



Sunday Funday

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Just because it's Sunday, there's no reason to let the weekend fun end. Numerous hotspots around town participate in Sunday Funday, offering special food and drink selections to help patrons end their weekends on a high note. Sunday Funday was started in the West Sixth Street District, but quickly spread to other areas of Austin, including the South side. The trend has been catching fire throughout the state and beyond.

The special day often starts out with Mimosas or Bloody Marys and brunch at local restaurants, with many establishments continuing throughout the day.

"Sundays at Paggi House are about relaxing and recovering from the weekend," says Executive Chef Ruston Richardson. "We relish starting a new week with the comforts of delicious food, friends and family."

TRADITIONS

Paggi House has long been revered for its decadent Sunday brunch, served on the lush patio overlooking the city skyline. A favorite is the restaurant's play on a breakfast classic: the menu's "Bacon and Eggs" features maple yuzu-glazed pork belly, fried hash browns and poached eggs.

"It's a day and setting that encourages slow-paced appreciation and restorative relaxation," Richardson says.

Some might call a Bloody Mary the most important weekend dish, and South Congress Café has one that is named the tops in 78704 by Eater Austin. Their secret is Tito's Handmade Vodka, infused with a variety of veggies and peppers. The brunch menu features



favorites such as a Smoked Short Rib Hash and Eggs Benedict South Congress Style, with choice of traditional, crab cake or corned beef and regular or chipotle hollandaise sauce.

A few doors up Congress Avenue, Snack Bar has a retro vibe that en-

courages lounging and is dog-friendly. Their Sunday brunch features Mimosa specials, including a \$15 Mimosa flask, and they also extend the love to industry folks on Sunday (and Monday) nights with drink specials for all service staff.

Over on South Lamar Boulevard, Red's Porch is always hopping on Sunday. Brunch starts at a civilized 11 a.m., with \$2.50 mimosas.

"Sundays are a huge day for us, especially when the weather is nice," says Head Honcho Sean Tipps. "We have brunch with great options, from Shrimp and Grits to Smoked Brisket Hash."

Sunday Funday doesn't end here with brunch; drink specials beginning at 4 p.m. and a happy hour food menu keep people hanging onto the weekend until 11 p.m.

"There's pretty much something all day!" Tipps adds.

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