

MAN SQUARE

the Druid

all and homey with great bar
d, the Druid is famed for
Wednesday-night trivia. An equal
w is the “green” (as in
anic, not Emerald Isle) chef,
zilian Mauro Djalma, and his
ular veggie burger for those
o don’t want shepherd’s pie or
h stew. Meanwhile, the pour
e attracts aficionados who like
nness for their 2 am “closer.”
ere are live Irish music
sions on Tuesdays and Fridays
DJs on Thursdays. Plus
unday brunch (11 am–4 pm) has
Bloodies and a hearty Irish
akfast.

357 Cambridge St., Cambridge » 617-
-0965 » druidpub.com

ENDALL SQUARE

Miracle of Science Bar & Grill

n’t let the self-affixed “geek
c” label put you off. Miracle is

definitely a bar of choice for the
brainiac set, but they’re playfully
academic. Drinks come in
beakers, high tables and stools
give the room a science-lab feel,
and the blackboard menu looks
like the periodic table (Qc =
chicken quesadilla). But the only
formula you need to know: Park
your bike outside, grab a seat by
the open windows and order the
spicy Ronnie burger.

➔ 321 Mass. Ave., Cambridge » 617-868-
2866 » miracleofscience.us

NEWTON

The Biltmore Bar & Grille

A mainstay since opening in 1921,
the Biltmore benefited immensely
from a recent makeover that
enlarged the bar, expanded the
dining room and touched up the
vintage details, including the tin
ceilings and mahogany paneling.
With original cocktails, 22 beers
on tap and, according to owner

Jason Owens, the biggest
selection of local craft brews
outside Boston, the Biltmore
draws both a boisterous after-
work crowd and a slightly quieter
cross-section of drinkers and
diners. Nifty nibbles (try the
deviled eggs), a raw bar and a
Southern-influenced menu add to
the appeal.

➔ 1205 Chestnut St., Newton » 617-
527-2550 » thebiltmoregrill.com

NORTH END

Boston Sail Loft

The decor and location may evoke
boat shoes and twin sets, but the
26-year-old Sail Loft is usually
jam-packed with 30-something
professionals from the
neighborhood. Their vaunted
predecessor, the Wharf, wobbled
on the same nautical spot
between Commercial and Lewis
wharves. Or was it the patrons
wobbling? Apart from the brews
and fisherman’s platters, you get

tasty clam chowder and a view of
the water. This is a destination
for anyone who likes a lick of
saltiness with their cocktails.

➔ 80 Atlantic Ave., Boston » 617-227-
7280

PORTER SQUARE

West Side Lounge

Even among seasoned bar
enthusiasts, there’s a special
appreciation for the West Side
Lounge. Surprisingly soignée for
Cambridge, the vibe is more
Upper East Side than west side of
Mass. Ave. Original art adorns
the walls above dimly lit
banquettes. Try the house
martini, with vodka, cognac and
blue-cheese-stuffed olives, and
dishes like Gloucester cod and
Colorado lamb. WSL has a
growing fan base among med
students, young teachers, artists
and musicians.

➔ 1680 Mass. Ave., Cambridge » 617-
441-5566 » westsidelounge.com