

Downtown Girl

A new reason to head deep into the city on a Sunday

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I LOVE GOING INTO TOWN. GETTING DRESSED UP to the eights (the nines is really only for special occasions). The anticipation of innovative dishes that have set Boston's dining scene apart from those of other towns. Driving around forever looking for a metered spot because I refuse to pay \$40 for valet. Well, maybe not that last part.



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Now I really love going into Towne. This time it's the kind that has an extra "e" and an amazing new tradition.

Culinary director Lydia Shire and executive chef Mario Capone have just started Sunday Suppers at Towne Stove and Spirits. Sunday Supper—these people know of what they cook. Why else would Towne Stove and Spirits get honored as one of the country's best new restaurants by *Esquire*? (A shout out to the monstrous Legal Harborside, which also won the distinction.)

From 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. every Sunday this fall, you can enjoy this autumn-inspired three-course prix fixe for just \$29. Add a measly \$9 and you'll get an

entire bottle of wine with dinner. Seriously, with prices this cheap I might just pay for valet. Wait, who are we kidding? No I won't.

Begin your meal with your choice of watercress with warm brie de Meaux and comice pear salad or hubbard squash bisque with Cox's orange pippin apple butter. I will always choose the hubbard squash. I stand banging at fall's door every year, waiting impatiently for this underrated gentle flavor to find its way to my seasonal suppers. Nothing personal, pear salad. The main course conjures up a little surf-or-turf decision: either beer-battered cod with saffron mashed potato and rouille or rotisserie rib of beef with Roquefort or wine sauce. End it all with a refreshing fall fruit sorbet or dig into a tasty treat of coffee ice cream and butterscotch sundae baked to order with a white-chocolate macadamia nut cookie.

Another good thing about Sundays? No parking meters.

For reservations, call 617.247.0400.