



# QUEST FOR ATHENS' BEST



Photos by Zoe Peterson.

**Editor's note:** For each edition of "Quest for Athens' Best", the top two businesses from four reviews are selected for this Variety feature. Email [editors@odysseynewsmagazine.net](mailto:editors@odysseynewsmagazine.net) to comment on our selections and ratings, which are placed on a scale from one to five, with five being best and one being worst.

## ZOMBIE COFFEE & DONUTS

*Zombie Coffee and Donuts makes donuts to die for.*

BY EMMA RAMSAY  
 Variety Writer

The second the door to Zombie Coffee and Donuts opens, the smell of freshly baked donuts fills the air.

Since its opening on May 23, Zombie Donuts, as its known among locals and located on 350 E. Broad St, one mile away from Clarke Central High School, has become an Athens hot spot.

At Zombie Donuts, patrons customize their own donuts with an order form detailing what icings and toppings are available for order.

Zombie Donuts offers a variety of icing and glaze flavors including lemon glaze, maple icing, cinnamon sugar and powdered sugar. For toppings, Zombie Donuts offers shredded coconut, chocolate sprinkles, rainbow sprinkles, crushed oreo, bacon and more. Traditional options for icing, glazes and toppings are offered, as well.

The donuts have a similar texture and flavor to funnel cake. The icing is sweet, while the glazed donuts have a subdued flavor.

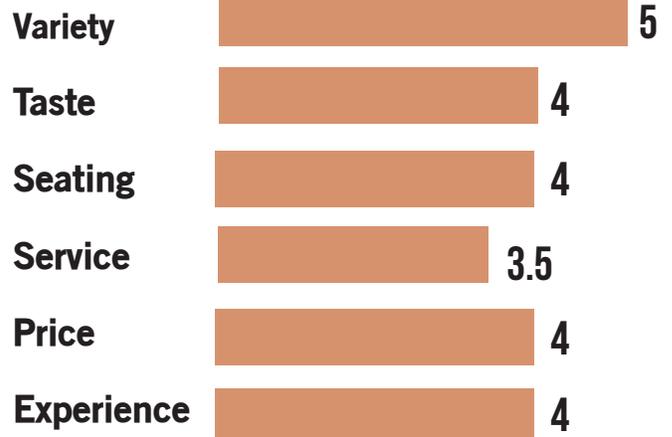
The bacon maple donut, which the donut shop is famous for, has sweet maple icing topped with salty bacon, making it a great contrast of flavor. Another favorite is the powdered donut. It is extremely light, but still delicious.

The atmosphere of Zombie Donuts is peaceful and the staff is friendly. Zombie Donuts offers a lot of seating arrangements, from stools facing the windows to long wooden tables that line the cafe.

Zombie Coffee and Donuts offers a unique experience for all donut lovers.



**Above:** DONUTS TO DIE FOR: Zombie Coffee and Donuts' prices are affordable for their quality. Along with their unique donut selection, Zombie offers a wide range of coffee and other drinks. **Below:** SWEET TREAT: Located in Downtown Athens, Zombie Coffee and Donuts has been a popular spot to purchase donuts since its opening earlier this year. The shop offers a variety of donut combinations that customers can choose from.



# DONUTS

*For our November issue, the Variety staff continues their journey across the Classic City in search for the best donuts Athens has to offer.*

## IKE & JANE CAFE AND BAKERY

*Ike & Jane Cafe and Bakery is perfect for an early morning.*

BY EMMA CRANE  
Variety Writer

**T**he atmosphere of Ike & Jane Cafe and Bakery is warm and welcoming. A rush of customers start coming in as early as 6:30 a.m. on weekdays and 8:00 a.m. on

weekends.

Upon entering, Ike & Jane's interior is clean with round metal tables and a large window. However, seating is limited, especially during the morning rush.

The menu is extensive, offering a large variety of "non-traditional" donut options. They sell donuts with Lucky Charms sprinkled on top, a S'mores-inspired donut and more. With such a diverse menu of donuts, there is something for everyone's taste.

The consistencies vary from one donut to another. Some of them are dense cake donuts while others are traditional, yeast-raised donuts. While the cake donuts were slightly drier than the raised donuts, they all melt in one's mouth. A few of the donuts are sweeter than others, like the donut topped with Swedish Fish candy. So, those looking for a more subtle flavor might not enjoy them.

The best is the red velvet donut. It has a moist consistency and a nice flavor. Although it is topped with chocolate icing, the taste is not too overpowering, allowing each flavor to shine through.

All of the donuts are well priced, amounting to around \$1.00 per donut.

Ike & Jane is located in Normal Town, making it a convenient place for people who live in the surrounding neighborhoods. The early opening time also makes it a great place for parents to take their kids before school in the morning, or for a weekend breakfast.



**Above: SUGAR RUSH:** A lemon donut, a vanilla-iced donut with sprinkles and a S'mores donut are a few options that Ike & Jane Cafe and Bakery offers. These are the more sweeter donut options. **Right: NOT SO PLAIN IKE & JANE:** Ike & Jane Cafe and Bakery is located at 1307 Prince Ave. The outside gives off a welcoming vibe that matches the interior.

