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*The quietly great places around the Twin Cities and
West Metro — the ones that never get written up.*

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Welcome to the list.

Consider this the folded -up napkin of recommendations I'd hand you across a coffee table.

You signed up for the good stuff, so here it is in one place: the restaurants worth the drive, the everyday spots that quietly outclass the famous ones, and the openings I'm watching before they get a waitlist. **No listing blasts. No fluff.** Just the places I actually send friends to.

I'm a REALTOR® here in the west metro, which means I spend my days driving these neighborhoods and noticing what makes each one worth living in — and it's rarely the thing on the billboard. This guide is the shortlist. Keep it in your glovebox, screenshot the ones you want to try, and steal my picks shamelessly.

Every month I'll send one short email with a few fresh finds. If you're ever curious about a particular pocket of town — where to eat, what it's like to actually live there — just hit reply. That part I'm always happy to talk about.

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A note for Brandon — delete before sending

The cards on the next pages are ready for your real picks. Replace each italic placeholder with the spot's name, tag it with a neighborhood, and add your one-line take. Send me your list any time and I'll drop them in and finalize the PDF for you.

01 Worth the Drive

The destinations you'd happily cross the metro for.



[Restaurant name]

NEIGHBORHOOD

CUISINE

Your one-line take — what to order, why it's worth it.



[Restaurant name]

NEIGHBORHOOD

CUISINE

Your one-line take — what to order, why it's worth it.

02 The Usual (That Shouldn't Be)

Everyday coffee, bakeries and corners that quietly outclass the famous names.



[Cafe / bakery name]

NEIGHBORHOOD

BEST FOR

Your one-line take — the order you get every time.



[Cafe / bakery name]

NEIGHBORHOOD

BEST FOR

Your one-line take — the order you get every time.

03 Tables to Book

Where you'd take someone you're trying to impress.



[Restaurant name]

NEIGHBORHOOD

THE OCCASION

Your one-line take — ask for this table, order this.

04 Shops & Finds

The boutiques, makers and shelves worth a slow browse.



[Shop name]

NEIGHBORHOOD

KNOWN FOR

Your one-line take — what you always walk out with.



[Shop name]

NEIGHBORHOOD

KNOWN FOR

Your one-line take — what you always walk out with.

05 Just Opened

New arrivals I'm watching — get there before the waitlist.



[New spot name]

NEIGHBORHOOD

OPENED

Your one-line take — why it's already worth a visit.



[New spot name]

NEIGHBORHOOD

OPENED

Your one-line take — why it's already worth a visit.

06 Neighborhood Corner

One west-metro pocket, spotlighted — the feel, and who it suits.



[Neighborhood name]

THE VIBE

WHO IT SUITS

A few honest lines on what it's like to actually live there.



THINKING ABOUT A MOVE?

Let's find your corner of the map.

*I know these neighborhoods the same way I know these restaurants
— from actually being there. When you're ready to talk, so am I.*

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