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Worst Rating — 'C' — for One Restaurant in Latest Darien Health Inspection Reports

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One Darien restaurant received a 'C' rating — the worst in the town's A-B-C ratings system — in the eight most recently released town health inspection reports.

Darien Health Department on Thursday released reports from inspections that took place from Jan. 11 to 23. Two of them received a rating of "B," and another five were rated "A."

Here's an alphabetical list of the most recently released health inspection results (an explanation for each part of the list, including links, is just below the list).

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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 (an explanation of how this list is put together is immediately below it):

—Browne & Company — 865 Post Road — [Jan. 16](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 95

—Chipotle Mexican Grill — 71 Post Road — [Jan. 23](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 96

—Four Forks — 7 Tokeneke Road — [Jan. 18](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 95

—**Roost Darien — 1950 Post Road — [Jan. 22](#) — [Town Rating: C](#) — State Score: 88** — *Inspector's Remarks: "Meatballs on the stove in a water bath at 97 degrees (stove not turned on) disposed of; Brussels sprouts in the [bain marie](#) at 78 degrees (cooked this morning); raw chicken stored over RTE [ready-to-eat food] in upright fridge and downstairs walk-in. Large raw turkey in bucket stored over tuna salad container/salad dressing; unclean dry wiping cloths on the counters upon entry to the kitchen; bulk food items with blue lid without a label downstairs; handle stored in the oats (tubs), ice scoop on the shelf, bowl left in the chia seeds (downstairs); dry sweeping with a large amount of bacon uncovered near the floor and both bain maries left open." — *Inspector's Comments: "Owner/QFO [[Qualified Food Operator](#)] completing internal inspections? Training documentation? Date marking discussion, who has formal training on-site? Any logs for cooling? Large amount of chicken cutlet prep (panko dredging) and weighing at the smoothie bain marie with the cover open/exposed RTE [ready-to-eat food]."**

—Royle School — 133 Mansfield Ave. — [Jan. 23](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — **State Score: 98** — *Inspector's Remarks: "Food items stored on the floor in walk-in cooling unit."* — *Inspector's Comments: "Excellent inspection. Lasagna - 177 [degrees], walk-in - 38 [degrees]."*

—Meatball & Co. — 23 Tokeneke Road — [Jan. 19](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 93

—Springdale Athletic Club — 2 Camp Ave. — [Jan. 11](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score: 88

—The Waters Edge at Giovanni's — 2748 Post Road — [Jan. 18](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score: 91

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 (Jan. 18)
- [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

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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.