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Have you been to **The Loft** at Turtles yet? We hear the jazz-music-hosting space, which offers the entire Turtles menu in a more intimate setting, is pretty nifty.

RING OF FIRE RESTAURANT & CATERING

1099 Chambers St. 344-6475.
www.ringoffirerestaurant.com
Honoring 11 years of Thai Chef Pornwadee Garner's authentic and award-winning Pacific Rim cuisine. Sharp, clean, bold flavors, fresh ingredients, family-style portions, aromatic curries, unadulterated "Drunken Noodles" and a heat scale from mellow to superlatively spicy and complex. Some OG/LG. Wheelchair accessible. 11 am-11 pm M-Sa, noon-11 pm Su. MC/V/AE. \$5-\$55.

★ **Best Thai, Third Place**

★ **Best Late-Night Dining, Second Place**

RON'S ISLAND GRILL

401 W. 3rd. Ave. 344-3324.
2506 Willakenzie Rd. 342-3006.
1249 Alder St. 344-1960.
55 W. 29th Ave. 344-5880.
Serving lunch and dinner: teriyaki, curry, sweet & sour, spicy plates fresh off the grill. Huli huli chicken and Kalua pork. New huli huli chicken sandwich and wraps coming soon. Wheelchair accessible. W. 3rd: 11 am-4 pm M-F. Other locations: 11 am-9 pm daily. MC/V/AE. \$-\$5.

Pizza

BENE FOOD & FRIENDS

1665 W. 18th Ave. 284-2700.
www.benegourmet.com
Serving lunch, dinner: Pizza, salad, appetizers, panini, calzone, full bar, happy hour 3 pm-5 pm and 10 pm-close. Daily drink specials. Kid friendly. Vegetarian entrées. Some OG. 11:30 am-11 pm daily. All major cards. \$-\$5.

BENE GOURMET PIZZA

4 Oakway Center. 284-2701.
2566 Willamette St. 284-2702.
Serving lunch and dinner: Slices available. Gourmet pizzas, gourmet salads. Vegetarian and vegan entrées. Wine, beer and dessert. Dine-in, take-out, and catering. Some OG/LG. Wheelchair accessible. Oakway: 11 am-9 pm M-F, noon-9 pm Sa & Su. Willamette: 11 am-9 pm M-F, noon-9 pm Sa & Su. MC/V/D/AE. \$-\$5.

CALIGAL'S PIZZA

3161 Gateway St., Springfield. 736-1200.
Pizza, custom poninos, kids' menu. 11 am-9 pm M-F, 2 pm-9 pm Sa. MC/V. \$-\$55.

CIAO PIZZA

3342 Gateway St., Springfield. 505-8487.
Authentic Italian-style pizzeria with wood/gas-fired oven. All entrées are cooked in the oven with fresh ingredients, all made from scratch. Traditional Italian ambiance with modern bistro-like flair. Vegetarian & vegan dishes. Some OG/LG. 11:30 am-10 pm M-Th, 11:30 am-11 pm F & Sa, 11:30 am-9 pm Su. All major cards. \$5.

COZMIC PIZZA

199 W. 8th Ave. 338-9333.
New omni-organic menu featuring fabulous soup, salads, wrap sandwiches, organic microbrews and fine wine, indulgent desserts. Music, entertainment, meeting and party facilities, community events. Free delivery, dine-in/take-out. OG/LG. 11 am-11 pm M-Sa, 1 pm-11 pm Su. MC/V. \$-\$5.

FATHOMS

790 E. 14th Ave. 344-4471.
Small, intimate full service bar below Pegasus Pizza. Same great Pegasus menu, big screen TVs, pool, jukebox. 6 pm-2 am M-Sa. MC/V. \$.

IZZYS' PIZZA & BUFFET

950 Seneca Rd. 349-1212.
1930 Mohawk Blvd., Springfield. 741-2035.
www.izzyspizza.com
Serving buffet all day daily. Wheelchair accessible. 11 am-9 pm Su-Th, 11 am-10 pm F & Sa. Some cards. \$5.

LA PERLA

1313 Pearl St.
Neapolitan-style thin-crust pizza made with house-made mozzarella and San Marzano tomatoes. Italian desserts and wines. 5 pm-10 pm daily. \$5-\$55.

★ **Best New Restaurant**

MARCHÉ PROVISIONS

See Bakeries

MEZZA LUNA PIZZERIA

933 Pearl St. 684-8900.
2776 Shadow View Dr. 743-2999.
New York style, hand-thrown pizzas. Specialty salads and great appetizers. Five slice choices available all day. Beer and wine. Wheelchair accessible. 11 am-10 pm M-Sa, noon-9 pm Su. Some cards. \$.

★ **Best Pizza, Second Place**

PEGASUS SMOKEHOUSE PIZZA

790 E. 14th Ave. 344-4471.
Serving lunch, dinner: Specialty pizzas, salads, sandwiches and calzones. Voted #1 Pizza 2003-04. 15 microbrews on tap. Counter service. Full bar, big screen TVs and pool table downstairs. Patio dining. HDTV. Delivery via Pony Express. Weekday lunch specials. Wheelchair accessible. 4 pm-10 pm M, 11:30 am-10 pm Tu, 11:30 am-11 pm W-Fr, 12 pm-11 pm Sa, 12 pm-10 pm Su. MC/V. \$-\$5.

PIZZA RESEARCH INSTITUTE

1328 Lawrence St. 343-1307.
Northwest artisan pizza. Unique toppings, specialty sauces, herbed dough made daily. Sumptuous vegetarian and vegan food. Daily soups, amazing pizza combinations, specialty salads. Organic microbrews and wine. Take-out. Some OG/LG. 5 pm-9:30 pm nightly. MC/V. \$.

★ **Best Pizza**

ROARING RAPIDS PIZZA COMPANY

4006 Franklin Blvd. 988-9819.
www.rapidpizza.net
Spectacular riverfront setting, serving lunch and dinner: Soups, salads, sandwiches, original recipe pizza made from scratch, vegetarian entrées. Wine, microbrew. Classic carousel rides. Free delivery. Excellent group facilities. Next to Camp Putt. LG. 11 am-10 pm daily. MC/V. \$-\$5.

SY'S NEW YORK PIZZA

1211 Alder St. 686-9598.
www.sysnewyorkpizza.com
Serving breakfast, lunch, dinner. Try the new egg and cheese or egg, cheese and bacon breakfast pizza. Thin crust Neapolitan and deep dish Sicilian pizza whole or by the slice, garlic knots, Italian ice (lemon, strawberry, cherry). Dine in or take-out. No delivery. 7 am-midnight M-Th, 1 am-1 am F, 11 am-1 am Sa, 11 am-midnight Su. All major cards. \$-\$5.

★ **Best Pizza, Third Place**

TRACK TOWN PIZZA

1809 Franklin Blvd. 284-8484.
2620 River Rd. 484-1912.
Serving lunch and dinner. Free delivery. Traditional to gourmet pizzas. Student specials. At Franklin: Lunch buffet 11 am-2 pm M-F, salad, wine, beer, microbrew, TV. Come try the honey wheat dough and rice cheese. LG. Franklin: 11 am-midnight Su-Th, 11 am-1 am F-Sa. River Rd.: 11 am-9:30 pm M-Th, 11 am-10:30 pm F-Sa, noon-9:30 pm Su. Some cards. \$.

Seafood

FISHERMAN'S MARKET

830 W. 7th Ave. 484-CRAB.
Specializing in fish and chips, seafood entrées, soups, fresh fish and you-bake entrées. Microbrews, wine. Dine in or take-out. Some OG. Wheelchair accessible. 11 am-8 pm daily. MC/V/AE. \$-\$5.

GO FISH

296 E. 5th Ave. (5th St. Market).
Seafood supplied by Newman's prepared in open kitchen. Fish and chips, fish tacos, snapper on baguette, albacore tuna on bri-

oche, Portuguese stew, clam chowder, two salads. Four microbrews on tap. 8:30 am-7 pm M-Sa, 10 am-6 pm Su. V/MC. \$-\$5.

MCGRATH'S FISH HOUSE

1036 Valley River Way. 342-6404.
Serving lunch, dinner, Sunday brunch: Daily fresh seafood listing, wood-fired seafood, seafood specials, vegetarian entrées, salads. NW, California wines; beer, microbrews, full bar. Call ahead up to two hours for priority seating list. Some OG. Wheelchair accessible. 11 am-10 pm M-Th, 11 am-11 pm F-Sa, 10 am-10 pm Su. All major cards. \$5-\$55.

NEWMAN'S FISH COMPANY

1545 Willamette St. 344-2371.
Fish and chips to go: Halibut, cod, salmon, shrimp, scallops, chowder, chips, slaw and daily specials. Fresh fish daily since 1890. Counter service, outdoor seating and take-out. 11 am-7 pm M-F, 11 am-6:30 pm Sa. MC/V. \$.

NEWMAN'S FISH GROTTO

485 Coburg Road. 485-9292.
Fish and chips to go: Halibut, cod, salmon, shrimp, scallops, chowder, chips, slaw and daily specials. Grotto features an expanded menu including grilled specialties and sandwiches. Fresh fish daily since 1890. Counter service, outdoor seating and take-out. Open 11 am-7 pm daily, Fridays 'til 8 pm. MC/V. \$.

ROSE & THISTLE

398 E. 11th Ave. 343-2244.
Serving lunch, dinner: Fish and chips, shrimp, oysters, clam strips, veggie burgers, chowder (Fridays only), milkshakes, chicken strips, hushpuppies, cold sandwiches. Take-out. 1:30 am-7:30 pm M-Sa, noon-4 pm Su. MC/V/D. \$-\$5.

Southeast Asian

AIYARA THAI CAFÉ

1010 Harlow Rd. Springfield. 736-8306.
www.aiyarathaicafe.com
The affordable Thai cuisine. Dine in or take out. Wheelchair accessible. 11 am-9 pm M-F, noon-9 pm Sa. MC/V. \$-\$5.

CHAO PRA YA THAI CUISINE

580 Adams St. 344-1706.
Real Thai-style, more than 100 items to choose from. Best of Eugene 2003-2006. Lunch 11 am-3 pm M-F. Dinner 4:30 pm-9 pm M-F, noon-9 pm Sa. Some cards. \$-\$5.

KURAYA'S THAI CUISINE

1410 Mohawk Blvd., Springfield. 746-2951.
Serving lunch, dinner: ethnic Thai food. Wine, beer. Reservations for 6+. Take-out. 11 am-2:30 pm M-Sa, 5 pm-9 pm M-Th, 5 pm-10 pm F-Sa, 4:30 pm-9 pm Su. MC/V. \$5.

MANOLA'S THAI CUISINE

652 E. Broadway. 342-6666. www.manola-asthai.com
Serving lunch and dinner. Papaya salad, pineapple curry with shrimp, mint leaf & basil stir-fry. Chef Phayao Tongprapipak brings 55 years experience and countless authentic, ethnic Thai recipes to Manola's. Some OG/LG. 11 am-9 pm M-Th, 11 am-10 pm F, noon-10 pm Sa, noon-9 pm Sun. MC/V/AE/Novus. \$5.

MEKALA'S

1769 Franklin Blvd. 342-4872.
Serving lunch, dinner: Extensive menu with many vegetarian entrées, exotic salads. Wine, beer, microbrews, exotic drinks in the Mai Tai Lounge. Reservations on F-Sa. Take-out. Some OG. Wheelchair accessible. Restaurant: 11 am-9 pm M-Th, noon-10 pm Sa, 4 pm-9 pm Su. Lounge: 5-11 pm M-Th, 4 pm-midnight F & Sa, 4 pm-9 pm Su. MC/V. \$5.

CHICKEN TIKKA MASALA FROM EVERGREEN INDIAN CUISINE

Evergreen owner Meeraali Shaik came to the U.S. in 1990 and worked as a cook for nine years before opening Evergreen Indian Cuisine in Corvallis in 1999. The Eugene location opened in April of 2007. Manager Usha Shaik says this dish is one of their most popular. They grind and prepare all of these spices fresh each day.

Part A:

2 lbs. of boneless chicken breast, cut into 4" pieces
1/4 cup yogurt
3 tsp. ginger paste
3 tsp. garlic paste
1/4 tsp. cumin powder
1/4 tsp. chili powder
1 tsp. red chili powder
1/4 tsp. each cumin, coriander, curry powder, garam masala and turmeric
3 tsp. lemon juice
4 tsp. vegetable oil
2 tsp. salt

Part B:

3 tsp. butter
1 onion, chopped
2 tsp. ginger paste
2 tsp. garlic paste
2 or 3 cloves
2 cardamom pods
2 green chilies (they use jalapenos, chopped)
2 bay leaves
1 cinnamon stick
1 tomato
5 oz. tomato sauce
10 oz. tomato puree
salt to taste
2/3 cup cream
1 cup milk
handful of chopped coriander leaves

RING OF FIRE RESTAURANT & CATERING

See Pacific Rim

SWEET BASIL THAI CUISINE

941 Pearl St. 284-2944.
1219 Alder St. (Sweet Basil Express)
Sweet Basil Thai Cuisine offers the elegant side of Thai food. Wheelchair accessible. 10 am-3 pm daily, 5 pm-9 pm Su-Th, 5 pm-10 pm F & Sa. MC/V/AE/D/DC. \$5-\$55.

★ **Best Thai, Second Place**

TA RA RIN THAI CUISINE

1200 Oak St. 343-1230.
Come and try our mother's homemade recipes, the taste that you admire and are familiar with, in a relaxing atmosphere with friendly staff and affordable prices. Serving a fine selection of beer and wine. Make our kitchen your kitchen! Some OG. Wheelchair accessible. 11 am-3 pm and 4:30 pm-10 pm M-F, noon-10 pm Sa & Su. All major cards. \$-\$5.

★ **Best Thai**

TASTY THAI CAMPUS

1308 Hilyard St. 343-0165.
Express service: Rice bowls, Thai wraps, bubble tea, beer and wine. Vegetarian and vegan friendly. 11 am-9:30 pm M-F, 11 am-11 pm Sa & Su. MC/V/D. \$5.

TASTY THAI KITCHEN

80 E. 29th Ave. 302-6444.
Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Exotic Thai cuisine with weekly lunch and dinner specials. Vegan and vegetarian entrées. Wine, cocktails, beer, smoothies and bubble tea. Take-out and delivery. Wheelchair accessible. 11 am-9:30 pm M-F, 9:30 am-9:30 pm Sa-Su. MC/V/D. \$5.



Whisk all of the ingredients from part A into a large bowl (the ginger and garlic pastes can be made in a blender) and add the chicken. Marinate overnight in the refrigerator.

The next day, put the chicken on the skewers and cook in a tandoor (clay oven) for 10 minutes. (If you don't have a tandoor, cook in your home oven at 350 degrees until chicken is cooked through.)

While chicken cooks, make the sauce. In a pot over high heat, add the butter and chopped onions from part B. Fry the onions until golden, then add the ginger and garlic paste. Cook for one minute, then add the cloves, cardamom, green chilies and everything from part B except the cream, milk and coriander leaves. Cook on low heat until the sauce thickens. Add the cooked chicken, milk and cream to the sauce and stir. Cook for another 4-5 minutes.

Serve this with hot basmati rice and nan bread. Garnish with the coriander leaves.

FISH & CHIPS

Take out window and limited patio seating. Phone orders welcome.

Monday-Friday, 11 to 7,
Saturdays 'til 6:30

1545 Willamette
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Open 7 Days, 11 to 7,
Fridays 'til 8

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