



NYC Lifestyle

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March Madness

Make your brackets – March Madness has returned! NYC is no stranger to NCAA tournaments with plenty of sports bars and venues to watch the games. This week's newsletter features some of the best places to root for your team, as well as tips to host a stellar game day watch party.

Last-Minute Tickets

Don't worry! There's still time to [grab your tickets](#) to the first and second rounds of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship at Barclays Center in Downtown Brooklyn on March 22 and March 24. The stadium will be packed, so be sure to arrive early.

McMahon's Public House

[McMahon's Public House](#) near Barclays Center is another local favorite! The bar is typically filled with Brooklyn Nets fans, but attracts hundreds of college basketball enthusiasts during March Madness. Like many sports bars, you'll need to arrive early on game day for the best experience.

American Whiskey Midtown

For a more casual setting, consider [American Whiskey Midtown](#) near Madison Square Garden. The venue will likely draw lively game-day crowds and offers a broad selection of whiskeys, craft beer, and elevated pub food. We highly recommend the house smoked wings.

Game Day Cocktails

Looking for a sporty game day cocktail to impress your guests? Get creative with [these basketball themed cocktails](#) that will add a sophisticated touch to your March Madness house party. While you're planning, take a look at these [best-selling cocktail glasses](#) from Amazon.



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Crispy Baked Chicken Wings Recipe

Wings are essential for your March Madness viewing party. Try this recipe for [Crispy Baked Chicken Wings](#) that is healthier than fried wings and also really easy to pull off. With over 5,500 positive reviews, this recipe is bound to be a hit!

NYC Parks Basketball Courts

After your party, grab your friends or family to work up a sweat at one of NYC's many [public basketball courts](#). There are hundreds of courts to choose from. All you'll need is a jacket and your own ball. Some locations even allow reservations for large groups.

House Party Appetizers

Wings are a given, but what else should you make for your party? [This list of 40 March Madness appetizers](#) includes all the salt and spice you'll need – tater tot nachos, buffalo mac and cheese bites, bacon-wrapped jalapeños, classic antipasto, and more!

Pepper Palace

Everyone loves a sauce boss, that one friend who always has the best selection of condiments. To compliment your apps, check out [Pepper Palace](#), an award-winning, family-owned hot sauce and seasoning company with three locations in NYC. There are hundreds of sauces to choose from with spice levels from mild to inferno.