

Josh's Hot Spots & Shin-digs

Augusta, Evans, Martinez & North Augusta — restaurants, bars, and bakeries.

A working list of spots you actually go. Addresses and notes are current as of September 2026. Hours change — call ahead on the ones that run limited days (Sconyers, Old McDonald, Incendio, Sheehan's, Arsenal).

Downtown Broad Street GA

Riverfront Pub & Sports

531 Broad St, Augusta

Old-school downtown sports pub and pool hall in a former Chevy dealership. Burgers, wings, hand-cut fries; cash only, kitchen late.

5th & Fire

551 Broad St, Augusta

Upscale smokehouse from the Solé owners: brisket, pulled pork, ribs, and a full bar. Indoor-outdoor seating on lower Broad.

New Moon Cafe

936 Broad St · also 1114 Walton Way, Augusta

Since 1995: house-roasted coffee, baked breads and pastries, soups and sandwiches. Local, casual breakfast and lunch.

Laziza Mediterranean Grill

901 Broad St, Augusta

Fast-casual Lebanese-style shawarma, gyros, kebabs, and falafel. Fresh, family-recipe spices and easy downtown pickup.

Stillwater Taproom

974 Broad St, Augusta

Downtown craft-beer bar next to Nacho Mama's: taps, pool and darts upstairs, live music. Drinks-focused; no kitchen.

Nacho Mama's

976 Broad St, Augusta

Broad Street burrito shop since 1996: Godfather burrito, tacos, nachos, mango habanero. Same owners as Stillwater next door.

990 Broad

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Frog Hollow sushi kitchen with small plates, crudo, and a serious sake and whiskey bar. Dinner-only, special-occasion energy.

Whiskey Bar Kitchen

1048 Broad St, Augusta

Burgers, pub plates, and a long whiskey list in a rustic downtown room. Easy stop for a drink and a meal.

Metro Coffeehouse & Pub

1054 Broad St, Augusta

Coffee, pastries, and lattes by day; beer, wine, and cocktails later. Tall-ceiling hangout that stays open late.

Mellow Mushroom

1102 Broad St, Augusta

Stone-baked pizzas, calzones, and a big draft list in the usual funky Mellow setting. Solid downtown pizza-and-beer default.

Craft & Vine

1204B Broad St, Augusta

Cocktails, wine, and small plates from the Frog Hollow group. Darker, quieter sibling to the tavern nearby.

The Pizza Joint

1245 Broad St, Augusta

Local brick-oven pizzas, strombolis, and calzones since 1996. Casual full-bar spot with a second location on Washington Road.

Frog Hollow Tavern

1282 Broad St, Augusta

Seasonal New American dinner and a deep wine list. One of downtown's go-to nicer nights out.

Edgar's Above Broad

699 Broad St, 3rd floor, Augusta

Breakfast and lunch on a terrace above Broad, with bocce and a putting green. Rooftop hangout run by the Edgar's / Helms College group.

Humanitree House

305 8th St, Augusta

Downtown vegan juice bar and café: cold-pressed juices, bowls, wraps, and plant burgers. Also an art gallery; food mostly lunch hours.

Savannah River Brewing Co.

813 5th St, Augusta

Big local brewhouse a block off Broad: pilsner, IPA, brown ale, and rotating taps. Taproom and patio; beer is the point — kitchen is limited or rotating.

Buona Caffè (Cyber Center)

100 Grace Hopper Lane, Augusta

House-roasted coffee bar in the Georgia Cyber Center lobby. Espresso, breakfast sandwiches, and weekday hours.

Lily Coffee, Tea & Bread

1378 Laney Walker Blvd · also 3626 Walton Way Ext, Augusta

Vietnamese coffee, boba, and fresh bánh mì from Lily Nguyen. Original shop on Laney Walker; second café on Walton Way Ext.

Central · Summerville · Walton Way GA

Incendio

2163 Central Ave, Augusta

Neapolitan pizza, pasta, and gelato in historic Engine Co. No. 7. Dinner-only; employs adults with disabilities.

Sheehan's Irish Pub

2571 Central Ave, Augusta

Cozy Summerville pub with seafood and American plates. Evening spot Tuesday through Saturday.

Arsenal Tap Room + Kitchen

1419 Monte Sano Ave, Augusta

Converted mid-century dentist office on The Hill with 150-plus craft beers and a serious bottle list. Gourmet grilled cheese, pub plates, and a patio; evenings Tuesday–Friday, Saturday from 11.

Six South Rooftop Bar

The Partridge Inn, 2110 Walton Way, Augusta

Rooftop cocktails and skyline views over midtown. Best as drinks and small plates, not a full dinner destination.

Diablo's Southwest Grill

Several CSRA locations (Wheeler, Walton Way, Peach Orchard, Evans, Grovetown)

Build-your-own burritos, bowls, tacos, and quesadillas with chips and salsa. Fast Tex-Mex when you want custom and quick.

Beck's

2111 Kings Way, Augusta

Summerville dinner room for oysters, wood-fire steaks, and seafood. Thursday–Saturday nights; reserve.

Buona Caffè (Central)

1858 Central Ave, Augusta

The Currys' original roast-and-serve café. Espresso, pour-over, and light breakfast on Central.

Surrey Center • Highland Avenue GA

French Market Grille

425 Highland Ave, Augusta

Cajun and Creole since 1984: gumbo, étouffée, po' boys, raw bar. Augusta classic near the National.

Abel Brown

491 Highland Ave, Augusta

Chef Todd Schafer's Southern kitchen and oyster bar. Refined seafood and seasonal plates; one of the city's special-occasion rooms.

Bodega Ultima

353 Highland Ave, Augusta

Goldsmith café-bar-market: coffee in the morning, wine and Mediterranean plates later. Patio, gelato, bottles to go.

Washington Road • Evans • Martinez GA

Izumi Japanese Buffet

4368 Washington Rd, Evans

All-you-can-eat sushi and hibachi at a buffet price. The AYCE sushi stop in Evans.

The Pizza Joint (Evans)

4301 Washington Rd, Evans

Same scratch dough, pizzas, and bar as downtown. Handy if you are already on Washington Road.

Pita Mediterranean Street Food

630 Crane Creek Dr, Augusta

Gyros, shawarma, falafel, and pita bowls. Fast, compact Mediterranean near Sprouts.

Rhinehart's Oyster Bar

3051 Washington Rd, Augusta • also 305 N Belair Rd, Evans

No-frills oysters, fried seafood, and cold beer. Picnic-table classic with a second shop in Evans.

Cucina 503

502 Fury's Ferry Rd #503, Martinez

Chef Edward Mendoza's scratch Italian at night; LOCAL café (sandwiches, breakfast) by day in the same kitchen. Handmade pasta, small and chef-driven.

Taqueria El Rey

3830 Washington Rd #25, Augusta

Galvan-family taqueria known for a salsa bar, huge California-style burritos, and a wide authentic menu. Tacos, tortas, huaraches, and a full bar.

Vallarta Mexican Restaurant

2808 Washington Rd • also 3144 Wrightsboro Rd, Augusta

Local cantina chain with classic Tex-Mex, fajitas, cheese dip, and a full bar. Patio and TVs; easy weeknight Mexican.

El Alazan

3851Evansto Locks Rd #110, Martinez

Neighborhood Mexican near Evans to Locks: carnitas, fajitas, chimichangas, generous plates. Casual room and a full bar.

Thai Kitchen

4357Washington Rd A, Evans

Small Evans Crossing shop for pad Thai, drunken noodles, rad-nah, and coconut curries. Closed Tuesday; spice level 1–5.

Happy China

4115ColumbiaRd #18, Martinez

Longtime Columbia Road Chinese takeout: sesame chicken, General Tso's, lo mein, fried rice. Fast, consistent, closed Tuesday.

Jim 'N Nick's Bar-B-Q

275RobertC.DanielJr.Pkwy, Augusta

Alabama-born chain on the old Macaroni Grill site. Cheese biscuits, pulled pork, ribs — get the fat-back brisket.

Sunrise Grill

3830Washington Rd #10 · also 2803 Wrightsboro Rd #16, Augusta

All-day breakfast until 2: omelets, pancakes, biscuits. Two CSRA locations.

Ruth's Family Restaurant

3843 Washington Rd, Augusta

Classic diner breakfast: He-Man plate, corned-beef hash, pancakes. Open mornings into early afternoon.

Pho Viet Augusta

3031 Washington Rd, Augusta

Pho, vermicelli bowls, and Vietnamese plates. Big bowls, casual room; closed Tuesday.

Bánh Mì Đăng

4431WashingtonRd #1, Evans

Evans bánh mì shop: pork BBQ sandwich, grilled pork, sticks. Closed Sunday.

Seoul Korean Kitchen

4408 Evans to Locks Rd #M, Evans

Bibimbap, kimchi jjigae, bulgogi, mandu. Lunch and dinner Tuesday–Saturday.

Sully's Steamers

810RonaldReaganDr, Evans

Steamed-bagel sandwiches — meat chimney, breakfast bagel, melts. Near Evans Towne Center.

Ironwood Tavern

5117WashingtonRd,Evans · also 1040 W Lake Commons Dr, Martinez

Neighborhood tavern: scratch burgers, pizza, seafood, and a full bar. Evans Riverwood original plus West Lake Commons.

Mosh Pit Eats

111 OldEvansRd,Martinez

Rock-themed sandwiches and wraps (Crazy Train, Thunderstruck, Breaking the Law). Lunch Tuesday–Saturday.

Bruster's Ice Cream

1115 Agerton Ln, Augusta

Ice cream made in-store daily, waffle cones, drive-through. Off Wrightsboro near Daniel Village.

Southside

Sconyers Bar-B-Que

2250 Sconyers Way, Augusta

Old-school pit barbecue, hash and rice, T-Loin. Open Thursday through Saturday only; a CSRA institution.

Jackie M's & Son

3308 Milledgeville Rd, Augusta

Philly cheesesteaks, soul rolls, and jerk steaks from a family shop at the end of Wylds. Lunch and dinner Tuesday–Saturday.

North Augusta SC

Antonio's Italian Eatery

336 Georgia Ave #103, North Augusta

New York- and Sicilian-style pizza, pasta, and subs. Packed lunch and dinner spot in Jackson Square.

Carolina Hills Sandwich & Sweet Shoppe

433 Georgia Ave, North Augusta

Homemade sandwiches, chicken salad, and sweets downtown. Lunch-hours neighborhood shop.

Sheila's Baking Co.

434 Georgia Ave, North Augusta

From-scratch donuts, cinnamon rolls, and pastries. Morning-only; often sells out.

EN Donuts

1692KnoxAve, North Augusta

Donuts, mochinuts, kolaches, and breakfast. Early hours; family shop that also took over Belair Donuts.

Old McDonald Fish Camp

355 Currytown Rd, North Augusta

Fried catfish, shrimp, oysters, and an all-you-can-eat hushpuppy and grits bar. Animals on the grounds; Thursday through Saturday only.

Monterrey Mexican Restaurant

436 E Martintown Rd, North Augusta

Casual Mexican with fajitas, chimichangas, combos, and a long margarita list. Local chain spot right on East Martintown.

Manuel's Bread Café

505RailroadAve#100,Hammond's Ferry, North Augusta

French bistro in Hammond's Ferry: house bread, plats du jour, duck, burgers, a serious dessert case. Lunch and dinner.

BBQ Barn

10298AtomicRd, North Augusta

Hickory-smoked pork, ribs, brisket, and burnt ends; all four Carolina sauces. Family pit off Atomic Road, Wednesday–Saturday.

Wrightsboro · Daniel Village GA

Yankee Clippers Barbershop

2803 Wrightsboro Rd #13, Augusta

Family shop for cuts, fades, and straight-razor shaves — and they sell beer and liquor, so it doubles as a place to grab a drink with the haircut or beard trim. Appointment-only old-school chair, Tue–Sat.

Aiken County SC

Carolina Bar-B-Que

109MainSt,NewEllenton, SC

Cinderblock Dukes-family pit since 1969: pulled pork, hash, rust gravy, all-you-can-eat buffet. Somebody may need to wheel you out.

Duke's Bar-B-Que

4248WhiskeyRd,Aiken, SC

The dressed-up Dukes stop on Whiskey Road: pulled pork, chicken, hash, and a long line of fixins. Fancy as buffet barbecue gets — still a pile of plates.