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Sanfords Restaurant: The Second Coming

As rivalries go, it's tough to get any better than Astoria's version of restaurant family feud. There's no animosity here, just a healthy competition to round out the neighborhood's vibrant culinary patchwork. As cousins & business partners of the two brothers who helm the ship at Petey's Burger, the owners of **Sanfords** have rescued Astoria from the drought of delicious brunch spots. Not content to relegate its eclectic menu to the mimosa crowd, **Sanfords** boasts a 24 open door policy and delivery. The restaurant's history dates back decades but after a much-anticipated makeover, **Sanfords** revitalizes a strip of Broadway with an injection of new life.

The banana-chocolate-chip pancakes are a stack of edible utopia with chunks of banana well-preserved within the batter- a great brunch choice to share. For a slightly more refined morsel, the mesquite BBQ chicken salad is sprinkled with Roquefort cheese, pine nuts, and grape plus a tangy balsamic over fresh greens, making it a solid option. The meat is wonderfully smoky and adds extra dimension to the meal. The eggs Benedict arrive prepared with care and make for a hearty brunch entree. The mimosas are doled out generously and will incite demands for seconds. As far as after-dinner fare is concerned, the apple pie is among the very best in Astoria and is laced with ribbons of supple caramel. For the more libation-inclined, **Sanfords** carries an impressive selection of bottled beers and supplies a comfortable bar perch for its more hurried customers.

Leaving the frenetic masses on Broadway for the comfort of **Sanfords'** sleekly appointed dining room is a welcome respite and showcases the soothing decor and seductive aromas. The interior, extensively overhauled after a fire, is a stunning upgrade for the neighborhood and really adds an element of relaxation to the bustling restaurant. With its all-night availability, delectable food and alluring spa-like ambiance, **Sanfords** has already been welcomed back as an indispensable member of the foodie community.