

Summer menus, early dining, steak tacos and more



Rabbit gnocchi is one of the dishes on the new summer dinner menu at The Local restaurant at Bed Bath & Beyond Plaza in North Naples. (Photo: The Local)

Summer menus

The Local restaurant, 5323 Airport-Pulling Road in Naples, has launched its summer lunch and dinner menus.

Award-winning Chef Jeff Mitchell works with local farmers, ranchers, sea mongers, artisans and brewers to hand-select the season's freshest bounty and utilizes those ingredients in his dishes for his guests. The new menu items are designed to satisfy seasonal cravings for lunch or dinner.

The lunch menu features selections such as a new chicken sandwich and a breaded and baked chicken kimeni sandwich. The new dinner menu includes a three-tomato salad, Florida lobster agnolotti and rabbit gnocchi.

In addition, The Local will have rotating daily specials that guests can check out on social media @thelocalnaples or at the restaurant. Call 239-596-3276 or go to TheLocalNaples.com.



Smoked salmon is on the early dining menu this season at Bleu Provence in Naples. (Photo: Bleu Provence)

Early dining

Bleu Provence, 1234 Eighth St. S., in Naples, is now offering early dining from 5 to 6 p.m. daily. Reservations must be made no later than 5:45 p.m. and orders placed before 6 p.m.

The \$35 three-course menu includes first course options such as soupe du jour, Provençal fish soup, orange and fennel salad, smoked salmon and quiche Lorraine. Second-course selections feature Chilean sea bass, sautéed wild pink Argentinian shrimp, duck leg confit and pork shank. The dessert course includes warm chocolate lava cake, vanilla bourbon crème brûlée, chocolate profiteroles, a warm pear frangipane tart, Crêpe Suzette au Grand Marnier and a lemon tart meringue.

To reserve a table call 239-261-8239 or go to BleuProvenceNaples.com/reservations.

Honoring those who serve

Honoring those who serve the community is a priority for PDKN Restaurant Group, owner of Bokamper's Sports Bar & Grill. In May, Bokamper's locations will offer 20 percent off food for teachers, nurses, police and emergency medical services professionals. Various professions will receive the discount during specified weeks.

During Police Week, May 13-17, and EMS Week, May 20-24, respective professionals will receive 20% off food at all Bokamper's Sports Bar & Grill locations in Naples, Estero, Fort Lauderdale, Miramar and Plantation. They must show valid professional ID. The discount does not include daily specials or happy hour. Restrictions apply.

In honor of Memorial Day, all Bokamper's locations will be accepting donations in exchange for a message card that will be displayed in-store all month long. They will also be offering veterans one free

16-ounce Bud Light or Budweiser draft beer on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27. Identification is required.

For more information about the May specials or to find out more about Bokamper's Sports Bar & Grill, call 954-900-5584 or go to Bokampers.com.

Classic island spin

Tommy Bahama Restaurant & Bar is putting an island spin on two culinary classics. From now through May 31, the Tommy Bahama Restaurant & Bar annual "Tacos and Tequila" menu is back with new menu items. Taking inspiration from the "Flavors of California" cookbook and the essence of Mexico, the limited-run Tommy Bahama menu is the perfect reason to sit back, relax and enjoy them.

The gourmet tacos have a tangy island slaw that adds a crisp crunch and are finished with chipotle aioli, lime sour cream and in some cases both. The selection of tacos boasts a mix of unique flavors, from tasty filet steak tacos with pecan wood bacon to vegetarian roasted vegetable tacos with wasabi lime avocado. The pork street tacos with salsa verde, red mole chicken tacos with queso fresco and blackened mahi mahi with tomato relish rounds out the collection.

To pair with the artisan tacos, Tommy Bahama has created a curated list of signature cocktails including the Island Paloma which is featured in the "Flavors of California" cookbook. The refreshing beverage combines silver tequila, grapefruit juice and club soda.

For information about Tommy Bahama locations in Naples or Coconut Point go to TommyBahama.com.



Tijuana Flats locations are featuring chimichurri steak tacos for a limited time from May 13 through July 7. (Photo: Tijuana Flats)

Steak tacos

Tijuana Flats, the fast-casual Tex-Mex chain, is featuring chimichurri steak tacos for a limited time. From May 13 through July 7, guests are invited to enjoy these fresh, flavorful tacos at their local Tijuana Flats restaurant.

“It’s always exciting when we’re able to introduce new flavors to our menu, especially flavors that are so bold and daring as a fresh chimichurri sauce atop tender, grilled steak,” said Brian Wright, chief executive officer.

For this special offering, Tijuana Flats will fill two soft corn tortilla shells with marinated, grilled steak, then drizzling fresh chimichurri sauce atop the steak, and finishing each taco with seasoned corn salsa, crisp lettuce, juicy tomatoes and cheese. These two delectable steak tacos are available for just \$8.99 with a side of black beans and rice.

This limited-time offer will be available in all Tijuana Flats restaurants and via online orders during the eight weeks. For more information about Tijuana Flats and area locations go to TijuanaFlats.com.

Silver anniversary party

Carrabba’s Italian Grill is celebrating its 25th anniversary in Fort Myers from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 16. Join the Italian experts and partake in live music, raffles, wine samples, signed Johnny Carrabba cookbooks and more.

Offering authentic Italian cuisine passed down from founders' family recipes, Carrabba's prepares fresh and handmade dishes cooked to order in a lively exhibition kitchen.

The Fort Myers location of Carrabba’s Italian Grill is at 12990 Cleveland Ave. For more information call 239-433-0877.