

# The Best In The West

The complete list of your choices for all our neighbourhood has to offer

Oh Parkdale Liberty reader, you are fickle. Well over half the categories in this year's contest, our fourth annual, sport new winners - a clear indication that the competition for your local shopping dollar (or just your admiration) is fierce. Several are new businesses that have won your hearts, but many are established businesses (and even past winners) who have earned your loyalty for years. We tip our hats to all the winners, and you, dear reader, for sharing your treasures that make this place so damn good.

## Shops, Food & Drink

Best hip bar: Fat Cat Wine Bar  
 Best unhip bar: Gino's Pizza  
 Best bar/restaurant patio: Cadillac Lounge  
 Best place for brunch: Mitzi's Sister  
 Best greasy spoon: Stavro's  
 Best lunch under \$10: Tibet Kitchen  
 Best place for dinner: Thai Spring Roll  
 Best takeout: Bacchus Roti  
 Best kid-friendly eatery: Daddy-O's  
 Best deli: Benna's Fine Foods  
 Best health food store: Qi  
 Best coffee shop: Alternative Grounds  
 Best video store: The Film Buff  
 Best dollar store: Dollarama  
 Best clothing store: Frock  
 Best vintage clothing store: Stella Luna  
 Best hair salon: Helen's Unisex  
 Best home décor store: Koma  
 Best children's store: Scooter Girl  
 Best new business: Another Story Bookshop

## Hot Spots

Best place to people watch: Sunnyside  
 Best place to take the kids: The libraries (High Park and Parkdale)  
 Best public space: High Park  
 Best place to pick up (without having to pay for it): Mitzi's Sister  
 Best place to take your date: Thai Spring Roll  
 Best local gallery: Gallery 1313  
 Best place to get fit: Active Yoga  
 Best place to listen to live music: Mitzi's Sister  
 Best place to spot a celeb: The Drake Hotel

## People

Best local artist: Iner Souster  
 Best local musician: Jim Bish  
 Best doctor: Dr. Shelley Burns  
 Best dentist: Dr. Bailey  
 Best bartender: Sean McClellan @ Mezzrows  
 Best server: Anna @ Topsy McStaggers

## Community

Best street: Roncesvalles Ave.  
 Best landmark: The Globe  
 Best park: Sorauren Park  
 Best free entertainment: Sunnyside  
 Best festival: Roncesvalles Harvest Festival  
 Best local organization for social change: Parkdale Community Legal Services

## These readers take the prize

Sometimes sharing is not just its own reward, it gets you free stuff. In this case, businesses are giving back to our lucky readers, selected at random from people who took the time to send in their entries.

\$50 gift basket from Good Food and Care Packages: David Smaller

\$50 gift certificate from I'm With Stupid: Kelly Shipman

\$35 gift pack from Second Cup: Mavis  
 Embroidered bathrobe from The Serenity Group: Joe Middleton

## Some of our favourite things

Sometimes it amazes us how smart our readers are. These answers prove it.

Areas Best Avoided: McDonald's, Train tracks (you might get run over)

Best Volunteers (they all deserve acknowledgement): Lori Henderson, Charlene Roach, Jehovah's Witnesses

Favourite local heros: Martin Tielli (Rheostatics), Natalie Waddell (lawyerlocate.ca), Vicki (The Little Paper)