...all of you! You, the readers of the Peninsula Beacon, are the ones who have enjoyed great service, friendly assistance above and beyond the norm, unusual selections, mouthwatering menu items and more all around town — and you, our readers, let us know about it.

We are proud to present the results of the second Peninsula Beacon Readers Choice Awards. Our categories cover the sunniest corner for your morning coffee to smoothest spot for a soothing nightcap and everything in between. These awards recognize the people and places that make the Point Loma and Ocean Beach areas truly extraordinary. From Euro chic to American casual, you can find it all in these dynamic beach communities.

Ballots were printed in the Peninsula Beacon for seven weeks beginning in January. Some of the ballots were mailed while other readers chose to vote online. The votes have since been tabulated and the results presented inside this special supplement.

Some of the winners may surprise you; others have enjoyed sterling reputations for years and even decades. We hope these awards will delight those who aspire to excellence every day and inspire new businesses to reach new heights. Although we all are sometimes crushed by the daily grind, it’s gratifying to know that kindness, care and a bright smile do not go unnoticed.

The Peninsula Beacon would like to thank all the readers who took the time to single out the businesses and merchants who make Ocean Beach and Point Loma such rich and unique communities.

Congratulations!

Kevin McKay,
Editor, The Peninsula Beacon

The 2009 Readers Choice Award winners were selected by Peninsula Beacon readers!
## Readers Choice Awards 2009

Congratulations to the following businesses who were chosen by the readers of the Peninsula Beacon.

The business categories were published in ballot form over a period of 6 weeks. Readers were asked to cast ballots for their favorite choices. This was no simple task! With more than 73 categories, our readers came through with overwhelming response. We wish to thank all the readers who took the time to recognize these businesses which do so much to make Ocean Beach and Point Loma such wonderful communities.

**Category** | **Gold** | **Silver** | **Bronze**
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**OATMEAL RESTAURANT** | Nati's Mexican Food | Old Corner Wine Shop & Bistro | The Venetian
**OVERALL RESTAURANT SERVICE** | The Venetian | Old Noodle House | Old Venice Restaurant, Roselle
**NEW RESTAURANT** | OB Noodle House | Sammy's Old Venice | Tender Greens
**BEST CHEF** | Miguel's Cocina | Old Noodle House | Nati's
**BEST CUSTARD** | To Die For Ice Cream | Suny's Old Venice | Margarita's
**BEST DINER** | Nati's | Tastebuds | Nati's
**TAKE-OUT** | Nati's | Tastebuds | Nati's
**SUNDAY BRUNCH** | The Venetian | Old Corner Wine Shop & Bistro | The Venetian
**FAMILY RESTAURANT** | The Venetian | Old Corner Wine Shop & Bistro | The Venetian
**Restaurant $/ Wine Selection** | Nati's Shade Oceanfront Bistro | Shades Oceanfront Bistro | The Venetian
**WINE BAR** | O'Bistro Café | Shades Oceanfront Bistro | Tower Two Beach Café
**WINE SHOP** | O'Bistro Café | Shades Oceanfront Bistro | Tower Two Beach Café
**BEER SELECTION** | The Venetian | Old Corner Wine Shop & Bistro | The Venetian
**SPORTS BAR** | The Venetian | Old Corner Wine Shop & Bistro | The Venetian
**PLACE TO PEOPLE WATCH** | Tower Two Beach Café | Old Corner Wine Shop & Bistro | The Venetian
**PET FRIENDLY RESTAURANT** | The Venetian | Old Corner Wine Shop & Bistro | The Venetian
**LIVE MUSIC** | The Venetian | Old Corner Wine Shop & Bistro | The Venetian
**PLACE TO GO ON A BUDGET** | The Venetian | Old Corner Wine Shop & Bistro | The Venetian
**MOST ROMANTIC** | The Venetian | Old Corner Wine Shop & Bistro | The Venetian
**BEST OCEAN VIEW** | The Venetian | Old Corner Wine Shop & Bistro | The Venetian
**BEST CITY VIEW** | The Venetian | Old Corner Wine Shop & Bistro | The Venetian
**APPETIZER** | The Venetian | Old Corner Wine Shop & Bistro | The Venetian
**HUBRITIO** | The Venetian | Old Corner Wine Shop & Bistro | The Venetian
**FISH AND CHIPS** | The Venetian | Old Corner Wine Shop & Bistro | The Venetian
**DESSERTS** | The Venetian | Old Corner Wine Shop & Bistro | The Venetian
**MARGARITA** | The Venetian | Old Corner Wine Shop & Bistro | The Venetian
**MARTINIPHOTOS BY CASEY DEAN / THE PENINSULA BEACON**
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Time Magazine called Bud’s Ice Cream “One of the World’s Best”

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Best Italian Restaurant
Little Chef
1327 Webster Street, Ocean Beach
(619) 222-6627
www.littlechefcafe.com
Best Chef
Paul Niles
at the Bungalow
(see entry under Most Romantic)

Best Breakfast
Shades Oceanfront Bistro
This Ocean Beach venue has an odd habit of opening at 6:30 a.m. In and of itself, that's maybe not so unusual — until you add in the rocking happy hour and the 9 p.m. close (so during the summer). That's a long day, to be sure, but we have every faith you can handle it. The big hit at breakfast involves something called Salmon Scrambles, which should tide you over until lunch and that veggie sandwich with goat cheese and sprouts you've had your eye on. The excellent food, unique cocktails and quality service mark the coming as well, and the ocean view never stops.

Best Lunch
O'Bistro Café
Owners Brenda and Jongo Park have put much attention into the dining experience at O'Bistro. The patio dining and refreshing menu has made this top pick for lunch locations! Enjoy a delicious meal in the cozy café or on the inside or outside patio. You'll be delighted by the variety of dishes prepared by executive chef John Mann. Featuring seafood, steaks, pasta, salads sandwiches, ribs and more. Sushi also available. Lunch and dinner served daily and they're even open late with a full bar. Breakfast served on the weekends from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Be sure to try their famous lobster bisque. Dogs are also welcome. Just two blocks from the beach. Also plenty of parking in their private lot.

Best Dinner
Joao's Tin Fish Pub & Eatery
4934 Voltaire Street, Ocean Beach
(619) 223-2202
www.obnoodlehouse.com
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www.obnoodlehouse.com

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Best Chef
John Mann
at The Venetian
www.thevenetian965.com

Best Overall Restaurant
The Venetian
3663 Voltaire St., Point Loma
www.thevenetian965.com

Best Pizza
Humphrey's by the Bay
4910 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach
(619) 222-6627
www.humphreysbythebay.com

Best Branch
Humphrey's by the Bay
Unless they've been homesteading on Mercury the last several years, everybody in the city knows about Humphrey's Backstage Music Club,
Best Wine Bar
3rd Corner Wine Shop & Bistro
(see entry under Best Wine Bar)

Beer Selection
Newport Pizza & Alehouse
Located in Ocean Beach, Newport Pizza & Alehouse is one of San Diego’s finest beer bars! As a proud member of the San Diego Brewers Guild, Newport Pizza strives to educate the general public of the benefits of drinking great beer. With 24 taps that constantly rotate, you are bound to find a new favorite beer every time you come in. You’ll also find a selection of 80+ bottles which are also constantly changing, with a wide selection of rare Belgian ales, classic IPAs and so much more. Not only does Newport Pizza & Alehouse offer the best selection of brews in town, they have also mastered the art of thin crust pizza. Seven different types of hand tossed pizza are prepared and baked right before your eyes in their open kitchen. Order by the slice or a whole pie with your friends. Stop by every day from 3 to 6 p.m. for great happy hour specials such as $3 off pitchers and.$1 off all drafts. Daily happy hour specials also include a beer and slice combo for only $4 or a soda and slice combo for $4. Every Thursday evening, Oceanside enjoy the OB locals special from 7 to 9 p.m., which includes $2 off all pints, half off all 22 oz. and 750 ml bottles, and whole cheese pies for only $10. So come on down and enjoy your slice of pie and pint of beer on the open-air patio, while taking in the Pacific Ocean View!

Newport Pizza & Ale House
5050 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach
(619) 224-4540
www.newportpizza-alehouse.com

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Best Sports Bar
Nick’s at the Pier
Take Nick’s at the Beach (arguably the archetypal Pacific Beach eatery) and drop it on the Ocean Beach Pier; oddly enough, Nick’s at the Pier materializes, with the same vibe and commitment to quality you’ll find at the P.B. staple. The fried calamari, the papas guisadas, the crab cakes and steamed mussels – they’re all here, along with a killer wine list, a serious banquet menu and a stratospheric 23 big-screen TVs. For a place that first opened its doors only last year, Nick’s at the Pier has thought of just about everything. There’s a reason it all looks familiar – but don’t worry. You’ve come to the right place.

Nick’s at the Pier
5083 Santa Monica Ave.
(619) 222-7437
www.nicksatthepier.com

Pet Friendly Restaurant
Tower Two Café
Fresh air, fresh food and fries! Tower Two offers pet friendly dining on their patio, so whether you’ve come for breakfast, lunch, dinner or cocktails this restaurant won’t disappoint. The large portion meals include Mexican cuisine, classic American foods, and several seafood meals that are sure to please your palate. So next time you’re out for a stroll with the pooch, make sure you make a point to stroll on over to Tower Two Café and say “Hi” to owners Tim & Debbie Nolan.

Tower Two Café
5083 Santa Monica Ave #1B, Ocean Beach
(619) 223-4509
www.tower2cafe.com

Best Late Night Eatery
Winston’s
You already know that Winston’s is the most popular live music venue in Ocean Beach – it’s been that way for almost all of its 22 years and things aren’t expected to change in the foreseeable future. What you may not have known is that Winston’s also hosts many special shows, such as its own film festival and an array of bar trips, and works to support local causes and charities on behalf of community members who’ve suffered injury, affliction or loss. Winston’s is proud of its work with the ocean beach MainStreet Association and many San Diego-area organizations in the interest of a better community.

Winston’s
1921 Bacon St., Ocean Beach
(619) 222-6822
www.winstonsoa.com

Best Place to Dance
Winston’s
(see entry under Best Live Music Venue)

Best Comfort Food
The Harp
(see entry under Best Irish Restaurant)

Best Late Night Eatery
Nick’s at the Pier
(see entry under Best Sports Bar)

Best Place to Go on a Budget
Nico’s Mexican Food
“I’ve never loved anything in this crazy world,” one partisan says, “as much as I love a Nico’s bean ‘n’ cheese burrito.” “Anything”? That’s quite an endorsement, especially when you consider that this crazy world has lots of cool stuff in it – like this eatery’s legendary bean and cheese burrito and the way it piles on the beans. The chicken taquitos rate high as well, as does the veggie burrito and the refried bean. In a city that costs close to 5 million Mexican restaurants, Nico’s must
and a hard place to leave. Tables make this a great place to go and Internet jukebox and pool our take-out window. Satellite sports on big-screen plasma TVs and wetlet. Or grab an order to go from the take-out window. Satellite sports on big-screen plasma TVs and Internet jukebox and pool tables make this a great place to go and a hard place to boot.

Miguel’s Cocina
2912 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma (619) 223-2520
www.brigantine.com/miguels

Best Romantic
Thee Bungalow
We’ve worked every so often about that pesky little extra “e” in “Thee”, as illustrated above – but after 40 years in business, this Ocean Beach gathering spot hasn’t seemed to suffer in its wake. The bungalow part is what the name implies – and this old country bungalow features four intimate dining rooms perfect for that romantic rendezvous, small party or business meeting. House specialties include roast duck, roast lamb, fresh seafood and killer dessert soufflés – one taste of anything on the menu, and the extra “e” fades into irrelevance.

Thee Bungalow
4996 W. Point Loma Blvd. (619) 224-2884
www.theebungalow.com

Best Happy Hour
The Arizona (AZ) Café
“The AZ” is the place to mingle for anyone who wants a real taste of the beach scene. An Ocean Beach landmark, the newly remodeled Arizona offers a ’40s atmosphere with a contemporary flare – even the ceiling reflects the artistic detail of the era. Check out the daily happy hour featuring food and drink specials. The menu offers burgers, sliders, sandwiches, salads, appetizers and more – and incredibly tasty variety that’s easy on the wallet. Or grab an order to go from our take-out window. Satellite sports on big-screen plasma TVs and Internet jukebox and pool tables make this a great place to go and a hard place to leave.

The Arizona (AZ) Café
1925 Bacon St., Ocean Beach (619) 223-7381

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Best Ocean View
Nick’s at the Pier
(see entry under Best Sports Bar)

Best City View
Bali Hai Restaurant
The Bali Hai Restaurant has been a favorite in San Diego for over 40 years, and it’s no wonder, with one of the most spectacular views of San Diego Harbor. The circular architectural design and floor to ceiling windows promise diners great seating and views. Another one of the great amenities the Bali Hai Restaurant has to offer is the boat dock out on the backside of the restaurant. Every Sunday, many boat owners in the community come to the Bali Hai and dock to have Sunday Brunch. For some, it’s a Sunday ritual. If you own a boat, and are considering coming over for Sunday Brunch, we suggest you get there a little early to get a place on the dock. Sometimes boats get docked two deep on Sundays!! Mahalo – and enjoy!

Bali Hai Restaurant
2230 Shelter Island Dr., San Diego (619) 222-1181
www.balihaierestaurant.com

Best Burrito
Nico’s
(see entry under Best Place to Go on a Budget)
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South Beach Bar & Grille
Anybody who knows anything about coastal San Diego knows that the fish tacos here are the best in the history of the universe. But did anybody ever think about what kind of fare rests inside that delicious shell? South Beach Bar & Grille can only speak for itself on that score — and the Mahi taco, at an absolutely unbeatable price, speaks volumes for South Beach Bar & Grille. This place has lots of stellar values on everything else — it’s all part of doing business on the coast, which is already overrun with competitors. When it comes to a cheap, great taco, South Beach has it made. And if you visit, so do you.

South Beach Bar & Grille
5059 Newport Ave, Ocean Beach
(619) 223-4577
www.southbeachob.com

Tony’s Bar
Step into Tony’s and you’ll take a nostalgic trip back to a simpler time. Tony’s 1940’s cocktail lounge unique atmosphere loaded with vintage photos of Ocean Beach is the place to be in OB! Savor a classic cocktail or specialty martini while relaxing in one of the booths listening to the internet juke box or playing a game of pool. Don’t miss happy hour everyday from 5 to 7 p.m. for half-price pitchers of beer, $2 off all martinis and $1 off all cocktails. Your favorite sports on big screens tv’s, a smoking patio and ATM make it an all around great place to hang out.

Tony’s Bar
5054 Newport Ave, Ocean Beach
(619) 223-0558

SPECIALTY DRINK
Bali Hai Restaurant
(see entry under Best City View)

South Beach Bar & Grille

The Souplantation
Souplantation is a healthy and fresh alternative for lunch and dinner. The all-you-can-eat cafeteria-style restaurant offers a choice of soups — such as Irish potato leek, turkey vegetable, or spicy four-bean minestrone, with warm cornbread or focaccia on the side. Pasta selections like lemon orzo and pesto salad are flavorful and filling. But, my favorite is the salad bar. It’s huge, offering almost anything you can imagine putting on lettuce. The staff does an admirable job of keeping the salad bar clean, attractive, and well-stocked. Souplantations can get crowded, especially during Friday lunch hour and on the weekends (lots of families), so go early or late to have an easier time moving through the line.

Souplantation
3960 W Pt. Loma Blvd., Sports Arena
(619) 222-7404

Mai Tai
Thanks for voting us:
Best Irish
Best Comfort Food
Live Music
Place to Dance
Place to Watch People

Bali Hai Restaurant

Poma’s Italian Deli
The folks at Poma’s like to call their eatery the “home of the roast beef sandwich” — but you’ll also love the roastball, torpedo & pizza sandwiches just as much. After all, they were voted BEST SANDWICH 2 years in a row! Poma’s also serves up 14- and 16-inch pies; the pizzas come with your choice of 11 condiments, from ham to pineapple. And don’t think the staff stumbled on the fare selection any-time in the recent past – this family-run business has been in Ocean Beach since 1965. Poma’s Italian Deli
1846 Bacon St., Ocean Beach
(619) 223-3027

2230 Shelter Island Dr.
(619) 222-1181
www.balihairestaurant.com

Give Dad a Thai he won’t want to return
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2760 Shelter Island Dr ., Point Loma
(619) 222-2216

Fiddler’s Green
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Fiddler’s Green
2760 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma
(619) 222-2216

Sapporo’s Japanese Restaurant
Dim lights and Japanese decor provide appeal to this intimate sushi spot in Ocean Beach. Sapporo’s prime location and great sushi make this a

Sapporo’s Japanese Restaurant
favorite for local sushi enthusiasts. You’ll find traditional nigiri sushi like tuna, yellowtail and scallops, along with other specialty rolls like the Mexican roll, which consists of octopus, spicy sauce reasonable prices.

Sapporo’s Japanese Restaurant
5049 Newport Ave, Ocean Beach
(619) 222-6686

Best Bar
Pacific Shores
Pacific Shores is an award winning cocktail lounge that was established in 1941! You’ll find great drinks, great people and great prices. Sea life murals, etched mirrors and service from our giant seashell bar give a classic 40’s look and retro experience. Smoking areas, pool room, and parking. The jukebox music selection varies from 40s jazz favorites to current selections, carry listeners to another place and time. The Happy Hour is legendary- 10 am-2 am. Located only two blocks from the world famous Ocean Beach Pier. Logo shirts are also available.

Pacific Shores
4927 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach
(619) 223-7549

Best BBQ
Phil’s BBQ
For the past 10 years, BBQ lovers across San Diego County have turned to restaurateur Phil Pace to satisfy a singular craving: mesquite grilled babyback and beef ribs, chicken and sandwiches. Serving thousands of customers a day from a diverse clientele of skateboards to Bentleys, Phil has built his foundation on consistency, quality, freshness and friendly service. In 2007, after the smoke cleared from the original Phil’s BBQ location in Mission Hills, the restaurant relocated to a much larger space in Point Loma. Even with a change of location, the Phil’s experience and menu remains the same: long lines of anticipation, an energetic, friendly atmosphere, fantastic food, huge portions and many, many, paper towels. Phil doesn’t come from a long line of BBQ connoisseurs. Instead, he created from scratch a top-secret recipe for BBQ rubs and sauce while taking his dad’s advice to only cook what he knows best and treat employees like family. Phil has been a pioneer of fast, casual dining since the opening of the first restaurant, giving San Diegans what they want — great BBQ. Taking care of, satisfying cravings and supporting customers has always been Phil’s #1 priority.

Phil’s BBQ
3740 Sports Arena Blvd., Sports Arena
(619) 222-0010

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Kaiserhof Restaurant
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Best American
Tower Two Beach Café
(see entry under Best Breakfast)

Best Asian Fusion
OB Noodle House
(see entry under Best New Restaurant)

Best Vietnamese
OB Noodle House
(see entry under Best New Restaurant)

Best French
Thee Bungalow
(see entry under Most Romantic)

Best Chinese
Little Chef
(see entry under Best Take-Out)

Best Chinese Take-Out
Little Chef
(see entry under Best Take-Out)

Best Thai
Meechai Thai
Meechai Thai may be a little out of the way, but not forgotten for those who have become addicted to the exotic flavors on the menu. Traditional Thai dishes featuring an extensive selection of soups, salads, curries, rice and rice noodles. Drunken noodles, Pad thai, spring rolls, kabobs and red curry have all come highly recommended. The soups are to die for especially the Tom kah chicken soup. All are made to order with the freshest ingredients you’re not likely to find elsewhere. Daily specials. Take-
out and reservations Monday-Sunday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Meechai Thai
3960 W. Point Loma Blvd., Ste. F, Sports Arena
(619)224-4871
www.meechathai.net

Best Indian
Cafe India
Cafe India is so welcoming and accommodating. The food is some of the best Indian cuisine you can find in San Diego, with both vegetarian and meat based appetizers and entrees. This restaurant truly has something for everybody.
Cafe’ India
3760 Sports Arena Blvd., Ste 5, Sports Arena
(619)224-7500

Best Mexican
Miguel’s Cocina
(see entry under Best Place for a Birthday Party)

Best Irish
The Harp
The Harp offers a warm Irish welcome with friendly staff serving up great drinks and conversation. Decorated with autographed pictures of Irish sports stars, this is a good spot to watch sports on the plentiful flat screens. Grab a seat at the open windows and enjoy an afternoon of people watching whilst eating some fine comfort food, including Shepherd’s Pie, Fish ’n’ Chips, Irish Stew, etc with a pint of the black stuff. Great venue to watch local bands and get your jig on the dance floor!
The Harp
4935 Newport Ave, Ocean Beach
(619) 222-0168

Best Mexican Take-Out
Nati’s Mexican Food
(see entry under Best Overall Restaurant)

Best Bartender
Sunshine Saloon Bar
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619-222-0722
www.sunshineob.com

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Best Bakery
The European Cake Gallery
You’d doubt this place had staked its claim on its carrot cake – such is the fanatical public response the delicate cake has garnered over the years. Truth is, The European Cake Gallery is more than just an item or two. Apple, pumpkin and other pies line the shelves as surely as the German chocolate and white Bavarian cake entries, cupcakes, cookies and fruit bars – and you haven’t lived until you’ve tried a piece of the Swiss Black Forest. It’s three layers of chocolate cake filled with a light chocolate mousse and whipped cream, iced with whipped cream and either milk chocolate or white chocolate shavings. That’s a lot of “chocolate” in one sentence – stop by here, and you’ll taste the justification for each one.

The European Cake Gallery
3661 Voltaire St., Ocean Beach
(619) 222-3377

Best Café
O’Bistro Café
(see entry under Best Lunch)

Best Catering
CJ’s Catering
CJ’s has been catering to San Diego and the Peninsula for over 25 years! Known for quality baked goods using the freshest ingredients, they are especially proud of their famous pies and awesome cookies! You’ll also find the best darn quiche in San Diego at CJ’s. Hard to find goodies – no problem. CJ’s specialty baking will help you out with custom orders for any occasion. If you’ve never experienced CJ’s goodies, stop by for a treat!

CJ’s Catering & Specialty Baking
4166 Voltaire St., Ocean Beach
(619) 224-8004

Best Coffee Shop
Newbreak Coffee & Café
Ocean Beach routinely capitalizes on its rep for the laid-back lifestyle, and that’s why the Newbreak Café is in exactly the right place. The place caters to a number of pursuits – there’s free wireless for the studious, an outdoor patio for people-watching and lots of comfortable chairs and big tables for hanging out with friends. All that people-watching is bound to make you hungry, which is where the excellent on-site bar comes in. Sandwiches, burritos and pastries are available, and you can wash ‘em down with your favorite specialty coffee, iced blended coffee or smoothie. Newbreak is in the right area of town, all right; it’s as Ocean Beach as – well – Ocean Beach.

Newbreak Coffee & Café
1959 Abbott St., Ocean Beach
(619) 224-6666

Best Deli
Poma’s Italian Deli
(see entry under Best Sandwich)

Best Juice Bar
Jamba Juice
This California-based chain churns out more than 20 kinds of fruit smoothies from behind cheerily colorful pink, green and yellow facades. Pick from ingredients that include fresh fruit, veggies, nonfat frozen yogurt, soy milk and dairy-free sherbet. Or order the coldbusted, a blend of orange juice, peaches, bananas and 2,000 percent of the daily recommended amount of vitamin C. In addition to smoothies, it also offers a short menu of soups, low-fat breads and pretzels.

Jamba Juice
3305 Rosecrans St. Ste A, Sports Arena
(619) 523-2800

Best Bagels
PL Bagels
P L Bagels is a wonderful little Ma & Pa bagel shop that offers food as good as any of the popular chain places for literally half the price. Love bagels? You’ll soon be hooked on these little life savers! You’ll score big at the office with a couple tubs of your favorite cream cheese and couple dozen hand-made bagels – that is, if you feel like sharing.

PL Bagels
3704 Voltaire St. #107, Point Loma
(619) 222-4788

Best Donut Shop
OB Donuts
OB Donuts is a great little shop to indulge your sweet tooth! Traditional donuts include glazed, chocolate, jelly, maple and chocolate bars – all freshly baked and mouth watering! They also carry great breakfast sandwiches, including bagel and croissant and your choice of ham, canadian bacon and lox! This locally owned and operated store has been a donut loving haven serving the Peninsula for years!

OB Donuts
1830 Sunset Cliffs Blvd, Ocean Beach
(619) 222-0298 www.obdonuts.com

Best Ice Cream/Yogurt
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Beach, now featuring double rainbow super premium, all natural, gluten free and certified kosher ice cream — but if you already read the name of the venue, you got the idea. But the Lighthouse also has something that the other places don’t — a hot waffle ice cream sandwich, which includes your favorite ice cream stuffed between two Belgian waffles and put in a special iron. Reportedly, the heat doesn’t even melt the ice cream — that means this place is worth a visit for the scientific phenomenon alone.

Lighthouse Ice Cream & Yogurt
5059 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach
(619) 222-8600

Best Vegetarian
Ocean Beach People’s Organic Food Co-op
This cooperative was born as a small neighborhood buying club in 1971. The people who nurtured its growth were activists seeking to create alternatives to established institutions, including grocery stores. Their dream was a facility that provided healthful, nonpolluting foods at a fair price, a store that belongs to the community it serves. The idea has stuck — this employee-owned business is nearly 40 years old now, and it’s still buying and selling with the same healthful options in mind, options that never seem to go out of style with its 8,000 members. There’s acoustic music on Friday nights, too.

Ocean Beach People’s Organic Food Co-op
4765 Voltaire St., Ocean Beach
(619) 224-1387
www.obpeoplesfood.coop

Best Senior Special
Denny’s Restaurant
Denny’s, home of the grand slam breakfasts, where breakfast is served 24/7. A favorite among families and for value, variety. Healthy, heart-friendly choices and senior discounts make this a favorite among local senior citizens. Always friendly, fast service and a great cup of joe.

Denny’s
3704 Camino Del Rio West, Sports Arena
(619) 295-9200

Best Early Bird Specials
Red Sails Inn
Red Sails Inn is located on beautiful Shelter Island with a patio offering bay side dining and a great view of San Diego Sport Fishing Fleet. Serving the area for more than 50 years, Red Sails Inn has been a local watering hole and is widely known for family dining and great early-bird specials! Famous for their breakfast, Red Sails also offers lunch and dinner menus with everything from sandwiches to fresh Seafood, Steak and Lobster. They also have a special menu just for kids.

Red Sails Inn
2614 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma
619-223-3030

Best Patio Dining
Nati’s Mexican Restaurant
(see entry under Best Overall Restaurant)

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