

## Restaurant Suggestions near The Main

(Created by 2019 Spring Conference Committee)

\* Reservations are recommended at those locations marked with an asterisk.

### Coffeehouses and Sweet Treats:

Café Stella, 116 Granby St. (local roasted coffee near The Main with some light breakfast staples). Sister location in Ghent.

Cure, 503 Botetourt St. (coffeehouse and café in Freemason with sandwiches and charcuterie, longer walk from the Main).

Hummingbird Macarons, 265 W. Tazewell St. (heavenly desserts in a pagoda located in the Freemason area a small hike from The Main).

Lamia's Crepes, 401 Granby St., Suite D (savory and sweet crepes for a meal or hearty snack).

Rowena's, 243 W. Bute St., Suite B (local bakery with a pound cake specialty a small hike from The Main).

### Brunch/Lunch:

Chartreuse Bistro, 205 E. City Hall Ave. (upscale farm-to-table eatery with European inspiration). Also open for dinner but lunch is somewhat more affordable.

D'Egg Diner, 204 Main St. (casual location near The Main in the Selden Market).

Gourmet Gang, 482 E. Main St. (local franchise near The Main with salads, sandwiches, soups, and wraps).

Grilled Cheese Bistro, 345 Granby St. (elevated versions of grilled cheese in a cramped but cozy space walking distance from The Main). Also open for dinner.

The Stockpot, 215 E. Plume St. (breakfast all day and housemade soup and salads). Also open for dinner.

The Lizard Café at Prince Books, 109 E. Main St. (fresh sandwich and salad options inside a locally-owned bookstore across the street from the Main)

Greenhouse Kitchen, 345 Granby St. (generously sized salads and other fare, sister restaurant to Grilled Cheese Bistro). Also open for dinner.

Saffron Indian Bistro, 420 Monticello Ave. (short walk past MacArthur Mall, serves a lunch buffet). Also open for dinner.

Rama Garden Thai, 441 Granby St. (tasty quick Thai with friendly service). Also open for dinner.

### Dinner:

***Inexpensive*** (see Lunch options above other than Chartreuse Bistro):

Benny Damato's, 131 Granby St. (generous portions of pizza by the slice). Also open for lunch.

Cogan's Pizza, 333 Waterside Dr. (local pizza chain and taphouse at Waterside near The Main). Sister locations in Ghent and near ODU.

Grace O'Malley's Irish Pub, 211 Granby St. (traditional Irish pub fare and late-night menu, sometimes with live music).

Jack Brown's Beer and Burger Joint, 131 Granby St. (burgers right across the street from The Main).

Also, look for popups in the Selden Market (210 E. Main St.), fast casual options at Waterside (like Chipotle), or grab a sandwich, burrito, or burger along Granby St.

### **Splurges:**

219 Bistro,\* 219 Granby St. (upscale, new American cuisine near The Main; also serves lunch.).

411 York,\* 409 York St. (upscale bistro, located a longer walk from the Main in Freemason district).

456 Fish,\* 456 Granby St. (upscale bistro with seafood focus walking distance from The Main).

Byrd & Baldwin Brothers Steakhouse, 116 Brook St. (classic steakhouse in a historic building near The Main).

Freemason Abbey,\* 209 W. Freemason St. (upscale tavern in the unique setting of a former church a small hike from The Main; Fridays feature a "Wild Game" special.).

Leone's,\* 455 Granby St. (Italian with bright cocktails by house mixologist).

Saint Germain, 255 Granby St. (American fare and charcuterie with affordable bar fare and small plates).

Texas de Brazil, 300 Monticello Ave., Suite 147 (all you can eat proteins and salad walking distance from The Main).

Todd Jurich's Bistro,\* 150 W. Main St. (white tablecloth dining with a southern flair near The Main).

Vintage Kitchen, 999 Waterside Dr. (farm-to-table dining in the Dominion Tower a small hike from The Main).

### **Activities near The Main** (Beyond the bars and pubs of Waterside District and Granby St.)

Admirals game at The Scope (Live hockey Friday, April 5, versus the Greenville Swamp Rabbits at 7 pm. Ticket information available at [norfolkadmirals.com](http://norfolkadmirals.com) or (757) 640-1212.

Elizabeth River Trail (walking trail spanning 10.5 miles; map at [elizabethrivertrail.org](http://elizabethrivertrail.org)).

MacArthur Mall (includes a Regal Cinema).

MacArthur Memorial Museum (celebrating the life of General Douglas MacArthur).

Nauticus & the Battleship Wisconsin (maritime and naval history museum with 75 year old battleship).

Slover Library (public library aspiring to be among the most technologically advanced in the country).

Further afield but worth a trip: Chrysler Museum of Art (free), Norfolk Botanical Garden, & Norfolk Zoo

## Restaurant Recommendations Elsewhere in Norfolk

### ***Chelsea (Fill up before or after sampling some brewery tasting rooms.):***

The Bakehouse at Chelsea, 1233 W. Olney Rd. (woodfired pastries, bread, and pizza with limited seating). Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

The Birch, 1231 W. Olney Rd. (extensive and international beer selections, cheeseboards, charcuterie, and sausages in a taphouse, can order pizza delivered inhouse from the Bakehouse next door).

Orapax, 1300 Redgate Ave. (Norfolk institution for affordable Greek, great for families).

### ***Breweries*** (check individual location's event schedule for featured food trucks):

Benchtop Brewing Company, 1129 Boissevain Ave., ("hop forward" locally crafted beers and popular gose options in Chelsea).

Smartmouth Brewing Co., 1309 Raleigh Ave. (Original local craft brewery tasting room in Chelsea).

### ***Ghent (Note that Ghent restaurants tend to have more options for vegetarians. Great location to have dinner with a variety of options and then bar hop or watch an eclectic film at The Naro Cinema.):***

80/20 Burger Bar, 123 W. 21<sup>st</sup> St. (creative and traditional burgers and taphouse).

626 Press Wine Bar, 626 W. Olney Rd. (wine bar with small plates and full meals).

Alkaline, 742 W. 21<sup>st</sup> St. (ramen and Japanese street food that started as a pop up).

A.W. Shucks Raw Bar & Grill, 2200 Colonial Ave. (features local catches and oysters).

Café Stella (original Ghent location with coffee roasted in-house, breakfast and lunch fare, light pastry options).

Crudo Nudo, 727 W. 21<sup>st</sup> St (upscale innovative menu featuring a variety of crudo, house made pastas, and yakitori).

Codex, 820 Shirley Avenue (nightly pop-up in local butcher's shop featuring local and seasonal creatively spun dishes).

Fair Grounds, 806 Baldwin Ave. #2 (local roasted coffee and light bites).

Handsome Biscuit, 2511 Colonial Ave. (creative biscuits for breakfast sandwich and biscuit lovers with limited seating).

Jessy's Taco Bistro, 328 W. 20<sup>th</sup> St. (Mexican haunt with familiar and unusual options).

Luna Maya, 2010 Colley Ave. (thoughtful menu of Mexican and South American street food and staples).

Mr. Shawarma, 725 W. 21<sup>st</sup> St (Middle Eastern street food with all the fixins; KOSHER; closed Saturdays).

No Frill Grill Bar and Grill, 806 Spotswood Ave (a diner refined). Sister location in Virginia Beach.

The Public House, 1112 Colley Ave. (gastropub and taphouse).

Supper Southern Morsels, 319 W. 21<sup>st</sup> St. (southern comfort food elevated indoors or on a rooftop patio).

Taste Unlimited, 407 W. 21<sup>st</sup> St. (local chain with gourmet sandwiches, salads, and curated pantry items/gifts).

The Ten Top, 748 Shirley Ave. (lunch done right in a cozy spot near The Naro Cinema).

Toast, 2406 Colonial Ave. (open faced sandwiches and creative fare with a hipster vibe).

Yorgo's Bageldashery, 2123 Colonial Ave. (New York style bagels and deli, with a wealth of vegetarian options). Open breakfast and lunch.

*Breweries* (check individual location's event schedule for featured food trucks) and *Winery*:

Coelacanth Brewing, 760 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> St (local brewery in Ghent known for its funny name and great malt forward beers).

Mermaid Winery, 2135, 330 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> St (urban winery featuring light fare and tasting flight options).

O'Connor Brewing Company, 211 W. 24<sup>th</sup> St (large tasting and taproom in Ghent; often features live music and food trucks).

***NEON (New Energy of Norfolk) District (Grab a bite before The Admirals game or an improvisational comedy show at Push Comedy Theater; or, have a bite after touring the free Chrysler Museum of Art or shopping from artisans at D'Art Center.)***

Commune, 759 Granby St. (seasonal fare and fresh baked goods at communal tables until 3 pm daily).

Istanbul Gyro and Kebab, 723 Monticello Ave. (casual Turkish fare near the bus station).

Zeke's Beans and Bowls, 800 Granby St. (local roasted coffee and açai or poké bowls)

***NoCo (North Colley) District and Riverview (Eat and drink like an ODU student or alum after visiting the free Barry Art Museum or the Norfolk Zoo.)***

Clementine's at Riverview, 110 LaVallete Ave., Suite C (cozy brunch spot).

Crackers Little Bar Bistro, 4226 Granby St. (tapas and small plates with classic and creative drinks).

The Dirty Buffalo, 4012 Colley Ave. (great wings and college town vibe perfect for watching the Final Four).

Handsome Biscuit, 4200 Monarch Way (creative biscuits for breakfast sandwich and biscuit lovers).

Hank's Filling Station, 4301 Colley Ave. (barbecue done right).

Le Grand Kitchen, 4515 Colley Ave. (upscale "finer diner" food that strives for farm to table and seasonable choices).

Nouvelle, 4110 Colley Ave (French inspired bistro fare).

Starving Artist Café, 4408 Colley Ave. (brunch and comfort food).