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One Darien Restaurant Gets a 'C' — Lowest Rating — in Latest Health Inspection Reports

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One restaurant in town received a "C" in the six inspection reports for Darien restaurants and other food-serving establishments just released by Darien Health Department.

The inspections took place from June 17 to 27. Only one inspection resulted in "A" rating (the best), and the other four resulted in "B" ratings.

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.

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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):

— Darien Butcher Shop — 13 Grove St. — [June 17](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score: 87 (This rating and score, both now corrected, were initially reported wrong by Darienite.com.)

— Embody Fitness Gourmet — 380 Heights Road — [June 25](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score: 88

— Four Forks LLC — 7 Tokeneke Road — [June 17](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 94

— Springdale Athletic Club — 2 Camp Ave. — [June 21](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score: 90

— Steam — 971 Post Road — [June 20](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score: 89

— **The Waters Edge at Giovanni's — 2748 Post Road — [June 21](#) — [Town Rating: C](#) — State Score: 76** — *Inspector's Remarks: "Two cases of heavy cream at 55 degrees (produce fridge was out, so they moved product to save) must discard all product; raw breaded protein over RTE [ready-to-eat] food in two refrigerators; using cell phone and then back to cutting produce, changing tasks from cleaning to handling food, only observed one employee washing his hands during inspection, and this was in the prep sink; unclean slicers, ice cream scoops left unclean; plastic tray over shelving in meat walk-in [refrigerator] in poor repair; no waste receptacle near hand sink; two prescription medications on the line, on the prep shelf; shelving under prep sinks, end of the line shelving; heavy fruit fly presence, must call for TX today per DOH [Department of Health]. Rodent activity observed. Orkins last treatment on June 13; floor unclean throughout kitchen and grease buildup around fryers; flaking ceiling paint."* — *Inspector's Comments: none.*

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.

For restaurants and other food-serving establishments rated "C," and for some others of interest to the public (like schools) additional information is given. 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:

- [Our previous article](#) showing restaurant inspection ratings (June 23)

- [STAMFORD](#) online health inspection results
- [NORWALK](#) online health inspection ratings ([explanation of ratings](#))

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](#).

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.