

BEAVER'S

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It is hard not to notice a big cute beaver, and that is exactly what sits now right on Westheimer Road, In the front of the parking lot of what used to be Texadelphia. Beaver's continues the kid-friendly policy of its predecessor, yet there is not only an intimate bar (adults only) but also a large party room available for special events and an outdoor 'beer garden' area with a roaring fire in winter time. **Starters:** Beaver tails, stuffed shrimp w jalapeno w jack and cream cheese; Nacho Mama's, brisket or pulled pork, guacamole, habanero salsa, queso, charro beans, sour cream, tortilla chips; BBQ oysters, broiled, garlic butter, bacon chimichurri, citrus pico. **Soups:** Drunken chili w shredded cheese, fried onions; Blackened tortilla, tortilla strips, cheese, avocado. **Salads:** Beaver chop, romaine, cherry tomato, corn, peppers, black beans, cilantro lime dressing; Caesar; Dirty South chicken salad, grilled or fried, cornbread croutons, chopped romaine, homemade ranch, tomatoes, cheese, bacon. **Mac:** Classic mac, three cheeses mac & cheese; Frito pie mac, chili, Fritos, fresh onions; BBQ mac, chopped beef, BBQ sauce, crispy onions. **BBQ:** Plates of brisket, pork ribs, pulled pork, pork sausage, Samper, Sloppy Beaver, Pit boss chickwich-shredded chicken, fried egg, crispy onions, coleslaw, pickle spear. **Entrée:** Chicken fried steak, country gravy, mashed potatoes, braised green beans, Texas toast; Beaver baked potato, loaded w choice of smoked beef, pork, or chicken; Roasted yard bird, ½ bird, natural chicken jus, roasted veggies, brisket dirty rice; By the day fresh fish, cauliflower puree, roasted florets, brown sage butter, wilted arugula; Vegetable lasagna, portabella mushrooms, chayote squash, roasted garlic, butternut and ricotta filling, roasted tomato, marinara sauce; Bad ass poor boy, fried fish & shrimp, coleslaw, tartar sauce, crispy onions, house chips; Philly steak po boy, seared Texas beef, caramelized onions, bell peppers, fresh jalapenos, provolone. **Between the bun:** Fried chicken sandwich; Beaver nut burger, brown rice, cashews, walnuts, cheddar, bibb lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, miso mustard, chips; Shrimp roll, butter poached shrimp, herb aioli; Beaver belly, beef patty topped w pork belly, boursin cheese, caramelized onions. **Dessert:** Pecan pie tart, vanilla ice cream; Bread pudding; Fruit cobbler. Menu at Beaver's Westheimer shares some menu items with the original Beaver's on Washington, but there are many new items to try.

ELOISE NICHOLS

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Tucked away on quiet Mid Lane, between Highland Village and the River Oaks District, this new concept restaurant by the owners of Adair Kitchen is getting excellent reviews. Warm ambiance, good bar/friendly bartenders, creative food menu, and ample self-parking make it just the spot to visit for a relaxing experience. **To share:** Warm olives & rosemary, Texas sourdough; Field pea hummus, feta, crispy pita; Crispy gulf rock shrimp, pickled green tomatoes, coriander aioli, charred lemon; Char grilled oysters on the half shell, cocktail sauce. **Raw bar:** Tuna tartare, preserved lemon, white soy, beet, avocado, poppy seed, taro; Seafood campechana, crushed avocado, tortilla chips; Oysters on the half shell. **Eat your veggies:** Chef's wedge salad, house bacon, pickled onion, crumbled egg, spice peanuts, green goddess; Coffee roasted beets, texas pecans, blue cheese, cocoa nibs, celery; Char grilled broccoli, crème fraiche, pickled chiles. **Mains:** Redfish on the half shell, harissa marinated, charred lemon, brussels slaw, olives, Aleppo; Texas shrimp & grits, housemade chorizo, sundried chile broth crispy okra; Chicken & dumplings, baby carrots, mushrooms, wheat gnocchi, rosemary; Char grilled ½ chicken, crispy polenta, romesco, charred scallion; Texas beef burger; Pastrami Pork ribs, chamomile infused butternut, house mustard, frisee.

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