

# OLLI AT VANDERBILT

## Restaurant Adventures Summer 2017

**Restaurant:** The Pharmacy  
**Address:** 731 McFerrin Ave (East Nashville)  
**Date:** Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Time of day:** 12:30 p.m.  
**Number of attendees:** 11  
**Reviewer:** Viv Pocek

**Restaurant description:** The Pharmacy is a renovated older structure. The vibe is very “East Nashville” with a super casual atmosphere. Absolutely nothing fancy here but it works just fine!

**Seating/overall comfort:** The actual inside of the restaurant is rather small and cramped. However, there is an enormous outdoor patio that easily seats 3 times what the inside area can hold. Our group was lucky enough to be given two picnic tables in back (side-by-side) that was by the perimeter. (Note: These are picnic wooden picnic table seats, so some folks may want to bring a cushion.) Everyone loved the fact that we were outside on a warm summer day with a fun group of people. In order to walk to the back of the patio, there are several stairs that could be a problem for some people.

**Bathrooms:** The ladies room has two stalls and one sink. It was too rustic for me and could use some (or a lot of) updating. But, everything worked and it was easy to find. I give the bathrooms a straight C.

**Service:** The gentleman assigned was new (there was also a mentor supervising) but he clearly wanted to please all of us. Between the waiter and his mentor, they had full knowledge of the menu. The Pharmacy has a spectacular beer selection on draft and our waiter was able to answer several beer-related questions and ensured our diners received an appropriate beer. The kitchen coordinated our dinners perfectly and the plates arrived within a short amount of time. I give The Pharmacy an “A” for being so accommodating.

**Food:** The Pharmacy specializes in burgers and German sausages. There are 10 different types of burgers prepared with well-described ingredients and toppings. You can also add other toppings (such as beer mustard, roasted garlic aioli, or salsa fresca) for an additional 5 cents each. Everyone loved their food, especially the burgers. Of particular note was the Pharmacy Burger, the potato salad, the French fries and absolutely - the buns. I had the turkey burger with the black bean and corn salad. All of us would go back.

**Price:** The prices are what you would expect for a casual place serving high-end burgers and sausages. The sausages run between \$10.00 and \$15.00 while the burgers run between \$9.00 and \$11.00 and all come with a choice of sides. The burgers are well worth the price.

**Beer/Wine/Liquor:** Full bar with a very impressive selection of local microbrew beers on tap. (Viv was a happy camper.) Several of us ordered a beer with (it is a German-themed place after all) making lunch even more enjoyable.

**Noise Level:** Our lunch was scheduled for 12:30 and we were seated on the patio, in the back, next to the fence. The location couldn't have been better as our tables were well away from the music speakers and many of the other tables.

**Parking:** Parking is a major problem – all street parking, wherever you can find it. Unfortunately, another very popular restaurant, Mas Tacos Por Favor, is right across the street, so there is ample competition for parking.

**Overall recommendation:** All of us would go back for the food and for many of us, the beer selection. However, pick a nice day where you can sit on the patio. The inside of the restaurant is cramped and noisy. I would also suggest either ride-sharing or doing an UBER or LYFT.

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