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**EAST PASSYUNK AVENUE & PENNSPORT NEIGHBORHOOD GUIDE**  
*Dining, Drinking, Shopping & Exploring Two Iconic South Philadelphia Neighborhoods*

**PHILADELPHIA, February 11, 2019** – For decades, diners have headed to South Philadelphia—particularly the neighborhoods east of Broad Street—for the red-gravy Italian restaurants. Today, the area enjoyed much revitalization, especially on the food front, with many new eateries earning enormous acclaim from *Bon Appétit*, *The New York Times*, *Travel & Leisure* and more.

East Passyunk (pronounced “pah-shunk” by locals) Avenue is a diagonal interruption to Philadelphia’s grid layout, with boutiques, cafes, gastropubs, excellent Malaysian (**Saté Kampar**), French (**Laurel**) and Filipino (**Perla**) fare, as well as *ristoranti* (**Marra’s**, **Victor Café**, **Mr. Martino’s**, **Tre Scalini**) and two famous, across-the-street cheesesteak rivals, **Pat’s King of Steaks** and **Geno’s Steaks**.

Pennsport has a rich concentration of historically blue-collar families and Mummers’ clubhouses—Pennsport’s “Two Street,” also known as 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, hosts a serious post-parade street party every New Year’s Day. But it is also experiencing the beginnings of its own revitalization, complete with a healthy lineup of new bars, coffee shops and restaurants. In between, the developing Wharton section is home to the **Bok Building**, a former school turned vibrant multiuse space for makers, chefs, artists and more.

The East Passyunk neighborhood begins 1.6 miles southeast of Philadelphia City Hall, the building considered to be the centermost point of Center City. East Passyunk stretches from Washington Avenue in the north to McKean Street in the south, plus a few blocks east and west of the street. Two miles southeast of City Hall (just few blocks east of East Passyunk) is Pennsport, bordered by the Delaware River to the east, 4<sup>th</sup> Street to the west, Washington Avenue to the north and Snyder Avenue to the south—though those borders are subject to debate.

**EAST PASSYUNK AVENUE:**

Those coming from Center City can walk (30 minutes from City Hall), take a cab or hop on the subway. For the underground option, people take the Broad Street Line, which runs north and south along Broad Street, south to the Tasker/Morris or Snyder stations, depending on the destination. Bus riders can take the Route 45 option, which rides south on 12<sup>th</sup> Street and crosses Passyunk Avenue.

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**Casual Dining:**

- **Bing Bing Dim Sum** – Turnip cakes, soup dumplings and pork-stuffed bao buns are among the hot items on this popular small-plate eatery’s menu, where inventive Asian cocktails come by the glass or pitcher and original cartoons cover the walls. 1648 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 279-7702, [bingbingdimsum.com](http://bingbingdimsum.com)
- **Brigantessa** – Neapolitan wood-fired pizza is the specialty at this two-floor eatery that features a Gianni Acunto oven, which has earned a rep as the best in the world. The Regina pie made with buffalo mozzarella and Piennolo del Vesuvio tomatoes can permanently alter diners’ views of the casual fare. 1520 E. Passyunk Avenue, (267) 318-7341, [brigantessaphila.com](http://brigantessaphila.com)
- **Cantina Los Caballitos** – Much like its younger sibling Cantina Dos Segundos in Northern Liberties, the original Cantina cooks up modern twists on Mexican dishes, such as vegan fajitas and fish tacos—fare that washes down perfectly with a tequila flight or specialty margarita. In warmer months, the outdoor patio draws a crowd. 1651 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 755-3550, [cantinaloscaballitos.com](http://cantinaloscaballitos.com)
- **Fuel** – West Coast influence shines through the menu at this health-conscious cafe, where all the fresh options—from smoothies to panini—come in under 500 calories. Additional locations in Center City and Ardmore. 1917 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 468-3835 (FUEL), [fuelrechargeyourself.com](http://fuelrechargeyourself.com)
- **Geno’s Steaks** – People line up around the block for Philly’s iconic sandwich at this neon-lit cheesesteak shop, which famously shares an intersection with rival Pat’s King of Steaks. At both 24/7 joints (closed Thanksgiving and Christmas only), locals know the ordering lingo: specify the cheese (provolone, American or Whiz) and “wit” or without onions. 1219 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 389-0659, [genosteaks.com](http://genosteaks.com)
- **Green Eggs Cafe** – The just-off-Passyunk outpost of this beloved brunch spot also serves whopping portions of breakfast and lunch favorites to a full house every day of the week. Loyal patrons love its eco-friendly sensibilities, local produce and menu for both meat-eaters and vegans. 1306 Dickinson Street, (215) 226-3447, [greeneggscafe.com](http://greeneggscafe.com)
- **Junior’s Beef and Pork** – This Jersey Shore import specializes in straightforward South Philadelphia fare such as roast beef, pork, chicken cutlet and meatball sandwiches. Add-ons like bitter broccoli rabe, fiery long hots and sharp provolone round out lunches here along with cheese- and gravy-topped fries. 1840 E. Passyunk Avenue, (267) 768-6729, [juniorsbeefandpork.com](http://juniorsbeefandpork.com)
- **La Scala’s Birra** – Somewhere between a gastropub and pizza parlor is Birra, serving an assortment of thin-crust pizza (including indulgent mac-and-cheese pizza), panini (try the grilled cheese) and antipasti, as well as an impressive list of craft beers. 1700 E. Passyunk Avenue, (267) 324-3127, [birraphilly.com](http://birraphilly.com)
- **Marra’s Cucina Italiana** – A South Philly mainstay, Marra’s has been cranking out Italian-American favorites (thin-crust brick-oven pizzas and homemade pastas) for more than 90 years. Hungry diners can opt for the Sunset Menu, which includes a traditional main dish with soup or salad. Three no-frills dining rooms add to the old-school vibe. 1734 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 463-9249, [marrasone.com](http://marrasone.com)
- **Mike’s B.B.Q.** – Meats are smoked daily in this little joint just off the Avenue, from brisket and ribs to chicken wings and pulled pork, available in sandwich form or all on their own. Southern — and Southern Philadelphia—inflected sides include corn bread, slaw and an Italian take on mac and cheese. 1703 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, (267) 831-2040, [mikesbbqphilly.com](http://mikesbbqphilly.com)

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- **The Palace of Indian** – This dine-in and takeaway northern Indian newcomer satisfies with tandoori-fired proteins, slow-simmered vegetarian dishes and handmade naan filled with everything from coconut to spiced potatoes. 1533 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 982-1666, [palaceofindian.com](http://palaceofindian.com)
- **Pat's King of Steaks** – The circa-1930 originator of the cheesesteak serves the real thing all day and all night, (save for Thanksgiving and Christmas). Patrons order their cheesesteaks (and fries) at a window and chow down at the outdoor tables. 1237 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 468-1546, [patskingofsteaks.com](http://patskingofsteaks.com)
- **Pistola's Del Sur** – The southern outpost of Center City's Jose Pistola's serves casual Mexican favorites, including bracing ceviches and piled-high nachos. Margaritas make for easy sipping in the plentiful outdoor tables, but game days call for one thing: drafts of Eagles-fan-favorite pale ale, "Dallas Sucks," made in collaboration with Weyerbacher Brewery. 1934 E. Passyunk Avenue, (267) 519-2329 [pistolasdelsur.com](http://pistolasdelsur.com)
- **Redcrest Fried Chicken** – This eight-seater from Brooklyn chef-restaurateur Adam Volk serves fried chicken (basic buttermilk or a spicy Thai-chili infused curry) to-go by the quarter, half or whole, or nestled in a sandwich. Sides include the classics: buttery biscuits, corn pudding, slaw and for dessert, buttermilk-vanilla soft serve. 1525 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 454-6951, [redcrestfriedchicken.com](http://redcrestfriedchicken.com)
- **Saté Kampar** – Malaysian street food shines at Saté Kampar, known for grilling skewered meats in both classic and Hainanese styles. Rounding out the menu are herbaceous salads, stir-fried noodles and braised coconut chicken, as well as tea, canned Milo and fresh Malaysian coconuts. 1837 E. Passyunk Avenue, (267) 324-3860, [satekamparpassyunk.com](http://satekamparpassyunk.com)
- **Stargazy** – Competing for one of this English foodery's three tables has become somewhat of a friendly sport among fans of braised lamb shank curry pies, Cornish pasties, jellied or stewed eels and sausage rolls. It's not uncommon for chef-owner Sam Jacobsen to post selfies in which he's holding a "sold out" sign. 1838 E. Passyunk Avenue (215) 309-2761, [@stargazy](https://www.instagram.com/stargazy)
- **Teas N'Mi** – Vietnamese and Indian cuisines rule at this sandwich shop, which serves traditional banh mi and "phorathas" wraps, flakey flatbreads stuffed with banh mi ingredients finished with a meaty pho gravy. There's also a drink menu of bubble teas, fruity sparkling sippers and tropical shakes. 1907 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 551-2555, [teasnmi.com](http://teasnmi.com)

#### **Fine Dining:**

- **Barcelona Wine Bar** – South Philly's popular location of this mini-chain features a vast Spanish and South American wine list and a menu packed with traditional tapas—think *patatas bravas*—along with Mediterranean options like spicy eggplant caponata. Its warm rustic-industrial decor makes it an ideal place to pop in for a glass of something delicious, perhaps paired with a Manchego-and-*jamon* board. 1709 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 515-7900, [barcelonawinebar.com](http://barcelonawinebar.com)
- **Fond** – Impeccable New American cuisine and a view of the Singing Fountain are the draws of this stalwart bistro that focuses on inventive flavors and eye-catching presentations. Those who save room are rewarded with decadent desserts and French-press coffee. 1537 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 551-5000, [fondphilly.com](http://fondphilly.com)

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- **Laurel** – Chef Nicholas Elmi helms this pint-sized bistro, where he’s known for his painstakingly inventive menu of French-inspired local fare, including a seasonal version of the ricotta gnocchi as seen on TV. 1617 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 271-8299, [restaurantlaurel.com](http://restaurantlaurel.com)
- **Le Virtù** – An impressive wine list complements the authentic Abruzzese cuisine prepared in an open kitchen. An intimate dining room and outdoor patio complete the rustic atmosphere, and the seasonal menu melds local produce and house-made salumi with artisanal delicacies such as fresh pasta and sheep’s milk cheeses. 1927 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 271-5626, [levirtu.com](http://levirtu.com)
- **Mr. Martino’s Trattoria** – Open only on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, this charming and cozy, 25-year-old Italian BYOB feels more like someone’s home than a restaurant, right down to the friendly staff. 1646 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 755-0663
- **Noord Eetcafe** – Chef Joncarl Lachman oversees this Dutch-Nordic bistro, where elegant, candlelit, home-style dinners star a house-smoked fish *smorrebrod* (board) with fresh-baked bread, shellfish stew prepared three ways and bitterballen (fried pork meatballs). Brunch is also worth the trip. 1046 Tasker Street, (267) 909-9704, [noordphilly.com](http://noordphilly.com)
- **Palizzi Social Club** – Tucked into an unassuming South Philly rowhome, this members-only eatery functioned for nearly 100 years as an Italian-American social club until 2017, when third-generation president Joey Baldino, expanded the membership rolls to all. The menu is elevated old-school Italian fare—the kind that earned it a spot on *Bon Appetit’s* 10 Best New Restaurants list—with curated cocktails. Club policies: cash only; photos (and social media) strongly discouraged. 1408 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, [palizzisocial.com](http://palizzisocial.com)
- **Perla** – Chef Lou Boquila uses his native Filipino cuisine as the inspirational starting point for dishes at his BYOB. He and his team prepare *kinlaw*, *escabeche*, *kare kare* and lumpia with local, seasonal ingredients. 1535 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, (267) 273-0008, [perlaphilly.com](http://perlaphilly.com)
- **Ristorante Tre Scalini** – This family-owned, bi-level BYOB serves authentic Molise dishes such as the traditional *zuppa di pesce*, as well as the exotic saffron gnocchi. Warm, knowledgeable staff enhances the dining experience. 1915 Passyunk Avenue, (215) 551-3870, [trescaliniphiladelphia.com](http://trescaliniphiladelphia.com)
- **Townsend** – Classic French cuisine is chef-owner Townsend Wentz’s unabashed specialty, so this intimate spot is the place to indulge in foie gras, escargot or *cote de boeuf*. An elegant yet gently wielded wine list matches the menu. 1623 E. Passyunk Avenue, (267) 639-3203, [townsendrestaurant.com](http://townsendrestaurant.com)
- **Victor Café** – This circa-1918 espresso and gramophone shop (that sold RCA Victors) became an Italian cafe at Prohibition’s end, and a dinner venue known for pasta Caruso, fra diavolo and servers who sing opera between courses in 1979. Victor also took a star turn in *Creed*, *Creed II* and *Rocky Balboa*, where it played Adrian’s, Rocky’s restaurant after he retired from the ring. 1303 Dickinson Street, (215) 468-3040, [victorcafe.com](http://victorcafe.com)

#### **Bars & Gastropubs:**

- **Fountain Porter** – The 20 craft brews on tap are best enjoyed at the wooden indoor picnic tables at this corner bar, especially when paired with the simple meat and cheese plates—or the raved-about \$5 cheeseburger—on the concise menu. The beer list changes weekly, so patrons have more reasons to return frequently. 1601 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, [fountainporter.com](http://fountainporter.com)
- **Garage** – Canned craft beers, pinball and Skee-Ball make this former auto repair shop-turned-watering hole a pretty cool hangout. Then again, the rotating roster of chefs working the bar’s in-house food truck draws food-loving patrons too. There’s a second Garage in Fishtown. 1231 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 278-2429, [garagephilly.com](http://garagephilly.com)

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- **ITV** – Nick Elmi’s casual sibling of—and next-door neighbor to—his acclaimed Laurel (see above) brings a well-rounded wine selection of French and Austrian wines and craft cocktails to the Avenue, all ready to be paired with a streamlined menu of dishes. 1615 E. Passyunk Avenue, (267) 858-0669, [itvphilly.com](http://itvphilly.com)
- **Lucky 13 Pub** – This rock-themed bar features local draft beers and casual New American food—nachos, wings, creative sandwiches and vegan and vegetarian grub. Also on tap: a jams-packed jukebox, a DJ night and \$1 taco nights. 1820 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 336-8467, [lucky13pubphilly.com](http://lucky13pubphilly.com)
- **Manatawny Still Works Craft Spirits Shop & Tasting Room** – This Pottstown-based distillery serves specialty cocktails made with their own rum, vodka and white whiskey at a gleaming copper-topped bar lined with salvaged barn wood. Shoppers swing by for tasting flights before purchasing bottles to go, or stay and for tequila-barrel-rested rum cocktails. 1603 E. Passyunk Avenue, (267) 519-2917, [manatawnystillworks.com](http://manatawnystillworks.com)
- **Pub On Passyunk East (P.O.P.E.)** – A focus on microbrews and a jukebox stuffed with early rock—hardcore and everything else—make this cavern-like tavern a hipster haven. The inclusive menu, ranging from the P.O.P.E.’s namesake burger (topped with a fried tomato) to vegetarian specialties (mmm: seitan cheesesteak), complements the extensive 80-bottle and 14-tap beer list. 1501 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 755-5125, [pubonpassyunkeast.com](http://pubonpassyunkeast.com)
- **Ray’s Happy Birthday Bar** – This 80-something corner pub has become beloved among a new generation of a-shot-and-a-beer night owls, who ironically belt Bon Jovi tunes on karaoke Fridays. 1200 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 365-1169, [thehappybirthdaybar.com](http://thehappybirthdaybar.com)
- **Stateside** – As the name suggests, this bar pours American-made craft beers, wines and spirits, with a focus on whiskeys and bourbons, along with small plates that use locally sourced products. A sidewalk bar attracts warm-weather fans. 1536 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 551-2500, [statesidephiladelphia.com](http://statesidephiladelphia.com)
- **Stogie Joe’s Tavern** – A casual Italian-American bar menu (mussels and linguine, square pizza) defines this South Philly joint. The garage door-enclosed dining area offers open-air seating in the warmer months and a fireplace when the weather gets cool. 1801-1803 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 463-3030, [stogiejoestavern.net](http://stogiejoestavern.net)
- **The Bottle Shop** – Home to 600 American and imported craft beers line, this heaven for beer lovers sells single bottles, mix-and-match six-packs, brew-appropriate snacks and offers the option to drink in or take out. Monthly events include beer tastings and Quizzo. 1616 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 551-5551, [bottleshopbeer.com](http://bottleshopbeer.com)
- **Triangle Tavern** – The folks behind Cantina Los Caballitos revived a much-loved local watering hole after it lay unoccupied for years. Their remedy: bar food (wings, roast pork sandwiches, fries), plus traditional Italian-American dishes (fried calamari, eggplant parmesan) with a healthy dose of vegan dishes and beer. 1338 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 800-1992, [triangletavernphilly.com](http://triangletavernphilly.com)

#### **Coffee Shops & Bakeries:**

- **Artisan Boulanger Pâtissier** – This longtime well-kept secret serves up some of the crustiest baguettes and most decadent chocolate (and pistachio) croissants in town, plus strong coffee (including Vietnamese iced), delicate French pastries and made-to-order banh mi that attract a line on weekend mornings. 1218 Mifflin Street, (215) 271-4688
- **B2** – This local coffee shop features fresh juices, loose teas, pastries and a simple sandwich selection, along with free Wi-Fi and monthly rotating work from local artists on the walls. Vegans swear by the soy soft serve. 1500 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 271-5520

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- **Black N Brew** – Smoothies, coffees and sweets complement a full, vegetarian-friendly breakfast and lunch menu at this cozy and family-friendly Passyunk staple, easily recognized by the mosaic art that covers the cafe. Happy Hour means dollar cups of coffee (in-house only) from 3 to 5 p.m. on weekdays. 1523 E. Passyunk Avenue, (267) 639-6070, [blackbrew.net](http://blackbrew.net)
- **Chhaya** – The locals wish they could keep this cafe a secret, but the waffles, brunch and daily baked treats make it a place they have to brag about. The organic, fair-trade, small-batch coffee alone makes it worth the trip, even from Center City. 1819 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 465-1000, [chhayacafe.com](http://chhayacafe.com)
- **Cinemug** – A few years after the last of Philly’s bricks-and-mortar movie rental shops closed, this shop opened, bringing video rentals—and more—back. What to expect: 1,600 films available for rent, ReAnimator coffee, homemade brownies, vegan doughnuts and blackout curtains for screening nights. 1607 S. Broad Street, (267) 314-5936
- **Essen Bakery** – Baker-owner Tova du Plessis devotes her oven to Jewish breads and confections at this popular newcomer. The menu (not Kosher) includes challah and rye breads, babka and apple cakes, plus Elixir coffees and rooibos lattes. 1437 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 271-2299, [essenbakery.com](http://essenbakery.com)
- **Passyunk Avenue Philly Bagels** – A fifth-generation bagel maker creates flavors as essential as poppy and as exotic as French toast, while the plentiful schmear options run the gamut from spicy artichoke to sweet honey pecan. The sandwich menu covers classics like whitefish and lox as well as postmodern confections like the “rainbow brite”—a tie-dye bagel topped with birthday cream cheese. 1742 E. Passyunk Avenue, (267) 457-5150, [fitzwaterstreetphillybagels.com](http://fitzwaterstreetphillybagels.com)
- **Rival Bros. Coffee** – All of the coffee drinks at this sleek newcomer, from traditional drip to espresso-based to brewed-to-order pour-overs, are prepared using the company’s own beans, roasted daily at their roastery located in the city’s Frankford section. To eat, there are breads, baked goods and pastries from two local carb stars: High Street on Market and Machine Shop Boulangerie, plus a rotating menu of sandwiches. 1100 Tasker Street, [rivalbros.com](http://rivalbros.com)
- **Vanilya** – Chef Bonnie Sarana Noll is best known for her special-occasion cakes and bagels, but does sell individual servings of tiramisu, chocolate mousse and cheesecakes—all made with bourbon vanilla—to passersby. 1611 E. Passyunk Avenue, (917) 751-7044, [vanilyabakery.com](http://vanilyabakery.com)

### Shopping:

- **A Novel Idea on Passyunk**– This couple-owned indie bookstore is a welcome addition to the avenue. In addition to new and used books for the whole family, the shop hosts author signings and storytelling. 1726 E. Passyunk Avenue, (267) 764-1202, [anoveliideaphilly.com](http://anoveliideaphilly.com)
- **Amelie’s Bark Shop** – Handmade, eco-friendly cat and dog treats, accessories, essentials and toys (organic catnip in crocheted mice) fill this petite boutique, best known for the owner’s peanut butter and carob cupcakes and doughnuts for dogs. 1544 E. Passyunk Avenue, (267) 758-6151, [barkshopbakery.com](http://barkshopbakery.com)
- **Analog Watch Co.** – Minimalist, eco-friendly designs are the hallmark of this up-and-coming studio-shop, where Japanese quartz-movement watches are adorned with maple, teak, bamboo, white marble and off-cut lumber exteriors. 1737 E. Passyunk Avenue, (484) 808-5831, [analogwatchco.com](http://analogwatchco.com)
- **Baum’s Dancewear** – Tights, tutu and tiara selections are unrivaled at this circa 1887 supplier to ballerinas. Shoppers test out slippers and tap and toe shoes on a miniature dance floor, complete with a mirror and bar. 1805 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 923-2246, [baumsdancewear.com](http://baumsdancewear.com)

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- **Beautiful World Syndicate** – Record collectors rejoice at this no-frills music hub, which peddles everything from punk to jazz. The selection changes constantly, so returning customers always find new musical treats. 1619 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 467-0401
- **Floral and Fauna** – Exotic amphibians and reptiles live among tropical plants and succulents at this jungle-like Passyunk storefront. Visitors here can pick up a staghorn air plant, assemble their own terrarium, take home a new pet or work with an in-store specialist to design exotic floral arrangements for their next special event. 1724 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 399-9754, [floralandfauna.com](http://floralandfauna.com)
- **The Nesting House** – When the influx of young families to the neighborhood demanded a spot for eco-friendly baby goods, this sweet store answered the call with infant slings, chic diaper bags, all-natural bath products, a cloth diaper service, new and gently used clothes and shoes and parents-to-be and baby-and-me classes. 1605 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 755-1575, [thenestinghouse.net](http://thenestinghouse.net)
- **Doggie Style Pets** – With multiple locations in the Philadelphia area, Doggie Style welcomes pet owners who love to pamper. In addition to carrying gourmet treats, natural foods and pet supplies, the shop offers a full menu of grooming services. Rescue dogs for adoption in the window woo passersby. 1700 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 271-5200, [doggiestylepets.com](http://doggiestylepets.com)
- **Frame Fatale** – Every refurbished row house requires proper displays for its vintage prints and flea-marketed art, and this funky, budget-minded frame shop is the place to score the perfect glitter, antique or understated casing for such treasures. 1813 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 755-0904, [framefatale.com](http://framefatale.com)
- **Green Aisle Grocery** – This tiny market stocks shelves with high-quality cooking must-haves, local produce and packaged signature eats from local restaurants and bakers. The shop also offers its own line of house-made products, including preserves, pickles, chutneys and nut butters. 1618 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 465-1411, [greenaislegrocery.com](http://greenaislegrocery.com)
- **Jinxed** – One of five locations in Philadelphia, this vintage furnishings and housewares shop offers velvet armchairs, Victorian photographs, old lockers and Deco art, plus the T-shirts that got the business started. 1835 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 551-2345, [jinxedphiladelphia.com](http://jinxedphiladelphia.com)
- **Mancuso's Cheese Shop** – Thriving since the avenue's original heyday, this classic Italian *formaggio* maker and vendor has catered to the neighborhood for over a century. Lucio Mancuso's house-made scamorza (like mozzarella) can't be beat, nor can his pricing on imported pasta, olives, olive oil, canned tomatoes—and, in summer, water ice. 1902 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 389-1817, [mancusoscheese.com](http://mancusoscheese.com)
- **Metro Men's Clothing** – Even men who claim to hate shopping like this store. It could be that the owner is likely to offer visitors a beer. Or, it's the brands: Ben Sherman, Fred Perry and Scotch & Soda. 1600 E. Passyunk Avenue, (267) 324-5172, [metromensclothing.com](http://metromensclothing.com)
- **Mia's** – This dress shop goes from formal to fancy, catering to women in need of black-tie and prom attire and knockout Saturday night statements. Hint: Big discounts on designer duds line the sale racks. 1748 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 465-2913
- **Miss Demeanor** – A butcher shop became a women's boutique when Julia Grassi moved in her stock of made-in-America frocks and fair-trade separates, displaying accessories on the old cutting table and hanging merchandise from meat hooks. 1729 E. Passyunk Avenue, (267) 281-8950, [missdemeanor.com](http://missdemeanor.com)

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- **Nice Things Handmade** – One part boutique, one part gallery sells work by local and national makers of ceramics, jewelry, clothing, prints and accessories. During art openings, guests enjoy refreshments and meet some of the artists. 1731 E. Passyunk Avenue, (267) 455-0256, [nicethingshandmade.com](http://nicethingshandmade.com)
- **N.R.S. Boutique** – A re-fashioner of vintage wares since age 14, shop owner and designer Nicole Rae Styer embellishes every trouser, gown, bustier, camisole and clutch in her colorful outlet. 1822 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 873-7833, [@nrsboutique](http://@nrsboutique)
- **Occasionette** – Etsy darling Sara Villari, the founder and maker of often Philly-inspired Girls Can Tell screen-printed goods, peddles her own wares, along with cards, jewelry, prints and gifts from independent crafters and companies, in this delightful shop. 1825 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 465-1704, [occasionette.com](http://occasionette.com)
- **Pollyodd** – This bright spot sells premises-made spirits, and up-and-coming Philadelphia limoncello and liqueur distillery Naoj & Mot set up shop here, where drinkers seek hostess gifts and after-dinner samples. 1908 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 271-1161, [pollyodd.com](http://pollyodd.com)
- **RACSO Fine Arts** – This elegant gallery features works by esteemed contemporary Latin American artists such as Pedro Ruiz, Marialucia Diaz and the neighborhood's own Miguel Antonio Horn. 1935 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 735-3514, [racsofinearts.com](http://racsofinearts.com)
- **South Fellini** – Filmmakers turned shop-keepers Tony Trov and Johnny peddle their Philly-inspired wares at this fun-loving storefront. Regional iconography decorates the line of tees, totes and accessories—most of which are produced in-house. 1507 E. Passyunk Avenue, (267) 751-3667, [southfellini.com](http://southfellini.com)
- **Tildie's Toy Box** – Michelle and Paul Gillen-Doobrajh opened their neighborhood toy store with one goal in mind: Sell the types of toys they seek for their own children. Stocked with everything from plush to chemistry sets, Floof to Brio, the fun shop sparks kids' creativity and imagination. 1829 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 334-9831 [tildiestaybox.com](http://tildiestaybox.com)
- **Urban Jungle** – This rehabbed warehouse garden center caters to a growing population of city folk in search of balcony-, roof deck- and window-friendly containers and plants, and offers landscaping services to turn cement-covered courtyards—and even their walls—into mini-oases. 1526 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 952-0811, [urbanjunglephila.com](http://urbanjunglephila.com)

#### **Beauty & Fitness:**

- **Meister's Barbershop** – Owner Rob Baumeister runs this vintage-inspired hipster barbershop, offering cuts, beard trims and shaves with chairs from the 50s. 1810 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 309-3169, [meistersbarbershop.com](http://meistersbarbershop.com)
- **Mockingbird Salon** – Modern cuts and colors, conditioning treatments and blowouts in an Anthropologie-like atmosphere, make “the Bird” a favorite of the neighborhood's effortlessly on-point 20- and 30-somethings. 1822 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, (267) 639-2257, [mockingbirdsalon.com](http://mockingbirdsalon.com)
- **Palo Santo** – This rustic yoga studio offers serene dawn sessions, efficient lunch-hour vinyasa practices and sun salutations set to heavy metal soundtracks. An adjacent boutique has an apothecary with an in-house herbalist who blends healing elixirs, teas and tonics. 1707 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 952-0360, [palosantowellnessboutique.com](http://palosantowellnessboutique.com)
- **Wake Up Yoga Studio** – Clearing minds and strengthening bodies, the South Philly branch of this Vinyasa and Yin yoga spot offers uplifting classes for novices and yogis. Workshops (Mommy & Me, beginners' classes) engage enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels. 1839 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 235-1228, [wakeupyoga.com](http://wakeupyoga.com)

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### **PENNSPORT:**

People coming from East Passyunk need only to hop on the #29 bus, which runs east along Morris Street.

Of course, visitors can also hop in a cab or summon Uber for a short ride or opt to walk to the area.

#### **Casual Dining:**

- **The Dutch** – Northern Europe meets Pennsylvania German (Deutsch) cuisine in a bruncherie serving ring bologna eggs Benedict with homemade rye English muffin, sweet buttermilk waffles with fruit compote and a variety of club sandwiches on marble rye. 1527 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 755-5600, [thedutchphilly.com](http://thedutchphilly.com)
- **Ginza Sushi and Ramen** – Beautifully assembled seafood—maki, hand rolls, poke, don bowls—is the specialty of this similarly beautifully assembled Japanese bistro. 1100 S. Front Street, (267) 534-4046, [ginzaphilly.com](http://ginzaphilly.com)
- **Gooley Looie's** – Seriously stuffed hoagies and cheesesteaks await in an unassuming, no-frills shop in the gated Pennsport Mall. Gigantic creations with enough deli meat and cheese to fill many more normal-sized sandwiches have kept locals full and happy for years. 231 McClellan Street, (215) 334-7668
- **John's Roast Pork** – This shack-sized sandwich shop has occupied the same corner (at Weccacoe and Snyder) since 1930. Open for breakfast through early dinnertime and closed on Sundays and Mondays, the out-of-the-way spot is an attraction unto itself, thanks to its stellar rep for roast pork and cheesesteaks. 14 E. Snyder Avenue, (215) 463-1951, [johnsroastpork.com](http://johnsroastpork.com)
- **The Wild Burrito** – From the assortment of specialty burritos to their house special avocado fries (avocado slices dredged in corn tortilla and plantains, then deep-fried), this cozy, casual spot easily sates the neighborhood's need for creative Tex-Mex. 2015 E. Moyamensing Avenue, (215) 336-9453, [thewildburrito.net](http://thewildburrito.net)

#### **Fine Dining:**

- **Caffe Valentino** – Smells of authentic Pugliese cuisine waft through this homey, bi-level BYOB. The warm atmosphere complements comfort dishes such as classic chicken Parmesan and white pizza with mozzarella, ricotta and lemon zest. Outdoor seating tempts passersby in warmer months. 1245 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, (215) 336-3033, [caffevalentino.com](http://caffevalentino.com)
- **Warmdaddy's** – Philly's famed Bynum family presides over this popular nightspot, where patrons enjoy nightly live music, a Sunday jazz brunch and Southern-infused soul food. 1400 S. Columbus Boulevard, (215) 462-2000, [warmdaddys.com](http://warmdaddys.com)

#### **Bars:**

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Street Brewhouse** – There's no surer sign of an increasingly popular Philly neighborhood than its second or third craft beer bar. This one features dozens of local and international bottles and a top-notch kitchen known for pulled-pork-and-bacon mac and cheese. 1700 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, (267) 687-7964, [2ndstreetbrewhouse.com](http://2ndstreetbrewhouse.com)
- **Mifflin Tavern** – Beneath striped awnings, this friendly neighborhood bar—formerly Doc's Union Pub—serves an egalitarian selection of brews, from drafts of Bud Light to bottles of locally brewed Victory Golden Monkey, along with pub-food-with-a-twist like short rib gravy fries, Reuben spring rolls and a variety of burgers. As for entertainment, there are drag queen brunches, bingo nights and karaoke. 1843 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, (267) 273-0811, [mifflintavern.net](http://mifflintavern.net)

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- **Moonshine** – This popular watering hole answers the call for microbrews, gnocchi, loaded fries, clever cocktails and boozy brunches. 1825 E. Moyamensing Avenue, (267) 639-9720, [moonshinephilly.com](http://moonshinephilly.com)
- **Pennsport Beer Boutique** – More than 500 varieties of beer fill the refrigerators and eight pour from taps in this takeout or drink-in neighborhood spot, with indoor and outdoor seating, where dogs are welcome too. 242 Wharton Street, (215) 372-7423, [pennsportbeerboutique.com](http://pennsportbeerboutique.com)
- **Pub on Wolf** – This low-key, workaday taproom has Pabst on draft for drinking, games for playing (pool and darts) and baskets of fries and Guinness chili for devouring. 2301 S. Front Street, (215) 271-1556

#### **Cafes, Bakeries & Takeout Beer:**

- **Federal Donuts** – The flagship location of this local chain won its popularity by serving deep-fried joy. Happiness arrives in the form of Korean-style chicken, with a variety of rubs and glazes, and doughnuts in constantly changing flavors (strawberry lavender, lemon meringue, black-and-white). Fed Nuts' house blend coffee, roasted by the folks at Elixr, rounds out the delicacies at this triple-threat. 1219 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, (267) 687-8258, [federaldonuts.com](http://federaldonuts.com)
- **Grindcore House** – This all-vegan, metal music-themed coffee house delivers fair-trade coffee and an extensive cafe menu in a laid-back setting with a tight community vibe. Friendly baristas who know customers by name, a case stocked with locally made treats and free Wi-Fi are icing on the (vegan) cake. 1515 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 839-3333, [grindcorehouse.com](http://grindcorehouse.com)
- **Herman's Coffee** – The owners of this small-scale roaster transformed a former auto body shop into a breezy neighborhood hang. During warm weather, cafe goers can sip their pour-overs street-side in vintage folding chairs. 1313 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, [hermanscoffee.com](http://hermanscoffee.com)
- **The Beer Peddlers** – Conveniently located next door to a (beer-less) Pennsylvania Wine & Spirits store, this huge brew emporium stocks craft to big-name beers and offers tastings and events. 1942 S. Columbus Boulevard, (215) 755-2337

#### **Attractions & Recreation:**

- **Dickinson Square Park** – Basketball courts, swings, a jungle gym and three acres of trees and green space define this park. In the warmer months, residents come here for picnic lunches—easy, thanks to the availability of delicious food in the area—and a seasonal farmers' market. Between Moyamensing Avenue & 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Tasker & Morris Streets, [dickinsonsquare.org](http://dickinsonsquare.org)
- **Herron Playground and Spray Park** – One of a growing number of modern public splash zones, this summertime spot offers sprinklers galore—an inviting sight for the toddler-on-up set who want to play and cool off. Playground equipment and a basketball court make getting hot fun too. 2<sup>nd</sup> & Reed Streets
- **Jefferson Square Park** – This classic 19<sup>th</sup>-century strolling park sat outside of Philadelphia's boundaries when it was established. Because of its proximity to ports and saloons, the park later served as a Union Army encampment site. Today, people enjoy the relaxing green space and fun events, such as movie screenings and concerts. Between 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Streets and Washington Avenue & Federal Street, [jeffersonsquarepark.org](http://jeffersonsquarepark.org)
- **Mummers Museum** – Philadelphia's iconic parade takes place every New Year's Day, but the sparkling, sequined tradition is available all year long inside this building. Guests can strut from costume to costume throughout the museum and pick up a keepsake of the folk parade at the gift shop. The museum is located on "Two Street," just north of many Mummer clubhouses. 1100 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, (215) 336-3050, [mummersmuseum.com](http://mummersmuseum.com)

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- **Pier 53/Washington Avenue Pier** – This renovated finger pier once served as Philadelphia’s Ellis Island—and the nation’s first Navy Yard. Today, an elevated boardwalk stretches across rehabilitated wetlands, and a 55-foot-tall “land buoy” provides a perch where visitors take in the view. Columbus Boulevard at Washington Avenue, [delawariverwaterfront.com](http://delawariverwaterfront.com)
- **Pier 68** – The latest of the Delaware River waterfront piers offers a half-acre of fishing space, wide benches and a tree canopy surrounded by native plants. Soon, the public space will connect via a pathway to the Washington Avenue Pier. 1751 S. Columbus Boulevard, (215) 629-3200, [delawariverwaterfront.com](http://delawariverwaterfront.com)
- **Rizzo Rink** – Hockey is a way of life for the regulars at Rizzo Rink, but casual skaters are welcome to don their blades and round the ice for public hours, Wednesday through Sunday from November to March. 1001 S. Front Street, (215) 685-1593, [rizzorink.com](http://rizzorink.com)
- **Sacks Playground** – Just across 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Jefferson Square Park, Sacks Playground satisfies the neighborhood’s active crew with a pool, baseball fields and basketball courts. Between 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Streets and Washington Avenue & Federal Street

### **Bok Building:**

Between Pennsport and Passyunk in what’s officially the Wharton neighborhood, a former vocational technical high school serves as the home to all sorts of creatives: ceramic artists Chuck Morris and Stover; light artists Klip Collective and David Guinn; the music label Writtenhouse Records; acclaimed baker Machine Shop Boulangerie, plus glassblowers, bike and guitar repair, jewelry designers, printers, photo studios, fine artists, furniture makers, florists, graphic designers, architects, nonprofits and more. It’s worth taking an afternoon to wander around, with pitstops at the following spots. All require ringing-in to enter. Some require appointments. 800 Mifflin Street, entrance at 1901 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, [buildingbok.com](http://buildingbok.com)

- **Bok Bar** – Thanks to its superb skyline views, this rooftop bar may be the most Instagrammed place in Philadelphia. Open spring through fall, Bok Bar serves beer, wine and small plates. (484) 727-8864, [bok-bar.com](http://bok-bar.com)
- **Fringe Salon** – Every mixed-use makers space needs a place to keep up appearances, and Bok’s expansive resident salon specializes in hip cuts and color—and, every two months, shows works by local artists. (215) 339-1778, [fringesalonsouthphilly.com](http://fringesalonsouthphilly.com)
- **Irwin’s Upstairs** – Named for the building’s architect, this indoor-outdoor restaurant and bar on Bok’s eighth floor serves small, shareable Mediterranean plates. The vibe is cool yet warm, with a mix of mid-century furnishings, Persian carpets and potted palms. (215) 693-6206, [irwinsupstairs.com](http://irwinsupstairs.com)
- **JV Collective** – Seven jewelry artists create wearable—and, at times, political—statements in silver, steel, glass, nylon, bone, hair, beeswax, leather and more conventional and less conventional materials, in a studio accessible by appointment. [jv-collective.com](http://jv-collective.com)
- **Lobo Mau** – Siblings Nicole and Jordan Haddad partner on comfortable, chic sportswear for men and women featuring bold prints and an urban palette in their by-appointment-only showroom. (610) 316-9821, [lobomau.com](http://lobomau.com)

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- **Philly Smokehaus** – Slow-smoked meats and Southern-accented sides are on the menu at this barbecue newcomer. Along with traditional offerings—St. Louis spare ribs, mac and cheese—the menu branches out with Baltimore pit beef and avocado-stuffed jalapeño poppers. (215) 309-3549, [southphillysmokhaus.com](http://southphillysmokhaus.com)
- **Revival Letterpress** – Vintage, hand-fed, foot-treadled machines are used in the creation of custom and ready-to-go stationary and other paper goods. (570) 290-5462, [revivalletterpress.com](http://revivalletterpress.com)
- **Two Persons Coffee** – Veterans of The Last Crop coffee house ventured south to open this chill classroom-turned-café. Patrons often bring laptops or coffee dates to enjoy pours from Lancaster’s Passenger roastery and pastries from neighboring Machine Shop bakery. [twopersonscoffee.com](http://twopersonscoffee.com)

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