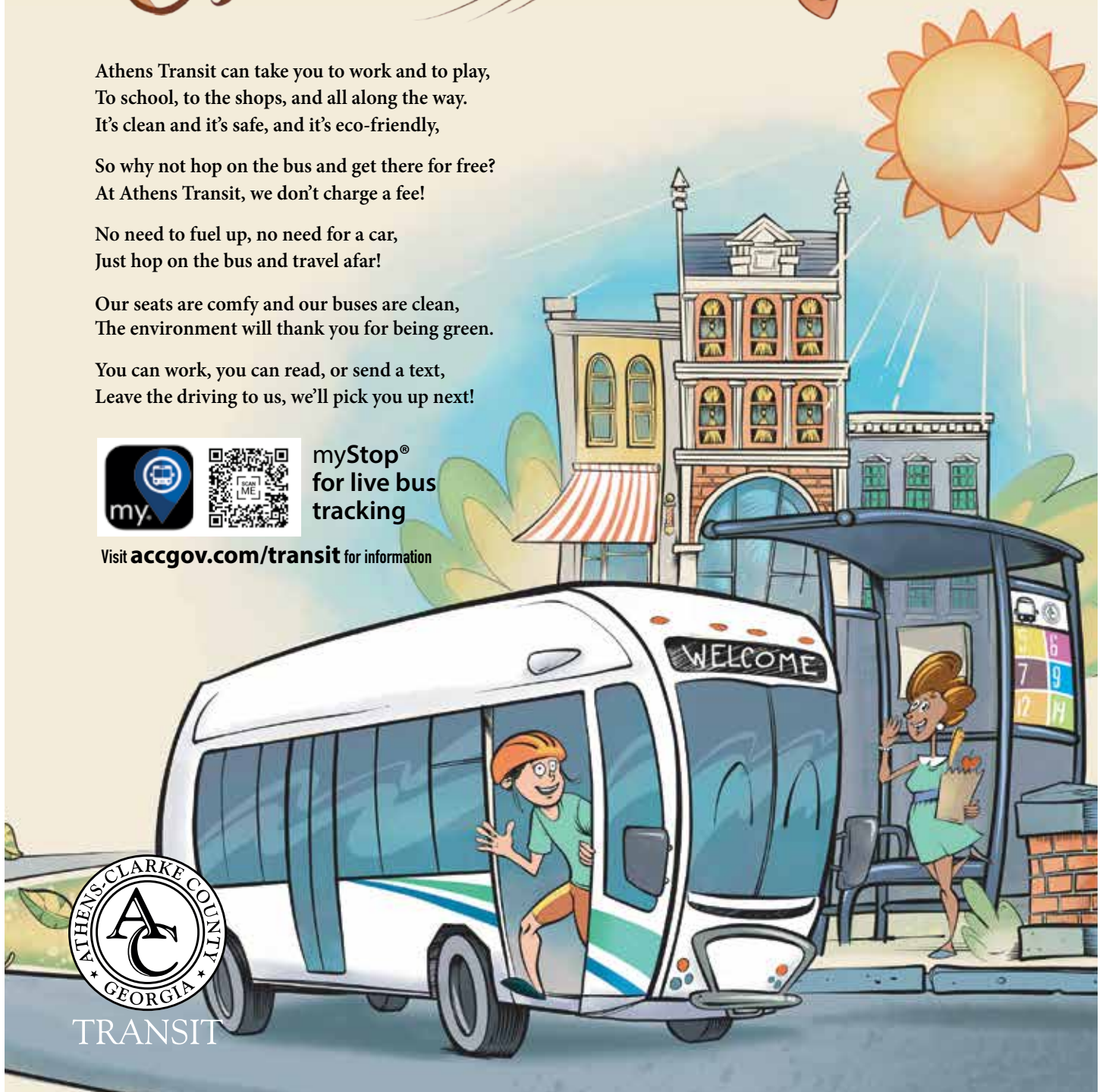
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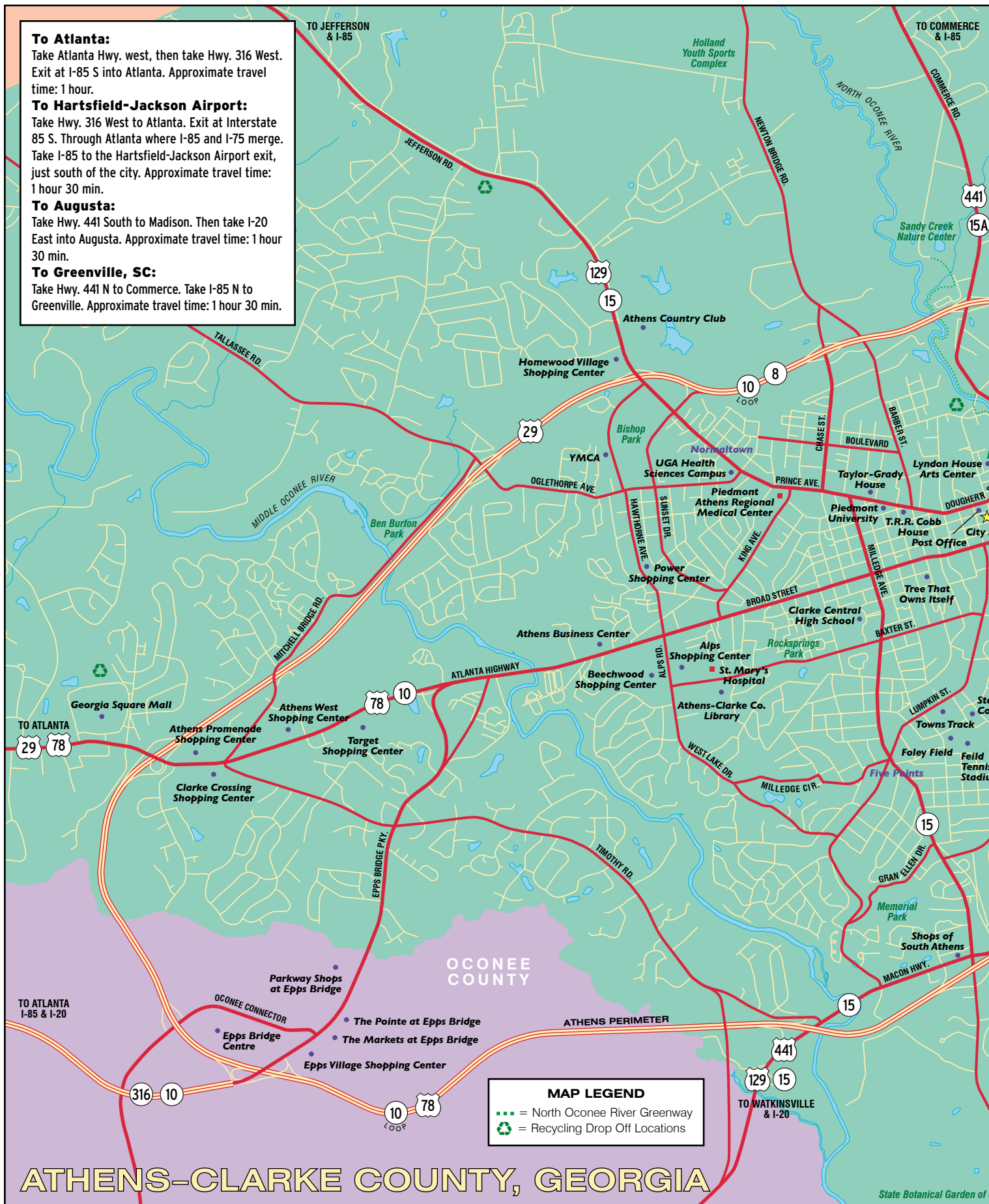
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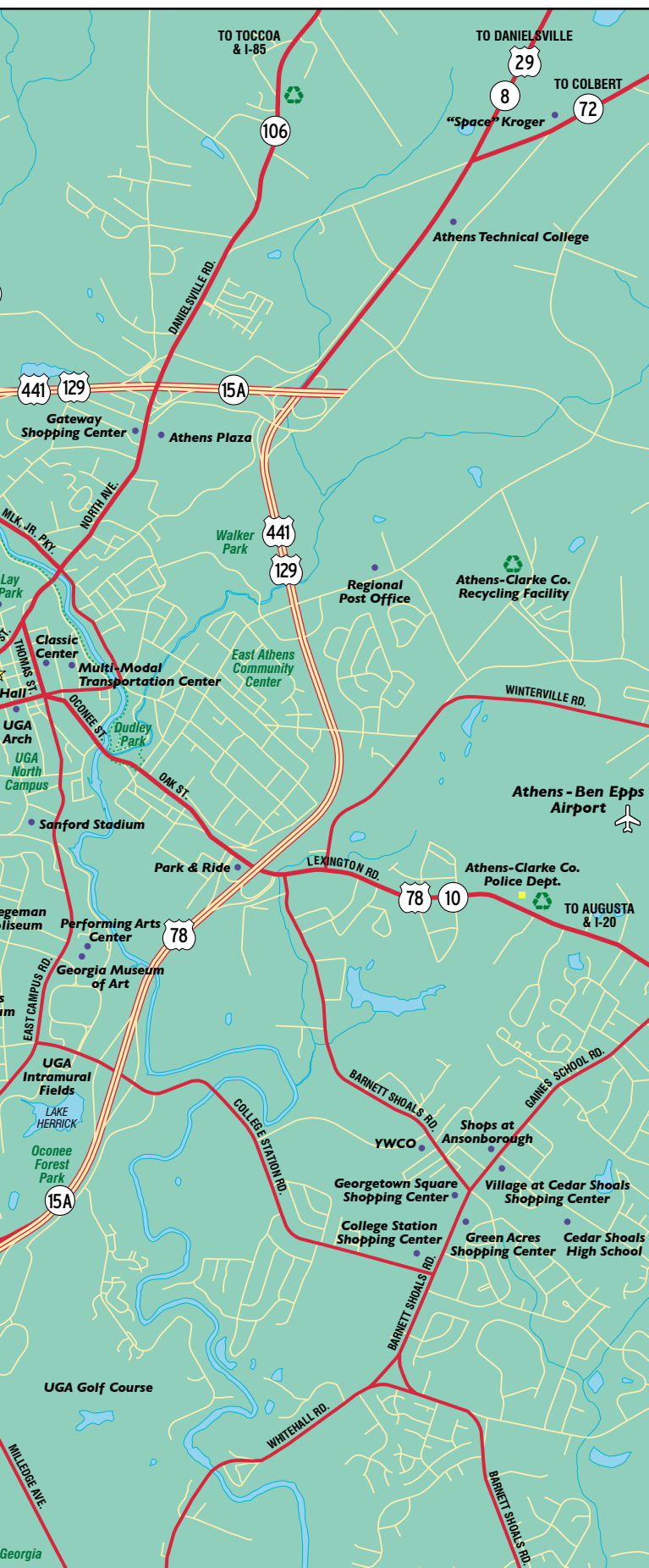
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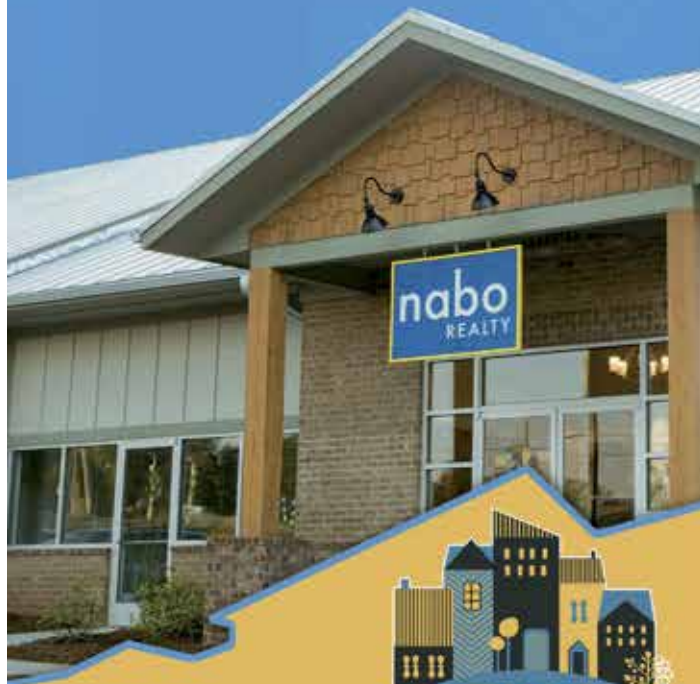
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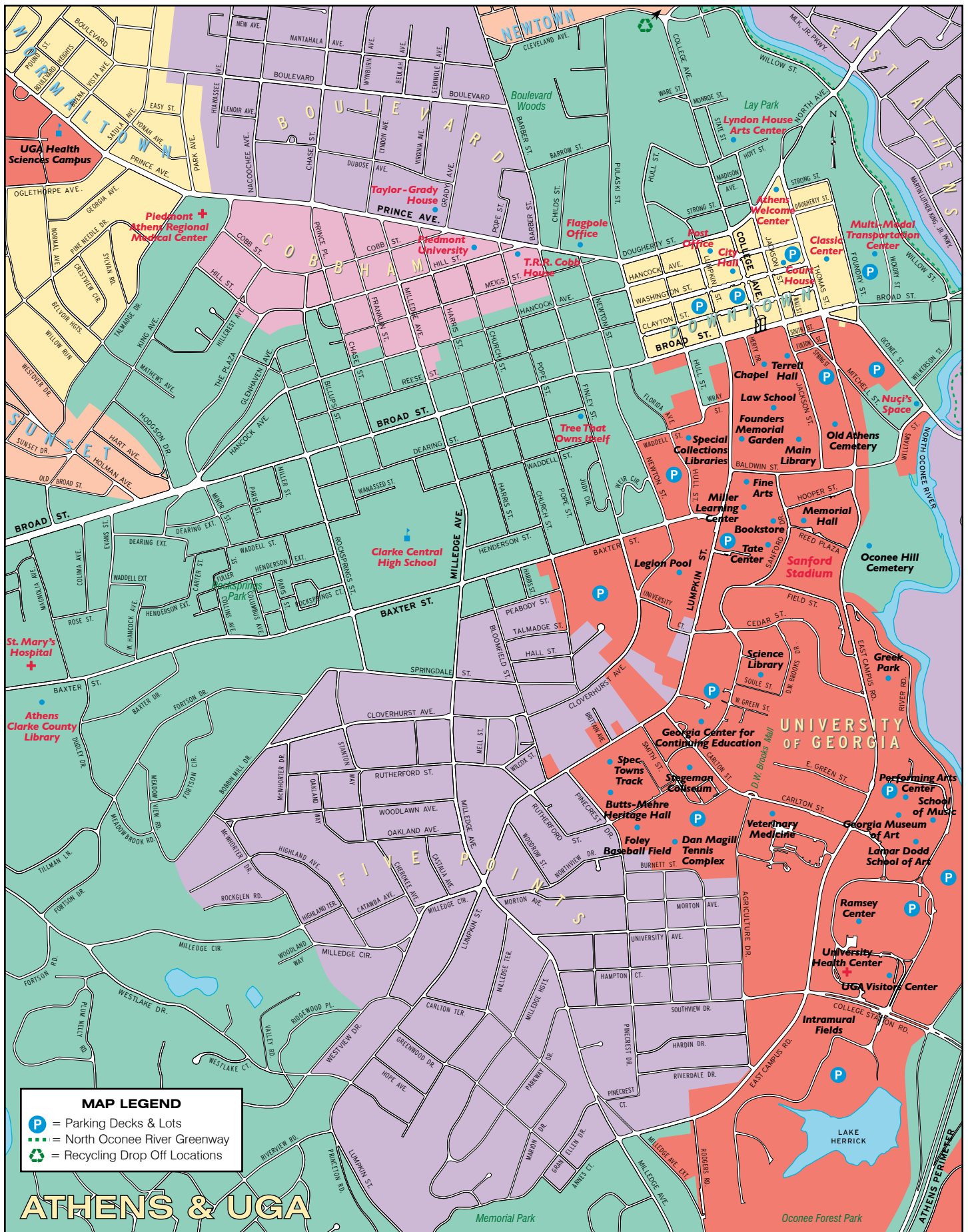
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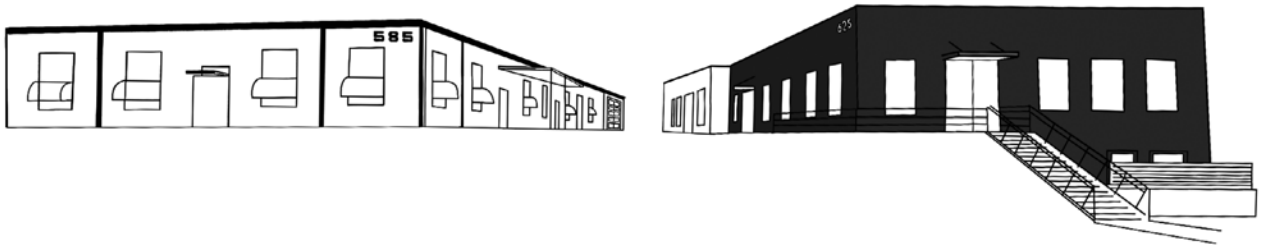
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and more expansive. And another Athens shop, on the Greenway on Oconee Street, is in the works. Watch social media for details on specials and changes to hours. \$

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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. \$\$

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. \$\$\$

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. • Longtime Athens bakery offers cupcakes, cookies and cakes made to order, including for special occasions like weddings and birthdays. Popular flavors include lemon, tres leches, hummingbird, mocha, caramel, coconut and red velvet. Purchase only. No seating. \$\$

Celia's Bakery

9029 Hwy. 29 N., Hull • 706-850-2021

facebook.com/celiasbakeryga

FILE UNDER: Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Seven days. • Donuts, tamales and an absolute rainbow of Mexican sweet breads (conchas that resemble jack-o'-lanterns at Halloween and much, much more), 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. \$

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. • 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: 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. \$

Chipotle

165 Alps Road • 706-548-7210

1797 Oconee Connector, Oconee • 762-234-5100

chipotle.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out, catering, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

Choco Pronto

700 Baxter St. • 706-850-0622

choco-pronto.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Seven days. • The Dale brothers' coffee shop is neat as a pin, with a simple menu (coffee, tea, seltzer, kombucha, chocolate milk) and a focus on sustainability. A few snacks include pastries from Independent and Condor Chocolate brownies. Pop-ups from time to time. \$\$

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:** Delivery, full bar, take-out, Wi-Fi, reservations, curbside pick-up. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Mainstream chain steakhouse in Oconee does an array of steaks and chops (beef, pork, lamb) as well as big, ice-cold salads with a ton of toppings, seafood, and way more sides than the average place of its type. Beyond Meat for veggie folks. Kids menu and cocktails. Lunch has specials that can be a good deal. \$\$

Chops and Hops

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

chopsandhops.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, outside seating, reservations, Wi-Fi, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Steak and beer, but also seafood, chicken, ratatouille and burgers at this somewhat upscale Watkinsville restaurant. Tap takeovers, mocktails, southern veggies for sides and gluten-free items. App-y hour from 2–5 p.m. brings food and drink specials. \$\$\$

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



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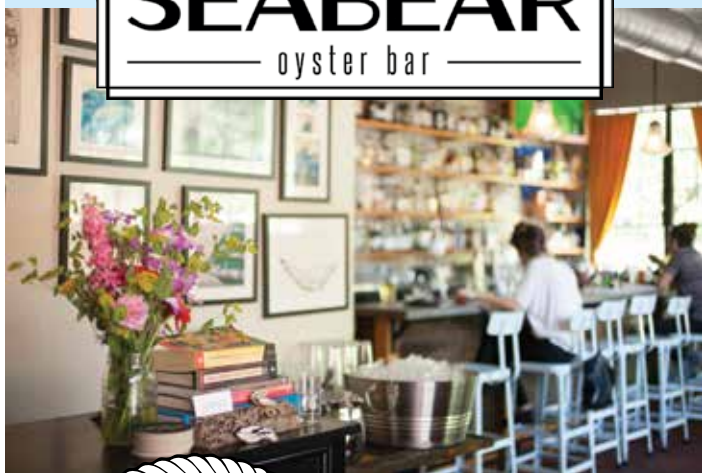
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FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, live music. • An event space and college bar, with a frozen drink machine, Mario Kart tournaments, more cocktails than usual, a disco ball and a covered back patio. \$\$

Classic City Eats

1290 Greensboro Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-705-6434
classicciteats.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Full bar, take-out, catering, karaoke. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Big menu with an emphasis on fried snacks and chicken (a good half-bird fried to order, chicken livers, wings), plus pizza. Lots of video games for grown-ups (Golden Tee) and kids (an arcade side room). 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 big "How Bout Them Dawgs" light-up sign for photo ops. Espresso martinis, aperol spritzes, champagne specials. \$

Clean Eat

1791 Oconee Connector, Ste. 560 • 706-850-6415
cleaneatz.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Catering, curbside pick-up, take-out, vegetarian friendly. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • This franchise focuses on healthy eating, and is a lifestyle brand as much as a restaurant. It has wrapz, burgerz and flatbreadz with keto-friendly options but also deep-frozen meals for later. \$\$

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 beef 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, later tots and milkshakes (including boozy ones). Gluten-free options and a big patio. \$\$

Clocked!

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 has a club vibe, with a VIP section. 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. \$

Condor Chocolates

1658 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-4803
160 E. Washington St. • 706-521-8966
condorchocolates.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses, Something Different. **HOURS:** 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, or you can book a tour. \$

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

1860 S. Barnett Shoals Road • 706-850-0762
1011 Park Dr., Watkinsville • 706-705-1381

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Two locations of a Viet-Cajun fusion restaurant have different menus and identities. Both do 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. The eastside location has a whole other menu of Vietnamese offerings: pho, bún, côm and more. \$\$\$

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store

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

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

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 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. \$

Cutters Pub

120 E. Clayton St. • 706-247-1187
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
d92athens.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. \$\$\$

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Ding Tea

125 W. Washington St. • 706-850-3737
facebook.com/dingteaathens

FILE UNDER: Tea House. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Seven days. • Bubble tea: milk, fruit or classic tea-based drinks. \$

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. • 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 lots of weekly specials, ranging all over the world in influences. Holiday special orders. Walkers, bikers and bus riders get a 5% discount. Great with dietary restrictions. \$\$

Dooley's Bar and Grill

259 E. Broad St. • 706-850-1587
instagram.com/athdooleys

FILE UNDER: American, Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music, trivia. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night. • Restaurant/bar combo 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. Kitchen closes at 9 p.m., but the bar stays open late. \$\$

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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, big burritos, enchiladas, queso, fish tacos, fried ice cream. 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 (a wheel of deals). 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., Watkinsville • 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. • Pizza place has a big menu with fried apps, wings, salads, subs, wraps, a wide selection of pastas, Italian desserts and big, good garlic rolls. 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. \$

Effin' Egg

140 W. Broad St.
effinegg.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Breakfast. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. • Fast-casual breakfast sandwich franchise coming

to downtown. Burritos, tacos, the requisite bowls, pancakes, waffles, loaded fries and tots, cinnamon rolls and more. \$\$

El Bajío Restaurant and Taqueria

400 Hawthorne Ave. Ste. 12 • 706-850-1191
facebook.com/elbajioathens

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • You can get Tex Mex or Americanized Mexican stuff here, but the better bet is to dig into the seafood section of the menu. The siete mares soup is particularly good. \$

El Barrio

1331 S. Millidge 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. Tacos (including veggie and vegan choices), plus other Mexican-ish standards, kids menu and a serious bar with lots of tequilas, a selection of mezcals, beer buckets and build-your-own margs. \$\$

Ellianos Coffee

925 N. US Hwy. 29 • 706-770-1195
ellianos.com/locations/athens-ga

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru, catering. **HOURS:** Seven days. • Brand-new franchise coffee shop does a wide variety of hot and cold coffees, fruity iced drinks that incorporate Red Bull and ice cream-based smoothies. Also quick breakfast and lunch sandwiches, bagels, sweets. \$\$

Em's Kitchen

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



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

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

Emmy Squared Pizza

199 Prince Ave. • 762-315-4005
emmysquaredpizza.com/location/athens-ga

FILE UNDER: Pizza. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, catering, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Fancy Detroit-style pizza franchise can make you a gluten-free pie. Also serves burgers, salads, mozzarella sticks, soy and sesame marinated cucumbers, family-style banana or chocolate pudding for dessert, all in the former location of The Grit. \$\$\$

Entangled Cat Cafe & Market

6 Court St., Watkinsville • 706-225-9085
entangledcatcafe.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. • Not a place for Alf, but a place where you can go love on cats while enjoying some snacks and beverages. This partnership with the Georgia-based animal rescue organization Circle of Friends Animal Society aims to open this fall in downtown Watkinsville. \$\$

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 anitpasti, 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. Specific flavors change regularly. Get a kombucha float with housemade sorbet for a grown-up treat. \$

Firehouse Subs

1226 Prince Ave. • 706-357-4994

firehousesubs.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches. **FEATURES:** Catering, outside seating, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

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. \$\$\$

Five Guys Burgers and Fries

1850 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-549-9081

fiveguys.com

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

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. • Longtime 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). Rent the side room for your private event. \$

The Flying Biscuit Café

1180 Prince Ave. • 706-850-5656

1850 Epps Bridge Pkwy, Ste. 117

flyingbiscuit.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, catering, outside seating, take-out, vegetarian friendly. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and weekend dinner. \$\$

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 or as all-you-can-eat. Menu changes daily but could include pork chops, fried chicken livers, catfish, greens, yams, black-eyed peas, mac and cheese and more. \$

Fox's Pizza Den

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

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. \$

Foxglove Plantbar

1063 Baxter St. Suite 600 • 706-850-8930

foxgloveplantbar.com

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PLANTBAR

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses, Bars. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine. **HOURS:** Wed–Sun. • This cozy hangout for plant lovers offers a space to learn about and purchase plants. The bar serves beer, wine, coffee, soft drinks and things like canned oatmilk lattes. \$\$

Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers

2050 Oconee Connector • 706-354-0671

freddysusa.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken, Frozen Treats. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

Fresh Air Bar-B-Que

5170 Atlanta Hwy., Bogart • 770-725-5227

1110 Hull Road • 706-546-6060

freshairbbq.com

FILE UNDER: BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Both locations have classics like chopped pork, Brunswick stew, baked beans and coleslaw. Bogart is take-out only. Hull Road has a bigger menu, including chicken tenders and banana pudding, kids menu, tailgating specials, meats and sides in bulk. \$

Fully Loaded Pizza

1260 Mars Hill Road Ste. 101, Watkinsville • 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, fried pickles and the Redneck Stromboli (a hot dog and cheddar baked in pizza dough). Kids menu. \$

G Brand BBQ

1140 Athens Road, Crawford • 706-743-7000

gbrandbbq.com

FILE UNDER: BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering, take-out, drive-thru. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Downtown Crawford eatery prides

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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. \$\$

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. \$

Garfias Mexican Restaurant

225 Cherokee Road, Suite 1, Winterville • 706-899-0250

garfiasmex.odoo.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, take-out, beer and wine. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • New Mexican place in Winterville has a big menu (with a section for kids) that includes your standard dips and quesadillas, fried and grilled fish, seafood soup, "tacos gringos" (hardshell with ground beef or chicken, lettuce and cheese), churros and lunch combos. Margs, aguas and horchata to drink. \$\$

Gekko Kitchen

1725 Electric Ave., Watkinsville

gekkokitchenatlanta.com

FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Atlanta business is opening a Watkinsville location at Wire Park this year with hibachi, sushi bowls and a few snacks like edamame and gyoza. \$\$

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

georgeslowcountrytable.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., Watkinsville • 706-310-0410

girasolescuisine.com

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

globetavern.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs, Something Different. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, Wi-Fi, live music. • This Athens classic thoroughly renovated its inside without losing any of the charm and added a new menu focusing on UK pub fare with plenty of specials, nice salads and some spicy stuff. Huge beer selection, general literary atmosphere (poetry nights!) and lots of cool things to look at. \$

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:** Dinner. • Burgers (Impossible and meaty), fries, milkshakes, sandwiches, kids menu. Cute vintage toys enliven the diner interior. \$

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), plus bar snacks, fried sides and boozy or virgin milkshakes. Nice upstairs outside seating. \$\$



Groove Burgers

1791 Oconee Connector • 762-499-5699

grooveburgers.com

FILE UNDER: Burgers, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, take-out, outside seating, 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

whatyourgusto.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. • 706-850-7442

gyrowrap.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Take-out, counter service, beer. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Longtime Athens franchise, with its own identity and a cult following, moved around the corner from its original location under new ownership. Curly fries, gyros, salads, etc., plus a new bar upstairs with a view of campus and wallpaper based on old Athens band posters. \$

Hendershot's Coffee Bar

237 Prince Ave. • 706-353-3050

hendershotscoffee.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Bars. **FEATURES:** Breakfast, full bar, catering, counter service, live music,

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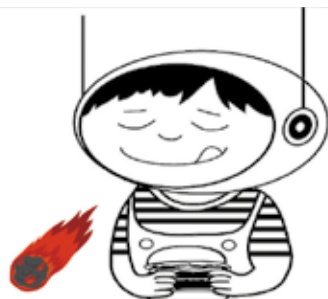
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Hi-Lo Lounge

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 (including a kajillion vegetarian and vegan options) as well as a major bar selection. Noodles, soups, chili, hot dogs, grain bowls, falafel. 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. \$\$

Hidden Gem

615 Barber St.

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar. • An offshoot of Normal Bar, to open on Barber Street later this year, with beer and wine but a focus on cocktails,

hidden gem

with sodas made from scratch. Also: low-alcohol and no-alcohol cocktails, no TV and snacks that riff on classic bar offerings. \$

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. Big desserts. Nice patio. Earlybird specials. \$\$\$

The Hive Pub

22 E. South Ave., Comer • 706-783-2523

soswhiskey.com/the-hive-pub-at-soldier-of-the-sea-distillery

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music, outside seating. • Comer's first boozery distills its own whiskeys through Soldier of the Sea, often incorporating local honey (hence the name), then mixes them into cocktails. Food pop-ups, camaraderie galore. \$\$

Hodgson's Pharmacy

1260 S. Millledge 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. **Hours:** Lunch. • Refined, Southern-inspired

chef-forward restaurant has gone back to its catering roots. You can still eat lunch there, or order ahead from the website from a changing menu for pickup or delivery. Lots of veggies, fantastic snacks, still plenty of experimenting. \$\$\$

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 and some heartier eats (burgers, fried chicken strips, salad). Specialty cocktails, including some made with champagne and billed as Hybar Pops. \$

Ideal Bagel

815 W. Broad St. • 706-353-0005

facebook.com/idealbagel

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 (capicola, roast beef, etc.) but also hummus, roasted veggies, sauerkraut and scrambled eggs. Kids meals. \$

Iguana's Mexican Grill

2024 S. Millledge Ave. • 706-850-5324

iguanasmexgrill.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Delivery. **Hours:** Lunch, dinner, late night. 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. Kitchen is open until midnight. \$

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, a few beautiful cookies. 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. \$

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. • Unlike its sister restaurant, this one focuses more on sushi than on hibachi, although you can get that too. Choose among nigiri, maki and specialty



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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. \$

J&J Flea Market

11661 Commerce Road • 706-613-2410
jandjfleamarket.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
1805 Epps Bridge Pkwy. #103 • 706-353-0823
jbuffalo.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Beer, counter service, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Broad menu including wings, phillies, gyros, fried rice, fish and shrimp. \$

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. • Breakfast favorites are served all day, as well as salads, sandwiches and burgers. \$\$

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, Watkinsville • 678-324-9706
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. \$

Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams

1710 S. Lumpkin St.
jenis.com

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream. **FEATURES:** Take-out, counter service. **HOURS:** Likely noon to 11 p.m. • Certified B-corp with locations all over the US is opening one in Athens this year, in a cute lil' house in Five Points that used to be a bank. Innovative flavors like everything bagel, frosé sorbet and wildberry lavender. \$\$

Jennings Mill Drug Company

1360 Caduceus Way, Bldg. 400 • 706-621-5996
jenningsmilldrugcompany.com

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

Jersey Mike's

690 U.S. Hwy. 29 • 706-353-4655
jerseymikes.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches. **FEATURES:** Catering, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

Jimmy John's Gourmet Subs

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

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru (Baxter), delivery, catering, counter service, outside seating (Baxter). **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. \$

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 and takoyaki. Mochi ice cream and panna cotta for dessert. Kids meals, too. \$\$



Jittery Joe's Coffee

27 Greensboro Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-769-4280
1860 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-354-8000
1480 Baxter St. • 706-548-1099
1230 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-208-1979
297 E. Broad St. • 706-613-7449
1880 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-354-8900
150 Fritz Mar Ln. • 706-227-2161
jitteryjeos.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee/Tea 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, 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., Watkinsville • 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
johnnyspizza.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.



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2361 W. Broad St. • 706-850-6173

thejuicycrab.com/restaurant/athens-ga

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Viet-Cajun boil-in-bag seafood, with plenty of spice, as part of a national chain. Also: fried stuff, wings, crab (of course), southern desserts. \$\$\$

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, sweet tea and cornbread, served with good cheer. \$\$

Kiki's Bakeshop

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

kikibakeshop.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. Always trying something new. \$\$

Kique's Kitchen

18 Barnett Shoals Rd • 706-705-6066

instagram.com/kiqueskitchen_

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American **FEATURES:** Catering, outside seating, take-out, counter service. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Birria-focused, adorable, family-run restaurant in a new location with some seating inside and out. Quesadillas, ramen, burgers, ceviche, plus the hearty meat stew that forms the basis of most of its menu. Kids menu. Aguas frescas made in house. \$\$

Krimson Kafe

40 Greensboro Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-310-0888

krimsonkafe.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, outside seating, art, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon-Thur. • Sweet little cafe in Watkinsville does deli sandwiches (including pimento cheese, egg salad and hummus) and salads, both lettuce-based and mayo-based. Order ahead online if you like. \$

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

3703 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-208-0628

krispykreme.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Catering, drive-thru, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Seven days. \$

La Cabaña Mexican Restaurant

2061 Hog Mountain Road, Watkinsville • 706-769-4490

2971 Monroe Hwy., Watkinsville • 678-661-0571

lacabanamexican.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 (both locations). Queso, burritos, combo plates, fajitas, quesadillas and lots of lunch specials. Yes, you can get a margarita or a Mexican beer, as well as a pineapple topped with chicken, chorizo and cheese. Kids menu. \$\$

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: Frozen Treats, Mexican. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out, outside seating. **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, sliced mango with chile powder and a fruit cup topped with spicy gummy worms. \$

La Michoacana Es Natural

1635 Glenn Carrie Road, Hull • 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. \$

La Montaña Mexican Restaurant

4115 Lexington Road • 706-850-6765

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FILE UNDER: Mexican. **FEATURES:** Take-out, full bar, live music. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Big Americanized Mexican restaurant has a multi-page menu with all kinds of fajitas, quesadillas, burritos, lots of seafood. Grilled stuff is a highlight. Kids menu. Mariachi music sometimes. \$\$\$

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, tortas, burritos and specials like shrimp cocktail and chiles rellenos. Horchata and aguas frescas to drink, or snag a Jarritos from the store. \$

Lalo's Tacos & Cantina

1725 Electric Ave., Watkinsville • 706-705-1414

laloastacoscantina.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Catering, full bar, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Weekend brunch. • Atlanta vibe at this cheffy Wire Park restaurant that brings you three salsas instead of one and offers lamb and octopus in its tacos as well as chicken and steak. Good vegetarian and pescatarian options. Mezcal in addition to tequila. Swanky cocktails. Kids menu. \$\$

The Lark Winespace

493 Prince Ave. • 706-850-5455

thelarkwinespace.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Wine, Outside Seating. **HOURS:** Seven days. • The Expat's Krista Slater's wine store and tasting room. Come taste before you buy (half or full pours, cool stuff described in an accessible and smart way), and have a snack while you're at it (tinned seafood, nuts, cheese, charcuterie, toasts and Condor chocolates). Food pop-ups sometimes. \$\$

Larry's Giant Subs

1720 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-227-7298

larryssubs.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

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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. Well-stocked 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 • 706-850-6864

lilicecreamdude.com

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream and Smoothies. **FEATURES:** Delivery, take-out, catering. **HOURS:** Seasonal. • The lil' dude in question, Beau Shell, is now a college student, but he and his family still own and run 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. Dairy-free options. \$

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. \$\$

Little City Diner

135 Cherokee Road, Winterville • 706-742-7590

littletcitydiner.com

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

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 ginormous (one of the best deals in town), salads available, too. \$

Little Kings Shuffle Club

223 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-369-3144

instagram.com/littlekingsshuffleclub

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, as well as budget-friendly options. Wine and cocktails, too. Food trucks sometimes. \$\$

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 tacos, 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., Watkinsville • 706-705-6195

primostaqueriaexpress.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru, delivery, beer and wine, outside seating. **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, plus a manganada margarita. \$

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



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Maepole

1021 N. Chase St. • 706-850-3600
1880 Epps Bridge Pkwy., Suite 207
maepole.com

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Virtuous and tasty quick service, now franchised and expanding elsewhere. 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. Epps Bridge/Oconee location opening later this year. \$\$

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 array of brews behind the bar; house drinks tend to be sweet and beachy, plus low-priced bottles of wine. Dog friendly. \$

Mai Kai Kava Lounge

1035 Baxter St. • 706-850-1813
maikaikava.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. \$\$

Mama Ning's Thai

2 S. Main St., Ste.101 • 706-705-1012
mamaningsthai.com

FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Take-out, catering, beer and wine, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Delicate, not oversugary Thai food in downtown Watkinsville: satay, tom yum, curries, eggplant basil, noodles, Thai tea, boba. Cake from Sweetie Pie by Savie. Kids menu. Makku rice beer. \$\$

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. • 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. • 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., Watkinsville • 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. • Coastal 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, Watkinsville • 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. • 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, sweets. \$\$

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, kofta, 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
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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, video games 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, 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, sandwiches, calzones and munchies; good beer selection. \$\$

Mochinut

1860 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-850-6554
mochinut.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Tea Houses and Bakeries. **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 and Korean corn dogs coated in things like Hot Cheetos. \$\$

Molly's Coffee Company

8830 Macon Hwy., Bldg. 100 • 762-499-2002
instagram.com/mollyscoffee

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru, outside seating. **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. Latte art and pop-ups. \$

Mother Pho

167 E. Broad St. • 706-354-6006
motherphoathensga.com

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, with a good veggie-friendly selection. 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, 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. Hosts occasional pop-ups from small operations. \$\$\$\$

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. • Athens' source for authentic Chinese food. You don't have to drive 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. \$

Nighthawks Lounge

175 Tracy St.

instagram.com/nighthawkslounge

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. • Newly opened, this bar from Jerry and Krista Slater of The Expat features fancy cocktails, great wine and cold beer alongside a few snacks and weekly appearances by Flat Circle, a Chicago tavern-style pizza pop-up. \$\$

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 with plenty of space. Craft and local beers and hand-crafted cocktails, plus boiled peanuts for snackin'. \$

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 Hertwig, is like traveling back in time. Darts, pool and lots of live music. Plenty of beers on draft, with the usual suspects behind the bar. \$

Oak House Distillery

1015 Macon Hwy. • 706-850-5474

oakhousedistillery.com



FILE UNDER: Distillery. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, live music. • This new distillery inside the historic Henry Bishop house focuses on gin, rum and vodka. Offering cocktails and tours of the space, which is available for events. Tons of outdoor space under huge oak trees. Food pop-ups. \$\$

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, regular pop-ups/food trucks, ping pong and a nice patio. Sports on TV, fire pits outside in cold weather. \$\$

Ok Coffee

225 1/2 College Ave.

instagram.com/ok_coffee_athens

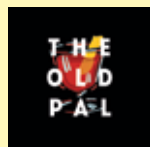
FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Counter service. **HOURS:** Open mornings and early afternoons. • Sister shop for Comer Coffee Co., sometimes has regular hours and sometimes is more of a pop-up in the itty-bitty space at the foot of Bizarro-Wuxtry. Hot and cold coffee drinks, lemonade, horchata, baked goods, 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. • New owners. Same commitment to real good cocktails. 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. \$\$

The Original Hot Dog Factory

1725 Electric Ave., Watkinsville

theoriginalhotdogfactory.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Catering. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner • Atlanta franchise does, as you might guess, a whole bunch of different kinds of hot dogs (beef, Impossible, polish sausage, turkey, etc.) topped with a whole bunch of different kinds of toppings. Also corn dogs, burgers, chicken tenders, deep-fried Oreos. Kids meals. Coming soon to Watkinsville's Wire Park. \$\$

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, Watkinsville • 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 and Clubs, Mexican. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, trivia. **HOURS:** Dinner and Sunday brunch. • Huge bar with live DJs, loud music, gigantic TV for football games also serves a full menu, which recently changed from small plates to Tex Mex: elote street corn "ribs," jalapeno poppers, tacos, taco salad. Brunch involves fried egg tacos and "brunchos." Kids menu. \$\$



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 opening fall 2023 downtown does Vietnamese baguette sandwiches with pâté, pickled veggies, hot peppers, meats and seitan, plus versions of the same on croissants and hamburger rolls. Picturesque patisserie, too, and bubble tea. \$\$

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 with beer, seltzer, wine and vodka-heavy cocktails. \$\$

Peach Pit Cafe

321 Athens Road, Winterville • 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 (red velvet, Key lime, Devil's food, German chocolate), cobblers, 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, and soups in general are more interesting than you would expect. \$\$

Pelican's Snoballs

510 Baxter St.

pelicanssnoballs.com

FILE UNDER: Frozen Treats. **FEATURES:** Outside seating. **HOURS:** Seven days (closes in cold weather). \$

Peppino's

950 Whitehall Road • 706-613-1616

peppinos.wixsite.com/athens

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, counter service, take-out, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • 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, Watkinsville • 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, cheese-cake, enchiladas, pork chops and anything else the owners feel like making. \$\$

The Pine

1235 S. Milledge 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 quiche, burgers, sandwiches, waffles. Oysters, tapas and cheese plates. First Friday lunch pop-ups. \$\$\$

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

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

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

Poindexter Coffee

295 E. Dougherty St. • 706-549-7020

graduatehotels.com

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

Poke Bar

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

ilovepokebar.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Take-out. **HOURS:** Seven days. • Poke bowls, boba, ramen and desserts. \$\$

Ponko Chicken

529 Baxter St. • 706-850-8283

ponkochicken.com

FILE UNDER: Chicken. **FEATURES:** Catering, take-out, outside seating, vegetarian friendly, delivery, counter service. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • 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 pickles. \$\$

Poquitos

195 Prince Ave. • 706-850-8706

poquitosathens.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Beer, counter service, outside seating, wine, take-out, vegetarian friendly. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Get an elaborate michelada preparada, a pambazo (a torta soaked in red sauce) and some wet wipes, and you'll be thrilled. Lots of taco fillings, including an array of vegetarian choices that go beyond beans. Good, cold tres leches cake. Beer buckets. \$

Porterhouse Grill

459 E. Broad St. • 706-369-0990

porterhousegrillathens.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, live music, reservations, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. •



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Downtown 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. \$\$\$

Pretty Boy

615 Barber St.

instagram.com/prettyboyathens

FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Full bar. **HOURS:** Dinner. • Chef Kenny Nguyen of The Expat should be opening his own place late 2023. Judging by its pop-ups, the menu will focus on Vietnamese food, with items like stir-fried turmeric baby clams, chilled peanut noodles and pho. \$\$\$

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 by the train tracks 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 • 706-850-0709

pumayus.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Bars and Clubs. **HOURS:** Dinner. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, vegetarian friendly, reservations. • Little-bitty bar/restaurant with tons of personality and charm has a big covered patio and is tucked away in the Southern Mill development. Menu is "Thai drinking food" but so much more than that, with big, complex flavors, a real love of veggies and a strong sense of fun. Graze lightly or keep ordering until you're full. Cocktails change regularly but feature beautiful rums and unusual ingredients. Mocktails, too. \$\$

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 and dinner, seven days. • Darling Dominican resto serves typical rib-sticking fare featuring a lot of rice and meat, including mofongo, tostones, seafood, empanadas and churros. Full bar serving all your favorite island drinks. \$\$

Rachel's Southern Style Restaurant

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

rachelsouthernrestaurant.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome. **FEATURES:** Catering. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Traditional Southern cuisine with a rotating menu written on a whiteboard every weekday. 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, trivia. **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 Cane'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. Take-out and delivery only at the moment. 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

instagram.com/roadhouseathens

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

facebook.com/rodeoathensnightclub

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

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 food from pop-up restaurants. \$

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, salty and sweet 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 great selection of whiskey, including Scotch, and access to its big sibling's food menu. Plenty of craft beer and specialty shots. \$\$

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,



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Sabor Latino

2131 Hog Mountain Road, Watkinsville • 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 (Oglethorpe). **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Looks like your standard Americanized Mexican from afar but is actually Uruguyan, 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: hot pots, yaki udon, dumplings, mochi ice cream, kids menu. Japanese beer, sake, cocktails and wine. \$\$

San Angel Cocina and Cantina

2226 W. Broad St.

instagram.com/sanangelcocina

FILE UNDER: Mexican. **FEATURES:** Full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • This large Mexican restaurant with a rooftop bar should open this year in the former Applebee's that has been underrenovation for a while. \$\$

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. \$

Saturday's

321 E. Clayton St.

FILE UNDER: Bar. **FEATURES:** Full bar. **HOURS:** Tues–Sat. • New student-oriented bar has a lot of Georgia-themed decor, pool and a downstairs called The Grotto. Plenty of room to spread out. \$\$

Saucehouse Barbeque

830 W. Broad St. • 888-978-7948

saucehouse.com

FILE UNDER: BBQ, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, delivery, outside seating, take-out, counter service. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • 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. Outdoor space has games and a little playground. \$\$

The Savannah Room

1197 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-338-8781

hotel.uga.edu/dining-in-athens/savannah-room

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. \$\$

Schlotzsky's Deli

1490 Baxter St. • 706-543-2518

schlotzskys.com

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

Scoops

1725 Electric Ave., Watkinsville

facebook.com/scoopswirepark

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream. • Small Georgia ice cream chain with other locations in Madison and Monroe is about to be open in Watkinsville's Wire Park development (and has been popping up in a truck before the space is complete). Lots of kid-friendly ice cream flavors, plus an excellent selection of candy, including vintage and obscure items. \$\$

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 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. \$\$\$

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 bigger space on Broad Street. Both serve reliably very tasty Americanized Mexican standards but also lengua, buche and tripe tacos. Chilaquiles and 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. \$\$\$

Silver Dollar

262 College Ave. • 706-389-0531

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/Tea 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. Large patio hidden from street view. Dance or play ping-pong. Try the house sangria. \$

Slater's Steakhouse

1680 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-395-6082

slatersathens.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, reservations. **HOURS:** Dinner. • High-end steakhouse with attentive staff and beautiful drinks (martini service comes with a little extra in a glass carafe on a bed of ice and is thoroughly customizable). Expect that sides aren't included but are family style. Not just steaks, but definitely meat-centric. \$\$\$\$

Smoothie King

1591 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-613-2600

smoothieking.com

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

Soldier of the Sea Distillery

22 E. South Ave., Comer • 706-783-2523

soswhiskey.com

FILE UNDER: Distillery. **FEATURES:** Full bar. **HOURS:** Thur–Sat. • Newly-opened and veteran-owned whiskey distillery, with its product made from locally sourced honey. Open for tastings and bottle sales, with an accompanying pub, The Hive, for cocktails, etc. next door. \$\$

South Kitchen and Bar

247 E. Washington St. • 706-395-6125

southkitchenbar.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, outside seating. **HOURS:** Weekend brunch, lunch and



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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. \$\$

South Main Brewing

1725 Electric Ave., Watkinsville • 706-705-6067
southmainbrewing.com

FILE UNDER: Breweries. **FEATURES:** Beer, comedy, live music, outside seating, trivia. • New brewery in Watkinsville's Wire Park is dog- and family-friendly, with about 20 beers on tap, emphasizing IPAs. Plenty of events and a polished inside as well as outdoor seating. Feel free to BYO food, including from the numerous eateries right next door, but also food trucks. \$\$\$

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 slushies (flavors change) and small-batch specialty brews, but also standards that are always available. Food trucks and lots of events, from trivia to wrestling. Dog-friendly. \$

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
starlandlanes.com

FILE UNDER: Bars. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, full bar. • A large, two-level bar with duckpin bowling lanes upstairs as well as other games. Domestic and import bottles and cans, tons of craft beer, wine and a good selection of bourbon, including some rare options. Grill and snack bar with burgers and dogs operates from 10 p.m. to close. \$\$

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., Bogart • 770-725-7772
striplings.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome. **FEATURES:** Catering, take-out. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. • The grocery out of Cordele well-known for housemade sausage 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. \$\$\$

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. \$

Sunroof Coffee Company

175 Tracy St. K5 • 706-512-1345
instagram.com/sunroofcoffeeath

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses. • Kiosk-based coffee company in the Southern Mill development on Oneta Street opening late summer 2023. Cold brew, hot brew and other stuff. \$\$

Surcheros

700 Baxter St. • 706-842-6887
1850 Epps Bridge Pkwy. Ste. 312-A
surcheros.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican. **FEATURES:** Catering. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Taco and burrito franchise where you can 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 and margaritas. \$

Sushi One

1430 Capital Ave. Ste. 101, 103, Watkinsville GA • 706-552-0488
sushioness.com

FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Delivery, take-out, full bar, vegetarian friendly. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Miss Ru San's? This new sushi place in Watkinsville is owned and operated by the same folks, with a large array of rolls, entrees, bento boxes, kids meals, poke, noodles, desserts. Sake and Japanese whisky at the bar as well as Japanese beers and other stuff. Friday and Saturday feature an omakase experience that requires reservations. Gluten-free choices and a wide variety of boba drinks. \$\$

Sweet Spot Coffee

149 Oneta St.
sweetspotathens.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Outside seating. • 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. \$

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 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 at this restaurant on Baxter. Gluten-free and dairy-free options. \$\$

Taco Mama

265 N. Lumpkin St.

tacomamaonline.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican. **FEATURES:** Full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Taco bar franchise based in Alabama is taking over the former Fuzzy's Tacos downtown later in 2023, with tacos, burritos, a kids menu, margaritas, bowls (of course), nachos, salads and queso. \$\$

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, Tea Houses. **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
instagram.com/tamezbarbecue

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. (brisket if you're lucky), plus cornbread, beans, collards. Meats smoked daily. \$\$\$

Tapped Athens

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

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars. **FEATURES:** Wine. **HOURS:** Tue–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
taqueriadelсол.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, counter service, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • 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



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3750 Old Jefferson Road • 706-316-3560

FILE UNDER: Mexican. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Taqueria inside a full-service grocery store. 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., Watkinsville • 706-310-9991

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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. Cocktails, sangria and craft beers. \$\$

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, wine and beer. \$\$\$

Taziki's Mediterranean Cafe

227 Prince Ave. • 706-247-7619

tazikiscfe.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: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru, catering, outside seating. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Mon-Sat. • 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. \$

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

terrapiinbeer.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. \$

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

facebook.com/tlalocmexicano

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

trappezepub.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, housemade 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., Watkinsville • 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. \$\$

Treathouse Candy and Ice Cream

585 Barber St., Studio G • 706-850-8226

treethousekidandcraft.com

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream. • Athens' most magical toy store Treehouse Kid and Craft has moved and added Treathouse, with vegan soft-serve ice cream served in super-cool cones in unusual flavors, plus popsicles and both old-timey and imported candies. \$



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. \$\$

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

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 Delicious 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. • 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

217 Hiawassee Ave. • 706-353-6847

64 N. Main St., Watkinsville • 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, wine and dance party bathrooms. Both serve amazing cheeseburgers, pork and tofu barbecue and excellent 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. • 706-850-1052

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, Hull • 706-850-9700

1307 Prince Ave. • 706-850-8250

1725 Electric Ave., Watkinsville

winghouse-grill.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, take-out, outside seating, beer. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Soon to be three locations, plus a food truck; the original is out in Hull, another is in the heart of Nor-maltown and a third is coming to Wire Park in Watkinsville. 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

wingsterathensga.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

wnbfactory.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'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, TVs for sports, trivia. Dog friendly. \$

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 (including lots of canned craft brews), wine, housemade nonalcoholic sodas and a great chalkboard. \$\$

Your Pie

196 Alps Road • 706-549-3179

1430 Capital Ave., Watkinsville • 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- and full-size customized pizzas. Lots of topping, sauce and cheese choices, as well as several doughs. Vegan and gluten-free choices. Panini, pasta, bread bowl salads, gelato, beer and wine. \$\$

Zeb's Bar-B-Q

5742 U.S. Hwy. 29, Danielsville • 706-795-2701

instagram.com/zebs_bar_b_q


FILE UNDER: BBQ. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, drive-thru, checks, take-out. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner. • Country barbecue joint of long standing keeps long hours, 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. Slices of soda cake shrink-wrapped to plates. \$

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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