

hello summer!

206 TOP DENTISTS
in Every Specialty

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SCHOOL GUIDE

STAMFORD



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the votes are in!

and the **winners** are...

**BEST NEW
RESTAURANT
in Stamford**
PRIME
2-lb. Poached &
Broiled Maine
Lobster



maple bacon, pomegranate seeds and cinnamon mascarpone, the Chelsea Scramble with caramelized onions, crispy bacon and cheese topped with fried onions and a side of home fries, or Puffy Tempura Fried Waffles with butterscotch bananas, molten chocolate and a scoop of maple gelato.

12 Unquowa Pl., Fairfield, 203-254-8200 | thechelseaff.com

TOWN WINNERS

- G Winfield's at the Hyatt
- S Harlan Social N Rosie W Pearl at Longshore F The Chelsea

VEGETARIAN / HEALTH FOOD

b.good

With locations along the East Coast, b.good has been winning over fans by keeping things simple: real food fast. That means grain bowls with kale, sesame carrots, Brussels sprouts, flavorful chickpeas, pepitas, local eggs and a tomato vinaigrette; salads with red leaf lettuce, oranges, grapefruit, avocado, pistachios, goat cheese and fennel in a snappy lemon-mint vinaigrette; and fruit smoothies.

1460 Post Rd, Fairfield, 203-292-8970 | bgood.com/fairfield

TOWN WINNERS

- G b.good S Navaratna N The Lime Restaurant (Norwalk) W Green & Tonic F b.good

CATERER

Marcia Selden Catering

It's your party, and you can cry if you want to, but if Marcia Selden Catering and Event Planning has anything to say about it, those tears

will be for joy. They think of every detail for a perfect event, whether it's a small but important gathering or a huge, life-changing wedding, and pull it all together with pure confidence. The team's food presentation is a culinary art.

65 Research Dr., Stamford, 203-353-8000 | marciaselden.com

TOWN WINNERS

- G Watson's Catering S Marcia Selden Catering & Event Planning N Palmer's Catering (Darien) W AMG Catering & Events (Wilton) F The Pantry



GLOBAL CUISINE

MATCH / GOLD COAST WINNER ON...THE BEST WAY TO TREAT FRIENDS

Do you have company coming in from out of town? Match is the place residents like to show to people who aren't familiar with the food scene in Fairfield County. "I love when my friends come into town," says owner and chef **Matt Storch**. "I'll hook them up with some of the classics that have been on the menu for eighteen years, like wasabi tuna and carpetbaggers. I'll also hit them with a pasta tasting and then recommend a few of the larger cravings to share, including the enormous Bistecca. We won't leave without the cookies and chocolate cake!"



PHOTO OF RESTAURANT BY JEFF KAUFMAN; PORTRAIT BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER

GOLD COAST WINNERS



You can always count on the Marcia Selden culinary team to come up with ingenious ideas that are bound to liven up any social gathering. Consider the following: "For this summer, we are loving cocktail popsicles from our liquid kitchen," says Managing Partner **Jeffrey Selden**. "Almost any cocktail can be turned into a popsicle." His favorites? "Peach Sangría Pops and a classic French 75."

MARCIA SELDEN CATERING
Caterer + Personal Chef Services



With warm weather comes the incentive to clean house, yet some homeowners overlook window treatments. "Just because they don't look dirty doesn't mean they're not holding airborne contaminants," says **Jeffrey Miller** of Fabricare Cleaners, which offers home cleaning. "Contaminants will eventually affect the appearance of shades, draperies and valances, and impact indoor air quality. Use nontoxic cleaning solutions"

FABRICARE CLEANERS
Dry Cleaner

more. Walk the grounds to enjoy a relaxing shopping experience that feels like a garden tour. After, head inside the nursery to choose from a wide selection of plants and gardening extras, including pots, hangers, work gloves, decor, hoses and essential tools. Creating beauty may be natural, but it also takes work and experience—something the pros at Sam Bridge know.

437 North St., Greenwich, 203-869-3418 | sambridge.com

TOWN WINNERS

G Sam Bridge S Designs by Lee N Nielsen's Florist & Garden Shop (Darien) W Terrain F Ganim's Garden Center & Florist

LIVERY SERVICE

Hoyt Livery

Perhaps it has escaped your notice, but some people in Fairfield County and beyond have been complaining about distracted drivers. Something to do with texting... Anyway, you certainly don't have to choose between your phone and driving a car—call Hoyt Livery. Sit back and relax while someone else takes the wheel and gets you to the airport, the office or your home after a night out. You'll be safe and on time, and, who knows, maybe get extra work done.

21 Cross St., New Canaan, 203-966-5466 | hoytlivery.com

TOWN WINNERS

G S Rudy's Executive Transportation N Hoyt Livery Inc.

STORAGE FACILITY

Westy Self Storage

Which comes first: stress or clutter? Our experience says that where there is one, there is the other. So, it follows that if you move all those wonderful things that you simply can't live without to a Westy Self Storage unit, you will notice a decrease in your blood pressure. When you desperately want that extra "thingamabob," you can just go get it. Westy is a longtime winner in this category, for its ease, multiple locations, cleanliness and customer service, which also decreases your stress level.

80 Brownhouse Rd., Stamford | 50 Keeler Ave., Norwalk | 65 Danbury Rd., Wilton | 2070 Kings Hwy., Fairfield, 855-417-1284 | westy.com

TOWN WINNER

S N W F Westy

AUTO REPAIR SHOP

Pray Body Shop

You did your best to zig and zag, and yet that bad driver still found a way to hit your car. It may wreck your day, but it doesn't have to damage your car permanently. Make your way over to Pray Body Shop, a family-owned and -operated auto-collision repair shop that works on all makes and models. Since 1982 Pray has been listening to your pleas to fix the car and repair damage from fender benders as well as annoying dings. The car returns to you polished to perfection.

336 Elm St., Stamford, 203-359-3025 | praybodyshop.com

TOWN WINNERS

G Zelenz Brothers S Pray Body Shop N Darien Auto Specialists W Christie's Service Station F Fairfield Collision Center

CAR WASH

Splash Car Wash

Once cars started to become individualized, in small and major ways, people started to notice (read: judge) one another's vehicles. Sorry, but it's kind of true. So you can keep your car's reflection of your good taste and attention to detail true by pulling into one of the nearby Splash Car Wash locations. Opt for a quick wash or go for the complete package, "The Works," for a wash and all the extras. Taking care of your car goes beyond tune-ups; it's also how you drive it and where you go for regular washes.

1-888-697-7527 | see all locations at splashcarwashes.com

TOWN WINNERS

G S N F Splash Car Wash W Westport Wash & Wax

COOKING CLASSES

Sugar & Olives

If you're a foodie, you've been to Sugar & Olives. It was the number of Best Of votes that gave you away. You know, then, that this place is a popular eatery, private venue space and just about anything you need, provided it has to do with good food. Being a fan of the place, you probably also know that you can learn its culinary secrets with a cooking class. Relaxed and very friendly, with a secret ingredient

(good humor!), the environment is ideal for home cooks who want to add zing to their culinary skills.

21 Lois St., Norwalk, 203-454-3663 | sugарandolives.com

TOWN WINNERS

G Aux Délices S N Culinary Works/Kitchens by Deane W AMG Catering & Events (Wilton) F The Secret Ingredient Cooking School

PERSONAL CHEF SERVICES

Marcia Selden Catering & Event Planning

Well, Gold Coasters, consider us impressed. When you choose a personal chef you shoot high: Marcia Selden Catering & Event Planning. You can hire the accomplished team to cater any event, of course, but did you know that they will make for your ready-to-serve dishes that are delivered right to your door? Just order online. Of course, you're preparing to polish your cooking skills, but, it's wise to have an emergency back-up plan, trust us.

65 Research Dr., Stamford, 203-353-8000 | marciaselden.com

TOWN WINNERS

G The Cooking Fairy S Marcia Selden Catering & Event Planning N Marcia Selden (Darien) F Cinch

DRY CLEANER

Fabricare Cleaners

Whether it's your investment piece or a favorite shirt, some clothing is special. So when you bring it to the cleaners, it shouldn't feel like you're holding your breath, throwing the dice and hoping everything will be OK. You should know you're handing off your clothing to a pro. Such is the case with Fabricare Cleaners. Our Gold Coasters don't just bet on it, they voted on it. Plus, Fabricare Cleaners delivers.

312 Heights Rd., Noroton Heights, Darien, 203-655-3381 | 5 Holmes St., Norwalk, 203-229-0001 | 2130 Post Rd., Fairfield, 203-256-2725 | fabricarecleaners.net

TOWN WINNERS

G Thomas Cleaners S Prestige Cleaners & Tailors N Fabricare Cleaners (Norwalk) W Minute Man Cleaners F Friendly Cleaners