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One Darien Restaurant Gets Its Second 'C' Rating in a Row in Latest Health Inspection Reports

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

The department released nine health inspection reports on Thursday. Aside from the inspection resulting in a "C," there were three "B" ratings and five "A" 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):

—Bistro Baldanza — 1020 Post Road — [Nov. 16](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score: 88

—Darien Seafood Market — 1941 Post Road — [Oct. 18](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 93

—Duchess Restaurant — 306 Post Road — [Nov. 29](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 93

—Jennifer's Kitchen at White Bridge— 284 Tokeneke Road — [Nov. 15](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 93

—Meatball & Company — 20 Center St. — [Nov. 29](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score: 92

—**Scena Wine Bar and Restaurant — 1077 Post Road — [Dec. 2](#) — [Town Rating: C](#) — State Score: 83** —
Inspector's Remarks: "No documentation of training; large salad & dessert Bain Marie not cold holding (product temp bottom at 47 to 48 degrees and top of unit was 45 degrees); food uncovered in line fridge and walk-in [freezer?]; not sanitizing slicer (soap only) and no sanitizer in bucket on the line (on the floor); several utensils stored unclean above three-bay [sink] (tongs, labels); labeling violations remain, shelfish tags not kept with product in walk-in [freezer?]; cutting board poor repair and large red saw not NSF; prep sink faucet missing. Chef on the line says he's using the three-bay for washing product; cell phone on the line." — *Inspector's Comments:* "Removing all the food from the unit not cold holding ... unable to provide invoice to service or repair. Training emphasis was discussed with manager, romaine lettuce (Andy Boy [brand]) from Salinas, California, do not use per FDA recommendations. Glove use and hand washing ... not hand washing after touching chemicals, only glove changes. Previous rating [also a "C"] not posted."

—Shake Shack— 1340 Post Road — [Nov. 29](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 98 (The Health Department said on Dec. 12 that the earlier state score of 96 for this inspection was revised.)

—Ten Twenty Post Oyster Bar and Bistro — 1020 Post Road — [Nov. 16](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 92

—Tengda Asian Bistro — Goodwives Shopping Center, 25 Old Kings Hwy. North — [Nov. 16](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score: 89

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:

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 (Nov. 21)
- [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

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fixed. Town Health Director David Knauf says that has never happened in the time he's been with the department.