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Restaurant: The Spa at Norwich Inn

Looking for a fun, casual outdoor setting for a Friday night out that includes a live band, an eclectic summer drinks menu, casual or formal food on a beautiful deck overlooking the hills of Eastern Connecticut?

The place to go is The Spa at Norwich Inn, where every Friday night this summer, RJ Rockets & Co., a five piece band including a singer, will perform from 7 to 10 p.m. from a varied playlist that will satisfy a wide range of tastes: Elvis, Led Zeppelin, Jimmy Buffett, Gretchen Wilson, Pat Benatar, the Beatles and more. They will play on the Spa's Terrace Deck, which has an outdoor bar, lounge furniture, tables and chairs and room to dance. The deck overlooks the spa's Reflecting Pool and the 17th tee of the Norwich Public Golf Course. If the weather is less than optimal, the party moves inside to Ascot's Pub and the adjacent Garden Patio.

Ascot's mixed up a cool list of summer martinis, including Pear-tini, Key Lime, Sour Apple, Watermelon, Blue Pomatini and Pomatini (Pomatini's feature pomegranate juice, which is popular for its health benefits), Elderflower Martini and Cajun Martini, to name just a few. There are five kinds of Margaritas, including an Organic Margarita, made with **Partida Blanco Tequila**, Agave Nectar and fresh lime juice, and 12 different choices of tequilas. There are 23 beers to choose from, and 14 single-malt scotches and seven premium scotch whiskeys. And then comes the food,



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which is designed to please a wide variety of tastes as well.

Diners may order appetizers or dinner from the informal Ascot's menu, or ramp it up by ordering from the menu at Kensington's, the Spa's formal restaurant. While The Spa at Norwich Inn is a spa, it is not at all a place for "deprivation food." There is red wine, steak and a chocolate dessert for someone who wants just that. And cheeseburgers. Other dishes include the freshest of seafood, natural-raised beef, pork, lamb and poultry, beautiful summer vegetables, a full wine list and a special pairing of dessert wines with exquisite desserts.

The Spa is located at 607 West Thames St. (Route 32) in Norwich. For information and reservations, call 860.425.3630 or visit www.thespaatnorwichinn.com



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