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Bites Nearby: Southern Comfort at LL Dent

LL Dent offers delicious southern food in a welcoming environment.

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You could stand on a corner and look around until a restaurant sign draws you in. But we've got a better idea. Each week, the Mineola Patch picks a great restaurant either in town or nearby that is worth checking out. Here's this week's choice:

LL Dent (<http://www.lldent.com>) – A Bite is a misnomer when it comes to Sunday Brunch at LL Dent. This is a feast of all the great foods associated with the South: fried chicken, grits, biscuits, catfish, black-eyed peas and lots more, plus an omelet station and waffles with strawberries and whipped cream all for \$20.95.

The LL in the name stands for the mother-daughter team of Lillian and Leisa Dent. Mom Lillian's the hostess and Leisa's the chef and between them they have been welcoming Long Islanders since 2006 with their down-home food and hospitality.

During the week there is a full menu of southern favorites for all tastes and diets: BBQ brisket, heart-healthy stewed tilapia and turkey meat loaf, pulled pork, a vegetarian BBQ "chicken," grilled vegetable and tofu salad, and many of the dishes served at Sunday brunch. The sides, which include mac and cheese, candied yams and cole slaw, should not be missed. The featured cakes often are coconut and red velvet. Sweet tea, cinnamon mint tea, sodas and wine round out the meal.

221 Old Country Rd., Carle Place, 516-742-0940

www.lldent.com (<http://www.lldent.com>)

Hours: Open daily for lunch and dinner (closed Mondays).

Prices: \$13 to \$30 for entrees (plus an \$8.50 Angus burger).



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