



Top Banana Best of the Bunch 2008

Outdoor Dining

1. Enjoy
2. Majors
3. Doolittles

Best Restaurant

1. Enjoy
2. Jensen's Super Club, Eagan
3. Granite City, Eagan

Best Brunch

1. Jensen's, Burnsville
2. Granite City, Eagan
3. Green Mill, Eagan

Best Buffet

1. Old Country Buffet
2. World Buffet
3. Mystic Lake

Best Mexican Restaurant

1. El Azteca
2. Theresa's, Lakeville
3. El Loro, Burnsville

Best Asian Restaurant

1. Tak Shing
2. D. Fong's, Savage
3. Dragon Palace, Eagan

Best Italian Restaurant

1. Olive Garden
2. Brianno's, Eagan
3. Buca di Peppo

Best Steak

1. Outback Steakhouse
2. TimberLodge Steakhouse
3. Jensen's Supper Club

Best Burger

1. Red Robin
2. Buffalo Tap
3. Culvers, Apple Valley

Best Pizza

1. Brianno's
2. Ole Piper Inn
3. Broadway, Apple Valley

Best Seafood

1. Red Lobster
2. Joey's
3. Jensen's Supper Club

Pizza Delivery

1. Papa John's, Apple Valley
2. Pizza Man, Farmington
3. Carbone's, Eagan

Take Out

1. Brianno's
2. Applebee's, Apple Valley
3. Famous Dave's, Apple Valley

Kid's Menu

1. Red Robin, Apple Valley
2. Chili's, Burnsville
3. TGI Fridays

Happy Hour

1. Major's, Apple Valley
2. Buffalo Wild Wings, Apple Valley
3. Houlihan's, Eagan

Live Entertainment

1. Bogart's
2. Primetime
3. Black Dawg

Neighborhood Bar

1. Babe's
2. Applebee's, Apple Valley
3. Major's, Apple Valley

Movie Theatre

1. Muller Lakeville 18
2. Carmike
3. Regal Eagan

Best Martini

1. Jensen's Supper Club
2. Major's
3. Roasted Pear

Singles Spot

1. Major's
2. Bogart's
3. Primetime

Teen Entertainment

1. Garage
2. Burnsville Bowl
3. Burnsville Center

Kid's Program

1. Tags
2. Wise Swim School
3. YMCA

Butcher shop

1. Von Hanson's Meats, Apple Valley
2. Von Hanson's Meats, Eagan
3. Von Hanson's Meats, Lakeville

Play Pool

1. Shooters
2. Farmington Pool Hall
3. Prime Time and Q Sharks



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Children's Birthday

1. Wise Swim, Apple Valley
2. Pump It UP, Burnsville
3. Chuck E. Cheese

Adult Birthday

1. Enjoy!
2. Major's and Bogarts
3. Osaka and Buca

Best Bloody Mary

1. Champps
2. Major's
3. Green Mill, Lakeville

Liquor Store

1. Lakeville Liquors
2. Shenanigan's, Rosemount
3. Apple Valley Liquors

Margarita

1. El Azteca
2. Don Pablos, Eagan
3. El Loro, Eagan

Wine Selection

1. Lakeville Liquor
2. Shenanigans
3. MGM Burnsville

Family Entertainment

1. Valley Fair
2. Minnesota Zoo
3. Apple Valley Bowl

Local Artist

1. G.B. Leighton
2. Dan Setzler
3. Steve Berg/Yarn Garage

Best Coffee Shop

1. Caribou, Apple Valley
2. Ring Mountain
3. Caribou, Eagan

Best Ice cream

1. Ring Mountain
2. Cold Stone, Apple Valley
3. Bugaloos, Farmington

Best Playground

1. Kelley Park, Apple Valley
2. North Park, Lakeville
3. Cliff Fen, Burnsville

Best Golf

1. Legends
2. Crystal Lake
3. Bracketts

Water Park

1. Cascade Bay
2. Apple Valley Aquatics
3. Lifetime, Lakeville

Skateboard

1. Burnsville Garage
2. Lakefront, Prior Lake
3. Teen Center, Apple Valley

Summer Camp

1. Wise Swim, Apple Valley
2. Streefland YMCA
3. Tags Gymnastics

Walking/Biking

1. Lebanon Hills
2. Cleary Lake
3. Terrace Oak

Scenic Views

1. Heart of City, Burnsville
2. Lebanon Hills
3. Crystal Lake

Cross Country Skiing

1. Lebanon Hills
2. Cleary Lake
3. Minnesota Zoo

Best picnic/park area

1. Antler's Park
2. Cleary Lake and Lebanon Hills
3. Rambling River Park

Landscaper

1. Natural Elements, Lakeville
2. Bachman's and Pahl's
3. Fluegel's, Rosemount

Manicures/Pedicures

1. Coles, Apple Valley
2. Coles, Burnsville
3. Studio Bodair, Lakeville

Massages

1. Keep in Touch, Burnsville
2. Keep in Touch, Eagan
3. Studio Bodair, Lakeville

Full Service Salon

1. Coles, Apple Valley
2. Coles, Burnsville
3. Coles, Eagan

Tanning

1. Cabana Tan, Apple Valley
2. Beach Combers, Lakeville
3. (Tie) Darque Tan, Eagan and Golden Tan, Burnsville



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Facial:

1. Coles, Burnsville
2. Studio Bodair, Lakeville
3. Signature Salon, Apple Valley

Kid's Salon

1. Kid's Hair, Apple Valley
2. Cole's, Burnsville
3. Kid's Hair, Eagan

Family Fitness Center

1. Lifetime Fitness, Lakeville
2. YMCA, Burnsville
3. Lifetime Fitness, Eagan

Fitness Center

1. Lifetime Fitness, Lakeville
2. YMCA, Burnsville
3. Anytime Fitness, Apple Valley

Swim School

1. Wise Swim School
2. Foss Swim School
3. YMCA, Burnsville

Gymnastics Center

1. Tags, Apple Valley
2. Gleason's, Eagan
3. Lifetime Fitness, Lakeville

Weight Loss

1. Weight Watchers, Burnsville
2. Weight Watchers, Eagan
3. YMCA

Bookstore

1. Barnes and Noble, Apple Valley
2. Barnes and Noble, Burnsville
3. Half Price Books, Apple Valley

Flooring Store

1. Abbey, Apple Valley
2. Home Depot, Burnsville
3. Home Depot, Apple Valley

Garden Center

1. Pahl's, Apple Valley
2. Gerten's, Inver Grove Heights
3. Bachman's, Apple Valley

Dance Studio

1. Spotlight Productions, Eagan
2. (Tie) Holly's Centre Stage and Dance Connection, Eagan
3. South Metro Academy of Dance, Lakeville

Bike Shop

1. Erik's, Burnsville
2. Valley Bike & Ski, Apple Valley
3. Penn Cycle, Eagan

Strip Mall

1. Promenade, Eagan
2. Cobblestone Court, Burnsville
3. Lakeville Crossing

Jewelry Store

1. Gerster's, Farmington
2. J.F. Jewelers, Apple Valley
3. Waldeland, Eagan

Home Accessories

1. TJ Maxx
2. River Valley Interiors, Apple Valley
3. (Tie) Menard's, Apple Valley and Bed, Bath and Beyond, Apple Valley

Best Bakery

1. Farmington Bakery
2. Great Harvest, Burnsville
3. (Tie) Edelweiss, Prior Lake and Byerly's, Burnsville

Hardware Store

1. Ace, Apple Valley
2. Ace, Lakeville
3. Ace, Rosemount

Appliance Store

1. Warner Stellan, Apple Valley
2. Sears, Burnsville
3. Appliance Smart, Apple Valley

Florist

1. Flowerama, Apple Valley
2. Rosemount Floral
3. Bachman's, Apple Valley

Sporting Goods

1. Dicks
2. Gander Mountain
3. Sports Authority, Burnsville

Dry Cleaner

1. (Tie) Lakeville Cleaners and Oxborough, Apple Valley
2. Pilgrim, Lakeville
3. Premier Cleaners, Eagan

Travel Agency

1. Carlson Wagonlit, Apple Valley
2. AAA, Burnsville
3. (Tie) Carlson Wagonlit, Farmington and Cruise Holidays, Lakeville



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Best Dog Grooming

1. Groomingdales, Lakeville
2. Petco, Apple Valley
3. (Tie) PetSmart, Burnsville and Pampered Pet Spa, Farmington

Day Care

1. Scribbles Early Learning Center, Eagan
2. KinderCare, Apple Valley
3. New Horizon's, Apple Valley

Income Tax Service

1. Apple Valley Tax & Accounting
2. Spartan Tax & Accounting, Burnsville
3. Ed Nepl, Eagan

Caterer

1. Brianno's, Eagan
2. Rascal's, Apple Valley
3. Chateau LaMothe, Burnsville

House Cleaner

1. Merry Maids, Rosemount
2. Cleaning Authority, Burnsville
3. Laura Palokanges, Apple Valley

Carpet cleaning

1. Daisy Carpet Cleaning, Apple Valley
2. Coit, Burnsville
3. Chem Dry, Lakeville

Auto Repair

1. Jeff Belzers Chevy, Lakeville
2. Apple Ford Mercury, Lakeville
3. Crystal Lake Auto, Lakeville

Oil Change

1. Jeff Belzers Chevy, Lakeville
2. Apple Valley Ford Mercury, Lakeville
3. Crystal Lake Auto, Lakeville

Pull Tabs

1. (Tie) Babe's Sports Bar and Apple Valley American Legion
2. Rascals, Apple Valley
3. (Tie) Red Fox, Lakeville and VFW, Apple Valley

Banquet Facility

1. Royal Cliff, Eagan
2. Crystal Lake Golf Course
3. Cherokee Sirloin Room

Photographer

1. Heikkila Studios, Farmington
2. The Imagery, Eagan
3. Diane Hagler, Burnsville

Veterinarian

1. Farmington Vet Clinic
2. East Valley, Apple Valley
3. Companion Animal Hospital, Burnsville

Medical Facility

1. Allina Clinics, Farmington
2. Apple Valley Medical Center
3. Fairview Ridges, Burnsville

Dentist

1. Centerpointe Dental, Burnsville
2. Schultz Family Dental, Burnsville
3. (Tie) Dr. Jon Falkowski; Dalseth Family and Cosmetic Dentistry, Apple Valley

Community Celebration

1. Pan-O-Prog, Lakeville
2. Leprechaun Days, Rosemount
3. (Tie) Fire Muster, Burnsville and Eagan 4th of July

Best Place to People Watch

1. Burnsville Center
2. Dakota County Fair
3. Burnsville Farmers Market

Best Place for a First Date

1. Ring Mountain Creamery
2. Enjoy!, Apple Valley
3. Minnesota Zoo, Apple Valley

Marriage Proposal

1. Enjoy!, Apple Valley
2. Jensen's Supper Club, Eagan
3. Heart of the City, Burnsville

Romantic Setting

1. Enjoy!, Apple Valley
2. Jensen's, Eagan
3. Lakefront Park, Prior Lake

Meet New People

1. Major's, Apple Valley
2. Ring Mountain Creamery, Eagan
3. Bogart's, Apple Valley

Best Kept Secret

1. Ring Mountain Creamery, Eagan
2. Brianno's, Eagan
3. Junior's Cafe and Grill, Eagan

