



Tavern on Dean

755 Dean St at Underhill Ave, Prospect Heights, Brooklyn (718-638-3326). Subway: C to Clinton-Washington Aves. Mon 4pm-1am; Tue-Fri 4pm-4am; Sat 11am-4am; Sun 11am-1am. Average main course: \$15. MC, V.

Regulars pack the barstools and conversation hums; across the room, diners enjoy tasty grilled salmon and potatoes au gratin while doodling with crayons on butcher-papered tabletops. The brick-walled space features ceiling fans, oversize windows and a large-scale movie poster for *The Chase*, a 1966 film from the novel and play written by Horton Foote, father of one of the owners.

Tavern on Jane

31 Eighth Ave at Jane St (212-675-2526). Subway: A, C, E to 14th St; L to Eighth Ave. Mon-Fri noon-1am; Sat, Sun 11am-1am. Average main course: \$12. AmEx, MC, V.

Besides catching Corner Bistro spillover, this honest neighborhood joint is good for combating a cold with an Irish coffee, or functioning as an air-conditioned, beer-soaked refuge during the dog days of summer. Tavern on Jane is brown on the outside and dim on the inside, with wood beams, a big TV behind the bar and classic rock on the stereo. Along with steaks and burgers, you can order fancier food—a beet-and-arugula salad or a grilled-tuna club sandwich with wasabi. The dishes are gratifying when paired with a drink and an order of fries.