

The Suburban Cafe

Food Review

By Dana Murphy

A step up from your average sports bar, The Suburban is a business that is enjoyable for all ages and party sizes. Opened in 2014, it sits just a few block away from Lake Minnetonka in Excelsior. For a menu consisting of only three types of main courses: pizza, gourmet hot dogs, and burgers, this restaurant offers a wide variety of each.

Unlike most sports bars, The Suburban offers a kid's menu where every meal option is \$8, and includes a free scoop of ice-cream. The dimly lit restaurant is decorated with graffiti-covered walls, exposed pipes, huge windows, and dark wood floors. It caters to groups of one all the way up to groups of forty.

I chose to eat at The Suburban on a Tuesday evening around 6:00 P.M. and service was great. There are eight different types of hot dogs on the menu, all in their natural casing, with creative names like the Motown Philly, the Mac Daddy, and the Sunrise Special which is complete with an over-easy egg. I ordered The Cuban, a hot dog loaded with Canadian bacon, cheese, pickles, and mustard. The food came out at a reasonable pace, and it tasted as good as it looked. Because I decided to dine there before 7:00 P.M., I was surrounded by families with several young children treating the restaurant like a McDonald's Play Place. This was slightly distracting and somewhat surprising seeing as it is technically a sports bar; then again, the kid's menu is hard to beat. I finished and left around 7:00 P.M. If I had stayed until 8:00, I could have had the opportunity to participate in "Trivia Tuesday" which is held every week and is a great way to win free drinks and gift cards to the restaurant.

I ate at The Suburban once again on a Saturday evening, because dining out on a weekend can offer quite a different experience than on a weekday. Reservations under seven are not allowed, so I

was put on a wait list, and service was much slower once I was sat. Fortunately, the bar had open seating while I waited. The bar has over 15 beer taps and a happy hour menu that pairs drinks with appetizers.

With ten types of burgers on the menu, I chose The Classic, which comes with the restaurant's homemade "Burb Sauce." It really was your classic cheeseburger, loaded with pickles, onions, lettuce, cheese, Burb Sauce, bacon, and mushrooms. Some of the other burgers had things like pico de gallo, tater tots, and coleslaw on them. The burgers come one of two ways: pink or no pink. This is unfortunate for the "medium-rare" people, but nothing too disappointing.

The Suburban makes six types of pizzas: California BBQ, Drivin' Me Caprese, The Midwesterner, Iowa Prosciutto, The Suburban, and Farmer's Harvest. There's something for everyone including vegetarian pizzas and a pizza covered in BBQ sauce and pickles. Unfortunately, the pizzas only come in two sizes: 10" or 16".

The Suburban offers a fun atmosphere with a dining experience that's enjoyable for keep. Everyone is bound to find something they will love on the menu. Plan to go on an empty stomach because you are sure to fill up fast with the larger than life burgers, pizzas, and hotdogs.



Movie Review

Deadpool

By Jenny Everett

Wade W. Wilson (Ryan Reynolds) is a crass, antihero, full of anger and hilarity. The man is able to humor after being tortured again and again. The reason for the torture? Simple. He wants to be able to beat cancer. What kind of cancer? All the cancer. Like seriously, there's at least four advanced stage cancers running through the assassin's body.

Deadpool breaks the fourth wall by making direct eye contact with the audience and speaking directly to them. The movie has a sex scene, but not the normal kind. It's more of a montage of scenes on every holiday (except for Lent, since you do have to give something up, after all). The movie tries a bit too hard to be comedic. Instead of the few comedic lines throughout a regular superhero movie, there are a few every minute.

The movie is 100 minutes long, but goes by quickly. The opening credits really set up the feel for the film, giving the starring character names as "Broody Teenage Girl" (who's character name

is actually Negasonic Teenage Warhead) and "God's Perfect Idiot" (Deadpool, obviously). The writers are listed as "The Real Heroes Here" and the director is listed as "An Overpaid Tool".

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Wade goes from an average, run-of-the-mill mercenary to an accelerated healing killing machine in a comedic yet heartbreaking series of scenes. The movie is not in chronological order, leaving the audience to catch up and understand why a man in a red suit is stabbing people on the highway. You watch a man slide off an overpass sign within the first five minutes.

Though there is a lot of swearing, and I mean a lot (it is an R-Rated movie after all), the movie is definitely not your average superhero film. One could argue that there isn't even a true hero, since Deadpool himself admits that he isn't one. If you took Quentin Tarantino and made him direct a Marvel movie, that would give you an accurate representation of how much blood is in this film. Seriously, there's a reason it's rated the way it is. Don't bring a kid to this, but this Marvel movie is perfect for anyone over 18.