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## **GRADUATE HOSPITAL NEIGHBORHOOD GUIDE**

### *The Gastropubs, Cafes, Parks, Shops & Restaurants Of A Fast-Changing Philadelphia Neighborhood*

**PHILADELPHIA, August 26, 2019** – Graduate Hospital goes by many names (Center City South, South of South, G-Ho), which is fitting for a neighborhood that draws its personality from the people inside it: born-and-raised neighbors, young transplants, hip urban professionals, craft beer crowds and more. In recent years, the area stretching from Lombard Street to Washington Avenue and from Broad Street to Grays Ferry Avenue has accumulated a healthy dose of restaurants, bars, cafes, shops and markets that reflect the area’s residential and cool vibe.

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) has picked this ’hood for its summer-through-fall PHS Pop Up Garden six years in a row. The seasonal South Street destination draws neighbors, people from across the city and out-of-towners to enjoy its beautiful landscaping, flowing craft beers and the fun, laid-back vibe that perfectly matches Graduate Hospital.

#### **Restaurants & Bars:**

- **Bob & Barbara’s Lounge** – The Citywide Special—a shot of Jim Beam and a can of Pabst Blue Ribbon for \$4 (\$3 during happy hour)—may have originated at this beloved dive, but it’s only a part of what makes the place so fun. Thursdays bring the drag show, Friday and Saturday nights are all about no-cover live jazz, and Sunday karaoke ends the weekend. 1509 South Street, (215) 545-4511, [bobandbarbaras.com](http://bobandbarbaras.com)
- **The Cambridge** – This handsome gastropub showcases an impressive menu with weekly specials. Craft beers on tap and original cocktails mean there’s something to quench everyone’s thirst. 1508 South Street, (267) 455-0647, [cambridgeonsouth.com](http://cambridgeonsouth.com)
- **Chick’s** – Spanning two properties, this 4,000-square-foot restaurant features a dining room and 24-tap bar on one side and a take-out pizza shop on the other. The vibe—garage meets gastropub—fits seamlessly into the neighborhood. 1805 Washington Avenue, (215) 546-2233, [chicksphilly.com](http://chicksphilly.com)
- **Devil’s Pocket Food & Spirits** – The brunch and dinner menus at this cozy taproom include well-loved staples, such as cheeseburgers and mac and cheese. Rotating craft beer selections in can and draft form go with every meal. 2425 Grays Ferry Avenue, (215) 735-2202, [devils-pocketphilly.com](http://devils-pocketphilly.com)
- **Doobies** – Many Philly bars have great beer selections, but Doobies sets itself apart with its killer jukebox, vegan-friendly fare and board games. Dogs love the outdoor seating and complimentary treats. 2201 Lombard Street, (215) 546-0316

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- **Founding Fathers** – This grown-up sports bar with 13 flat-screen TVs offers daily specials that complement a menu of appetizers, sandwiches and wings. With 20 beers on draft and a wide selection of bottles, the craft beer lineup stars some of Philly’s most loved local breweries, such as Yards and Victory. 1612 South Street, (267) 519-0253, [foundingfathersbar.com](http://foundingfathersbar.com)
- **Grace Tavern** – Beer lovers rave about this haunt, founded by the minds behind brew haven Monk’s Café. Patrons who don’t sample the varied food selection—fresh oyster po’ boy, vegan jackfruit “crab” cakes and blackened green beans—are missing out. 2229 Grays Ferry Avenue (23<sup>rd</sup> & South Streets), (215) 893-9580, [gracetavern.com](http://gracetavern.com)
- **Jet Wine Bar** – Jet aims to please both wine connoisseurs and novices by pairing vino from around the world with a revolving menu of globally influenced snacks, cheeses and charcuterie. Non-oenophiles can choose from specialty cocktails and beers, while on Tuesdays (also known as Flight Night), the wine-curious can sample flights of wine for just \$12; Jet’s next-door wine garden is a great space for wine-sipping, weather permitting. 1525 South Street, (215) 735-1116, [jetwinebar.com](http://jetwinebar.com)
- **Los Camaradas** – The friendly Mexican restaurant/bar enjoys a loyal following with fantastic tacos (tip: get the veggie), a substantial selection of tequilas and mezcals and a neighborly atmosphere. From the outdoor tables, people take in the sights and sounds of Julian Abele Park while sipping margaritas. 918 S. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, (215) 309-3727, [loscamaradas.com](http://loscamaradas.com)
- **Lou Bird’s** – This neighborhood restaurant gets its name from its owners’ daughter, and gets a loyal following by serving approachable, seasonal dishes such as Bolognese with heirloom tomatoes and chicken milanese with corn crab salad. 500 S. 20<sup>th</sup> Street, (267) 804-7977, [loubirds.net](http://loubirds.net)
- **My Thai** – This lovingly decorated eatery has everything people expect of a Thai restaurant: big portions, budget-friendly prices, neighborly service and very spicy dishes. 2200 South Street, (215) 985-1878, [mythaiphilly.com](http://mythaiphilly.com)
- **Pub & Kitchen** – Pub & Kitchen has established itself as a must-visit for gastropub enthusiasts, thanks to a raved-about burger and a must-try brunch. A short but discerning draft list and sports-tuned TVs draw a loyal bar crowd. 1946 Lombard Street, (215) 545-0350, [thepubandkitchen.com](http://thepubandkitchen.com)
- **Rex 1516** – Grilled pimento cheese, crawfish potpie, fried chicken—Southern cuisine inspires Rex 1516. Open daily for dinner and weekends for brunch (shrimp and grits, bananas foster French toast), the 35-seater welcomes the hungry crowd, along with those craving a craft beer, cocktail or whiskey. 1516 South Street, (267) 319-1366, [rex1516.com](http://rex1516.com)
- **The Sidecar Bar & Grille** – The bartenders at this two-floor gastropub pour from a large, constantly evolving beer list. On the weekends, brunch means twists on classics, like chicken-fried chicken and Bloody Marys starting at 9 a.m., during warm weather, the outdoor tables are coveted. 2201 Christian Street, (215) 732-3429, [thesidecarbar.com](http://thesidecarbar.com)
- **SouthGate Philly** – This corner bar elevates its menu by serving Korean-American food (read: Korean fried chicken and a *bulgogi* burger) alongside its craft beer and whiskey selections. 1801 Lombard Street, (215) 560-8443, [southgatephilly.com](http://southgatephilly.com)
- **Ten Stone** – Inspired by English pubs, this bar and restaurant serves drink-friendly dishes—hot crab dip and cheesesteak spring rolls—to pair with a changing list of craft drafts and bottles. After eating, diners can stick around to watch a game or play pool or darts. 2063 South Street, (215) 735-9939, [tenstone.com](http://tenstone.com)

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- **Tio Flores** – From the food and beverage peeps behind Hawthornes Biercafe and The Cambridge, Tio Flores sates Mexican cravings with three flavors of guacamole and a slew of taco options. Flavorful margaritas, an impressive beer list and a weekday happy hour keep the seats filled at this colorful South Street spot. 1600 South Street, (267) 687-2220, [tioflores.com](http://tioflores.com)

**BYOBs:**

- **Balkan Express Restaurant** (closed for the summer of 2019) – This family-run bring-your-own-bottle (BYOB) spot serves up Balkan fare that's both wallet-friendly and healthy. Many dishes, including the salads and stews, use ingredients from the restaurant's own garden, including the acclaimed stuffed cabbage rolls. Note: Balkan Express is open Thursday through Saturday for dinner. 2237 Grays Ferry Avenue, (215) 545-1255, [balkanexpressrestaurant.com](http://balkanexpressrestaurant.com)
- **Bistro La Baia** – The familial service and the lobster ravioli are just two of the many reasons this cozy Italian BYOB has been a neighborhood mainstay for 20 years. 1700 Lombard Street, (267) 687-1561, [bistrolabaia.com](http://bistrolabaia.com)
- **Bistro SouthEast** – The husband-and-wife team here want to share their memories of southeast Asia through meals that combine traditional and new dishes. The BYOB tempts diners with pho, chicken wings spiced with curry or Thai chili sauce, plentiful seafood platters—and a family-friendly atmosphere. 1824 South Street, (267) 758-2838, [bistrosoutheast.com](http://bistrosoutheast.com)
- **Cafe Ynez** – This spot from the owners of Jet Wine Bar transports the flavors of Mexico City—think pulled pork *cemitas* and chicken *tinga*—to Graduate Hospital. For the thirsty, horchata and Mexican-style coffees hit the non-alcoholic spot, while a rotating selection of drink mixers in carafes is available for those who BYOB. 2025 Washington Avenue, (215) 278-7579, [cafeynez.com](http://cafeynez.com)
- **Entrée** – This BYOB offers an a la carte menu of American fare with a nod to the seasons—think seared scallops with sweet corn hash—plus \$40 and \$50 three-course prix-fixe options that include a choice of starter, entree and dessert (Nutella cannoli, anyone?). Those in the cocktail mood can add the spirit of their choice to the refreshing mixes. 1608 South Street, (215) 790-0330, [entreebyob.com](http://entreebyob.com)
- **Honey's Sit N Eat** – This South Street corner spot draws a large, hungry crowd for weekend brunch. Honey's diner-esque menu sports items such as country-fried steak and gravy, and challah French toast sandwiching Lancaster County double-smoked ham and Swiss cheese and topped with two sunny eggs (also known as the "Honey Cristo"). 2101 South Street, (215) 732-5130, [honeysitneat.com](http://honeysitneat.com)
- **Jamaican Jerk Hut** – Serving spicy jerk chicken, roti, oxtail stew, fried plantains and ackee and saltfish in generous portions since 1994, this tiny Caribbean BYOB has become a classic Philly establishment. 1436 South Street, (215) 545-8644
- **Kei Sushi** – The co-owners of this Japanese restaurant put the concept of family into everything they do—a big reason why they moved their small, close-knit staff to this friendly neighborhood. Kei's menu features a wide assortment of appetizers, basic and specialty rolls and tempuras and teriyakis. 1711 South Street, (215) 309-2925, [keisushiphilly.net](http://keisushiphilly.net)
- **Indian Restaurant** – At this BYOB restaurant, the staff is attentive, the menu is fresh, healthy and vegetarian-friendly, and the portions are perfect for leftovers. 1634 South Street, (215) 964-9451, [indianrestaurantpa.com](http://indianrestaurantpa.com)
- **L'Anima** – The owners of well-loved Melograno and Freschetta operate this Roman BYOB, serving homemade pastas and seafood dishes in a sunny, modern dining room. There's outdoor seating too. 1001 S. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 595-2500, [lanimaphilly.com](http://lanimaphilly.com)

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- **Martabak OK** – This quick-serve street food shop serves Indonesia’s most famous comfort food: *martabak manis* and *martabak telur*, sweet and savory stuffed pancakes. Brothers Berry The and Beddy Sonie produce the dishes, along with fried tofu, pizza *martabak* and iced coffee drinks. 1801 Washington Avenue, Unit D, (267) 534-3644, [martabakok.com](http://martabakok.com)
- **Miles Table** – Michael Lynch, a graduate of The Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College and a neighborhood resident, named his casual eatery after his son. For breakfast, lunch and daily brunch specials, simple and flavorful dishes (omelets with home fries and toast, avocado BLT and burgers of the beef, turkey and falafel variety) use local ingredients. 1620 South Street, (215) 651-3040, [milestable.com](http://milestable.com)
- **On Point Bistro** – Chef-owner and Garces alum Juan Lopez offers casual, inventive New American fare for brunch Tuesday through Sunday—cheesesteak omelets, challah French toast, and a sweet potato waffle with fried chicken, poached eggs and maple syrup dubbed “The Clucker,” at this chill BYOB. Dinner (Thursday through Saturday only) runs the global gamut: lamb burgers with feta *labne*, short rib pappardelle and fish tacos. 1200 Point Breeze Avenue, (267) 639-3318, [onpointbistro.com](http://onpointbistro.com)
- **Pumpkin** – Local and seasonal ingredients play a major role in Pumpkin’s cuisine, so it’s no surprise that the menu at this small, relaxed New American establishment changes constantly—all without compromising value. 1713 South Street, (215) 545-4448, [pumpkinphilly.com](http://pumpkinphilly.com)
- **Sawatdee** – The neon green interior may be the first thing people notice about this cozy Thai BYOB, but it’s the menu of *gaeng Thai* (Thai curries), vibrant appetizers and flavorful noodle dishes that keeps locals coming back. 534 S. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 790-1299, [phillysawatdee.com](http://phillysawatdee.com)
- **Tico’s Tacos Tex Mex** – With heaping portions and a wide assortment of tacos and burritos (including tofu options), this BYOB prides itself on serving only fresh, homemade dishes at wallet-friendly prices. 1627 South Street, (215) 546-2122
- **Thai Square Restaurant** – The Thailand-native owner ensures that the dishes here are true to their roots. Neighbors dine on *nam tok* salad, *laab kai*, crispy duckling with red curry and drunken noodles indoors and out. 2521 Christian Street, (215) 454-6683, [thaisquarephilly.com](http://thaisquarephilly.com)

#### Strictly Food:

- **The Baker’s Jar** – Featuring baked goods such as tres leches, banana cake and mud cups (chocolate pudding and gummy worms mixed with chocolate cake), this sweet shop serves each treat in its own mason jar. 625 S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, (267) 519-0609, [bakersjarphilly.com](http://bakersjarphilly.com)
- **Govinda’s Vegetarian** – For a different take on Philly’s signature food, patrons order Govinda’s raved-about vegetarian chicken cheesesteak, complete with soy chicken and grilled peppers. Those looking for something sweet *and* vegan-friendly choose from the rotating selection of vegan donuts, ice creams and cakes. 1408 South Street, (215) 545-5452, [govindasphilly.com](http://govindasphilly.com)
- **The Igloo** – People come to this self-serve, soft-serve store for some seriously interesting (and even some healthy) takes on cold treats. On the menu: custard, frozen yogurt, gelato and water ice as a base for imported-from-Italy toppings, plus sweet specialties like gelato pops (made fresh daily), espresso and salted caramel shakes and soft-serve affogatos. 2223 Grays Ferry Avenue, (267) 858-4290, [igloodesserts.com](http://igloodesserts.com)
- **Sweet Freedom Bakery** – At this vegan and gluten-free bakery, the cookies, cakes, cupcakes and more are made without corn, wheat, peanuts, dairy or soy. 1424 South Street, (215) 545-1899, [sweetfreedombakery.com](http://sweetfreedombakery.com)

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- **The Quick Fixx** – This delivery joint dishes out chef-inspired cuisine at takeout prices. Bargain hunters indulge in the 10 Spot Lunch—meals that cost a grand total of \$10 (cash). Favorites include the gnocchi lasagna and the grilled wraps. 1511 South Street, (267) 273-1066, [thequickfixx.com](http://thequickfixx.com)

#### **Cafes & Markets:**

- **Ants Pants Cafe** – This Australian-inspired cafe dishes out sumptuous brunch and lunch options every day, which means there's always time to enjoy the collection of Aussie drinks and sweet potato fries. Regulars covet the almost-secret back patio on those lovely 70-degree days. 2212 South Street, (215) 875-8002, [antspantscafe.com](http://antspantscafe.com)
- **Café Lutecia** – Neighbors and visitors choose this quaint, French-inspired nook for its substantial soup-and-sandwich combo, pleasant staff, sizable cups of coffee and coveted sidewalk tables. 2301 Lombard Street, (215) 790-9557
- **Fitzwater Street Philly Bagels** – Fifth-generation bagel maker Aaron Wagner recently added a Graduate Hospital location to his family's doughy empire. Bagels are sold individually, by the dozen and as specialty sandwiches, along with hot and cold-brew coffee. 2001 Fitzwater Street, (267) 534-5995, [fitzwaterstreetphillybagels.com](http://fitzwaterstreetphillybagels.com)
- **Green Aisle Grocery** – People shopping for the essentials (bread and milk) or looking for something a little more luxurious (Dizengoff hummus, John & Kira's Chocolates, Stumptown Coffee), own-make preserves, find what they crave at this boutique grocery. 2241 Grays Ferry Avenue, (267) 687-2398, [greenaislegrocery.com](http://greenaislegrocery.com)
- **La.Va Café** – This comfortable venue serves a full menu of Israeli-style treats along with pastries and coffees. Regulars rely on the La Colombe coffee and the burekas. 2100 South Street, (215) 545-1508, [lava-cafe.com](http://lava-cafe.com)
- **Little Spoon Café** – Little Spoon caters to breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack patrons, as well as a loyal and sizable brunch crowd. Blueberry lemon oatmeal, breakfast burritos and an extensive coffee list make it the perfect spot to stop. In-the-know neighbors ask for a relaxing patio seat. 1500 South Street, (267) 587-6559, [littlespooncafe.com](http://littlespooncafe.com)
- **Nam Son Bakery** – Fans of Vietnamese cuisine come to this unassuming take-out spot for what many loyal customers claim to be one the best banh mi productions in town—perfect for a modern urban picnic. Their secret: house-made bread. 1600 Carpenter Street, (215) 545-3888
- **Rival Bros. Coffee Bar** – With drip coffee, a Chemex bar and a variety of espresso drinks, this sleek cafe brews quality coffee with beans from its Frankford roastery. For something to soak up all that quality caffeine, visitors opt for fresh pastries and breads from local bakeries such as High Street on Market. 2400 Lombard Street, [rivalbros.com](http://rivalbros.com)
- **Ultimo** – True coffee drinkers know there's coffee, and then there's *coffee*. Ultimo specializes in the latter: mostly house-roasted blends, hand pours and espresso drinks prepared in the highest quality machines with milk from nearby Lancaster County. 2149 Catharine Street, (215) 545-3565, [ultimocoffee.com](http://ultimocoffee.com)

#### **Shops:**

- **The Indie Shelf** – Sabeen Zia has stocked her new shop with independent, natural beauty and body products not available at larger retailers. Candles, fragrance, tools and accessories—along with concierge and makeup services—round out the offerings. 2247 Grays Ferry Avenue, [theindieshelf.com](http://theindieshelf.com)

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- **Loop** – This one-stop shop for all-things yarn began as an online store before establishing a beloved brick-and-mortar shop. Knitting neophytes and experienced crafters alike can sign up for one of the many group knitting, crocheting or weaving classes. 1914 South Street, (215) 893-9939, [loopyarn.com](http://loopyarn.com)
- **M Concept Shop** – This bright, modern space houses a curated offering of clothing, jewelry and accessories from more than 35 Philly-based independent labels, including that of the shop's founder. Selected gifts, home products and a small selection of vintage designer items complete the shopping experience. 1540 South Street, (215) 839-9154, [mconceptshop.com](http://mconceptshop.com)
- **Tesoro Design** – Brit Reed's women's accessories shop empowers women and minimizes the carbon footprint by offering ethically and U.S.-made leather goods and clothing, along with gatherings and maker workshops. 1533 South Street, (267) 273-0541, [tesoro.design](http://tesoro.design)
- **Via Bicycle** – A full-service bike shop has an added treat: lots of old, even rare bicycles and bike parts that attract collectors' attention. Curtis Anthony's store has been in business since 1982, and there's always free air and oil on hand for customers who stop by. 622 S. Broad Street, (215) 627-3370, [bikeville.com](http://bikeville.com)
- **Workshop Underground** – Ruben Luna, former head of product design and merchandising at Metropolitan Museum of Art, presides over this shop's thoughtful collection of jewelry, accessories, art and home décor. Prices range from \$10 to tens of thousands of dollars. 1544 South Street, (215) 987-3534, [workshopunderground.com](http://workshopunderground.com)
- **Woven Treasures** – Since 1986, Parviz Yathrebi has traveled the world to find antique and modern Persian rugs, textiles and unusual home décor. His latest trip to Turkey netted scarves, jewelry, ceramics and more—making his shop a go-to for gifts. 2221 Grays Ferry Avenue, (215) 546-8448, [woventreasuresphiladelphia.com](http://woventreasuresphiladelphia.com)

#### **Parks & Public Spaces:**

- **Catharine Park** – This pocket park has a small playground for the little ones and benches too. It also serves as a reminder of what neighbors can do when they band together: They raised funds to build the park in a formerly run-down space. 22<sup>nd</sup> & Catharine Streets, [southofsouth.org](http://southofsouth.org)
- **Triangles at Grays Ferry** – Local businesses—Grace Tavern, The Igloo—surround this pedestrian plaza, which attracts neighbors looking for a spot to read, chat or enjoy the fresh air. 23<sup>rd</sup> & South Streets, [southofsouth.org](http://southofsouth.org)
- **Julian Abele Park** – Named for an architect of the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the Central Branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia, the park welcomes picnickers, dog walkers and people who just want to hang out. The Music and Mist Concert series entertains on summer Fridays. 22<sup>nd</sup> & Carpenter Streets, (215) 683-3679, [julianabelepark.org](http://julianabelepark.org)
- **Schuylkill Banks Boardwalk** – This 2,000-foot-long, over-the-water boardwalk extends the Schuylkill River Trail from Locust Street to the South Street Bridge. Overlooks and benches offer spots to relax and take in the city view, and solar-powered overhead lights mean pedestrians, runners and bikers can use the boardwalk all times of day. Entry points are located along the South Street Bridge and at 25<sup>th</sup> and Locust Streets. [schuylkillbanks.org](http://schuylkillbanks.org)

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