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it was **okay ,** and just **simply** that **.** <sssss> the interior was **unique ,** but the **pac-man game** was **broken .** <sssss> **: -lrb-** the desk **person** was **helpful .** <sssss> they **let** you change out the combo **meals without** a fuss , which i **liked .** <sssss> **however ,** the **manacotti** had very **little sauce** and the **pasta shell** was **dry .** <sssss> the **spinach ravioli** was **decent , however** the **alfredo sauce leaves something** to be **desired .** <sssss> the **dish** was **okay .** <sssss> it was **good enough** for **11 dollars** but **nothing special** or **spectacular .** <sssss> i **probably wo n't head back** on my own **.**

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i do n't know why i **like** this **place !** <sssss> the **food** is **average -** not **craveable .** <sssss> the **service** is **consistently bad .** <sssss> i **'m sorry ,** but i have **encountered** so **many clueless employees** at this **place** that are too **pathetic** to **even complain** about . <sssss> that aside **,** i **like** the **way** this **place feels .** <sssss> it **'s fun** to **take** my younger family members from out of **town .** <sssss> what **kid would n't** want to eat lunch in an **old-time train car ?** <sssss> **plus , ice cream** is **free** with a **dinner - ca n't beat** that **!** <sssss> do **n't expect** your waiter to be a wine expert - or even know what a mimosa is during **sunday brunch -** but **,** it is a **cute little place** with **lots** of **fun memorabilia .** <sssss> **like** i **said ,** the **food** is not **going** to knock your socks off , but it **'s** not that **bad -** just **forgettable .** <sssss> **stick** to the **basics** that are **hard** to **mess** up **, like lasagna ,** and **enjoy** that **free ice** cream -lrb- i suggest the spumoni **-rrb- .**

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i **really like** this **place ,** it **sure beats olive garden .** <sssss> the **menu** is **pretty simple** and **straightforward , basic pasta dishes** and a few other options . <sssss> you **get plenty** of **food ,** soup or salad , your **entree** and **desert** for a **decent price .** <sssss> of **course ,** this is **n't authentic italian food** or **anything** , just **really good pasta .** <sssss> the interior is rustic **, lots** of **seating** and **room** in this **hardwood floored refurbished old house .** <sssss> the **decorations** are old family photos and playbills **.** <sssss> but be **warned ,** do **n't** expect to be in and out in an **hour** for **lunch .** <sssss> **service** is **slow** for **whatever reason .** <sssss> i **learned** after a few times that an hour and a **half** was the **norm** for **lunch .**

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i **ca n't** say i will be **going** here very often but it is **another option** for me when i want a nice **dinner** that is **gluten free .** <sssss> i was **impressed** that we **mentioned** gluten **free** and the **waiter gave** me some **options ,** he **even remembered** no **croutons** on my salad and the **item** i **ordered** had a **gluten item** on it so they **substituted something else** in it **'s place .** <sssss> the **food** was **good** and i have to say the **pasta** was **really good** because i **'ve made** my own and **well** this was a **lot better .** <sssss> it was the **perfect consistency** i just was **n't impressed** with one of the **toppings** because it **made** the **dish** very **dry .** <sssss> i **ordered** the pot pourri forgetting that the clam **sauce would** have **gluten** in it and **substituted** with the **browned butter** and **mizithra cheese** which was **really dry** to me **.** <sssss> the **marinara sauce** was **good** and **added** some **flavor** to the **dish** which i **thought** it was **missing** with the other item . <sssss> this is a **great family restaurant** and the **staff** is **really nice** and **friendly .** <sssss> for the **price** of the **food** and the **service** you **really ca** n't beat it **.**

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the **old spaghetti factory** is by **far** my guiltiest **pleasure .** <sssss> **lets face** it the **food** is **n't** that great , and on more then **5 occasions** i have been here and it **seemed like** the **entire bussing staff** was on a **smoke break .** <sssss> **growing** up in the **willo district** as a **child** my **mother took** me to the **spaghetti factory alot .** <sssss> i **remember sitting** in the trolly and the **entire** 86-88 **suns team** was in the building `` helping '' out **.** <sssss> **signing autographs** and what not **.** <sssss> sure was **fun** as a **kid .** <sssss> now that i **'m older** i just have those memories to make me **say** this **place** is **n't** all **bad .** <sssss> the mizthra **cheese** and butter on some noodles is **still delish .** <sssss> the **meat sauce** is **decent** to **great .** <sssss> the **pesto** ranch dressing is **pretty good .** <sssss> **.** <sssss> to **bad** the **lettuce** is **either still soaking wet ,** or **dry** and **disgusting .** <sssss> as a **phoenix institution** for **decades** i **wish** this **place** was **better .** <sssss> **maybe someday someone** will **come** in and **turn** it **around .** <sssss> **.** <sssss> but as a **`` chain '' restuarant** i do **n't** see that happening **.** <sssss> **either way .** <sssss> **.** <sssss> for **nostalgia** i **'ll still eat** here on a **quirky whim .** <sssss> but i will not **go** out of my **way** to **eat** here **.**

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how can you not love old **spaghetti factory ?** <sssss> i do **n't** care if it us a **chain .** <sssss> it **'s cheap .** <sssss> it **'s good .** <sssss> and you can sit in a booth that looks like it **'s** in a **train car .** <sssss> it **'s great !** <sssss> it had been a while **since** the **boyfriend** and i had been to the osp and during our **last visit** i was **reminded** of how **much** i **liked** it **.** <sssss> i **ordered** the **pasta sampler** so i **got** the **pasta** with the **cheese** and **browned butter** and a **meat sauce .** <sssss> the **cheese** with **browned butter** is so **good .** <sssss> it **'s** their **signature item** and it **'s awesome .** <sssss> of **course** all their **meals come** with bread , soup or salad , a **drink** and a **scoop** of ice cream or sherbet at the **end .** <sssss> and i **think** my **entrée** was **like $ 12.99 .** <sssss> **total pasta score** in my **book .** <sssss> we **left happy , full** and with **intentions** of **returning soon .**

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it **'s hard** to screw up **spaghetti** and **meatballs ,** so they do **ok** here **.** <sssss> but i **always get** the **sensation** that if it were a **little easier** to **make** an **unsatisfactory pasta dish -lrb-** i **'m** not too picky with the **basics -rrb- ,** they **might** do it here **.** <sssss> i **'ve eaten** here many , many times and have **never walked away disappointed** or **let** down **,** but i **think** the **trick** is that this is **one** of the **first italian restaurants** i **ever went** to **.** <sssss> i **ca n't** even tell you how many birthday parties in the trolley i attended and came **home** with **spumoni caked** on the **front** of my hypercolor **t-shirt .** <sssss> now **,** having been to a few more restaurants of all **varieties ,** i can **unquestionably say** that **food** here is not **bad** nor **good ,** but it **'s great** if you **'re** a six **year old** who does n't know the difference **.** <sssss> **post** script/n **.** <sssss> **b. \*** my **girlfriend** has **informed** me that if you call **ahead** for a **kids ' pasta meal ,** you can **get** a **healthy portion** of **pasta , side salad , loaf** of **bread ,** and a **carton** of **milk** for **$ 4 .** <sssss> be advised , they may look at you funny when you **pick** up your **meal , unless** you are **indeed** a **child rather** than a starving college student , in which **case** you should n't have a problem **.**

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**sour dough bread** was **delish !** <sssss> the **lasagna** was **delish !!!** <sssss> **word** is **...** the **brown** butter dish and **crab** raviol is **also amazing .**

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**stopped** in for **brunch** on **saturday** with my **mum auntie** and **grandma** no **complaints** really , its a **decent place .** <sssss> the **lasagna** and **chicken marsala werent bad .** <sssss> my **favorite** was **probably** the minnestrone **however ,** i **wish** i **'d** just **gotten** a **huge ass bowl** of that **.** <sssss> i **think** my **favorite aspect** of this **place** is the **retro furniture , really big chairs covered** in **... felt ?** <sssss> i **guess ?** <sssss> **whatever ,** they **'re colorful** and **funky , theres** an **old** trolley car inside the **building .** <sssss> **overall** this is a **good family style restaurant ,** and **apparently** its been there for **ages .** <sssss> i **'d go back ,** but **probably** only with the famz , and **probably** only to try their pasta w **/ mizithra cheese** and **browned butter .** <sssss> **definitely a-ok .**

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i **'ve avoided coming** to **osf** because my **ex** put the fear of yelp in me about how **bad** this **place** was **,** so **much** so that **nearly four years** after the **break-up** i was **still hesitant** to dine here **.** <sssss> **-lsb-** i **truly respect** his **opinion** on eating out **-rsb- .** <sssss> but my **bestie jason** and i were **meeting** a few friends to attend an n2t production and this was the **closest open** restaurant on the **light rail .** <sssss> **yeah ,** this is a **chain** and **probably** a **step** above olive garden . <sssss> but what **impressed** me was the **garlic mizithra : brow butter .** <sssss> **mizithra cheese .** <sssss> **garlic .** <sssss> **bacon .** <sssss> **especially** the **bacon ;** i **'m** a **sucker** for **bacon .** <sssss> not only did i eat the **entire bowl** of **pasta ,** after **digging** into the **wonderful sourdough bread** and **putting** a **serious dent** in the **tapenade ,** i **left wearing** some memorable **stains** from the **butter .** <sssss> **meh ,** that **'s** why i brought a scarf **.** <sssss> while i can not say i 'd **add** this to my **regular rotation ,** i **would n't** not **return .**

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the restaurant reminds me of a quaint little countryside café . <sssss> it gives me that homey feeling like a mom and pop store instead of the chain restaurant that it is . <sssss> i like how whatever entrée you order from the menu ; you can get a complete meal from it . <sssss> each entrée comes with a drink , bread , soup or salad , and their spumoni ice cream for dessert . <sssss> however , if you want `` italian '' food , you 're not going to get it here . <sssss> it 's a very americanized version of italian food . <sssss> they do have all the classics : the pastas , lasagnas , etc. . <sssss> i 've been here several times and tried a few of their dishes . <sssss> spaghetti vesuvius : cute name to start off . <sssss> spicy chicken sausage and meatballs with mushroom . <sssss> i did n't think it was that spicy , but it was extra salty . <sssss> it 's a very flavorful dish , however the individual tastes are all mushed together . <sssss> the noodles are a bit **tough** for me **; perhaps undercooked .** <sssss> **however** some **people** like it a **bit tough .** <sssss> **gourmet jumbo crab ravioli :** there **'s** not a lot of ravioli pieces in the **dish .** <sssss> the **edges** that were not covered in the **pesto alfredo sauce** was **dry .** <sssss> i did **like** that they used fresh crab meat in the **ravioli .** <sssss> the **creamy sauce** was not **bad** and it was **n't** too **overpowering** in my **mouth .** <sssss> it was **able** to **taste pesto sauce** and **still enjoy** the **texture** of the **crab .** <sssss> **baked lasagna :** this is the **best** of the **3** i **'ve** had **.** <sssss> it has **4 kinds** of cheese , **ground beef ,** and **pork .** <sssss> **first** of all they **gave** you a **huge piece** of **lasagna .** <sssss> then they **topped** it with **mounds** of **marinara sauce .** <sssss> you may have to remove some of the **sauce** if it **'s** too **much** for you **.** <sssss> the **noodles** were **cooked tender enough** for my **taste ,** but it was **still able** to **hold** its **shape .** <sssss> and the **meat** was **blended well** with all the **flavors** of the **dish .** <sssss> i do like the **cute little serving** they have of the spumoni ice cream . <sssss> it **'s** a **great blend** of **pistachio , chocolate** and **strawberry .** <sssss> and it **'s** just the **right amount** after a large **meal .** <sssss> **maybe one** of these **days** i **'ll go back** just to **try** their chocolate desserts **.** <sssss> if you like an american **spin** on **italian food ,** then you **would like** this **place .** <sssss> it **'s** a **convenient place** to **eat** after shopping at the **mall** and their **quick service** is **great** if you **'re crunched** for **time .** <sssss> but the **food** is just **average** and not that special .

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i **'ve actually** never set foot inside this restaurant **,** so i ca n't comment on the place itself **.** <sssss> but **every** now and then we **'ve picked** up **orders** from **old spaghetti factory** at work , so i can comment on the **food .** <sssss> the **entrees** are as **basic** as it **gets .** <sssss> this is **definitely `` family food . ''** <sssss> most **adults wo n't** complain about it , and **kids** will **enjoy** the **simplicity .** <sssss> i **recently** had the old **spaghetti factory 's chicken parm .** <sssss> i **wo n't call** it **bland ,** but it **'s nothing** that the **average home chef could n't** cook up for their **family .** <sssss> i will **give** the **place credit** for the **portions .** <sssss> it **'s** not **expensive** and you **get** a **lot** of **food .** <sssss> while the **chicken** itself was not **huge** , it **comes** with **spaghetti ,** an **entire loaf** of **bread** and butter **,** and a **side salad .** <sssss> the **salad** was **way** too **plain** for my **taste ,** but at **least** i had a **little bit** of **vegetables** to **go** with my **meal .** <sssss> it **'s also quick .** <sssss> **take** out **orders** are **almost always said** to be **ready** within **10** to **15 minutes .**