

Pepperwood Restaurant Group wins a Chamber of Commerce Award and the hearts of Burlington residents

At long last, spring has arrived and summer's just around the corner. It's the time of year when we shed our winter blues and rediscover our surroundings. We say hi to neighbors we might not have seen all winter and start to make plans with friends to go out and enjoy ourselves. As the fancy strikes, we often look out of town for places to visit, but if you didn't already know it, Burlington has a lot to offer locally when you're seeking fine food and entertainment. One such place is the Pepperwood Restaurant Group, which offers not just one, but several places throughout Burlington where you can go out and eat, relax and have your every fancy taken care of. Let me take you on a tour of Burlington and show you how one chain of restaurants can fulfill any of your social/dining needs.

First on the list is The Pepperwood Bistro located at 1455 Lakeshore Rd., right at the corner of Brant and Lakeshore. A stone's throw away from Spencer Smith Park, why not consider stopping here after an afternoon stroll to sit down and relax on the outdoor shaded patio with a cool drink on their pizza/pasta waterfront bar and patio. If you're looking for a little more intimacy, I recommend sitting in the indoor Dining Room with a menu that will tantalize all of your senses. If you're looking for something to do on the weekend, Fridays and Saturdays have live entertainment and the Sunday Jazz Brunch is considered one of the best experiences in Burlington.

If you're looking for a little Italian/Mediterranean, head on up the street to 421 Brant St. where you'll discover La Costa Nuova - Burlington's premiere venue for casual fine dining. Offering lunch Monday to Friday, and dinner Monday to Sunday - the food is outstanding, the variety of wines will suit every taste, and with excellent service in a comfortable/upscale décor, everyone enjoys dining here.

So you're looking for something a little more casual, simply go to the lower level of La Costa Nuova where you'll find the Big Tomato. Renowned for it's "Big taste with friendly prices," what you'll find here is a warm casual atmosphere that serves up the best wood oven pizzas and appetizing pastas.

If you're craving seafood, go to 4045 Harvester Rd. (east of Walkers Line) and you'll find Walkers Fish Market. The ever-changing menu printed twice daily puts the freshest seafood from every coastline on your table. You can dine fireside in the dining room, socialize at the island bar or dine by candlelight on the outdoor patio. Only the freshest of the fresh is even considered, and chef-driven dishes are a real favorite for true seafood lovers.

When all is said and done, this group of restaurants not only takes pride in offering the best of food and services to Burlington residents, they also choose to give back to the community. This year the Pepperwood Restaurant Group was recognized by the Chamber of Commerce with the "Mayor's Community Service Award" for their support of the United Way, Cystic Fibrosis, Royal Botanical Gardens and the Miriam Group.

Now that you've taken this tour, why don't you get out and partake in some of what the Pepperwood Restaurant Group has to offer? They'd love to have you and entertain you at any of their fine locations.

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