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Appetizers

Trays Serves Approximately	Half (6-8)	Full (16-18)
1. CLASSIC ITALIAN ANTIPASTO.	\$100.00	\$160.00
Italian Prosciutto, Genoa salami, roasted peppers, fresh mozzarella & sliced tomato.		
2. CAPRESE: ANTIPASTA	70.00	90.00
Plum Tomatoes & Fresh Mozzarella, Topped with Fresh Basil, Drizzled with extra virgin olive oil and balsamic glaze		
3. CALAMARI FRITTI	75.00	115.00
Golden fried calamari with fresh marinara sauce.		
4. CLAMS OREGANATA	30.00 (a dozen)	
5. FRITTO MISTO (A)	65.00	95.00
Combination of mozzarella sticks, zucchini sticks, and chicken fingers. Served with marinara sauce.		
6. RICE CROQUETTES.	35.00 (a dozen)	
With marinara dipping sauce.		
7. STUFFED MUSHROOMS	35.00 (a dozen)	
Vegetarian stuffed mushrooms baked and served with pink sauce.		
8. BRUSCHETTA	40.00	60.00
Lightly toasted garlic bread seasoned with herbs, virgin olive oil and smothered with diced plum tomatoes.		
9. ZUPPE DI COZZE (ROSSO O BIANCO).	65.00	100.00
Fresh mussels steamed and seasoned in garlic, herbs & plum tomato broth or white wine garlic & oil.		
10. CHICKEN WINGS.	60.00	115.00
• Plain • Buffalo • BBQ Served With Bleu Cheese		
11. GARLIC KNOTS	30.00 (3 dozen)	60.00 (6 dozen)

Seafood

Trays Serves Approximately	Half (6-8)	Full (16-18)
1. SEAFOOD FRITO MISTO.	\$95.00	\$155.00
Combo of fried shrimp & calamari		
2. SHRIMP PARMIGIANA.	90.00	160.00
3. SHRIMP SCAMPI.	90.00	160.00
Succulent shrimp sautéed in lemon, butter and white wine.		
4. SHRIMP FRANCESE	90.00	160.00
Battered shrimp sautéed in lemon, butter and white wine sauce.		
5. FRUTTA DI MARE	100.00	185.00
An assorted fresh seafood in a plum tomato broth or in garlic brodino.		

Vegetables

Trays Serves Approximately	Half (6-8)	Full (16-18)
1. SAUTÉED STRING BEANS AND CARROTS .	45.00	65.00
IN GARLIC AND OIL		
2. SAUTÉED BROCCOLI IN GARLIC AND OIL.	60.00	80.00
3. SAUTÉED BROCCOLI RABE IN GARLIC AND OIL.	75.00	100.00
4. EGGPLANT PARMIGIANA	70.00	100.00
5. EGGPLANT ROLLATINE	80.00	110.00
Eggplant stuffed with ricotta cheese and baked in a marinara sauce.		
6. SAUTÉED ESCAROLE & WHITE BEANS.	60.00	80.00
IN GARLIC AND OIL		
7. GRILLED VEGETABLES	\$70.00	\$90.00
Grilled and splashed with balsamic vinegar and virgin olive oil.		

If You Do Not See Your Favorite Menu Item Here, Please Ask

Pasta

Trays Serves Approximately	Half (6-8)	Full (16-18)
1. FILETTO DI POMODORO	\$60.00	\$85.00
Classic Italian tomato sauce with plum ripe tomato, onions and olive oil.		
2. MARINARA	55.00	80.00
Fresh Italian tomatoes sautéed with fresh garlic and herbs.		
3. VODKA	70.00	105.00
Light cream sauce with a dash of vodka.		
4. AGLIO E OLIO	50.00	75.00
Sautéed fresh garlic and olive oil.		
5. TOSCANA	65.00	100.00
Sautéed broccoli, fresh mushrooms, diced tomatoes and chunks.		
6. PRIMAVERA	65.00	100.00
Seasonal vegetables sautéed in garlic and olive oil or in tomato sauce.		
7. BOLOGNESE	75.00	110.00
Fresh ground beef, in a hearty tomato sauce.		
8. PASTA WITH BROCCOLI OR SPINACH	60.00	85.00
Sautéed in garlic and olive oil.		
9. VONGOLE (ROSSO O BIANCO).	85.00	140.00
Little neck clams sautéed with white wine, garlic and oil, or in plum tomato broth.		
10. FETTUCCINE OR TORTELLINI ALFREDO .	70.00	110.00
In a fresh cream sauce and parmigiana cheese.		
11. GNOCCHI POMODORO A LA CAPRESE .	80.00	120.00
Homemade fresh potato gnocchi served with pomodoro sauce, basil and fresh mozzarella cheese.		
12. LINGUINI SHRIMP	85.00	140.00
Marinara fra diavolo or white wine sauce.		
13. BASIL PESTO SAUCE.	80.00	120.00
With grilled chicken, portobello mushroom and sun dried tomato. Add Burrata 20.00 40.00		
14. RIGATONI A LA GINO'S	80.00	120.00
Tender pan-seared chicken combined with our own homemade crumbled sausage and peas, in a pink sauce topped with fresh mozzarella cheese.		
15. PASTA PAOLINO	75.00	100.00
Braised ground sausage with white beans & broccoli di rabe sautéed in garlic & olive oil in a white wine brodino.		
16. FUSILLI CARUSO	75.00	100.00
Crumbled sausage, peas, caramelized onion, fresh mushroom, sundried tomato in garlic & oil		
17. MICHELLE'S DIABLO ALLA	80.00	120.00
Homemade gnocchi in spicy vodka sauce w/Italian prosciutto		

Cold Trays

Trays Serves Approximately	Half (6-8)	Full (16-18)
1. GINO'S FRESH TOSSED SALAD.	\$45.00	\$65.00
Iceberg lettuce, plum tomatoes, carrots, black & green olives, pimiento & cucumber.		
WITH SHREDDED MOZZARELLA CHEESE . .	ADD 15.00	25.00
WITH FRESH GRILLED CHICKEN	ADD 30.00	40.00
2. CAESAR SALAD	50.00	70.00
Crisp romaine lettuce with our own dressing.		
3. BRANDON'S SIGNATURE SPICY SALAD .	90.00	115.00
Caesar salad base w/blackened chicken, red onions & hot cherry peppers drizzled w/homemade chipotle mayo		
4. CHANTICLAIR SALAD	60.00	80.00
Baby greens, dried cranberries, roasted walnuts, shaved parmigiana cheese and sliced bartlett pears in raspberry vinaigrette.		
5. TRADITIONAL COLD SEAFOOD SALAD . .	95.00	145.00
Fresh clams, mussels, shrimp, octopus and calamari marinated and served over tri-color greens.		

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Trays Serves Approximately	Half (6-8)	Full (16-18)
1. CHICKEN CUTLET PARMIGIANA.	\$80.00	\$130.00
2. CHICKEN VESUVIO	80.00	130.00
Grilled chicken breast topped with sautéed seasonal vegetables.		
3. CHICKEN FRANCESE	80.00	130.00
Battered chicken breast braized in lemon, butter and white wine sauce.		
4. THE AMALFI	80.00	130.00
Grilled chicken with broccoli di rabe and sliced cherry peppers.		
5. CHICKEN MARSALA	80.00	130.00
Tender chicken breast sautéed in classic marsala wine and fresh mushrooms.		
6. CHICKEN PICATTA	70.00	115.00
Tender chicken breast with capers in lemon, butter and white wine sauce.		
7. VEAL PARMIGIANA	90.00	160.00
8. VEAL FRANCESE	90.00	160.00
Tender battered veal braized in lemon, butter and white wine sauce.		
9. VEAL MARSALA	90.00	160.00
Tender veal sautéed in classic marsala wine and fresh mushrooms.		
10. SAUSAGE, PEPPERS AND ONIONS	70.00	120.00
With or without tomato sauce please specify.		
11. HOMESTYLE MEATBALLS IN TOMATO SAUCE .	70.00	120.00
12. FENNEL SAUSAGE	70.00	120.00
Served over sautéed broccoli di rabe and roasted potato.		
13. SAUSAGE, POTATO AND CHERRY PEPPERS .	70.00	120.00
14. CHICKEN AND SAUSAGE GIAMBOTTA. . .	70.00	120.00
Juicy chicken (bone-in) and homemade sausage with peppers, onion, mushroom and potato in tangy brown sauce.		
15. ROASTED CHICKEN (BONE IN).	60.00	85.00
Oven baked chicken seasoned with rosemary, lemon and garlic		
16. STEAK PIZZAIOLA.	100.00	170.00
Grilled skirt steak w/string beans & mushrooms in a blush tomato sauce		

Pasta Al Forno

Trays Serves Approximately	Half (6-8)	Full (16-18)
1. BAKED ZITI.	\$60.00	\$90.00
2. BAKED CHEESE RAVIOLI.	60.00	90.00
3. BAKED STUFFED SHELLS	60.00	100.00
4. BAKED MANICOTTI	65.00	95.00
5. BAKED MEAT LASAGNA	80.00	120.00
6. BAKED MAC & CHEESE.	60.00	95.00
Baked pasta w/creamy mixed cheese sauce, pancetta & oreganata breadcrumbs		

Desserts

1. HOMEMADE CHEESECAKE	80.00	100.00
2. HOMEMADE TIRAMISU	80.00	100.00
3. DESSERT PLATTER	80.00	100.00
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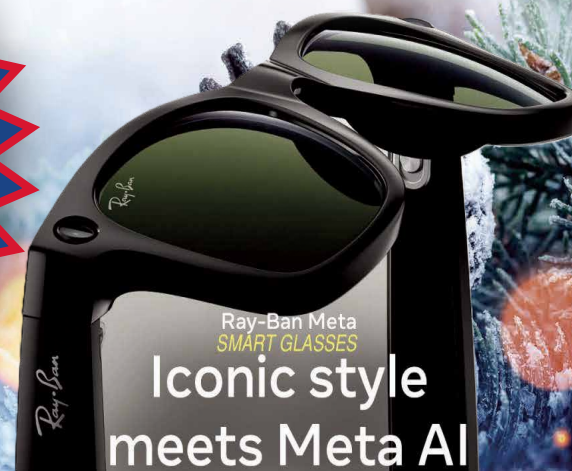
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12/10 through 12/28, Various times. Step inside this magnificent 65-room historic house museum and experience the season at its most enchanting: where history, nature, and imagination come together in dazzling displays of holiday décor. This year's Holiday House Tours highlight the beauty and sustainability of the estate of Planting Fields. Natural materials gathered from the 409-acre grounds take center stage. Self guided tours are \$20p.p. and guided & narrated tours are \$25p.p. Kids under 3 are free. Book online: www.plantingfields.org 1395 Planting Fields Rd., Oyster Bay.

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12/12. 4-6pm. Learn basic embroidery skills and make a small design. In the Barn at Orchard Hill. All supplies are included. Age 12 to adults. \$30, members \$12. 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. 516-333-0048. Reserve online: www.OldWestburyGardens.org

CONSTELLATIONS FAMILY WORKSHOP

12/12, 6:30pm. Science Museum of Long Island. Embrace the world of science at night. Hands on activities, pizza and campfire with smores. Children \$35. Adults save \$10. Register online: www.sml.org 1526 N. Plandome Rd., Manhasset

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WINTER WONDERLAND AT CLARK BOTANIC

12/13, 3-5pm- Face painting, treats, crafts and photos with favorite holiday characters. 5-6pm- Story time with special holiday friends. Tour the festive lights and decorations at the garden. The garden will remain open daily until 7pm from 12/13 until 12/31. 193 I.U. Willets Rd., Albertson. 516-869-6311.

FESTIVAL OF GAMES CRADLE OF AVIATION

12/13 & 12/14. 10am-5pm. Holiday shopping & gaming event. Retro video games, toys, comics, collectibles and unique gaming experiences. Interactive workshops, board & table games, Pop culture merch, more! Tickets \$15-\$65. Buy tickets: www.cradleofaviation.org 516-572-4066. Charles Lindbergh Blvd., Garden City.

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12/13, 10am-12pm. Create your own custom wreath using our provided foraged materials from the beach! \$4 p.p. Jones Beach Energy and Nature Center, 150 Bay Pkwy, Wantagh. Register: www.jonesbeachenc.org

TONH MENORAH LIGHTING

12/14, 3pm. Mary Jane Davies Green, Plandome Rd. Manhasset. Join us to celebrate the lights and miracles of Hanukkah. The Chabad of Manhasset welcomes residents of all faiths and backgrounds to enjoy music, dancing, games and traditional foods.

More Local Events



MENORAH LIGHTING IN NEW HYDE PARK

12/14, 4:30pm. Hosted by Temple Tikvah and Lakeville Estates Civic Assn. Welcoming the first night of Chanukah, light the outdoor menorah, sing and enjoy hot chocolate. On the front lawn of Temple Tikvah, 3315 Hillside Ave., parking in rear of building.

GINGERBREAD WORKSHOP OLD BETHPAGE

12/14, 11:30-1:30 or 2:30-4:30. Decorate your own Christmas or Hanukkah house, Photo with Santa, make a card for our soldiers, visit the old village and mail your letter. \$40 for the house. \$15 to decorate 3 cookies. Reserve asap. 1303 Round Swamp Rd., Old Bethpage.
www.oldbethpagevillagerestoration.org

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12/14, 10:30am-12:30pm. Also known as **Forest Bathing**. Led by Certified guide Linda Lombardo, allowing you to open up to the beauty of the natural world. Register online. \$45 members, non \$50 12 Middle Neck Rd., Sands Point.
www.SandsPointPreserveConservancy.org

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12/16, 5-7pm- Enjoy doggie give-a-ways and photo with your dog and Santa. Tour the festive lights and decorations at the garden. The garden will remain open daily until 7pm from 12/13 until 12/31. 193 I.U. Willets Rd., Albertson. 516-869-6311.

WINTER BIRDING KIDS WORKSHOP

12/17 3:30-5:30pm Ages 5-12, At Planting Fields. Drop off program at the Education Center, parents are urged to stay and enjoy the grounds. Learn all about native birds and identify them, includes creating your own bird feeder to take home. 1395 Planting Fields Rd., Oyster Bay. \$25 per child. For more details & reserve: www.plantingfields.org

GILDED AGE HOLIDAY STORIES- OLD WESTBURY

12/18, 7-8:30pm. This program, based on the book, explores the holiday lore of the time, sharing the origins of beloved customs such as Santa Claus, the Christmas tree, and Christmas cards, alongside stories of Gilded Age holiday debutante parties, teas, and grand balls. Guests will have the opportunity to sample treats from the cookbook, and copies of the book will be available for purchase. Fee \$30 p.p. Register online. 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. 516-333-0048.
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www.oldbethpagevillagerestoration.org

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EARTH TALK

From the Editors of E/The Environmental Magazine

Is the U.S. still sending large barges of trash and recycling overseas? If so, which countries are taking most of it and is this good or bad for the environment? – P.L., via email

In what is called “waste colonialism” the U.S. exports large amounts of trash and recycling overseas, particularly plastic waste. For decades, countries in Asia have received this waste, but growing environmental concerns have led several of them to change their policies.

The biggest shift came in 2018 when China stopped accepting most imported recyclables through its National Sword policy. This left the U.S. scrambling to find new destinations. Since then, countries like Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and Vietnam have become major importers of American waste. Some of these materials are technically recyclable, but many shipments include contaminated or low-quality plastics that are difficult or impossible to process properly.

These countries are left dealing with the consequences, including pollution, public health risks and damaged ecosystems. Some governments have pushed back. Malaysia has returned containers of waste to sender countries, and Thailand plans to

ban plastic imports entirely by 2025. The Philippines has also made headlines for sending back trash shipments to Canada and South Korea.

The environmental and social effects are serious. Much of the waste ends up burned or dumped illegally. This releases harmful chemicals into the air and water, affecting both people and wildlife. In many communities near dumping or processing sites, residents report increased health issues and environmental degradation. Waste also clogs waterways, contaminates soil and reduces air quality.

Supporters of the trade argue it provides economic benefits and supports recycling markets in developing countries. But critics point out that these benefits often come at too high a cost and that real recycling rarely occurs.


To address the issue, U.S. experts and advocates recommend improving domestic recycling infrastructure reducing single-use plastics and enforcing stricter export rules. International agreements like the Basel Convention aim to regulate the waste trade, though the U.S. has not ratified the treaty. In the long term, reducing waste at its source is key. Consumers can help by using less plastic, choosing reusable products and supporting policies that prioritize sustainability and fairness in how waste is managed worldwide.

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RECIPES OF THE WEEK

Shrimp Risotto



1 lb Wild Caught Texas Shrimp
2 cups arborio rice
1 tsp paprika
salt & pepper
8 cups broth
2 tbsp butter
1 white onion
3 cloves garlic
1/2 cup dry white wine
1 cup grated Parmesan
Italian parsley, for garnish

Peel and devein shrimp, leaving tails on. Rinse, pat dry and set aside.

Heat oven to 375 F. Season shrimp with paprika, salt and pepper. Drizzle with olive oil then toss to combine. Lay shrimp in single layer on baking sheet and refrigerate.

Heat medium saucepan over medium-low heat and add broth. In separate

deep, heavy-bottom pot, melt butter. Chop onion and garlic then add to pot and cook until soft and browning. Add arborio rice and stir to incorporate. Cook until fragrant, 1-2 min.

Add wine and cook, stirring, until alcohol smell evaporates. Add warm broth one ladle at a time, stirring consistently. Do not add another ladle until liquid from previous ladle is mostly soaked up by rice. Risotto has finished cooking when rice is chewy with consistency of thick oatmeal.


Roast shrimp until cooked through. Remove risotto from heat and stir in grated Parmesan and chopped parsley.

Scoop into bowls and lay roasted shrimp on top.

Season with salt and pepper. Garnish with chopped parsley and serve.

For cooking tips and fresh seafood recipes, visit WildCaughtTXShrimp.com.

Santa Cookies



1 cup (2 sticks) salted butter at room temperature
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 tbsp vanilla extract
1 large egg, at room temperature
2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 tsp salt
1 tsp natural red food coloring
mini chocolate chips
mini red chocolate-coated candies

Frosting:
1/2 cup (1 stick) salted butter, at room temperature
4 oz cream cheese, at room temp
1 tsp vanilla extract
2 1/2 cups powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350 F and line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

In large mixing bowl, beat butter, sugar and vanilla until light and fluffy. Add egg and beat until combined. Add flour and salt; mix until dough begins to form ball. Remove 1 cup dough and set aside. Add red food coloring to remaining dough.

From red cookie dough, make one 1-inch ball and five 1/2-inch balls. From plain cookie dough, make one 3/4-inch ball and five 1/4-inch balls.

On prepared baking sheet, place red 1-inch ball and gently flatten until 1/2-inch thick. Attach four red 1/2-inch balls for arms and legs. Attach plain 3/4-inch ball for head and gently flatten until 1/2-inch thick. Attach

plain 1/4-inch balls for hands and feet. Shape remaining red 1/2-inch ball into triangle for hat and attach. Repeat with remaining dough, arranging cookies 2 in apart on baking sheet. Add chocolate candies for eyes and buttons.

Bake 12-15 minutes, or until lightly golden.

To make frosting: In medium bowl, beat butter and cream cheese until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add vanilla and powdered sugar; mix until combined.

To decorate: Place half of frosting in piping bag with small tip to line Santa's arms and legs. Place other half in second piping bag with small star tip to add Santa's beard, hat and hands. Put small dot of icing between eyes and beard and place red mini chocolate-coated candy on face for nose.

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