

## **Favorite Restaurants**

*We're not trying to compete with Yelp. In other words, this list of our favorite area restaurants is by no means a complete one. Most of the eateries are located in Naperville or Aurora, with a few exceptions. Please send us your favorites to add to the list, with some commentary about what you like best (e.g., best dishes, etc.). -- Updated in February 2018.*

### **Special Occasions**

1. Tallgrass Restaurant – 1006 S. State Street, Lockport – 815-838-5566 – [www.tallgrassrestaurant.com](http://www.tallgrassrestaurant.com)

A small but pricey place for special occasions. Dining here can best be described as an “elegant experience,” with three-, four-, and five-course meals to choose from. Thirty different meat, seafood and vegetarian items. A specialty is their three double-flavored soups. Extensive wine list. And wonderful desserts. Reservations required.

2. Meson Sabika – On Aurora Avenue in the old Willoway Manor – 983-3000 – [www.mesonsabika.com](http://www.mesonsabika.com)

Never been disappointed by their Spanish tapas. Well prepared. Also have great Sunday brunch.

### **Italian (sit-down)**

1. Traverso's – Leverenz & N-P Road – 305-7747 – [www.traversosrestaurant.com](http://www.traversosrestaurant.com)

An NWTHA newsletter advertiser since it opened – Ravioli (cheese & meat) is really good, along with everything else on the menu.

2. Angeli's Italian Restaurant – Naper Blvd. & Chicago Ave. – 420-1730

Food and service are excellent.

3. Maggiano's Little Italy – 1847 Freedom Drive (via Diehl), Naperville and in Oak Brook Mall – 536-2270 – [www.maggianos.com](http://www.maggianos.com)

Probably most popular sit-down Italian restaurant in western suburbs.

4. La Sorella Di Francesca – 18 W. Jefferson Street – 961-2706

A very popular 4/5-star downtown Naperville location.

5. Rosebud – 22 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville – 312-281-6505 – [www.rosebudrestaurants.com](http://www.rosebudrestaurants.com)

Increasingly popular family place. Now delivers pizza.

6. Biaggi's – 2752 Showplace Drive (at 95<sup>th</sup> & Rte. 59) – 428-8500 – [www.biaggis.com](http://www.biaggis.com)

Another popular family place, located a little closer to NWTHA area.

7. Little Italian – Bailey & Washington – 983-8200 – [www.littleitalianpizza.com](http://www.littleitalianpizza.com)

An advertiser during early days of NWTHA. In addition to delivered/carry-out pizza, this is a popular place for a good sit-down Italian meal.

8. Francesca's Passaggio – 95th & Route 59, south of Dominick's – 946-0600 – [www.miafrancesca.com](http://www.miafrancesca.com)

Sister restaurant to La Sorella de Francesca (on Jefferson Street in downtown Naperville). Passaggio is relatively close to NWTHA homes.

9. Aurelio's – 83rd Street & Rte. 59 (in Springbrook Square) – 922-3600 – [www.aureliospizza.com](http://www.aureliospizza.com)

One of the oldest – and best – pizza chains in the Chicago area. This location has large sit and eat area.

10. Fiammé – 19 N. Washington Street – 470-9441

A relatively new traditional Naples-inspired restaurant, specializing in authentic oak-fired oven pizzas, as well as other Italian cuisine.

11. Franco's – 821 E. Chicago Ave. – 364-2854

Another relatively new restaurant. One reviewer says “best meatballs ever.”

### **Pizza (delivery)**

1. Pieroni's – 83rd & Modaff – 983-8414 – [www.pieroni'spizza.com](http://www.pieroni'spizza.com)

Consistently good pizza. **NWTHA newsletter advertiser 30 consecutive years – since 1988.**

2. Traverso's – Leverenz & N-P Road – 305-7747 – [www.traversosrestaurant.com](http://www.traversosrestaurant.com)

Pizzas among best in area. Also, can get food from restaurant menu delivered. Highly recommend the ravioli (meat & cheese combo), which is to die for.

3. Rosati's – 95th & Book – 428-0400 – [www.myrosatis.com](http://www.myrosatis.com)

In addition to good pizza, menu includes pasta, ribs, sandwiches.

4. Macciano's – on Eola, north of 95<sup>th</sup> – 585-9700 – [www.maccianos.com](http://www.maccianos.com)

Lasagna and other pastas, sandwiches are also terrific.

5. Lou Malnati's – Two locations: downtown Naperville (on Jefferson) and at 95th and Route 59 – 717-0700, 904-0222, respectively – [www.loumalnatis.com](http://www.loumalnatis.com)

Advertises “The Best Chicago Deep-dish Pizza.” Many people agree.

6. Giordano's – 3224 S. Route 59 (a little south of 95th) – 904-9800 – Another Naperville location at 119 S. Main St. (428-2111) – [www.giordanos.com](http://www.giordanos.com)

Known for its excellent Chicago deep dish or “stuffed” pizza.

7. Aurelio's – 83rd Street & Rte. 59 (in Springbrook Square) –922-3600 – [www.aureliospizza.com](http://www.aureliospizza.com)

NWTHA favorite. One of the oldest – and best – pizza chains in the Chicago area.

8. Little Italian – Bailey & Washington – 983-8200 – Also at 4083 S. Route 59 (904-4242) [www.littleitalianpizza.com](http://www.littleitalianpizza.com)

Pizza place of choice and NWTHA advertiser during its early years; has been serving Naperville customers for about 40 years.

## **Chinese**

1. Yin's Wok (carry-out, delivery only) – 95th & Book – 355-9100 – [www.yins-wok.com](http://www.yins-wok.com)

Closest local favorite, with great egg rolls, pot stickers, and crab Rangoon

2. Yu's Bistro – On Route 59, in mall just north of 95th– 848-6998

Friendly staff provides an excellent Chinese dining experience. Many Szechuan and even dim sum dishes. Try the “hot pot,” which is popular because it's so good. Considered by many to be the best Chinese restaurant in area.

3. Katy's Dumpling House – 790 Royal St. George (south side of Ogden, west of Mill) – 416-1188 – [www.katysdumpling.com](http://www.katysdumpling.com)

Also seems to be getting some of the best reviews of all Chinese restaurants in the area. A “can't miss” place to go. Pot stickers, Dan Dan noodles, dumplings among favorites.

4. East China Inn – Montgomery Road & Frontenac, Aurora – 898-8889 – [www.eastchinainn.com](http://www.eastchinainn.com)

Try crab Rangoon, Mongolian beef.

5. House of Emperor – On Naper Blvd. (north end of mall with Dominick's) – 983-8284 – [www.houseofemperorchinese.com](http://www.houseofemperorchinese.com)

A favorite for 25 years.

6. Chinese Kitchen – 2nd level of strip mall at Royal St. George and Ogden – 961-5448 – Seems to be a place you'll either love or hate. Hear good things about it, but...

7. See Thru Chinese Kitchen II – On N. Aurora Rd., just west of Raymond and east of Rte. 59 – 428-2638

Has been getting good reviews.

8. Mapo Restaurant – In mall with Minuteman Press on Naper-Wheaton Road, just north of Ogden – 420-1388

Has become very popular, with good reputation for quality food (although quality of service is questionable).

9. Fox Valley Chinese Buffet – On New York Street, west of Route 59 (west side of Westfield's Fox Valley Mall) – 898-5888 – [www.FoxValleyBuffet.com](http://www.FoxValleyBuffet.com)

Very reasonably priced buffet (lunch and dinner). Typical Chinese menu, but also has selection of Japanese cuisine.

10. Joy Yee Noodle – 1163 E. Ogden, in Iroquois mall – 579-6800 – [ww.joyyee.com](http://ww.joyyee.com)

Well worth trying Pan-Asian cuisine. Menu has biggest selection of quality Asian food (Chinese, Thai, Vietnamese, Korean) and non-alcoholic drinks in western suburbs.

11. Minghin Cuisine – 1633 N. Naper Blvd. – 799-3899

Although new to us, this restaurant has a VERY good reputation. Dim Sum is specialty.

12. Chinese Harvest – 1239 E. Ogden Avenue – 900-9652

If you can get past the pink walls, the reviews are mostly GREAT.

13. Yen Ching – 87<sup>th</sup> & Modaff – 414-1991

Recommended by one of our NWTHA members.

### **Thai (all sit-down and carry-out/delivery)**

1. Le Siam – on Route 59, in mall near Border's – 718-9725

Many consider this best Thai restaurant in the area.

2. Thai Orchid – on S. Eola, north of 95<sup>th</sup> – 692-1331 – [www.thaiorchidaurora.com](http://www.thaiorchidaurora.com)

Has best Panang noodles (made with wide rice noodles and beef or chicken in a peanut sauce) outside of Chicago.

3. Khao Suay Thai – 1224 W. Ogden Ave. (just south of River Road) – 355-7420

Same site as former Lemon Grass restaurant. Getting good reviews. Pad Thai very good.

4. Yum Yum Thai – 83rd and Route 59 (just south of Oxford Bank) – 369-3355 – [www.yumyumthainaperville.com](http://www.yumyumthainaperville.com)

Closest Thai eatery in area. Great food (influenced by family restaurant in Bangkok) and personable owners Greg and Nong Otts.

5. Chopsticks Noodle Café – 375 S. Route 59, just north of 75th, in mall on NW corner – 898-6898 – [www.chopsticscafe.net](http://www.chopsticscafe.net)

Another Thai restaurant at this location closed. Reopened by different owner and has different name.

6. Thai Way – On Weber Road in Romeoville (near Ace Hardware in mall just south of PNC Bank) – 815-886-1100

Delicious lattes and appetizers include banana/sweet potato dish.

7. Boraan's – 760 N. Route 59 – 355-8424 – [ww.boraanrestaurant.com](http://ww.boraanrestaurant.com)

Thai and Vietnamese cuisine. Good reputation.

8. Bangkok Village – on Chicago Ave., just east of Washington – 369-9756 – [www.bangkokvillage.com](http://www.bangkokvillage.com)

First Thai restaurant in Naperville. Still going strong, due to well-prepared food and good service. A dish called “Love Tender Duck w/ plum sauce” is recommended here.

9. Kuma's Asian Bistro – 216 S. Washington St. – 369-8500 – [ww.Kumas.US](http://ww.Kumas.US)

New downtown Naperville restaurant. Different than the usual experience, with lots of stir-fry entrees and hibachi dinners, as well as many noodle and Chinese & Korean dishes.

10. Noodles Pho U – 3124 S. Route 59 (in mall on E. side of 59, just south of 95<sup>th</sup> Street – 778-7888

Extensive menu. Good reviews. Closest Thai restaurant in NWTHA area.

## **Greek**

1. Basil's Greek Dining – South end of Westfield's Fox Valley Mall – 692-1300 – [www.basilsgreekdining.com](http://www.basilsgreekdining.com)

You feel like you've stepped into a place on the Mediterranean. Food is of very good quality.

2. Greek Islands – 300 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Lombard – 932-4545

Another excellent Greek restaurant, but not as close as Basil's.

3. Greektown – on South Halsted St. in Chicago

Personal favorite is Rodity's, but Athena and Greek Islands are still good.

## **Tapas**

1. Meson Sabika – On Aurora Avenue in old Willoway Manor – 983-3000 – [www.mesonsabika.com](http://www.mesonsabika.com)

Never been disappointed by their Spanish tapas. Well prepared.

2. Macarena's – In Naper West Plaza, about 300 feet east of Aurora Ave./Route 59 intersection – 420-8995 – [www.macarenatapasnaperville.com](http://www.macarenatapasnaperville.com)

The food is as imaginative as its website.

## **Mexican/Puerto Rican**

1. Totopos Restaurant – 2048 Aurora Avenue (just west of Ogden) – 637-0418

A new Mexican place that uses quality ingredients and is becoming very popular.

2. La Quinta De Los Reyes – 36 E. New York Street, Aurora – 859-4000 – [www.laquintadelosreyesaurora.com](http://www.laquintadelosreyesaurora.com)

Salsa and guacamole made fresh at your table. Echiladas, chile rellenos, tacos, fajitas and seafood have gotten good reviews. Good entertainment on Fridays or Sundays.

3. La Bori Island Grill – 1550 N. Route 59 (in strip mall on east side of 59, a little south of Diehl) – 815-230-9360 – [www.la-bori.com](http://www.la-bori.com)

This authentic Puerto Rican restaurant has good sandwiches, including cubanos and jibaritos. Don't be confused by the phone number – Apparently, Chef Awilda Lopez-Campbell also has a catering and cakes business in Plainfield.

4. Burrito Parrilla Mexicana – 5059 Ace Lane, Naperville (in mall west of Rte. 59 and south of 111<sup>th</sup> Street – 305-9833

Very good casual/fast-food style restaurant. Lots of good reviews, especially the tacos.

5. Quiubo – 120 Water Street (next to the Municipal Center parking deck) – 702-2711

Great margaritas, in addition to the good food.

6. Bien Trucha – 410 W. State Street, Geneva – 232-2665

We include this place because it gets so many fantastic reviews. In fact, Geneva seems to be a haven for good Mexican restaurants.

## **German/Bohemian**

1. Bavarian Lodge – 1800 Ogden Avenue in Lisle – 241-4701 – [www.bavarian-lodge.com](http://www.bavarian-lodge.com)

Huge selection of beers on tap and in bottles/cans. But the highlights for German food lovers are the schnitzels (recommend the Cord Bleu), roast duck, sausages, dumplings, liver dumpling soup, sauerkraut, etc.

2. Wurst House – 638 2nd Ave., Aurora – 898-9242

A hidden gem if there ever was one, this meat/sausage store has been located in a semi-residential part of town (east side of Aurora) for many years. Although it is not a restaurant, it is a treasure trove of all kinds of sausages – Polish, Italian, German, Bohemian, etc. You won't be sorry you found this place. Try the spicy brats.

3. Bohemian Crystal – 639 Blackhawk Dr., Westmont – 789-1981 – [www.bohemiancrystal.net](http://www.bohemiancrystal.net)

You can't go wrong here, since you will have delicious leftovers to take home.

4. Czech Plaza Restaurant – 7016 W. Cermak Rd., Cicero – 708-795-6555 – [www.czechplaza.com](http://www.czechplaza.com)

Nothing fancy outside. Inside is nicer and the food is good.

5. Riverside Restaurant – 3422 S. Harlem, Riverside – 708-442-0434

Another excellent Bohemian restaurant that has been around (operated by the same family) for a long time. Excellent food.

6. Old Vilnius Café (and deli) – 2601 75<sup>th</sup> Street (in a strip mall just west of Lemont Road), Darien – 324-6811

Eastern European (Polish, Lithuanian, Russian) food.

## **French**

1. La France Café & Crepes – 939 S. Main, Lombard – 613-9511 – [www.lafrancecafe.com](http://www.lafrancecafe.com)

A small, intimate place with excellent crepes and other entrees.

2. Suzette's Creperie – 211 W. Front Street, Wheaton – 462-0898

Great place to go for good food and good music.

3. Mon Ami Gabi – 260 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook – 472-1900 – [www.monamigabi.com](http://www.monamigabi.com)

Upscale French restaurant with great service and food.

## **Indian (mixed reviews on all of these, but worth a visit)**

1. Indian Harvest – 796 Royal Saint George Drive – 579-9500



2. Cuisine of India – 1163 E. Ogden Avenue – 548-9440
3. Sara’s Grill & Eastern Cuisine – 2860 Showplace Drive – 717-7865

Good reviews, especially chicken dishes, lamb with spinach.

## **Irish**

1. Quigley’s Irish Pub – 43 E. Jefferson – 428-4774

Live entertainment on weekends. Fish and chips. Corned beef/cabbage. Burgers.

2. Ballydoyle Irish Pub – 28 W. New York Street, Aurora – 844-0400

Live entertainment. As for the food, very mixed reviews on Yelp.

## **Breakfast**

1. Allgauer’s Sunday Brunch – in Hilton Hotel on Warrenville Road, just east of Naper/Wheaton Road (near I88 entrance)

One of, if not THE, best Sunday brunches in western suburbs.

2. Pancake Café – In Hobson Plaza at 75th and N-P Road –

Best apple pancakes in the world. Large entrée is HUGE (two meals at least).

3. Butterfield’s Pancake House & Restaurant – 1504 N. Naper Blvd. (in plaza at NW corner of intersection with Ogden) – 955-0950 – [www.butterfieldsrestaurant.com](http://www.butterfieldsrestaurant.com)

World’s best sausage links. Never disappointed here. Great service.

4. Juicy O’s – 87th and S. Washington St. and 844 S. Route 59 – 470-9879/428-9550 – [www.juicyo.com](http://www.juicyo.com)

The free donuts set this place apart. Also, the bubble teas are great.

5. Blueberry Hill Pancake House and Breakfast Café – Just north of Eola/New York St. intersection in Aurora – 499-1500 – [www.blueberrybreakfastcafe.com](http://www.blueberrybreakfastcafe.com)

Has become increasingly popular over the last few years. Good food, good service, very busy on weekends.

6. Baker’s Square – Located on Route 59, across from main entrance to Westfield’s Fox Valley Mall – 355-1777 – [www.bakerssquare.com](http://www.bakerssquare.com)

Best known for its pies (especially “Free slice of pie Wednesdays – after 10:30 a.m.). But has excellent breakfast menu, as well as lunch and dinner entrees (favorite place for a patty melt).

7. Colonial Café – In Gartner’s Plaza at S. Washington and Gartner – 420-7722 – [www.colonialcafe.com](http://www.colonialcafe.com)



Great breakfast entrees, along with lunch and dinner. Perhaps best known for ice-cream concoctions.

8. Cracker Barrel Old Country Store and Restaurant – (1855 W. Diehl Road – 778-6699) or (1295 Lakeview, Romeoville – 759-6171) – [www.crackerbarrel.com](http://www.crackerbarrel.com)

Diehl location is tricky to find the first time, but generally worth the effort. The challenge is walking through the country store without buying something (such as candies you can't find any place else).

9. Egg Harbor Café – On Jackson Street, across from Riverwalk – 548-1196 – [www.eggharborcafe.com](http://www.eggharborcafe.com)

THE breakfast spot in downtown Naperville.

10. Grandma Sally's Waffle and Pancake House – 450 E. Ogden – 355-7771

A favorite of many Naperville residents, who have been coming here for years.

11. Denny's – On New York Street (northern perimeter of Westfield Fox Valley Mall) and elsewhere – 851-3063 – [www.dennys.com](http://www.dennys.com)

Best thing about Denny's is that it's open 24/7. So if you want an omelet or waffles at two in the morning, this is the place to go. Won't be the best breakfast you've ever had, but it's okay and the price is right.

12. Buttermilk – 1715 Freedom Drive (off Diehl Road) – 423-6551

Very new in this area. Also one in Geneva.

13. Elly's Pancake House – 2656 Showplace Drive (at Rte. 59 and 95<sup>th</sup>) – where MiMi's used to be – 420-2300

Relatively new. Another breakfast option.

## **Delis**

1. H.P. Schmaltz & Co. – 1512 N. Naper Blvd. (in plaza at NW corner of Naper & Ogden) – 245-7595 – [www.schmaltzdeli.com](http://www.schmaltzdeli.com)

An authentic Jewish deli that has fantastic corned beef/pastrami & Swiss cheese on rye bread – and many other sandwiches. Also, knishes, potato pancakes, chopped chicken liver, chicken soup, matzo ball soup, cheesecake and other deli delicacies.

2. Jason's Deli – 1739 Freedom Drive (off Diehl) in Freedom Plaza – 955-1179

Interesting choice of foods (try the salmon with kale and quinoa), but the free ice cream with your meal sets this place apart.

## **Seafood**

1. Catch 35 – 35 S. Washington St. – 717-3500 – [www.catch35.com](http://www.catch35.com)

Downtown location. Has Asian Fusion selections.

2. Hugo's Frog Bar – 55 S. Main St. – 548-3764 – [www.hugosfrogbar.com](http://www.hugosfrogbar.com)

Very noisy, but food is good. Only place in town that has frog legs.

3. Chinn's 34th Street Fishery – 3011 E. Ogden, Lisle – [www.chinnsfishery.com](http://www.chinnsfishery.com)

Has had good reputation over the years. Have been questions about the quality of service (few questions about the food), but that's typical of almost any restaurant.

## **Fried Chicken**

1. Kentucky Fried Chicken – 3028 Reflection Drive, south of 95th, just west of Route 59 – 922-1633 – [www.kfc.com](http://www.kfc.com)

The favorite among all fried chicken retailers – regular recipe, crispy, and baked.

2. Brown's Chicken – Hillside and S. Washington St. – 420-8008 – [www.brownschicken.com](http://www.brownschicken.com)

Pretty good fried chicken (but like KFC better). Great selection of sides and sandwiches.

Love the chicken livers and corn fritters.

3. Popeyes Chicken & Biscuits – 5108 Clarence Drive (just south of 111th Street and west side of Route 59) – 922-9897 – [www.popeyes.com](http://www.popeyes.com)

The spicy chicken is a good change of pace, but size of chicken pieces smaller than KFC. Also have fried catfish, popcorn shrimp, po' boy sandwich, chicken wrap and great biscuits.

4. White Fence Farm – 1376 Joliet Road, Romeoville – 739-4466 – [www.whitefencefarmil.com](http://www.whitefencefarmil.com)

Also, take-out menu (no steaks) available at 12337 S. Route 59 in Plainfield – 815-609-4477

In addition to the fried chicken, the Romeoville location has T-bone and rib-eye steaks, fried shrimp, boneless white fish, a vegetarian platter, as well as corn fritters and other sides. Also, check out the petting zoo and museum.

5. Dell Rhea's Chicken Basket – Located on historic Route 66 (645 Joliet Road, I55 & Route 83) in Willowbrook – 325-0780 – [www.chickenbasket.com](http://www.chickenbasket.com)

In addition to the great fried chicken, the most popular menu items include the chicken wings and livers, chicken dumpling soup, fried catfish, pork chops, BBQ ribs, mac &

cheese, and fresh pies.

## **Steak/Ribs and Much More**

1. Morton's The Steak House – 1751 Freedom Drive, off Diehl – 577-1372 – [www.mortons.com](http://www.mortons.com)

Arguably, the best steak house in Naperville. Many, many return customers.

2. Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurant – 1740 Freedom Drive, off Diehl – 245-8000  
Another Freedom Plaza favorite, with a menu that has something for everyone – steaks, chicken, pasta, seafood, etc. – and, of course, a wide selection of wines.

3. White Chocolate Grill – 1803 Freedom Drive, off Diehl – 505-8300

One more Freedom Plaza restaurant that has become very popular. Another high-quality “something for everyone” dining option.

3. Fogo de Chao – 1824 Arbitrer Court in Freedom Commons – 955-0022

Steaks and other meats served Brazilian style, as well as delicious mango Chilean Sea Bass. An experience you should try at least once. Pricey.

5. Sullivan's Steak House – 244 S. Main St. – 305-0230 – [www.sullivansteakhouse.com](http://www.sullivansteakhouse.com)

Another steak house with a good reputation. But this one is in downtown Naperville.

6. Outback Restaurant – Just east of Route 59 on Ogden (within mall at NW corner) – 778-6290 – [www.outback.com](http://www.outback.com)

Gets consistently good reviews. A favorite place for prime rib – and those onions.

7. Walker's Charhouse – Located in Gartner Plaza on Washington Street – 637-9688 – [www.walkerscharhouse.net](http://www.walkerscharhouse.net)

Has had solid local following in past years.

8. Texas Roadhouse – 2856 N. Patriot's Lane, off N. Aurora Road (east of Route 59) – 778-0960 – [www.texasroadhouse.com](http://www.texasroadhouse.com)

No firsthand experience, but reviews have been good.

9. Ted's Montana Grill – 39 W. Jefferson (downtown Naperville) – 848-2255 – [www.tedsmontanagrill.com](http://www.tedsmontanagrill.com)

Meats are ground fresh, in-house. Menu includes bison burgers and meatloaf, as well as Angus beef burgers and steaks (a filet and Delmonico ribeye) – and crab cakes and

“cedar plank” salmon.

10. TANGO2 – 5 W. Jackson – 848-1818 – [www.tangogrill.com](http://www.tangogrill.com)

This Argentinian steakhouse is the “Home of the World’s Longest Steak” – which is a grilled skirt steak. Also serves Spanish tapas, fresh seafood and pasta.

11. Gemato’s Wood Pit BBQ – SE corner of Ogden and Jefferson (not far from cereals plant) – 778-9990 – [www.gematoswoodpit.com](http://www.gematoswoodpit.com)

In addition to their baby back ribs, beef brisket platter, and Greek-style and BBQ chicken, the gyros gets high marks here.

12. Arrowhead Restaurant and Bar – 26W151 Butterfield Road, Wheaton – 653-5800

Excellent food and a nice atmosphere, with three different places to sit -- bar, dining room, patio (nice view of Arrowhead Golf Course when in patio). Also has seasonal specials, good wines

13. Ruth’s Chris Steak House – 100 W. Higgins Road, South Barrington – 847-551-3730

Last, but far from least, many say that this is THE best steak house (other locations in Chicago & Northbrook). Worth the drive to South Barrington. Filet mignon melts in your mouth.

### **New Orleans/Cajun/Southern**

1. Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen – 921 Pasquinelli Drive, Westmont – 455-9846 – [www.pappadeaux.com](http://www.pappadeaux.com)

Seafood Cajun style. Has a definite following. Check out the menu to see why!!

2. Rue – 504 Crescent Blvd., Glen Ellyn – 256-9353

Cajun/Creole seafood, crawfish etoufee, gumbo and live music.

### **Ice Cream**

1. Baskin & Robbins – Several locations; some with Dunkin’ Donuts – [www.baskinrobbins.com](http://www.baskinrobbins.com)

Excellent selection of different flavors.

2. Oberweis Dairy – 95th & Rte. 59 – 922-7756 – [www.oberweiss.com](http://www.oberweiss.com)

Except for their Rocky Road ice cream (which includes peanuts, instead of the customary almonds), this is a great place to satisfy your craving for ice cream.

3. Colonial Café – In Gartner’s Plaza at S. Washington and Gartner – 420-7722 – [www.colonialcafe.com](http://www.colonialcafe.com)

Best known for ice-cream concoctions, especially turtle sundaes and The Kitchen Sink.

4. Cold Stone Creamery – 23 W. Jefferson Ave. – 369-5646 –

[www.coldstonecreamerynaperville.com](http://www.coldstonecreamerynaperville.com)

Many flavors of ice cream/frozen yogurt, and great reputation for ice cream cakes/cupcakes.

5. Maggie Moo's – On 75th Street, in same mall as the Whole Food Store – 355-7500 – [www.maggiemoos.com](http://www.maggiemoos.com)

Wide variety of flavors, as well as ice cream cakes, cupcakes, sandwiches and pizzas – and create-your-own sundaes and shakes.

6. Traviata Gelato & Chocolate Café – 1111 Burlington Ave., Lisle – 241-2233

Haven't been here yet, but has reputation as one of the very best.

## **Pies**

1. Baker's Square – Located on Route 59, across from main (eastern) entrance to Westfield's Fox Valley Mall – 355-1777 – [www.bakerssquare.com](http://www.bakerssquare.com)

Best known for its pies (especially "Pie Rush" free slice of pie Wednesdays – after 10:30 a.m.). Among favorites pies are peach, pecan and lemon meringue.

2. Hoosier Mama Pie Company – 1618-1/2 Chicago Ave., just west of Ashland in Chicago – 312-243-4846 – [www.hoosiermamapie.com](http://www.hoosiermamapie.com)

A store front where pies are made on the premises, but there are only a couple tables and a few chairs. A must for all pie lovers, most of whom order ahead of time from a selection of more than 25 pies, including chicken & pork pies and quiche.

## **Bakeries/Pastry Shops**

1. Sweet Spot Bakery – 6470 College Road, Lisle – 357-1144

Probably the best, most popular bakery in our area. Cozy atmosphere.

2. DeEtta's Bakery – 428 W. Fifth Avenue, Naperville – 548-4078

Nice variety of tasty goodies, including wedding and other cakes you can order.

3. Lilac Bakery – 348 S. Main Street, Lombard – 627-1310

A long-time favorite most people in our area don't know about. Best to get there early in the morning, as the pastries and baked goods are that good. Open at 6 a.m. Closed Sun. & Mon.