

'C' Rating for One Darien Establishment in Latest Health Inspection Reports

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One restaurant in Darien received a "C" rating, the worst grade in town Health Department's A/B/C ratings system, in the inspection reports released recently by the Darien Health Department.

The department released 20 health inspection reports for food-serving establishments for inspections that took place from July 10 to July 29. Darienite.com also found two inspections for Woodway Country Club (one for the pool snack bar). Eight inspections resulted in an "A" rating and nine others received a "B."

Keep in mind that a food-serving establishment with a history of good ratings may occasionally get a poor inspection rating, occasionally the best do, and every restaurant normally gets a few things wrong.

Here's an alphabetical list of the most recently released health inspection results (an explanation of how this list is put together is immediately below it):

—Bistro Baldanza — 1020 Post Road — [July 17](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score — 93

—Bodega Taco Bar— 980 Post Road — [July 17](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score — 93

—Country Club of Darien — 300 Mansfield Ave. — [July 24](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score — 94

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—Country Club of Darien Satellite Kitchen — 300 Mansfield Ave. — [July 24](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score — 96

—Fisherman's Net — 11 Old Kings Hwy. North — [July 25](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score — 92

—Hibachi Sushi Ya — 111 Old Kings Hwy. North — [July 17](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score — 90

—Jennifer's Kitchen — 284 Tokeneke Road — [July 25](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score — 91

—Louie's Italian Restaurant and Bar — 10 Center St. — [July 29](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score — 89

—New Beijing Restaurant — 5 Tokeneke Road — [July 10](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score — 93

—Nino's — 390 Post Road — [July 17](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score: 91

—Roost Darien — 1950 Post Road — [July 10](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score — 91

—Scena Wine Bar & Restaurant — 1077 Post Road — [July 24](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score — 91

—Ten Twenty Oyster Bar and Bistro — 1020 Post Road — [July 14](#) — [Town Rating: C](#) — State Score — 82 — *Inspector's Remarks:* "Top of line bain marie not cold holding (54 to 55 degrees); mashed potatoes cooling from previous day in bottom of bain marie at 58 to 60 degrees; no food thermometer available on the line; not washing romaine lettuce; cover and protect food items in dry storage and walk-in; bare hand with RTE [ready-to-eat] foods; dish[washing] machine not reaching 180 [degrees] final rinse temperature; slicer unclean (break down and sanitize) and microwave oven on-line unclean; ice scoops unprotected; inside fryer door unclean (non-food-contact); strong grease-trap odor (one large unit is unplugged in basement); floor grouting on the line in poor repair (holding water, mats unclean near warewash/prep [area]." — *Inspector's Comments:* "No prep areas allowed downstairs [with] two (slicer and FF ["fast food"??? "french fries"???) prep area. Rusty shelving in walk-in, organize shellfish tags, label all plastic containers."

—Ten Twenty Oyster Bar and Bistro — 1020 Post Road — [July 28](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score — 95

—Thai Time — Goodwives Shopping Center, 25 Old Kings Hwy. North — [July 21](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score — 91

—Tokeneke Club — 4 Butler's Island Road — [July 12](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score — 94

—[Tokeneke Club Snack Bar](#) — 4 Butler's Island Road — [July 12](#)

—Vavala's Deli & Catering — 156 Heights Road — [July 10](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score — 90

—Wee Burn Country Club — 410 Hollow Tree Ridge Road — [July 18](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score — 93

—Wee Burn Country Club, Satellite — 410 Hollow Tree Ridge Road — [July 18](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score — 94

—Woodway Country Club — 540 Hoyt St. — [Aug. 1](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 94

—[Woodway Country Club Pool Snack Bar](#) — 540 Hoyt St. — [Aug. 1](#)

Dates link to the food establishment's inspection report referenced here (when available, sometimes it takes a while to get posted online), and **Darien's own A/B/C ratings** link to a Web page showing several of the restaurant's recent inspection ratings.

Additional information is given for restaurants and other food-serving establishments rated "C," and for some others of interest to the public (like schools). When we provide that information here, then words within brackets ("[]") have been added for clarity by Darienite.com; semicolons (";") separate individual comments by the inspectors. Each comment separated by semicolons is about a particular violation that triggers a deduction of one or more points from a perfect state score of 100.

See also:

You can find the past several inspection ratings under the **Darien** ratings system for food-serving establishments along with copies of inspection reports, including state health code scores [on this website](#).

- [Our previous article](#) showing restaurant inspection ratings (July 9)
- [STAMFORD online health inspection results](#)
- [NORWALK online health inspection ratings](#) ([explanation](#) of ratings)

How Darien's Food-Serving Places Are Rated

Restaurants in town are rated under the Darien Health Department's own A/B/C ratings system. Health inspectors also use the state health code regulations to score restaurants, with a perfect score set at 100, and demerits (of 1 to 4 points each) for various code violations.

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The Darien system takes into account problems that are ongoing, so a restaurant scoring higher than others on the state scale may actually get a lower score on the Darien scale.

Any establishment actually deemed unsafe can be closed by the town Health Department until violations are fixed. Town Health Director David Knauf says that has never happened in the time he's been with the department.