
Fast Eddie's in Parma spans old, new worlds with new take on comfort food (photos)



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CLEVELAND, Ohio -- **Fast Eddie's** occupies a table somewhere between the old and new worlds, comfort food and nouveau cuisine. The recently-opened spot in Parmatown, er, make that the Shoppes of Parma rolls out signature cocktails and unique takes of familiar favorites that you might find in Ohio City or Tremont – at a lower price point, of course.

The deal is even better during Happy Hour, when Fast Eddie's serves an eclectic discounted menu that makes for a fine intro to what this bar-restaurant is all about.

The Kung Pao Lettuce Wraps (\$5) are a flavorful mix of ground chicken, peppers, carrots, scallions and cabbage – moist without being messy, with a zesty taste thanks to the nuts, scallions and sesame-ginger sauce.

It provided a delicious and surprisingly neat complement to the E&E Signature Manhattan (\$7). Peer through the cocktail glass and out onto the bar and you might imagine that you're amid the lights of some downtown joint.

The Manhattan is joined on the drink list by a number of \$5 specialty drinks, such as the Ginger Highball. The drink is a modern twist on a classic, like so many of the items on the menu. Enter the BBQ Chicken Quesadilla (\$6), four delicious quesadillas that include grilled onions, mushrooms and cheddar cheese. Generous portion, too.

The Eddie's ¼ LB. Cheeseburger (\$6) is a throwback to another era of American burgers – big and juicy and served with a heap of crispy, hand-cut fries. The Beer Battered Onion Rings (\$4) add to the throwback.

The generous portions are as much of a throwback. Just goes to show you that modern and new doesn't have to mean pricey and chintzy.

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