

17 New Party Spaces Around DC

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So, you've been suckered into planning the holiday party for the office. Or perhaps you're one of those lucky souls who enjoys party planning and you stepped right up for the job. In any case, with all the restaurant openings in DC this year, it's never been easier to wow your boss with something new and fresh. Here are some hot party spaces to check out.



Where: [Bidwell](#)

Private Space: Accommodates 120 seated and about 200 standing.

Semiprivate Space #1: Room for 30-35 seated.

Semiprivate Space #2: Bar room for 25-55 standing.

Special Features: A projection screen, buffet space, seasonal rooftop garden and free parking.

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9 Decadent DC Dishes (and Their Healthier Alternatives)

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Despite our best intentions at the beginning of each year, there are some food cravings that must be satisfied no matter how many penance lunges you'll have to do later. Maybe your weakness is a burger, a grilled cheese or perhaps a rich plate of meatballs. Here are nine of our favorite calorie-splurge dishes, each listed with their dining doppelgänger — a lighter version of that dish. That way you'll be satisfied at every meal — no matter whether you've got a dining angel or devil sitting on your shoulder.



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Grilled Cheese

Decadent: Chef John Mooney dresses up his grilled cheese (\$12) at [Bidwell](#) in [Union Market](#) by filling sourdough bread with Raclette cheese enhanced with white truffle. If that's not decadent enough for you, did we mention the slow-poached egg?

Healthy: There may not ever be a truly healthy grilled cheese sandwich — but by grilled cheese standards, it probably doesn't get much healthier than the vegan version (\$4.99) at [Sticky Fingers](#) in Columbia Heights. Add tomato, onion or tempeh bacon for more layers of flavor.

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12 Fried Chicken Nights in DC

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Where: [Bidwell](#)

When: Thursdays starting at 5:30 PM

What You Get: Three pieces of fried chicken (pictured below), mashed potatoes and a seasonal side, such as spinach

Cost: \$18

Good to Know: Early birds get the chicken – it can sell out as early as 9 PM.

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