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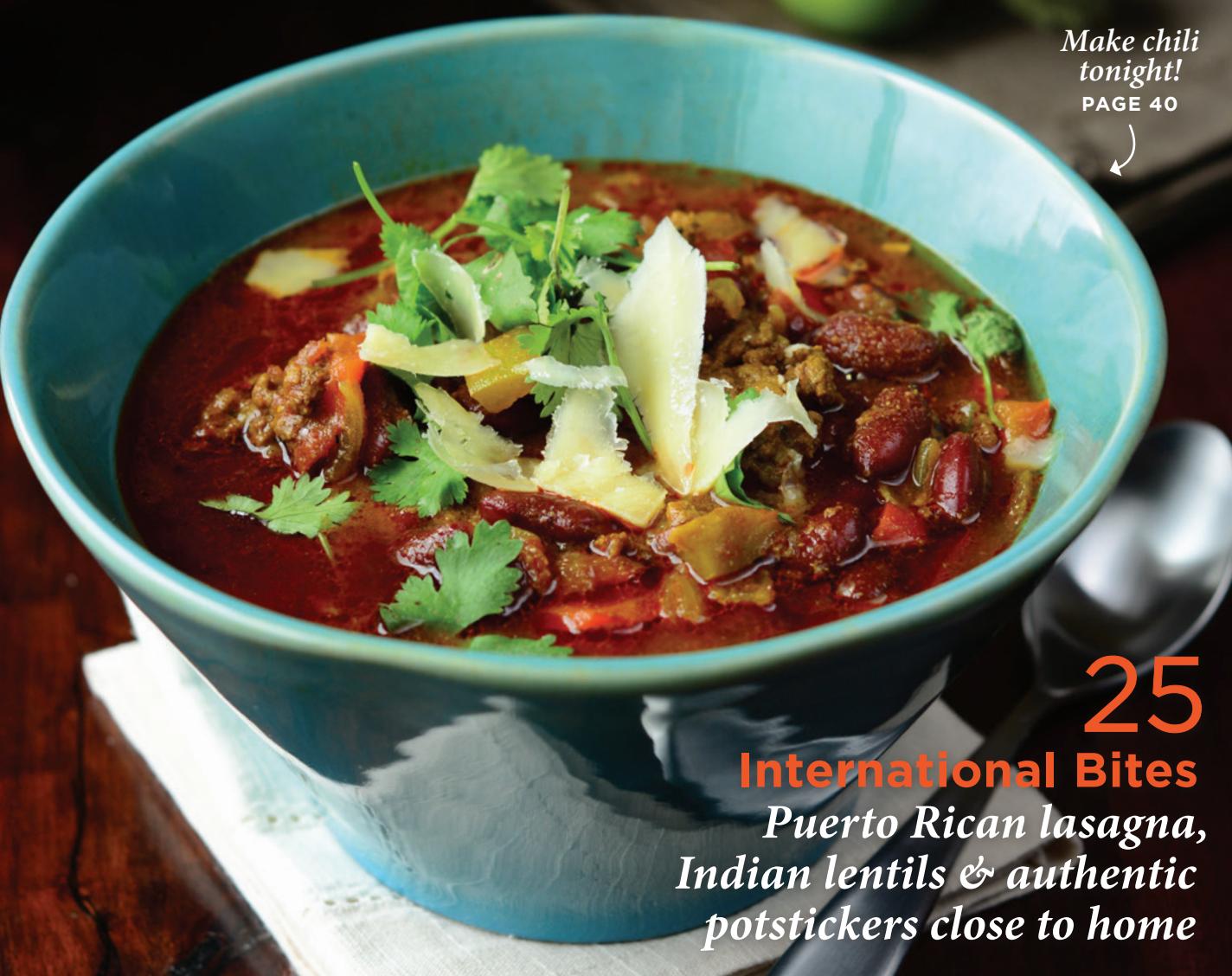
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International Bites

Puerto Rican lasagna, Indian lentils & authentic potstickers close to home



EATING WELL IN EDMONDS

SAVOR A TRIP TO THIS FAVORITE NORTHWEST TOWN

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Puget Sound

Edmonds

Shoreline

Edmond Mayor
Dave Earling

*Tapas at Demetris
Woodstone Taverna*

The smell of sea air greets you on the descent into the downtown core of Edmonds, called “The Bowl” by locals. An elegant, highly-walkable town that combines both a comfortable welcome and well-traveled refinement, Edmonds has long been one of the Northwest’s favorite hometowns.

As a thriving area with a strong sense of community, Edmonds has raised the bar high for dining out in town. The result is a wealth of locally-owned and unique dining options, from refined comfort food to innovative tapas. With great pride and high expectations, Edmonds knows how to eat well.

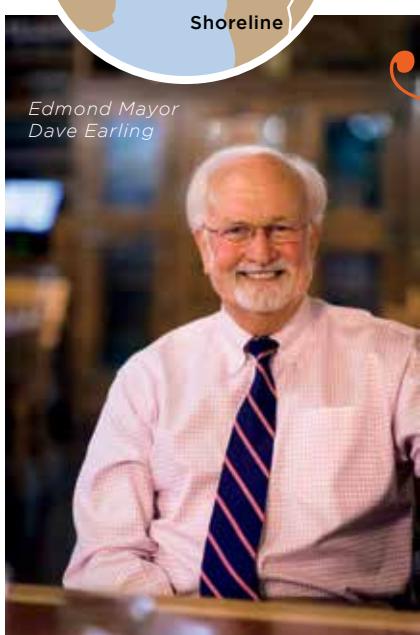
Edmonds is an easy day trip from the Eastside. Stroll the boardwalk, explore the beach, or take in a show

at the world-class Edmonds Center for the Arts. Spend the afternoon downtown shopping in the unique stores and high-end boutiques.

In Edmonds, people say that all you’d ever want is here, from hearty casual breakfasts to hip late-night cocktails. Eat, shop, and admire the view. Edmonds will have you living well for the day, too.

» WORLD TRAVELERS' TASTES

Visiting Edmonds is like relaxing at home with your well-traveled friends. The tastes tend toward high-end but the atmosphere remains casual. Resident travel host Rick Steves is in good company here — there’s an unmistakable worldly vibe in the >>



A SHOPPER'S DELIGHT

Downtown Edmonds is a favorite local shopping destination for its impressive array of elegant, unique stores. You'll be drawn into **Kinder Britches** (422 Main St.) for high-end baby and kids' wear. At **The Wooden Spoon** (104 5th Ave. S.) linger over foodie gifts and quality kitchen items. Pick up stylish home accessories at **HouseWares** (318 Main St.). Every month the shops downtown host Third Thursday art walks, a fun night of shopping and eating out. On Nov. 21, check out the First Dibs holiday shopping preview. See edmondswa.com for a list upcoming events.



The Cheesemonger's Table

Hot sandwich at The Cheesemonger's Table



Strom Peterson, owner, The Cheesemonger's Table

small shops and restaurants.

At **The Cheesemonger's Table** (203 5th Ave. S.) owner Strom Peterson is also a city council member. "People who live in Edmonds travel a lot," he said. "There's an appreciation of food that's prepared well."

The popular menu is a showcase for gourmet cheeses, charcuterie and food gifts sourced locally and around the world. "We have good ingredients," Peterson said. "We don't try to complicate things. We don't over-think it." Try a hot sandwich and a local beer or wine.

Many of the wines at the Cheesemonger's Table can be found at nearby **Arista Wine Cellars** (320 5th Ave S). A wide selection of wines coupled with a warm welcome from owners David and Ruth Arista and shop dog Emmitt will have you reminiscing about your favorite pairings.

The Aristas lead wine tours to places like Argentina and South Africa but their support



for all there is to see and do in Edmonds is most evident.

"When people come and shop in Edmonds, there's a saying that they're not only dealing with the owners, but with their friends," Ruth said. "Most of the shopkeepers here are also our Edmonds neighbors."

» Refined Comfort Food

Edmonds' small, bright streets encourage walking and lingering. Friends and neighbors are everywhere, strolling to their favorite spots for the high-quality food and relaxed welcome they've come to expect.

One of those local favorites is **Chanterelle** (316 Main St.). For 16 years, owners Randy and Brooke Baker have been creating classic comfort food with international influences and fresh, local ingredients.



*David and Ruth Arista,
owners, Arista Wine Cellars*



*Brooke Baker,
owner, Chanterelle*

The most popular menu item for Chanterelle's repeat guests is the tomato bisque. The restaurant's regular customers phone ahead to order their favorites, and the warm, elegant dining room encourages conversation.

"Edmonds is an exquisite town," Brooke said. "It's a walkable town with all the amenities."

Edmonds Mayor Dave Earling is often seen out in town, enjoying the wide selection of great food. "People value living here. It's a marvelous seaside setting. Downtown has a small town feel and yet it's alive and vibrant," he said.

The Rusty Pelican
(107 5th Ave. N.) is often

buzzing with locals and visitors. Home-style breakfasts and lunches are popular for their quality ingredients. Edmonds shopkeepers will send you here for favorites like the Pelican's Waffle and California Benedict.

"People expect a lot around here. It's a very tight-knit community," manager and Edmonds resident Ashley Hansen said.

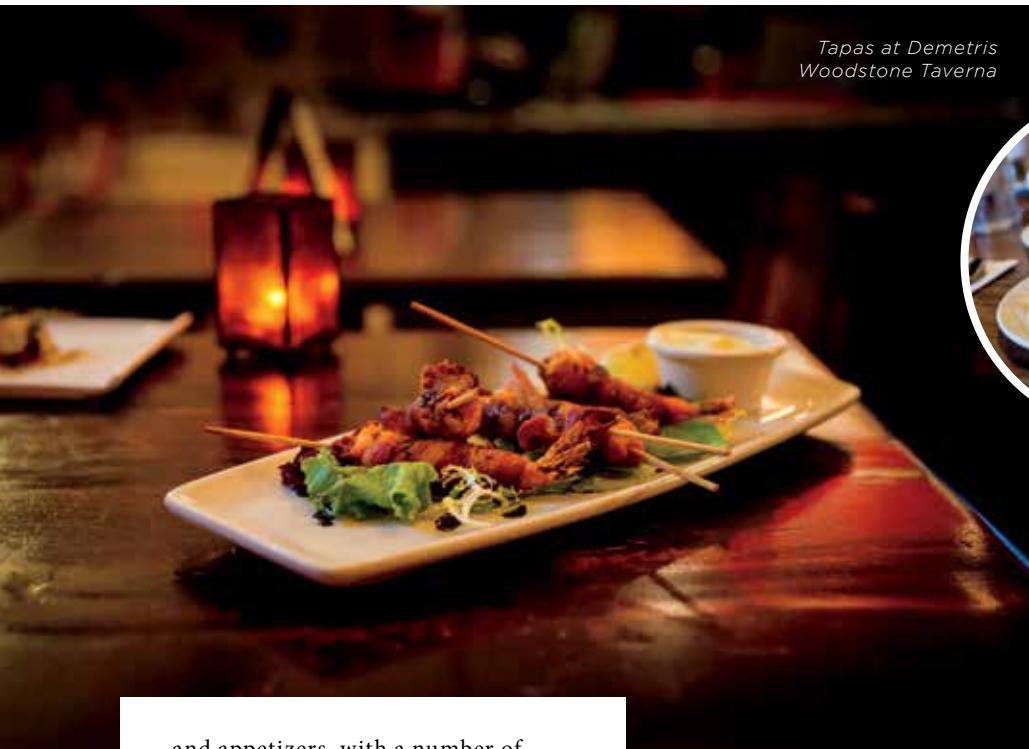
» CASUAL-COOL NIGHTS

Edmonds' walkable downtown is a great place to spend an evening with friends. The quality remains high for drinks >>



Yellowfin, Avocado, and Mango Crostini, Chanterelle

quick trip



*Tapas at Demetris
Woodstone Taverna*

*Pelican's Waffle at
The Rusty Pelican*



Main Street, Edmonds



and appetizers, with a number of comfortable spots to choose from.

Near the ferry terminal at **Demetris Woodstone Taverna** (101 Main St.), executive chef Osmar Lovo creates innovative tapas with Northwest and Mediterranean influences. Ask the friendly bartenders to recommend one of their fusion drinks or pick from your favorites at the bar.

"You can do a kind-of pub crawl. Go from place to place and end up at the beach," bartender Adrian Preciado said. The bar and lounge at Demetris have a cozy, relaxed feel — perfect for catching up with friends.

Up the road at **Daphnes** (415½ Main St.) you'll be transported to your favorite little place in Paris. With space



*Desmond Van Rensburg,
Bartender, Daphnes*



The Rusty Pelican

for only some 25 people, intimate and delightful Daphnes is often packed and never dull. Popular bartender Desmond Van Rensburg, originally from South Africa, is a perfect host.

"I love talking to people. The kind of people that come in here are top-notch," he said.

Van Rensburg makes sure everyone at the bar gets to know each other, and the energy is fun and relaxed. He recommends trying the Moscow Mule, served in a copper cup.

You'll end your day in Edmonds laughing and relaxing with new friends. 