

# The Arcade brings fun and nostalgia to Brighton area

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The same owner who brought Blasters Family Fun Center to the city of Brighton has done it again with the opening of his new business, The Arcade. Located at 10840 Grand River Avenue, The Arcade can be a lot of fun for younger kids and a form of nostalgia for older generations.

Jurassic Park, Indiana Jones, Austin Powers, and Star Trek are just a few of the pinball machines that fill the lower level of the arcade. There are about 50 different pinball machines that the owner buys from a variety of places. The upper level has all of your favorite classic arcade games, including Pac-man, Centipede, Asteroids, Donkey Kong, and Space Invaders. Just name a classic arcade game, and they will have it. Most of the games upstairs only cost a quarter, and some of them even offer free plays.

Downstairs, the majority of the pinball machines are new and cost a dollar to play. This may seem expensive for a single play but if you think about how long some pinball games can go on for, it is actually very reasonable. Some games can last from 30 seconds, to 15 minutes, or in the case of the longest pinball game in history, 72 hours and 8 minutes.

The high prices also help keep their machines in good condition so they will last longer. The less it costs to play, the more times the machines would be played and the faster they would wear out. Considering that this is one of the biggest complaints of arcades, these high prices might help make the machines last longer.

The Arcade also offers the opportunity for anyone to join their Pinball League, which started on January 24th of this year. The league is free to join and shouldn't cost more than \$5 to play each league night.

League nights are normally held monthly on the third Friday of the month, from January to July, with the exception of April due to 2 Michigan pinball shows that occur. The final league night is the championship night where The Arcade will award trophies and prizes, and the 2014 league champion will be determined.

The Arcade is a fun place to go with your whole family and it can even be a host for a birthday party. Enjoy delicious pizza, pop, and games as you spend a fun afternoon in The Arcade. After visiting I'd have to say The Arcade has earned a total of 3 out of four paws.



# Alexander's looks to be a culinary hit

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Where land and sea meet under one restaurant's roof, Alexander's is the talk of the town. What used to be a dingy looking steak-oriented restaurant is now a classy, reformed and well presented seafood and steakhouse.

Although it was nice to have valet parking, the parking lot is in close quarters and backed up traffic. It really wasn't necessary; especially having to wait on the way out. When we first walked through the door we were greeted by friendly hosts. Alexander's is pretty busy so make sure to call ahead for a reservation.

To the right of the host stand is a dimmed bar with a red glow to it where the singles can mingle. In front of the bar is a more intimate setting for couples to unwind and relax with a delectable meal and some wine to accompany it. To your left of the host stand is a more restaurant themed atmosphere, with higher curved booths on one side and smaller tables on the other. With the lights dimmed, each table had a candle lit to compliment the atmosphere.

A sophisticated yet comedic gentleman named Larry was our waiter. He offered up appetizers such as bruschetta, which we had to have. Although bruschetta is usually grilled bread topped with olive oil, tomatoes, garlic and cheese, they added their own touch and topped it with humus along with the toma-

atoes. Although I was uncertain at first, it proved to be a nice touch. I would of rather just stayed with the piping hot loaf of bread that was served with the salads though.

For the main dish I chose George's Bank Scallops. The scallops were pan seared, parmesan risotto, and asparagus with lemon beurre blanc. It was either the pan seared or the parmesan risotto that made those scallops taste so mouthwatering. The only downside to this dish is that for \$27 you only get four scallops. One or two more would have topped it off!

The perfect way to end the night, a hot cup of coffee and the creme brulee, a raspberry vanilla bean custard topped with caramelized sugar. This dessert was rather small, but for such richness and sweetness it was just enough. And with the bill and some heart shaped chocolate from Larry we were off.

Overall I would have to rate this restaurant a 3 out of 4 paws. Compared to other steak and seafood such as Stillwater or Saganos, Alexander's is preferred for the seafood. Atmosphere all around was warm and friendly with a touch of intimacy. Prices are decent and the food delicious. Would I ever go back? Absolutely, just to try the filet mignon or the roasted duck and splurge with the espresso brownie parfait!



## Staff Suggestion

Who's your favorite Disney character?

Ashleigh Beauchamp  
Peter Pan

Joey Benkarski  
Riku

Delaney Bussey  
Nala

Andrew Chevalier  
Mufasa

Anderson Day  
Pluto

Camila dosSANTOS  
Cinderella

Drew Drake  
Olaf

Randi Gardner  
Dory

Jeremiah Johnson  
Genie

Josie Jonckheere  
Dory

Matt Klueger  
Grandmother Fa-Mulan

Jacqueline Kochan  
Ariel

Connor Konas  
The Beast

Mark Konieczny  
Donald Duck

Bryan LeDuc  
Yoda

Blake Loughran  
Jack Sparrow

Tony Mirabitor  
Darth Vader

Jacob Pollock  
Dory

Emma Roberts  
Abu

Adrianna Ross  
Jasmine

Jordyn Salerno  
Troy Bolton

Danielle Snowgold  
Stitch

Quaid Stouder  
Sora

Amanda Stutzman  
O'Malley

Tien Tran  
Dory

Cameron Tripp  
Maleficent

Julie Urbaniak  
Flick

Shannon Walsh  
Hamm

Sarah Wright  
Esmerelda

Monica Weston  
Simba

Lauren Wiegand  
Goofy

Thomas Wright  
Bambi

Connor Zebley  
Stitch

# The dead are walking again

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The dead are back and are even more terrifying than before. AMC's hit series *The Walking Dead* has finally returned from its mid-season break with its new episode "After".

*The Walking Dead* is a television adaptation of Robert Kirkman's hit comic series of the same name. The story revolves around a group of ordinary people forced to adapt to a world where one slip can guarantee death by the reanimated dead.

Personally I wasn't the biggest fan of the first few episodes in season four but the mid-season finale was brilliant. Greg Nicotero did a great job directing and with the comic's creator Robert Kirkman writing this episode I was thrilled to see what was going to happen.

After the devastating events of the last episode "Too Far Gone" the group is still grieving from a major loss and to make things worse everyone has been separated into small groups. The episode mainly focuses on the connecting story of Michonne (Danai Gurira) trying to choose which path to go down, while the other half of the episode deals with Carl Grime (Chandler Riggs) trying to prove to his bruised and beaten father that he can take care of himself.

Though this episode is about the two intertwining stories it focuses more on Michonne, which made me love this episode even more.

Michonne is my favorite character and "After" pays a wonderful homage to The Michonne Special, a one shot comic focusing on her backstory before the outbreak.

Ever since Michonne was intro-

duced back in season two's finale I wanted to know what this character was all about; she's a character shrouded in mystery. She starts out emotionally distant and rarely lets anyone in her bubble but as the series progresses she begins warming up to the group. Then she is put in a situation throughout the past two episodes where she has to choose between going back to her loner ways or continue to be a part of something bigger.

The nitpick I have with this story is that it gives us only a little bit of Michonne's origin but hopefully writers will use this to their advantage and give us more in future episodes.

Let's check in on Carl and Rick in an abandoned house. While Rick

is in dreamland due to severe injuries Carl decides to go out on his own and gather supplies and does so without his father's permission. At the beginning of the episode I wasn't a fan of Carl just because of the things he said to Rick when he is unconscious. Carl outright blames his father for all the group's misfortunes. Really Carl? That's your dad and you say that to him?

I must say Kirkman nailed the dialogue of the scenes where Rick and Carl are butting heads. It goes like this: Carl the whiny teenager feels he is invincible and can do anything on his own.

Well, that mindset slaps Carl right in the face and he realize he's not as cool as he thinks he is. He goes home

and he apologizes to Rick and, well, I don't want to spoil the rest.

"After" was a great episode; the perfect combination of action and storytelling. It shows us how much of an impact the events of the "Too Far Gone" had on the group and raises a question of whether the remaining members will try looking for their friends or just go on their own.

"After" was also a love letter to Michonne fans everywhere and I can't wait to see how Danai Gurira continues to show us Michonne's emotional side.

If you're interested in watching *The Walking Dead* you can find the first three seasons on Netflix or AMC's website.

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