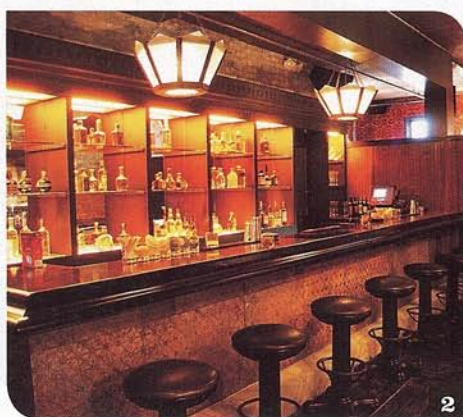


DAY-TRIPPING IN...

Byram, CT

Eat, shop, and play just across the border.



Like a pre-slicked-out SoHo, this funky section of Greenwich—located one block (honest!) from Port Chester—is being reenergized by a dynamic new wave of stylish shops and hip eateries.

■ **Mill Street Home** (1)

A trio of women blessed with terrific taste is behind this delightful shop offering accent furniture, pillows, lighting, and accessories. Expect everything from vintage door-knob bottle-stoppers and bamboo mats printed with old Parisian hotel logos to an art deco-inspired marble console table. 227 Mill St (203) 813-3600; millstreethome.net

■ **Stuf**

It's super-groovy at this fun shop full of all the sizzling hot, well, *stuff*, that no self-respecting teeny bopper can live without: skull-decorated earbuds, peace-sign pillows, tied-dyed messenger bags, and rhinestone tees. The store's texting-ready rallying cry says it best: "never enuf stuf." And your 'tween will really, really need all of it. 1 N Water St (203) 813-3639; stufgreenwich.com

■ **Fernando Luis Alvarez Studio & Gallery**

What's an artsy 'hood without a resident artist? This one has his studio and a gallery showcasing his and others' work in a loft space with original 1920s tin ceilings, old wood floors, and brick walls. Influenced by such modern and contemporary artists as Andy Warhol, Willem De Kooning, and Keith Haring, Alvarez's oil paintings have a distinct modern sensibility, and much of his current work features female lips. The engaging artist is happy to arrange for a tour, available by appointment only. 255

Mill St, 2nd floor (888) 861-6791; fernandoluisalvarez.com

■ **Salon O** (3)

For talent and a cool vibe, pop into this chic salon for a facial, makeover, or haircut. 239 Mill St (203) 531-3000; salono.net

■ **Mint** (4)

This upscale consignment shop for young girls through teens is a welcome find for fussy young fashionistas. Score mint-condition, gently worn designer and name-brand apparel by Juicy Couture, True Religion, BCG, etc. 253 Mill St (203) 532-0200; mintvintage.biz

■ **Lolita Cocina & Tequila Bar** (2)

The buzz on this upscale Mexican eatery? *Mucho caliente*. Tasty offerings like lobster enchilladas and costillas de café or pork spare ribs, a tequila bar, and a sultry ambience make this spicy new addition a fun destination for date (or looking-for-a-date) night. Open for dinner every evening and for brunch on Sunday. 230 Mill St (203) 813-3555; lolitamexican.com

■ **Side Door**

Fashion-forward types swear by this contemporary women's clothing boutique for its collection of denim, tees, and sportswear. 248 Mill St (203) 532-5606

■ **Cynthia's**

It's all about the accessories at this tiny shop big on style and low on prices—from bucket-style handbags in paint box colors to Tiffany-inspired sterling-silver key pendants. 219 Mill St (203) 531-5937

■ **Burgers, Shakes & Fries**

This hip, little counter-service-only eatery serves up the comfort food we inhaled before we cared about calories and cholesterol. The classic double burgers, thick-cut fries, and old-fashioned milkshakes are worth it. Totally. 302 Delavan Ave

(203) 531-7433; burgershakesnfries.com

■ **Singer Design Group**

Like a sample book library devoted to great décor, this studio showroom of interior designer Laurie Singer, ASID, spotlights top home-furnishing designer lines. 255 Mill St (203) 531-3343; singerdesigngroup.com

■ **Go to Your Room**

Even the pickiest kid will be happy to hang out in a room decked out in the custom-designed wooden furniture and accessories offered here. Getting him to do his homework in it? You're on your own there. 255 Mill St (203) 532-9701; gotoyourroom.com.

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