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Best of the Best 2019

Do you know those people in your life who are constantly telling you that you need to try this or that, or ask if you've visited here or there yet? Well, we are those people.

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You would think after all this time that we would run out of recommendations by now, but nothing could be further from the truth. As evidence, we spent the past year seeking out the Best of the Best in South Jersey, including the most amazing food, the finest shops, the must-visit salons and

more to be able to bring this celebratory list to you. And just in case you don't want to take our word for it, we've also included readers' choices, making this comprehensive list full of fan favorites and new discoveries.

FOOD & DRINK

Bloody Mary | **Oaklyn Manor Bar & Grill in Oaklyn**

Hangovers may have finally met their match. This neighborhood bar has blended two classic remedies (greasy food and hair of the dog) into one bloody (good) mary, featuring spicy tomato juices infused with Tonewood Porter steak sauce, Tonewood Fuego hot sauce and bacon jam—all made in-house—plus an Angus beef slider with crispy bacon, fried pickle chips and tater tots. It almost makes the previous night's antics worth it—almost.

Mexican Street Corn | **Central Taco and Tequila in Haddon Township**

Who knew a simple appetizer would have coworkers fighting over the last bite? We didn't, until we dug into this bowl of warm corn kernels sautéed in jalapeño and epazote and coated in creamy mayonnaise, crumbled cotija cheese and sprinkled with chili seasoning—all creating a perfectly flavorful pop in your mouth. When paired with their crispy tortilla chips, the combination is simply dangerous.

Hot Dogs | **MoonDog Grill in Moorestown**

The hot dog is one of America's iconic foods, yet it never gets the same appreciation as a burger. Thankfully, the owners of this establishment are giving hot dogs their due; making them more than a kids' menu item and dressing them up with some seriously mature toppings. Beginning with a deep-fried, all-beef Sabrett dog as the base, diners can load up on creative additions like baked beans and Fritos, fried eggs and bacon, or sticky rice and mango.

Café | **Breaking Grounds Coffee and Café in Mount Holly**

Situated in the eclectic and creative haven of Mill Race Village, this café is serving up fresh-roasted coffee, gourmet hot chocolate, a full menu of espresso, fruit smoothies and nutritious meals that range from bagels and veggie burgers to panini. In addition to filling stomachs, this café's mission is also filling hearts as it provides employment opportunities for those with developmental disabilities.

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Chili | *Oink and Moo BBQ*

Our insides warm up every time we have a spoonful of Oink and Moo's OMQ chili and our bellies are full thanks to the generous amount of juicy brisket and tender pulled pork in each bowl. It's served with spicy or sweet honey cornbread and makes for a hearty meal to enjoy any time of year.

Wings | *Whole Hog Café in Cherry Hill and Medford*

While this barbecue joint's namesake pork dishes may get top billing on the menu, the wings deserve their own time in the spotlight. These meaty wings are smoked until perfectly tender then flash-fried to crisp up the skin, before being tossed in your choice of signature sauce—try their competition sauce for a spicy tang—or go au naturale with the dry rub. We guarantee you'll be back for an encore performance.

Pickle Sandwiches | *Elsie's in Haddon Township*

Featured on Good Morning America, Today Show, countless websites and even your mom's Instagram, this tiny deli became an overnight sensation for their sandwiches served on pickles. More than just a low-carb alternative, these handhelds come fully loaded with classic deli meats and cheeses, as well as veg-friendly falafel and hummus. Each bite is a briny delight, and when chased with a swig of pickle juice (on tap), it's easy to see why people from as far as Canada are making the trek.

Waffles | *Dan's Waffles Food Truck in Pennsauken*

The culinary creativity coming out of the limited space afforded by food trucks never ceases to amaze us. Here, handcrafted waffles are made in the Belgian Liege style, with the addition of Dan's homemade vanilla extract, providing a pillowy base for indulgent toppings like buttermilk fried chicken and sage sausage gravy or bananas foster with a rum caramel sauce. Is it possible to stalk a food truck? Asking for a friend.

Ice Cream | *Maple Shade Custard Stand in Maple Shade*

The lights at this nostalgic "drive-in" are on all year long, but during the summer, the line is deep as customers wait for a taste of this creamy soft serve. We don't mind though, because we need the extra time to decide our order. Do we go classic twist on a waffle cone with jimmies or flurry with any choice of candy, brownie or cookies? No matter what, it's going to be worth the wait.

Specialty Cocktails | *Brickwall Tavern and Dining Room in Burlington*

Situated under the city's historic clock tower—restored by the owners—is this funky spot that's a little bit rustic and a little bit retro, so it's only fitting that their list of specialty cocktails seems like a step back in time. Carefully crafted choices include Gold Rush with Bulleit bourbon, honey-thyme syrup and lemon juice or French 75 with Barr Hill gin, champagne, simple syrup and lemon juice. When the clock strikes 5, you know where to find us.

Specialty Food Market | *Valente's Italian Specialties in Haddonfield*

After years of building a following at local farmers markets, the family-run Valente's opened a brick-and-mortar location in the heart of downtown Haddonfield. Drawing on Old World recipes and techniques, with ingredients sourced from local farms and vendors, this market offers homemade pastas, sauces, and even fresh ricotta and mozzarella, to elevate any dish we prepare at home. Along with their takeout family meals, sandwiches and loaves of bread baked daily, we've got plenty of excuses not to cook tonight.

Water Ice | *Primo Water Ice in Westmont*

As appealing as the affordable prices and family-friendly vibe are, the real reason why generations of locals have flocked to Primo is the lure of refreshing, homemade water ice on a hot summer day, with flavors ranging from traditional (cherry and lemon) to outside-the-box (Oreo-dough and mint chocolate chip). Renowned author Mitch Albom, a regular visitor when he was growing up in South Jersey, loved the treat so much that he teamed up with Primo to open a water ice shop in Detroit.

Candy Store | *Rocket Fizz in Marlton*

Five out of five dentists might not approve, but those of us with a sweet tooth just can't resist a trip to this old-school candy shop. Customers are encouraged to fill up a bag—for a set price, no weighing here—with goodies like Smarties, Swedish fish and caramels. Or they can choose from a wide range of chocolate bars and hard candies, from Kinder Joys to king-sized Kit Kats and everything in between.

Stromboli | *Aversa's Bakery in Washington Township*

Township—at it is affectionately known by residents—has long had a heavy Italian influence, but the crispy exterior and gooey insides of the Stromboli at Aversa's are loved by all, regardless of ancestry. Varieties include the standard pepperoni and cheese or steak and cheese as well as spinach and ricotta, roast pork and provolone and more. Aversa's also has two locations down the Shore to satisfy cravings at the beach.

Soup | *The Olde World Bakery & Café in Mount Holly*

Although well-known for its artisan breads and pastries baked in a brick oven, The Olde World Bakery & Café also has a full menu with pasta dishes, pizza and a rotating list of homemade soups focusing on the freshest, farm-to-table ingredients. We're partial to the cream of potato and bacon, but the seafood bisque, French onion and all of the other offerings hit the spot as well.

Sausage Sandwich | *Botto's Italian Line Market in Swedesboro*

Abe Froman might be the sausage king of Chicago, but there's no question who sits on the throne in South Jersey. The Botto family has been famous for their flavors of Italian sweet and hot sausage since the 1960s, and this sandwich continues to be a hit at the market that can be found right next to their award-winning restaurant. It comes with broccoli rabe and sharp provolone on a seeded or non-seeded baguette roll.

Garlic Knots | *Pizza Luigi Fresca in Marlton*

These aerated pockets of twisted dough are easily devoured so you may want to order a few extra if you're with a crowd. Covered in garlic, cheese and fresh herbs, they are tasty enough on their own without the accompanying dipping sauce.

Brewery | *Kelly Green Brewing in Pitman*

This pint-sized (see what we did there) brewery will soon be headed to a new location in town, and it's only right it gets some bigger digs because this place has outgrown the competition in recent months. With their mix of traditional styles and fan-favorite IPAs, the brewery has really been humming since the introduction of its "Jelly" series of funky, fruited sour ales that have cemented their place in the local craft beer landscape.

Tap List | *The Mile in Runnemede*

Picking up where its predecessor The Irish Mile left off after shuttering its doors in Haddon Township, this wrap-around bar specializes in bringing some of the most coveted craft beer to their 36 tap lines. Expect to find all the local usual suspects as well as other standouts that attract beer geeks from near and far.

Indian Takeout | *Tiffin in Cherry Hill*

When we're craving a little Indian food at home, Tiffin is our go-to spot without question. Everything from the onion bhaji to the lamb biryani oozes flavor and the aromas are further alluring. They'll tone down the spice to a level you deem suitable, just don't forget an order of the garlic naan.

Bagels | *Township Hot Bagels in Washington Township*

You'll regularly find folks lined up patiently waiting their turn to sink their teeth into these bagels that find that harmonious balance between being slightly spongy on the inside while also having the right amount of chew and texture on the outside. Whether ordering up a breakfast sandwich or simply adding one of the homemade spreads, this place never disappoints.

Small Plates | *Cinder Bar in East Greenwich*

Appetizers are kind of like the eye into the soul of a restaurant. If you know you have a good appetizer, the entrées are sure to follow, and Cinder Bar offers several (too good to choose just one) options. These plates are also perfect to share, so you can order your favorites, and try something new at this Prohibition-inspired spot.

Stuffed Doughnuts | *Haddonfield Doughnut Co. in Haddonfield*

You've never had a stuffed doughnut until you've made your way to Haddonfield Doughnut Company's counter. We like to think you can't go wrong with any option, but we particularly enjoy the Strawberry Shortcake, which is a vanilla doughnut dipped in strawberry glaze, filled with vanilla buttercream and topped with strawberry filling.

Nachos | *Oasis Mexican Grill in Collingswood*

It's no question why Oasis labels their nachos "Nachos Festival" with the amount of ingredients piled on the plate. Tortilla chips are topped with black beans, jalapeños, tomatoes, sour cream, fresh cheese and your choice of Mexican chorizo, grilled chicken or beef.

Ramen | *Rayaki in Cherry Hill*

Rayaki serves authentic, quality cuisines in a Japanese-inspired atmosphere. The restaurant offers several options when it comes to ramen, but a popular selection is the Black Garlic Ramen, which contains marinated pork, bamboo, kigurage mushrooms, red ginger, fish cake, scallions, black garlic oil, pork soup base and a seasoned egg.

Sticky Buns | *McMillan's Bakery in Haddon Township*

The options are endless at this bakery, which dates back 80 years, from cookies to doughnuts, but we suggest you try the favored sticky buns, which are topped with your choice of almonds or raisins. The buns are light, fluffy and most importantly, moist as no one wants to chip a tooth on a rock hard bun.

Cannoli | *Gelato Dolceria in Haddonfield*

This shop offers authentic tastes of some of Italy's sweetest concoctions, including its sweet and creamy ricotta-filled cannolis ideally finished with a flurry of moist chocolate chips and a dusting of powdered sugar.

Brownies | *Sweet T's Bakeshop in Haddonfield*

We all get that craving for chocolate every once in a while, maybe a few times a week—who are we kidding, it's more often than that! Sweet T's Bakeshop knows the way to our inner chocolate lover. Brownies are all fudge-y and rich, made with real chocolate and flavors range from chocolate chip to rocky road and even chocolate mint cheesecake.

Cupcakes | *Gallo's Bakery in Mount Laurel*

Whether it's for a first birthday party, a 50th birthday or just because you were passing by, cupcakes from Gallo's are a must. There are almost too many gourmet flavors to name: Boston cream, apple cinnamon, raspberry, orange creamsicle, strawberry shortcake and more. All topped with the lightest buttercream icing your taste buds will ever touch.

Cakes | *Sweet Eats Bakery in Marlton and Voorhees*

There's a reason Sweet Eats Bakery has been around for over 30 years and built a great reputation in the South Jersey area and beyond, and for us—it's their cakes. Each bite is more luscious and moist than the last, with melt-in-your-mouth buttercream icing and almost 30 unique flavor fillings to choose from, like Raspberry Cream and Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough (our favorites) or Caramel Apple Crunch and Peach Schnapps.

Sandwich Cookies | *Cake Stand Bakery in Voorhees*

These aren't your ordinary chocolate chip sandwich cookies. But then again, Cake Stand Bakery isn't your ordinary bakery. Owner Holly Aducat and her staff take these fan favorites to another level with unique, weekly rotating flavorful combinations like Red Velvet Nutella Cookies filled with vanilla buttercream and Nutella, and Golden Oreo Sugar Cookies filled with Golden Oreo buttercream and caramel.

Tiramisu | *Miel Patisserie, Cherry Hill*

Miel Patisserie is the cream of the crop when it comes to pastries and desserts, and their tiramisu stands above the rest. Made with espresso laced ladyfingers, creamy white chocolate mascarpone mousse, Bailey's Irish Cream and cocoa powder, it's a light and satisfying dessert that will have you coming back for more. We recommend buying the full cake instead of individual serving, because one serving is never enough.

Baklava | *Norma's in Cherry Hill*

Baklava is one of those desserts that maybe doesn't always come to mind right away, but when it's placed in front of you, the heavens open up. That's how we feel every time we treat ourselves to Norma's baklava. Layers of filo dough are stuffed with crushed walnuts or Turkish pistachios and drizzled with a sweet but subtle rose water syrup that's less sticky than honey and more flavorful than your average baklava.

Sunday Spaghetti | *Severino Pasta in Westmont*

Let's be honest—when Sunday night rolls around, grocery shopping and cooking dinner is the last thing you want to after a busy weekend. Severino Pasta has got you covered with their Sunday dinner package—also available on Saturdays—which comes with one pound of fresh-cut spaghetti, six homemade meatballs, one quart of their homemade sauce, a loaf of bread and a salad to feed your hungry family for just \$25.

Acai Bowls | *Playa Bowls in Cherry Hill*

When you taste one of Playa Bowls's refreshing acai bowls—also known as smoothie bowls—you'll feel as if you've been transformed to a tropical island. They have a wide

variety to choose from, and our go-to is the Nutella bowl— acai topped with granola, banana, strawberry, coconut flakes and Nutella drizzle on top for a sweet finish.

Avocado Toast | *Heartbeet Kitchen in Westmont*

Avocado toast is becoming a staple item on quite a few menus, but it's been on Heartbeet Kitchen's menu since they opened in 2015 and still tastes as good, if not better as it did then. Avocado is spread over two thick slices of toast with tomato, a generous heaping of arugula and a delicious lemon garlic aioli drizzled on top. It's served with an orange tahini kale salad that makes for quite the nice partner on the plate.

Pork Chop | *El Mariachi San Lucas in Voorhees*

Come hungry to El Mariachi and you'll leave happy and completely satisfied—just as we do after we have the Mariachi Pork Chop. An eight-ounce juicy, French-cut pork chop is topped with sautéed Honeycrisp apples in a mouthwatering, spicy chipotle demi-glace. The sweetness from the apples and spiciness from the sauce marries together in perfect harmony to make this one of the best entrées we've had in recent memory.

Tacos | *La Cita Authentic Mexican Restaurant in Cherry Hill*

Authentic Mexican is in their name and La Cita holds true to that with every dish that comes out of their kitchen. But nothing makes us happier than their tacos, especially the pastor—pork drenched in achiote sauce with pineapple, and barbacoa—melt-in-your-mouth lamb. Each comes on a flour tortilla with cilantro and raw onions. No frills or crazy ingredients; just simple, traditional tacos that are worth the wait at this popular establishment.

Milkshakes | *Latteria in Swedesboro*

We love Latteria for their super delicious ice cream that comes in more than 200 inventive varieties, ensuring there's always something new each day. But when we found out that you could get any of their eye-popping flavors spun into a milkshake, our hearts melted like two scoops in a sugar cone on a hot summer's day.

Barbecue | *Lumpy's BBQ in Blackwood*

This unassuming spot serves up some of the most mouthwatering barbecue we've ever tasted. The ribs are standout—especially the smoky, sweet dry rub variety—and other highlights include the wonderful burnt ends, the pulled chicken and succulent brisket that would put a smile on the face of any discerning pitmaster.

Pretzel Sandwich | *Peter and Son's in Glassboro*

This Philly-inspired sandwich shop just off Rowan's campus combined two of the city's most beloved foods to create one of the most buzzed about menu items in South Jersey—the cheesesteak pretzel. Sliced ribeye with your choice of cheese is wedged in between a halved soft pretzel. Go ahead, let that sink in for a minute.

Empanadas | *Maria's Restaurante in Berlin*

Made to order and served piping hot out of the kitchen, these handheld delights show that street food doesn't have to be run of the mill. The crispy, flaky pastry exterior blends with the well-seasoned beef for a harmonious bite that tantalizes the taste buds.

Gyro | *Tabboulee in Cherry Hill*

Not only does this place serve up tremendous traditional gyros with your choice of shaved lamb (our favorite) or chicken tikka, but they also offer a variety of other "gyrophoric" sandwiches that incorporate additional ingredients like sautéed onions and peppers or a tamarind chutney. Whatever you wind up choosing, make sure to get the spicy tzatziki on top.

Cream Puffs | *Chloe's Crème Puffs in Pitman*

Light, airy and overflowing with delectable cream filling, these puffs can be dangerous to anyone with an overly sweet tooth, especially when you consider that the flavors rotate weekly. So not only will you find familiar favorites like vanilla and chocolate, but you're also bound to encounter something new like salted caramel or apple pie.

Fried Chicken | *Treesy's Soul Food Café in Washington Township*

Great soul food is made with love and at Treesy's they pour their heart into every batch of their unmatched fried chicken. The perfectly seasoned skin is audibly crunchy and dances with flavor as you bite into the tender meat inside that is so moist, it nearly glistens. It's a true taste of the South, right here in South Jersey.

Milk Tea | *Kung Fu Tea in Cherry Hill*

Sure, you've mastered bubble tea, but what do you know about milk tea? If the answer is very little, this is the place to become initiated—and hooked. Start with the KF Milk Tea, a subtle introduction made with black tea and non-dairy milk that's perfect for those who don't care for the overpowering taste of regular tea, before graduating to other choices like coconut or winter melon.

Babka | *L&M Bakery in Delran*

A bit of a lost art form, the fine folks at L&M keep tradition alive with their stellar iterations of this sweet treat. You'll find the popular choices like chocolate and poppy seed—both of which are dynamite—but step outside your comfort zone a bit and reward yourself with a taste of the apricot and cheese or the always-tempting peanut butter cup.

Crab Dip | *Kid Rip's Tap & Tavern in Runnemede*

A pleasurable mix of lump and jumbo lump crab meat topped with a Parmesan gratin helps make this shareable dish more substantial than your average bar fare. Creamy, gooey and perfect for scooping onto the accompanying toasted baguettes, this one is always a crowd pleaser.

Gelato | *Classic Cake in Cherry Hill*

Already well known for their array of cakes, cookies and chocolates, the sweet scientists over at Classic Cake also know a thing or two about quality handcrafted gelato. Silky smooth with intense taste and available in a dizzying array of vibrant colors and tempting flavors, do yourself a favor and order up a couple varieties and grab the nearest spoon.

BLT | *K&A Bagel Café in Cherry Hill*

The "pepped up" BLT at K&A had us rubbing our sleepy eyes one early morning to make sure we weren't seeing things. It turns out this dreamy sandwich is indeed real. Your choice of bagel is filled with the rudimentary bacon, lettuce and tomato and finished with a pesto mayo, thinly sliced pepperoni, melted provolone and a touch of balsamic.

Breakfast Sandwiches | *Orange Blossom Café in Riverton*

It's easy to rise and dine at this inviting eatery along Broad Street thanks to the many thoughtful options presented on the menu. Forget your usual bacon, egg and cheese order and go for something a little more fulfilling like scrambled eggs with sundried tomato, pesto, creamy goat cheese served up on homemade bread.

Cinnamon Rolls | *Sunflour Bakeshop in Mount Laurel*

It's hard to put into words just how delightful these pastries truly are. Where do you start? The enticing homemade cinnamon filling that adds the perfect spice notes? The wonderful consistency of sweetness found in the dough? The large dollop of rich cream cheese frosting topping everything off? Well, actually that was easier than we thought.

RETAIL

Custom Jewelry | *Spivak Jewelers in Cherry Hill*

The skilled jewelers here know firsthand that a customized piece not only needs to look great, it should also have those personal touches that speak directly to the consumer and hold a special meaning. That's why they'll guide you through a step-by-step process from consultation to creation, ensuring your one-of-a-kind piece is truly a work of inspiration.

Bridal Jewlery | *DeSimone Jewelers in Haddonfield*

The DeSimone family thrives on longstanding customer relationships, many of which are built on the strength of their personalized level of service and masterful creation of handcrafted jewelry. And they know that finding the right engagement ring or perfect wedding band can be unnerving, so they eschew the gimmicks in favor of honest advice, allowing you to make an informed purchase without any undue pressure.

Statement Jewelry | *Family & Co. Jewelers in Marlton*

When you want your jewelry to stand out from the crowd, look no further than this trusted name in South Jersey. From big baubles to smaller sophisticated pieces, this place has an array of attention grabbing necklaces, bracelets, earrings and more to have you on trend and complete your look.

Special Occasion Jewelry | *Haddonfield Fine Jewelers in Haddonfield*

Special moments call for special bling and at Haddonfield Fine Jewelers you'll find everything you need to step out in style. From designer brands to custom pieces, this

shop offers a varying collection of jewels to make sure that you look unforgettable during those most memorable of times.

Rings | *David Arlen Jewelers in Hainesport*

Whether shopping for a stylish fashionista or someone with more subdued tastes, the selection of rings at David Arlen certainly can suit any style. Featuring innovative designs from trusted names in the industry, you'll find elegant offerings for both men and women that will serve as timeless pieces you'll cherish for years to come.

Menswear | *Hugo Boss in Cherry Hill*

We love the threads at Hugo Boss because we can find everything from well-made suits for the office to stylish casual clothes for after hours. And the brand's signature understated apparel speaks volumes without being overly flashy, perfect for the guy who just wants to look good without stepping out of his comfort zone.

Designer Womenswear | *Tehen in Cherry Hill*

Racks of stylish wares from the likes of Nicole Miller, Joseph Ribkoff, L'Agence and Hudson, not to mention plenty of shoes and accessories from sought-after brands like Stuart Weitzman and Tory Burch, make Tehen the area's one-stop shop for upscale fashionable women's clothing.

Women's Boutique | *Six Clothing in Haddonfield*

With over 25 designers to choose from, this Haddonfield clothing store is a must-visit for style-conscious South Jersey women. Whether you're shopping the new trends or you need to find a perfect outfit for your next date night, owner Erica Brand has cultivated a place for you to find it all.

Women's Denim | *Denim Habit in Marlton*

The great thing about denim is it can be dressed down, or dressed up, it can be distressed or it can be modern. Find a look that fits you with one-on-one styling help and hand-picked pieces featuring brands such as J Brand and Mother.

Boho Women's Fashion | *Anthropologie in Marlton*

This lifestyle brand offers you free spirit more styles and more sizes with their inclusively sized clothing and fresh folk-inspired fashion. Shop women's intimates or accessories or browse for an effortless new look from the store's various options of whimsical apparel.

Cocktail Dresses | *Marlene's Dress Shop in Collingswood*

The wide selection of jaw-dropping cocktail dresses coupled with the conversant staff at Marlene's makes it certain that you'll never have to struggle to find the perfect look whether you're heading out to happy hour or a wedding reception.

Sports Team Gear | *Fan Treasures in Runnemede*

This cavernous space has everything you need to root, root, root for the home team. And we're not just talking about shirts and caps—though they have plenty of those—as you'll also find everything a superfan could want from team banners, framed artwork, clocks and pretty much anything else that you can slap a team logo on.

Nursery | *Bloomers Home & Garden Center in Washington Township*

The staff at Bloomers is full of knowledgeable green thumbs who are always happy to provide helpful tips, and they even host a weekly radio show every Saturday morning. Add in an incredible selection of plants grown across the country, and it's easy to see why this nursery has been beautifying local landscapes for decades.

Gift Shop | *The Polished Plate in Haddonfield*

One of the most enjoyable aspects of getting engaged is starting a wedding registry, and this store located in the heart of Haddonfield's downtown shopping district has been a favorite of happy couples since opening in 2006. It's also the perfect destination for those seeking a shower present or to treat themselves, with a stunning collection of dinnerware, glassware, vases and more.

Framing | *The Great Frame Up in Mount Laurel*

Whether you're looking to frame the memories from your latest vacation in the family room, a valuable piece of art in the living room or an Eagles jersey in the man cave, The Great Frame Up has you covered. Their friendly and extensively trained experts will answer all of your questions and find a solution to fit your style and budget, and will even provide an in-home consultation if necessary.

Runner's Gear | *Running Co. in Haddonfield, Medford, Moorestown and Mullica Hill*

The sport of running is not one-size-fits-all. Even something as simple as the type of sock you're wearing can have an impact, which is why having friendly and experienced people to turn to can make all the difference in meeting your goals. From getting personally fitted for the correct sneakers or sports bra to GPS-enabled watches and polarized sunglasses, this runner's haven will put you on the right track for your next PR.

Vinyl | *Inner Groove Records in Collingswood*

In a time when almost everything we use is digital, there's been a resistance of sorts when it comes to analog formatted music. This community of people is buying and collecting vinyl records again, and seeking out quality vendors like this one, offering new and used vinyl—which has been cleaned, graded and noted with special information—as well as rare finds and dollar records. Clear your schedule and prepare to spend a couple hours soaking in the nostalgia.

Pet Shop | *Bill's Wonderland of Pets in Magnolia*

We tend to love our animals more like children than they are pets, so when it comes to food, supplies and toys we want to make sure they get the best. This pet shop doesn't come up short on options from treats and collars to crates and vitamins. Trust us, your furry friend will be happy you stopped in.

Yoga Gear | *Sole Active in Haddonfield*

Sole Active is the place for everything you need yoga-related—from mats, stylish leggings and tops from popular brands such as Spiritual Gangster and Onzie, to colorful headbands and Pura Vida jewelry to have you looking the part in no time.

Bridal Shop | *Country Way Bridal in Haddonfield*

Whether you are looking for a modern or traditional look on your special day, Country Way Bridal has a unique selection of wedding gowns and bridesmaid dresses from top designers including Hayley Paige and Enzoani, and various bridal belts and headpieces to complete your look. Owner Yvonne and her daughter Devon take time and care with each bride, making it the most personalized wedding shopping experience in South Jersey. (856) 745-9005, CountryWayBridal.com

Wine Shop | *Moore Brothers Wine Company in Pennsauken*

What this intimate shop lacks in size in comparison to the larger liquor stores in the area it more than makes up for with a remarkable selection of limited estate wines that come from small artisan winemakers from across the world. Each wine is taken directly from the cellars of these vintners and shipped directly to the store using temperature control systems so quality isn't compromised during transit.

Flower Arrangements | *Flowers by Elizabeth in Mount Laurel*

A sweet-scented and beautifully arranged bouquet can be a great way to show someone you care or can serve as a breathtaking botanical memento of your important day. That's why we turn to this floral shop because they know each occasion requires a certain attention of detail and artistry and putting yourself in hands of these pros means you're bound to come up roses.

HEALTH & BEAUTY

Blowouts | *Anthony J. Hair Studio in Sicklerville*

Do you ever want that fresh, out-of-the-salon look but can't quite perfect it? Anthony J. Hair Studio makes an effortless transformation to your hair. Whether your locks are long and luscious or thick and curly, this salon will have you feeling like your most confident self.

Keratin Treatments | *Cherry Blow Dry Bar at multiple locations*

Tired of all the frizz and fuzz that comes back with a vengeance after your blowout loses its life and volume? Tame that mane with Cherry Blow Dry Bar's formaldehyde-free Keratin Smoothing Treatments that repair damage, block humidity and give you soft and silky locks.

Coloring | *Rizzieri Salon and Spa at multiple locations*

Hair color trends come and go, but a salon that is always learning and adapting to new styles is one to stay. Rizzieri offers a range of coloring options from highlights and balayage to ombré and a double process.

Waxing | *Spavia in Moorestown*

Avoid the painful plucking but still achieve a fresh and clean look with help from the specialists at Spavia. Offering full body waxes for both men and women, these certified estheticians provide the safest and highest quality wax for all skin types.

Hair Styling | Caryn and Co. in Moorestown

Styling your own hair is tough, especially when you have a specific idea in mind or you just don't want to stress before a big event. You shouldn't have to, leave the bobby pinning and hair straightening to the professionals at Caryn and Co. The employees' commitment to the craft will ensure styling you can enjoy.

Facials | Tranquility Salon in Hainesport and Voorhees

With several available facial treatments, like the Vitamineral Facial, that will purify and brighten your skin, or the Hydradermie Contour Lift and Facial to give you radiant, youthful appearance that lasts, you'll find no shortage of ways renew your skin here.

Body Treatments | Toppers Salon and Spa in Marlton

Sometimes we need to put ourselves first after working a hectic week. Relax and unwind with a full body scrub and wrap at Toppers Salon and Spa, which will have you feeling rejuvenated for the week ahead.

Float Therapy | Float SNJ

We feel the most calm and Zen the moment we walk into Float SNJ, a relaxing oasis created by owner Tom Bazis. Also known as sensory deprivation, the therapy allows you to float weightlessly in thousands of pounds of dissolved Epsom salt in a pool that not only puts you in a deep state of relaxation, it reduces swelling and inflammation throughout your entire body.

Mani/Pedi | Suede Salon and Spa in Marlton

Getting pampered never gets old, and there's nothing like knowing you're about to look like your best self with a fresh manicure and pedicure. The technicians here take pride in their work and we wouldn't blame you if you spent the next few hours staring at the job well done.

Eyebrows | Dharma Karma in Cherry Hill

We are always in good hands when we visit the skilled staff at this beauty salon. Whether we are getting our brows sculpted or threaded, you'll walk out the door with the shape you've been wishing for.

Make Up | Make-Up Bar in Cherry Hill

Whether you want to enhance your natural beauty or create a more dramatic look, this is the place to get glam. The salon has a beautiful selection of colors in their own exclusive make-up brand and the artists will go to great lengths to balance the latest trends with your own personal preferences.

Personalized Workout | Smart Bodies Fitness Center in Marlton

If you struggle to find proper motivation in the gym then allow the trainers at Smart Bodies to help get you going. Each workout will challenge you physically, and sometimes mentally, but the results are undeniable and under the tutelage of these experts you'll rapidly reach your fitness goals.

Kids Crossfit | True Fitness in Cherry Hill

As parents we're always trying to set our children up for future success in life, and at this multi-disciplined gym that also includes instilling good fitness habits. Kids can begin to learn the basics of the foundational movements of CrossFit—deadlifts, presses, squats—which progress in intensity for teens. With the incorporation of games, kids learn that exercise and being healthy is fun and necessary for a happy life.

Hot Yoga | Shine Power Yoga in Marlton, Maple Shade and Medford

Empowered is how we feel after taking classes at Shine Power Yoga. We also leave with sweat dripping down our bodies from the heated 96 degree studio (and added humidity), but we feel refreshed and ready to tackle the rest of the day thanks to the inspiring teachers that help us clear our minds and release stress from our everyday lives.

Yoga Sculpt | CorePower Yoga in Cherry Hill

This workout is popular among Philadelphia sports professionals and after our first class, we see why (we're still catching our breath). This high-intensity class is a combination of yoga, weights and cardio in a 98 degree room—making it a killer workout. With the latest hits playing in the background and motivating instructors pushing you throughout class, you'll become addicted like we have. Be prepared to sweat and wake up feeling the good kind of sore the next day.

Kickboxing | Primal Kickboxing in Berlin

When each class on the schedule is only 30 minutes (you read that right), there is no excuse not to add working out into your busy schedule. In that short time you'll be

pushed to your limits to get maximum results from trainers who accept nothing less than your best effort.

Pilates Classes | *Pilates Plus in Marlton*

Owner Laurie DiMatteo's passion for health and fitness shines through in each and every class at Pilates Plus, where she teaches you a series of movements that stabilize and strengthen your core. It's an intense workout to say the least, and your abs will be screaming at you the next day.

LIFESTYLE

Karaoke | *Songbird in Collingswood*

If you love singing your heart out in the shower but aren't ready to perform in front of strangers, this is the place for you. With nearly 50,000 songs to choose from and eight private suites that accommodate as few as two people all the way up to 60, you can handpick an audience of family and friends that won't mind that your vocal range is, well, lacking.

Tour | *On the Town Food Tours*

With tours in Haddonfield, Mount Holly, Collingswood, Hammonton and more, these three-hour excursions are much more than a trek through the neighborhood. Not only will you sample some delicious bites and beverages across town, but you'll also learn about the latest food trends and be treated to live demonstrations.

Girls Night Out | *AR Workshop in Moorestown and Washington Township*

Bond with your besties and channel your inner DIY instincts as you create everything from wooden signs and centerpieces to knit blankets and pillows. Using provided materials, you'll add your own personal twist to each project all while enjoying each other's company—and probably a glass or two of wine as well.

Date Night | *Topgolf in Mount Laurel*

Forget about dinner and a movie and enjoy a truly unique experience at Topgolf, which is so much more than just a driving range. An entertainment complex featuring 102 climate-controlled hitting bays over three floors, it gives visitors a chance to work on their swings, track their golf balls and keep score through patented technology. Throw in a rousing sports bar, a menu featuring the likes of sliders and flatbreads, and other games like pool and shuffleboard, and there's a good chance the babysitter will have to stay late.

Theater Group | *Moorestown Theater Company in Moorestown*

For adults who never got to scratch the acting itch or children who want to pursue their creative passion, Moorestown Theater Company welcomes all to participate in theater together, teaching the techniques and skills necessary to put on a good show. Performances in 2019 include crowd favorites like *Mamma Mia!* and *Beauty and the Beast*.

Swim Lessons | *Bear Paddle Swim School in Marlton*

Exposing children to swimming at a young age not only keeps them safer around water, it also builds confidence. Lessons at this swim school are taught by certified swim teachers using an interactive curriculum that incorporates songs and toys while practicing blowing bubbles or floating on their back, all the way up to more challenging strokes. After each skill is achieved, students receive a patch and feel empowered to tackle what's next.

READER'S CHOICE

Brunch | *The Mansion on Main Street, Voorhees*

Candy/Chocolates | *Duffy's Delicious Candies, Gloucester City*

Doughnuts | *Mama Buntz Donut Company, Washington Township*

Happy Hour | *Joe Italiano's Maplewood, Moorestown*

Hibachi | *Megu Sushi, multiple locations*

Ice Cream | *Dot's Homemade Ice Cream and Water Ice, Woodbury Heights*

Pasta | *Illiano Cucina Mediterranea, Medford*

Sicilian Pizza | *Joe's Brick Oven Pizzeria and Bistro, Marlton*

Signature Sushi Rolls | *Yokohama, Maple Shade*

Themed Event Dinners | *Nunzio Ristorante Rustico, Collingswood*

Wine Selection | *Traino's Wine & Spirits, Marlton and Voorhees*

Card/Gift Shop | *Occasionette, Collingswood*

Children's Boutique | *Ragamuffins, Cherry Hill*

Frame Shop | *Accent Studio, Cherry Hill*

Prom Wear | *Jay West, Haddonfield*

Facial | *The Skin Spa at Davis Cosmetic Plastic Surgery, Cherry Hill*

Hair Coloring | *Thriv, Cherry Hill*

Hair Styling | *Verde Salon, Collingswood*

Makeup | *LeReve Salon and Barbershop, Cherry Hill*

Mani/Pedi | *Belle Palace Nail Spa, Marlton*

Yoga | *Original Hot Yoga, Voorhees*

Activity Center | *Funplex, Mount Laurel*

Dance Studio | *Artists in Motion Dance Studio, Cherry Hill*

Event Venue | *Camden County Boathouse, Pennsauken*

Pet Boarding | *K9 Resorts Daycare & Luxury Hotel, Cherry Hill*

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