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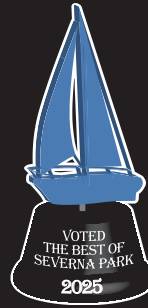
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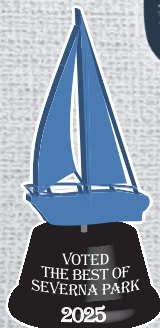
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Behind The Scenes With The Best Of Severna Park

Restaurateurs Share What Sets Their Food, Service Apart

By Meredith Winter

Each year, readers of the Severna Park Voice cast their votes for the best businesses, services and organizations in the area. For local eateries, awards are given to the voters' choice in 30

categories spanning Best Wait Staff to Best Kids' Menu to Best Seafood.

The five restaurants featured below won a total of 19 "Best of Severna Park" awards in 2025, including 16 in the "food/dining" category and three in the

"entertainment" category. Their owners and managers have offered a behind-the-scenes look at their menus, recipes, hospitality practices and more — all things that likely contribute to voters selecting them as the best of Severna Park.

Cafe Mezzanotte

2025 winners of:

- Best Restaurant Overall
- Best Wait Staff
- Best Dinner
- Best Dessert
- Best Italian
- Best Gluten-Free Menu
- Best Special Occasion

The team members at Cafe Mezzanotte are no strangers to being voted the Best of Severna Park — they've won the categories of Best Overall, Best Dinner, Best Italian and Best Special Occasion four or more years in a row. This year, owner Kosmas "Tommie" Koukoulis is proud that his team was also voted

the Best Wait Staff, and that the efforts the restaurant has put into expanding its house-made dessert offerings were acknowledged by voters as well.

"Service and hospitality are technically different, and they're both important, but we focus on the nuances of the two and really spend a lot of time trying to get on the same page with our staff that service is the technical delivery of the product," he said, emphasizing that they want to do that part of the job well. "Hospitality is how the delivery of that product makes our guests feel, and that's even more important."

Koukoulis believes that elevated hospitality contributes to guests choosing to celebrate special occasions at

Cafe Mezzanotte, too. For birthdays, anniversaries and other occasions, the restaurant intentionally does not send a group of singers to tables. Instead, the staff tries to start guests' experiences on high notes with special touches like glasses of sparkling wine or prosecco, or perhaps an appetizer.

With a menu that evolves with the seasons, Koukoulis, who serves as executive chef, aims to maintain a good balance between classic Italian food and new-age innovation. "It starts from a place of traditional, authentic Italian preparation, and then we try to elevate it a bit, put our fingerprint on it, celebrate what's in season, and not lose the essence of the dish," he shared.

The menu offerings at Cafe Mezzanotte balance classic Italian preparations with new-age innovation, highlighting ingredients that are in season.



The Point Crab House & Grill

2025 winners of:

- Best Crab Cake
- Best Seafood
- Best Outside Seating
- Best Place To Take Out-Of-Towners

In Maryland, countless restaurants claim to have the “best” crab cakes, but only one received the votes to secure that status in the

Severna Park area: The Point Crab House & Grill, located on the water in Arnold.

Chef and owner Bobby Jones shared that The Point’s simple crab cake recipe has been in his family for generations.

“The recipe comes from my grandma, basically,” he said. “My grandparents lived on ... Kent Island, so

as a kid we’d visit there. It’s kind of in our blood, it’s what we know and have here — blue crab — so I learned at an early age how she made her crab cakes and that’s where the recipe stems from.”

Jones will only use jumbo lump crab meat — no backfin or lump — mixed with traditional wet in-

gredients including eggs, mayonnaise, lemon and Worcestershire sauce, as well as a J.O. Spice Company blend, and brioche crumb to bind it all together.

Noting that Maryland has amazing food, from local produce to poultry to seafood, and pork from neighboring Virginia, Jones shared that The Point sources the best possible ingredients and pairs what is in season for its seafood and other dishes.

Hospitality is paramount for Jones, too; he takes his management team on annual trips around the country to experience great restaurants for fresh ideas. At The Point, he said it’s all about having a quality food product and a great experience where guests can relax, enjoy friends and family, and eat well.



The crab cake at The Point Crab House & Grill is based on chef and owner Bobby Jones’ grandmother’s recipe, and it is always prepared with jumbo lump crab meat.

Park Tavern

2025 winners of:

- Best Lunch
- Best Burger
- Best Salad
- Best Happy Hour

Burgers of all varieties appear on menus across town, but Park Tavern claimed the award for Best Burger this year. The restaurant, which has been in the community for over 10 years, offers the Tavern Burger and the Park Burger year-round alongside seasonally rotating options. Currently, it’s serving a hatch chile burger topped with hatch chile relish, smoked mayo and muenster cheese, and an alehouse burger piled high with smoked bacon, onion marmalade, bleu cheese crumbles and a horseradish aioli.

Justin Dvorkin, a partner at Park Tavern, shared how the eatery has elevated its signa-

ture item, the Tavern Burger. “You can make a burger a lot of different ways, but that burger is made with ground New York strip steak that we get from J.W. Treuth, which is a local butcher in the area, so it’s ground New York strip; we use a smoked Nueskes double cut thick bacon; Tillamook cheddar; a house-made tomato jam; (and) we get our sesame seed brioche from a local bakery,” he said. “So, it’s the sum of the parts.”

Serving great salads is a priority for Park Tavern, according to Dvorkin, who shared that the staff offers fresh ingredients, generous portions and healthier options for customers.

A quality, affordable happy hour is also a source of pride. A half-dozen \$7 appetizers can be paired with \$4 draft or bottled beer, half-price wines, or \$6 craft cocktails.

A current seasonal offering, Park Tavern’s hatch chile burger is topped with hatch chile relish, smoked mayo and muenster cheese.



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JBs Bar & Grill

2025 winners of:

- Best Kids' Menu
- Best Wings
- Best Place To Watch The Game

When it comes to food, kids can be highly selective. The partners behind JB's in Severna Park, including Justin Dvorkin, aim to please even their youngest guests with a kids' menu that offers a trifecta of variety, quality and value. All of their kids' meals are \$7 including a drink, and this year, their restaurant received the vote for Best Kids' Menu from Voice readers.

"Just because the portion size is smaller, we're not trading down on quality," Dvorkin said of the kids' meals. He cited examples: the kids' pizza is prepared with the same house-made

dough as all of JB's pizzas. The burgers are smash burgers, just like the ones on the main menu. The chicken fingers are hand-cut, marinated, hand-breaded and fried to order, just like JB's boneless wings.

This year, the family-friendly sports bar won Best Wings as well. Dvorkin noted that JB's buys the highest-quality large wings it can get. "We're marinating, we're seasoning, we're not just popping them out of a box into a fryer and serving them to people," he said. "We're taking the steps to make sure they're flavorful and done right. And, we have a cool variety of sauces — it's not just Buffalo and that's it — we have honey sriracha, Nashville hot, Jamaican jerk, dry rub, Korean — all sorts of different options."



JB's in Severna Park offers fresh bone-in and boneless wings prepared with a choice of roughly a dozen sauces.

He added, "We're not taking the easy way out on any of this stuff," em-

phasizing that JB's makes almost the entire menu fresh, from scratch.



Donut Shack

2025 winners of:

- Best Bakery/Cakes

In addition to roughly 48 doughnut flavors available daily, Donut Shack in Severna Park offers a plethora of baked goods, likely contributing to its clinching the vote for Best Bakery/Cakes this year.

Manager Rebecca Prayley listed a few of the pastries the Shack has incorporated into its rotation: apple fritters, cinnamon rolls, muffins, eclairs, and a new flavor of pop-tart each month. Doughnut types range from sprinkled to powdered, frosted, filled, cake and more. The sweets shop also offers four specialty doughnuts each day.

Going back to its roots, Donut Shack is once again open 24 hours a day — or until it sells out. All of its doughnuts and goodies are made in-house daily, with a recipe similar to the original one used by the couple who ran the Shack for decades. It now offers local delivery on the weekends, too.

Prayley believes the Shack's long history in the community, its commitment to giving back and being involved, and the return to the 24-hour tradition are several factors that set it apart. "(We're) trying our best to serve our community and make everyone happy with a doughnut, to bring a smile to their face," she said. ■

Now open for 24 hours a day again, Donut Shack serves almost 50 flavors of doughnuts and a selection of pastries made in-house daily.

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Always Ice Cream Company Set To

Mark and Adam Cohen, the brothers behind Always Ice Cream Company, are excited to open their seventh scoop shop in Severna Park this June.

By Meredith Winter

Brothers Mark and Adam Cohen had always dreamed of owning an ice cream store. Growing up in Arnold, their family frequented the Outer Banks for vacation, and hitting up their favorite ice cream shop was a top priority every year.

At home, the Cohens would go downtown to Annapolis Ice Cream Company for sweet treats. Mark's favorite flavor there was peanut butter Oreo, and it still is today. The only difference? Their father, Ross Cohen, purchased the beloved Annapolis scoop shop in 2019, and the whole family now runs the business, with the brothers at the forefront.

Ross helps with inventory and dry goods, Mark oversees stores and hiring, Adam manages the kitchen side of things, and their mom, Robin, is their professional taste tester. Adam's wife, Kelsey, and Mark's fiancé, Brooke, are involved as well. And, of course, Mark's dog, Fred, is the official pup-cup taster at grand openings.

The Cohens established a rapidly expanding brand, Always Ice Cream Company, inviting customers to "Work Hard. Play Hard. Eat Ice Cream." In addition to the downtown location, they have opened scoop shops in West Annapolis, Edgewater, Crofton and Baltimore. They also acquired the Daily Scoop in Pasadena and operate a food truck that can be spotted roaming the county or rented for special occasions.

And this June, they are set to open their seventh location — right in the heart of Severna Park. With Adam and Mark being third-generation Severn School graduates — Ross graduated in 1976 and their grandfather, Robert, graduated in 1944 — Severna Park is an intimately familiar community.

"Severna Park was our number-one choice from day one," Mark said of the newest location. "We would walk down the (B&A) Trail from Severn and go to Jenos, go to Rita's, to other stores growing up — so we always wanted to be in Severna Park. We knew it was a great market; we knew a lot of people in Severna Park supported us in West Annapolis and downtown. But, there's not much open space in Severna Park, so we were lucky enough to find this spot."

The newest "spot" for Always Ice Cream is located at 600 Baltimore-Annapolis Boulevard, mere steps away from the B&A Trail.

There, they will dish up their many popular — and occasionally out-of-the-box — flavors of "hand-crafted, ultra-premium ice cream using wholesome and uncomplicated ingredients."

The Cohens believe that if deciding on an ice cream flavor was easy, it wouldn't be fun. And the choice can prove to be a difficult one: Adam shared that the downtown Annapolis



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—MARK COHEN

Open Scoop Shop In Severna Park

location offers 50 flavors at a time, and the other Always Ice Cream shops have 26 on the menu. They have a core 20 or so flavors that are always in the mix — favorites like cookie monster, peanut butter Oreo, and brownie batter — but in total, they consistently rotate about 125 flavors and estimate they've made at least 200 if not 250 unique flavors over the years.

Adam admits he has simpler tastes; his favorites are salted caramel, vanilla and chocolate. But with so many flavors on rotation, including vegan and dairy-free options made with oat milk, there's something for everyone.

"We try to use as many real ingredients as possible," Adam shared. "The pies are real pies. We try to use as little flavorings (or) additives as we can. We use super premium ice cream mix ... so it's really creamy, rich, has nice consistency and flavor."

Birthday cake ice cream is made with whole birthday cakes. Cheesecake ice cream is made with cheesecakes. Banana bread ice cream is made with — you guessed it — whole loaves of banana bread.

Throughout the year, the team at Always Ice Cream mixes up unique flavors to support organizations in the community. They've donated a portion of proceeds from these specialty ice creams to Anne Arundel County public libraries, Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic, and Anne Arundel County Public Schools. They also host frequent spirit nights and consider themselves blessed to be able to give back.

"That's one thing we pride ourselves on, giving back to the community," Mark said, adding that they take pride in "having the best ice cream and the best customer service" as well.

Local partnerships are key for Always Ice Cream Company, too. The coffee ice cream is made with Rise Up coffee. Always Ice Cream collaborates on unique flavors that are available at Lewnes' Steakhouse, 100 Lots, VIN 909, Garten, Park Tavern, Fishpaws Marketplace and more. Pints of its most popular flavors are available up and down the Eastern Seaboard as well, from Virginia to Maine, and locally at Graul's Market and Green Valley Marketplace.

The Cohens look forward to welcoming the Severna Park community to their new store in June. They've hired a staff largely comprised of students from Severna Park High School, Broadneck High School, Severn School and Anne Arundel Community College.

The newest scoop shop will feature their signature bold black, green and white décor, with hand-painted murals and skateboards on the walls. It will also offer plenty of indoor seating, and four-legged friends are welcome. Stay tuned to their social media pages for an official opening date.

In the fall, Always Ice Cream will open an eighth shop in Prince Frederick, inviting Calvert County residents to "scoop local," too.

To learn more about Always Ice Cream Company, go to www.alwaysicecreamcompany.com. ■



Above Left: The birthday cake ice cream is made with real cakes and gets its blue color from cake frosting. **Above Right:** Milkshakes are also on the menu at Always Ice Cream's scoop shops. **Below:** Always Ice Cream makes ice cream cakes in various flavors including cookie monster.





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Behind The Music

On The Anne Arundel County Scene

By Zach Sparks

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Burgers and Bands For Suicide Prevention showcased a handful of talented musicians from around town in May at Severna Park Taphouse. Get to know two of these musicians better.

Colin Gontkof Instrument: **Guitar**
Hometown: Arnold Affiliated Acts:
Age: 13 **Savage In Nature, solo**

Q: How old were you when you started playing guitar? What inspired you to play?

A: I was 9 years old when I started. I remember we were on a vacation and my grandpa was playing the guitar.

Q: What do you like about Priddy Music Academy?

A: I like how at Priddy, it's a family-owned business. The community is really nice.

Q: Your band covers a range of genres from grunge to modern rock. What are your influences?

A: My favorite bands are Pearl Jam, Stone Temple Pilots and Soundgarden. Stone Temple Pilots uses a lot of weird chord shapes, so the solos are funky. Soundgarden uses a lot of effects and different time signatures and has some progressive rock. Usually, you don't have much progressive rock in grunge music.

Q: You also play some Blink-182 and Creed? What do you enjoy about those songs?

A: Creed has riffs that are melodic. (Guitarist Mark Tremonti) goes down chromatically and in this one song, "My Own Prison," he goes down chromatically and it's really cool. Some solos are a lot of fun to play, like "Alive" by Pearl Jam. Stone Temple Pilots have this song called "Interstate Love Song," and the way that the melody is played is cool and it's a cool feeling listening to that song as a band.



Savage In Nature features Jude Strawley on lead vocals, Colin Gontkof on lead guitar, Conor Young on bass and Connor Marshall on drums. The band will perform at the Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival on June 7.

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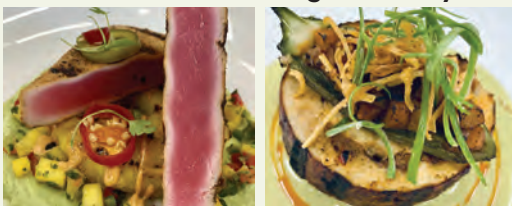


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Jocelyn Renn

Hometown: Severna Park

Age: 16 Instrument: Drums

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Don't Fret,

Q-Funk

Q: Was there one moment that inspired you to play the drums or was it a combination of factors?

A: I have been playing drums since I was 8. Actually, that's a funny story; my whole family plays music and my parents forced me to play an instrument that we had in the house. At one point, my mom got so sick of my indecisiveness that she pulled up a Google stock image of a rock band and told me to pick one from there. I'm obviously biased now, but even back then, I had always thought that drums were the "coolest" instrument, so I pointed to them on the photo from Google and was enrolled in lessons with my teacher, Andrew Priddy, by the next day.

Q: What are your influences, either the bands, drummers or both?

A: As far as drumming goes, I find there to be two categories I'm influenced in — music itself and then the performance aspect. My biggest musical influences are probably Rush and Foo Fighters; Neil Peart and Taylor Hawkins (the respective drummers for those bands) were both incredible drummers in their own right. Other than that, I would say I find myself listening to a lot of rock/alt-rock music in general, which has definitely influenced my style.

Q: What are your influences, either the bands, drummers or both?

A: Performance wise, my biggest influence is definitely my dad. He's about the shyest person I know, but when I had my first show at 9 years old, I still remember him telling me that, "It doesn't matter how well you play. It just matters that you leave everything on the stage." To me, that "everything" has been tuning into the natural adrenaline rush I get onstage; the energy I bring to every performance is 100% natural and just me tapping into whatever feels right that day. Over the years, my dad has talked me into every show I've been nervous to perform. Anything from a local show at Vida Taco (Bar) when I was maybe 10 or so to playing Naptown Music Feast last year, he's been my personal cheerleader in the world of performance.

Don't Fret won the inaugural Children's Theatre of Annapolis Battle of the Bands earlier this year. Q-Funk has earned Rammie Awards for performing at Rams Head On Stage in Annapolis.



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Q: Q-Funk is funk based and Don't Fret performs rock. What do you like about each band's style?

A: "Everlong" is one of my personal favorites to play; and yes, both bands play the styles you listed (funk and rock, respectively). In respect to Q-Funk, I love the simplicity of the music we play as a whole (that band has Corinne Rivera, Alex Eloff, Lucas Olenec and Gibson Bradbury). I personally find that the simpler a song is at its core, the more energy I have to focus on dynamics and technique. When playing funk music in particular, the aforementioned focuses are incredibly important; funk is characterized by what we call "pocket." To define that, "pocket" is feeling created by slightly delaying the snare to create a groovier feel. With more energy left to focus on technique and elements of music such as "being in pocket," I've found that Q-Funk's music tends to be tighter and more precise. ■



MORNING MEALS AROUND TOWN

FROM DINING ON THE GO TO LEISURELY BRUNCHES OUT, SEVERNA PARK HAS A FULL PLATE OF BREAKFAST OPTIONS

By Meredith Winter

Often referred to as “the most important meal of the day,” breakfast is widely believed to be beneficial for daily metabolism, energy, concentration and overall health. With choices spanning savory, high-protein meals to sweet treats, many people also find breakfast to be a favorite meal of the day. Eateries across the greater Severna Park area offer plenty of enticing options to skip the cereal and fuel up for the day.

LOCAL BREAKFAST STAPLES

For a hearty start to any day of the week, these Severna Park eateries offer robust breakfast menus starting at an early hour.

GARRY'S GRILL

Open seven days a week at 7:00am

A longtime mainstay in Severna Park, Garry's Grill offers a full breakfast menu spanning the gamut of southern favorites including country fried steak and shrimp and grits, to local flavors like the Eastern Shore skillet and Maryland flatbread, both featuring lump crab meat. For those with a sweet tooth, Garry's offers waffles, flapjacks and French toast dressed many ways, along with pumpkin beignets. Benedicts, omelets and healthier options round out the menu.

THE BREAKFAST SHOPPE

Open seven days a week at 7:00am

Another longstanding favorite, The Breakfast Shoppe is sure to satisfy appetites large and small with chicken and waffles smothered in house-made chicken gravy; a Monte Cristo featuring a battered and deep-fried pretzel roll with ham, Swiss cheese and bacon; breakfast tacos; chipped beef; steak and eggs, and more. The Shoppe also dishes up from-the-griddle options and a host of omelets and benedicts.

WEEKEND BRUNCH

Whether a relaxed Saturday is on the books or socializing after church is part of your weekend

plans, several local restaurants offer the perfect setting for a leisurely brunch.

BRIAN BORU IRISH RESTAURANT & PUB

Sundays, 10:00am-1:30pm

Made-to-order omelets, a waffle bar and a carving station are included in Brian Boru's Sunday brunch buffet, which offers a smorgasbord of sweet and savory breakfast staples. Select a cocktail to pair with eggs, meats, biscuits and gravy, Irish toast, fruit, salad, corned beef hash, assorted pastries, desserts and more.

GARTEN

Saturday and Sunday, 11:00am-3:00pm

Often accompanied by live jazz music on Sundays, the brunch menu at Garten rotates but includes creative dishes like smoked salmon potato pancakes, a pretzel bun breakfast sandwich, challah stuffed French toast, or an elevated breakfast platter. Drink options include Bloody Marys, mimosas and espresso martinis.

MOTHER'S PENINSULA GRILLE

Saturday and Sunday, 10:00am-2:00pm

Classic, hearty pairings of steak and eggs, chicken and waffles, and shrimp and grits are offered alongside sweeter selections including salted caramel French toast, Belgian waffles and pancakes during brunch at Mother's Peninsula Grille. Flavors of the bay can be found in Maryland-themed dishes like the Crab McMothers benedict and the Chesapeake “Mom-lette.”

O'LOUGHLIN'S RESTAURANT

Sunday, 10:00am-2:00pm

Kids under 5 eat free and children 13 and under eat at a discount during the Sunday brunch buffet at O'Loughlin's Restaurant in Arnold. Hand-carved roast beef, an omelet station and Maryland crab soup are offered in addition to an array of eggs, potatoes, chipped beef and biscuits, fruit, bacon, sausage, waffles and more.



BREAKFAST ON THE GO

Work schedule doesn't allow for a laid-back breakfast? No problem – the Severna Park area offers a plethora of local spots to grab the first meal of the day on the go.

CREPES IN THE PARK

Tuesday-Sunday, open at 8:00am

Steps away from the B&A Trail, Crepes in the Park can please any palette with its many sweet and savory handheld crepes. Go the classic route with meat, eggs and cheese, or try something unique like a Reuben or pulled pork crepe. Sweet crepes include fruit-centered options like apple pie or bananas foster, as well as dessert-like offerings such as peanut butter cup, s'mores, or cookies and cream.

NAVAL BAGELS

**Monday-Saturday, open at 6:00am;
Sunday, open at 7:00am**

A longtime Annapolis staple, Naval Bagels has a location in Arnold that dishes up roughly 15 egg-based breakfast sandwiches – including the Annapolitan, which is layered with jumbo lump crab, scrambled egg, cheddar cheese and Old Bay – as well as a selection of over a dozen bagel flavors that can be paired with various spreads, and a host of lunch options, too.

RISE UP COFFEE ROASTERS

Open seven days a week at 6:00am

Based on Maryland's Eastern Shore, Rise Up Coffee Roasters has 13 locations – including two in Arnold and Severna Park – and is known for its freshly roasted coffee and extensive lineup of espresso drinks and frozen beverages. But, it also serves a full made-to-order breakfast menu including biscuit sandwiches, a selection of burritos, avocado toast, acai bowls and more, as well as assorted pastries.

THE BIG BEAN

**Monday-Friday, open at 6:30am;
Saturday-Sunday, open at 7:00am**

Breakfast sandwiches and burritos are new additions to the menu at The Big Bean, which is in the heart of Severna Park and now has cafes in Millersville and Annapolis as well. The shop is known for its large selection of roasted coffees, espresso-based and frozen beverages, and creative seasonal lattes. The Big Bean also offers baked goods daily, including treats such as cake pops and cookies.

UBER BAGELS & DELI

**Monday-Saturday, open at 6:00am;
Sunday, open at 7:00am**

One of Maryland-based Uber Bagels & Deli's three locations is in Severna Park. For indecisive folks, selecting from among the more than 20 bagel flavors, 12-plus cream cheeses, or the long list of hearty breakfast sandwiches may prove difficult, but Uber Bagels & Deli offers something for just about everyone. Gluten-free bagels are available, and breakfast and lunch sandwiches can be prepared on alternative bread options as well.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

For anyone looking to break up their breakfast routine, these businesses are dishing up something a little different in the morning.

B&A ACAI BOWLS

Open daily at 8:00am

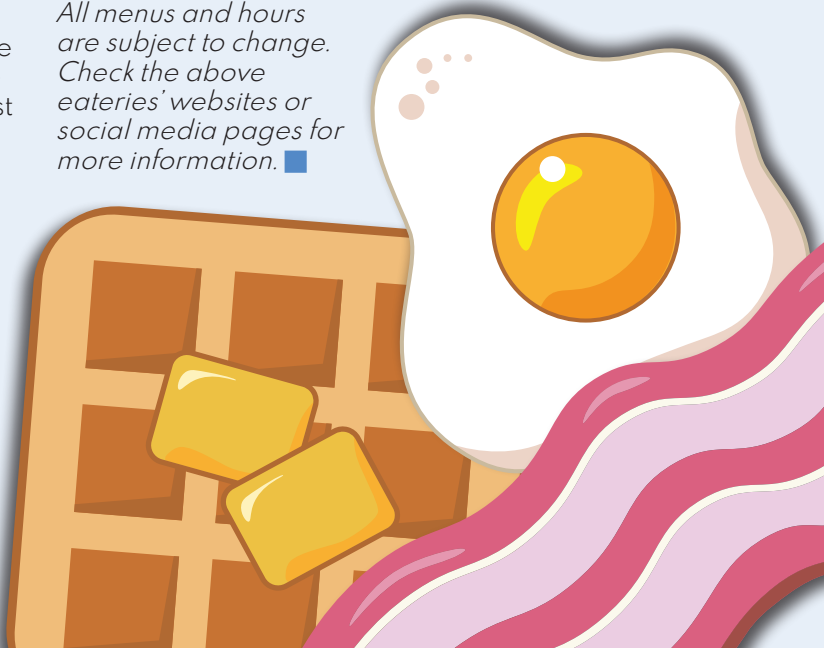
A popular stop along the trail, B&A Acai Bowls serves a variety of blended bowls beyond acai, including pi-taya bowls, coconut bowls aptly named "Magothy" and "Severn," green-based bowls, kids' bowls and seasonal offerings. The popular Ritchie bowl features an acai base, granola, Nutella, peanut butter, banana and strawberry. B&A Acai Bowls also offers smoothies, toasts and a lineup of espresso beverages.

SEÑOR CHILE

Open daily at 10:00am

Señor Chile is a popular Mexican spot for lunch and dinner, but it offers an enticing breakfast menu as well. At both the Severna Park and Arnold locations, Señor Chile serves more than a dozen breakfast platters including a quesadilla with cheese, bacon, chorizo and eggs; egg and chorizo tacos paired with beans and fried plantains; an omelet with beef barbacoa, eggs, avocado, pico de gallo and more; pancakes, and avocado toast.

All menus and hours are subject to change. Check the above eateries' websites or social media pages for more information. ■



10 Day Trip Destinations To Explore This Summer

School will soon be out for summer, and while calendars are already dotted with camps and vacations, there are plenty of fun things to do regionally that can be enjoyed as day trips as well. Below is a list of 10 destinations in Maryland and neighboring states that offer an entertaining experience for adventurers of all ages.

Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine

Maryland – 20 miles

Visit the historic battle site that inspired Francis Scott Key to pen the lyrics that would become America's national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner," following an attack during the War of 1812.

Smithsonian Museums and National Zoo

Washington, D.C. – 40 miles

Admission is free to Smithsonian museums in the nation's capital, including the African American History and Culture Museum, the American History Museum, the American Indian Museum, the Hirshhorn, the Portrait Gallery, the Natural History Museum and others. Entry to the National Zoo is free as well, and flight enthusiasts won't want to miss the Air and Space Museum Udvar Hazy Center in nearby Chantilly, Virginia.

Old Town, Alexandria

Virginia – 45 miles

Situated along the Potomac River across from National Harbor, the charming historic district known as Old Town, Alexandria, is home to great restaurants, boutique shopping, numerous ice cream parlors, a collection of open artist studios known as the Torpedo Factory Art Center, and more. Arrive by car or metro and enjoy a stroll down King Street or along the riverfront.

George Washington's Mount Vernon

Virginia – 55 miles

Discover the story of the nation's first president at the residence he shared with his wife, Martha, in Northern Virginia. Tour the mansion and learn about Washington and the people who shaped the famous historical estate in the onsite museum.

Harpers Ferry

West Virginia – 80 miles

History, natural beauty and small-town charm converge where the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers meet in Harpers Ferry. Learn about the Civil War, hike along 22 miles of trails, and enjoy food and shops in this quaint town in West Virginia that offers views of neighboring Maryland and Virginia.

Longwood Gardens

Pennsylvania – 90 miles

One of the premier gardens in the country is located southwest of Philadelphia and welcomes over 1 million guests each year. Longwood Gardens offers 1,100 acres of gardens, woodlands and meadows. Linger in the conservatory to take in the beauty of nearly 1,000 types of flowers and plants, and enjoy numerous fountain gardens and shows. Timed admission tickets are required.

Lancaster

Pennsylvania – 95 miles

Known for outlet shopping, smorgasbord-style dining featuring Pennsylvania Dutch cooking, and historic sites, Lancaster offers entertainment for visitors young and old. The whole family can enjoy one of the area's hidden gems, Village Green's two miniature golf courses set among lush gardens across 13 acres. Sight & Sound Theatres brings biblical stories to life onstage with professional actors and stunning set designs, drawing nearly 1 million guests each year.

Delaware Beaches

Delaware – 95 miles

Located along Delaware's small but scenic Atlantic coastline, each of the state's familiar beaches has a personality of its own. Visit Rehoboth for outlet shopping, cruising the iconic boardwalk, enjoying restaurants and more. Known as one of "The Quiet Resorts," Bethany Beach is a family-friendly small town with plenty of mini golf courses, souvenir shops, ice cream parlors and a short boardwalk. Dewey Beach and Fenwick Island are popular nearby destinations as well.

Assateague Island

Maryland – 120 miles

Located primarily in Maryland, extending into Virginia, Assateague Island National Seashore is a national park that is home to wild horses and is popular among campers. The park is a great place to explore the outdoors. Grab a bite to eat and enjoy shopping in nearby Berlin — once named the "Coolest Small Town In America" — or West Ocean City.

Ocean City

Maryland – 120 miles

Ready to head "downy oshun, hon?" Marylanders flock to Ocean City every year for fun in the sun ranging from a relaxing beach day to fishing competitions, the annual air show (June 14-15, 2025), boardwalk cruising and more. The coastal town offers entertainment in the form of amusement parks, mini golf courses, outlet shopping, countless dining options and other activities. ■



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Todd Wolfson
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Blues Singer-Songwriter Bound For Rams Head

Known for her brand of high energy, guitar-driven Texas blues music, Sue Foley will perform a matinee show at Rams Head On Stage in Annapolis on June 15 at 12:30pm. She will bring her band and will also perform a few solo acoustic songs from her latest album, “One Guitar Woman,” released on Stony Plain Records.

“One Guitar Woman” was a 2025 Grammy Award and Juno Award nominee for Traditional Blues Album and just won the Blues Music Award for Acoustic Blues Album. Foley also won the Blues Music Award for Traditional Blues Female Artist, also known as the Koko Taylor Award, which she also won in 2024, 2023, 2022 and 2020.

Tickets start at \$35. For more information on the all-ages show, visit www.ramsheadonstage.com. ■

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What do sea maidens, mummies and time loops have in common? They are all coming to a stage in Anne Arundel County or nearby this summer. Check out these theater productions that are playing now or coming soon.

ANNAPOLIS SUMMER GARDEN THEATRE

143 Compromise Street, Annapolis



"Groundhog Day"

July 31 through August 31

Imagine a world where every day repeats. Weatherman Phil Connors is forced to play out that scenario after reporting on the annual Groundhog Day ceremony in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Irritated by the cheery townsfolk who want their beloved groundhog not to see his shadow, signaling an early spring, Phil returns home to sleep, only to awaken the next

day to the discovery that it's February 2 again. Inspired by the 1993 film starring Bill Murray, "Groundhog Day" features a book by original co-screenwriter Danny Rubin, and music and lyrics by Tony Award nominee Tim Minchin.

For tickets and more information, visit www.summer-garden.com/now-playing.

BALTIMORE CENTER STAGE

700 North Calvert Street, Baltimore

"John Wilkes Booth: One Night Only"

Now through June 15



Contrary to the name of the production, "John Wilkes Booth: One Night Only" is showing for one month at this Baltimore theater.

Maryland born, John Wilkes Booth was a magnetic stage actor before he became known as a fanatic and the man who put a bullet in the back of Abraham Lincoln's head. From the brain of "Mad Men" creator and showrunner Matthew Weiner, this show is meant to convey a darkly funny, unflinchingly honest portrait of a historic figure.

To get tickets, visit www.centerstage.org.

THE HIPPODROME THEATRE AT THE FRANCE-MERRICK PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



Photo courtesy of Jeremy Daniels

12 North Eutaw Street
Baltimore

"Chicago"

June 1 through June 8

A tale of fame, fortune and all that jazz, "Chicago" features one show-stopping song after another. In the whirlwind of Chicago's Jazz Age, vaudeville star Velma Kelly and chorus girl Roxie Hart become fierce rivals as they compete for headlines amid a media frenzy. This Broadway musical

has dazzled audiences for 27 years, and after more than 10,000 performances, six Tony Awards, two Olivier Awards and a Grammy, it is still reaching new audiences.

Learn more about the show by going to baltimore.broadway.com/shows/chicago.

PASADENA THEATRE COMPANY AT ANNE ARUNDEL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

101 College Parkway, Arnold

"Puffs" June 6-June 15

A parody of a certain wizarding world, "Puffs" follows three potential heroes who are just trying to make it through a magic school that proves to be dangerous for children. Alongside them are the Puffs, a group of well-meaning, loyal outsiders with a thing for badgers.

See the full story in the June edition of the Severna Park Voice. For tickets, go to www.ptcshows.com.

TOBY'S DINNER THEATRE

5900 Symphony Woods Road, Columbia

Disney's "The Little Mermaid"

Now through August 17



Photo courtesy of Jeri Tidwell Photography

In a magical kingdom beneath the sea, a young mermaid named Ariel longs to leave her ocean home to live in the world above with Prince Eric. Based on the classic animated film, this show includes music by eight-time Academy Award winner Alan Menken. The entire family can enjoy these performances while singing along to "Under the Sea," "Kiss the Girl" and "Part of Your World."

Find ticket information at www.tobysdinnertheatre.com/now-playing/shows. ■

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