

DINING

Treat dad to brunch, or dinner on Father's Day

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Give dad the day off Sunday. It's Father's Day, and even if he likes to make dinner on the grill, don't you think he deserves a break?

Lots of metro Detroit restaurants are open, and offering dinner specials to surprise dads on their day. Tell dad not to worry about making dinner, you made reservations, and of course, you'll pick up the tab.

Here are some restaurants to consider. Be sure to call ahead for reservations.

BRUNCH OPTIONS

Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River (at 8 Mile Road), Farmington Hills, (248) 474-4800 — Serving brunch 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., adults \$13.95, children age 10 and under accompanied by an adult, half price.

Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern Highway, (just north of 12 Mile Road), Southfield (248) 361-2925, fax (248) 361-2919 — Serving brunch 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; regular menu 2-10 p.m.

Excalibur — 28875 Franklin Road, Southfield, southwest corner of 12 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway, (248) 358-3355. Brunch buffet 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Adults \$22.50; children \$15.95. Dinner 2-8 p.m.

Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, (734) 453-7272 — Brunch 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., adults \$18.95, children ages 2-12, \$8.95, children under age 2, complimentary.

Giulio & Sons, Fairlane Town

Center, Dearborn Hyatt Regency, Dearborn, (313) 593-1234 — brunch 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., \$21.95 adults, children ages 4-12, \$10.95, under age 4, complimentary.

Oceanic Inn, 3176 Walton Blvd., at Adams, in the University Shopping Square, Rochester Hills, (248) 375-9200 — Father's Day Brunch, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., adults \$8.95, children under age 10, \$3.95. Menu features soup, egg roll, and other Chinese dishes.

Palmt Creek Cider Mill Restaurant, 4480 Orion Road, 3 miles north of downtown Rochester (248) 651-8361 — brunch 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Adults \$17.95; children ages 5-10, \$7.95, children under age 5 free.

Ritz-Carlton Dearborn, The Grill, 300 Town Center Dr., Dearborn, near the Fairlane Town Center, (313) 411-2100 — Accepting brunch reservations for 11 a.m. and after 1 p.m. Adults \$35, children ages 5-12, \$20.

The Townsend Hotel — 100 Townsend Street, Birmingham, (248) 642-5999 — Rugby Grille serving a la carte brunch specialties ranging \$19-32, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

DINNER OPTIONS

Capital Grille, in Somerset Collection-North, 2800 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, (248) 649-5300 — Open 5-9 p.m., steaks, seafood.

Water Club Grill, 39500 E. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, (734) 454-0666 — Open noon to 8 p.m. Menu includes seafood, ribs, chicken, steaks, and pasta dishes.

Morton's of Chicago, The

Steakhouse, 1 Town Square, in the Oakland Towne Square office building, just off the Northwestern Highway service drive, south of 11 Mile Road, east of Lahser, (248) 354-6006 — open 4-10 p.m. Steakhouse fare.

Fox & Hounds, 1560 North Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills (248) 644-4800 — dinner 3-9 p.m. Menu includes steaks, seafood, chicken, and vegetarian dishes.

Ruth Chris Steak House, 755 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, (248) 269-8424 — Open 1-8 p.m., menu features steaks, pork chops and other steakhouse fare.

Charley's Crab, 5498 Crooks Road (next to Northfield Hill), Troy (248) 879-2060 — Open 2-9 p.m. for dinner. Menu includes seafood, pasta, steaks, and chicken dishes.

Big Rock Chop & Brew House, 245 S. Eton Street, Birmingham (248) 647-7774 — serving dinner 4-9 p.m. from regular menu, which includes steaks, chops, some seafood, pasta dishes, and yummy appetizers. Hand-crafted beers.

Bonfire Bistro & Brewery, 39550 Seven Mile Road (near Haggerty), Northville, (248) 735-4570 — open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Accepting reservations for Father's Day only. Menu includes seafood, steaks, chops, chicken, pasta, hand-tossed pizza. Some vegetarian items. Handcrafted beers and root beer. Children's menu for ages 12 and under.

Ernesto's — 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, (734) 453-2002 — open noon to 9 p.m. for dinner. Italian specialties, seafood, steaks.

Northern Lakes Seafood



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At your service: Assistant general manager Jerry Thom, and office manager Jenifer Mynar, present a feast for dad: porterhouse steak, Sam's potatoes, and asparagus at Capital Grille in Somerset Collection-North.

Company, 1475 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, (248) 646-7800 — Dinner 5-9 p.m. from regular menu, which includes seafood, steaks, pasta, and chicken.

No. VI Chophouse and Lobster Bar — 27790 Novi Road (in The Hotel Baronette), Novi (248)

305-5210 — Dinner 5-9 p.m. from regular menu, which includes seafood, pork chop, veal, chicken, and steaks.

Steve & Rocky's, 43150 Grand River Ave., Novi, (248) 374-0688 — Open for dinner 1-9 p.m.; menu includes seafood, pasta, steaks, short ribs and lake

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De Palma's, 31735 Plymouth Road (west of Meridian), Livonia, (734) 261-2430 — Open 4-9 p.m., menu includes a variety of Italian dishes including fresh pasta, seafood, and steak.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (248) 591-7879, or e-mail kwygonik@oe.hometown.com.

"It's summer, and we're looking for suggestions for restaurants to feature on our Dining page. If you have a garden, or an interesting outdoor setting, let us know. Also, be sure to let us know about anniversaries, menu changes, and specials.

THE LARK — Shore dinner, 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, June 28-29. Cost \$85 per person, call (248) 661-4566.

TOO CHEZ — African lobster tail with steamed mussels, roast potatoes, corn and green beans, \$14.95 per person (excluding tax and gratuity). Friday nights until mid-August, 27165 Sheraton Drive,

northwest corner of Novi Road and I-96. Call (248) 348-555 for information.

BUDDY'S RESTAURANT AND PIZZA — Between now and July 4 visit any Buddy's location and enter their drawing to win a family vacation to Disney World plus other prizes. On Monday, June 21 a portion of sales from all Buddy's locations will go to the 1999 Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund. Between 3-6 Tuesday, June 22, Buddy's will roll back prices to 1946, the year it all began. Large pizzas with cheese and one topping will be \$3 at all Buddy's locations (table service only, limit 2 pizzas per table).

There are 6 Buddy's restaurants in metro Detroit, two take-out and one take-out/caf  location throughout metro Detroit.

AT PIKE STREET — Joe Muer is working with the staff at Pike Street, 18 W. Pike St. in downtown Pontiac. Joe Muer's name is legendary in this

town and we are proud to have his expertise moving forward as we help regain the splendor of downtown Pontiac," said Pike Street owner Jim Fitzpatrick. Muer's first venture with Fitzpatrick is the return of Joe Muer Lobster Nights.

The Lobster Night includes a 1 1/4 pound Maine Lobster, Boston clam chowder, corn on the cob and cole slaw. The cost is \$24.95 per person. An additional lobster is available for \$10 more. Call

(248) 334-7878 for reservations.

ZOUPI

Has introduced new soups and desserts created to be enjoyed in warm weather. Zoupi also has a new patio dining area with seating for up to 40 people.

Some of Zoupi's new cold soup varieties are Gazpacho (with grilled chicken), Summer Avocado, Chilled Tomato Basil and Vietnamese with Curry and Peppers.

The restaurant's fruit soup col-

lection includes Chilled Strawberry Banana, Bountiful Berry and Summer Pasion.

New low-fat desserts such as rice pudding, layered fruit and yogurt and apple crisp, are also available.

Zoupi is at 29177 Northwestern Highway in Southfield in the Franklin Plaza Shopping Center. It's on the northwest corner of the Northwestern and 12 Mile Road intersection. Summer hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

P.F. CHANG'S CHINA BISTRO

Popular P.F. Chang's China Bistro in Somerset Collection South, Troy, does not take reservations, but has adopted "call ahead seating." Just call (248) 816-8000 a half hour before you plan to arrive and if there's a wait list (which there will be on weekend evenings), your name will be added. Upon arrival, notify the host staff that you called ahead.

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