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The best places to get delicious pie in Macon, Yelp says

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Warm apple pie, fresh cherry pie, yummy pumpkin pie or classic southern pecan pie. Any way you slice it, pie is always a good idea.

And if you are a pie-lover (who isn't, right?), Macon has plenty of places to get a slice (or whole pie). Here are the top 6 places to get a slice of pie in Macon, according to Yelp:

THE BEAR'S DEN
Yelp rating: 4.5 out of 5 stars
Yelp review: "Unbelievably delicious. The Pecan pie is the best...in the world," said Tony P.
What to order: Pecan pie or sweet potato pie

LAYERS
Yelp rating: 4.9 out of 5
Yelp review: "The Pecan Pie cheesecake is absolutely amazingly delicious! The cheesecake itself is creamy and light. The pecan pie topping is just perfect and the buttery crust pulls it together perfectly," said Tara P.
What to order: Pecan pie

DOVETAIL
Yelp rating: 4.6 out of 5
Yelp review: "Don't skip out on dessert, the cracked pie is life," said Chyna H.
What to order: Cracked pie, Elvis pie or chocolate mousse pie

THE ROOKERY
Yelp rating: 4.2 out of 5
Yelp review: "We got the homemade apple pie and it was

perfect! The restaurant itself has such a cool vibe and the drinks are great too," said Veronica P.
What to order: Apple pie or derby pie

H&H RESTAURANT
Yelp rating: 3.9 out of 5
Yelp review: "This was some of the best food I've had," said Jaime D.
What to order: Sweet potato pie

DAWSON'S KITCHEN
Yelp rating: 4.3 out of 5
Yelp review: "Love this place. I stop by every time I'm in Macon," said Patti W.
What to order: Chocolate pie, pecan pie or lemon meringue pie
What's your favorite spot to get pie? Email me at cmadden@mcclatchy.com



KATIE TUCKER The Telegraph

J Walker Brisket Company owner Janice Walker poses in her restaurant on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025, in Macon, Georgia. Walker opened her casual barbecue restaurant last month after teaching herself to cook brisket during the COVID-19 pandemic.

New Macon BBQ joint sells out daily: What's the hype about?

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Janice Walker, owner of J. Walker Brisket Company, didn't always envision herself as a pitmaster. Walker didn't even start cooking barbecue until 2020,

when she found herself working her corporate job remotely. Brisket became an escape from the monotony of daily life. Fast-forward a few years, and it's grown into a business and a way of life. "Brisket is more like therapy for me," Walker said. "Just to perfect this right here."

Everything is made from scratch
J. Walker's Brisket Company opened over Labor Day weekend and has been busy ever since. The restaurant serves plates of homemade ribs, chicken, sausages and, of course, brisket. Plates can be ordered and

eaten at the restaurant, or ordered over the phone for pick-up. Each plate comes with a choice of macaroni and cheese, green beans, brunswick stew and coleslaw. Everything from the meat, to the sides, to even the barbecue

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Georgia PSC critic Durand arrested on trade secrets charge

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Former Georgia Public Service Commission candidate and Georgia Power critic Patty Durand has spoken out after her arrest to advocate for people to

vote, just one week after her arrest on a felony charge of theft of trade secrets. Durand, a clean energy advocate who campaigned against Republican Commissioner Tim Echols in the last election cycle, faces the felony charge after she allegedly slipped a Georgia

Power booklet into her purse and walked off, according to a Capitol Police incident report. The incident happened during a lunch break in an Oct. 21 PSC hearing regarding Georgia Power energy supply requests. "I have no comment at this time, except to urge everyone



Patty Durand to participate in the upcoming PSC elections," Durand told The Telegraph Monday. "Support transparency. Support accountability. Support ensuring consumers receive the information they are entitled to." The incident report, obtained through Georgia open records

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SNAP threatened by government shutdown: How's Macon affected?

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Georgia Department of Human Services announced Friday that Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits won't go out on Nov. 1 if the federal government shutdown hasn't been stopped by then. A notice posted to the Georgia Department of Human Services website said there are "insufficient funds" to keep providing SNAP benefits if federal funding is not restored by the time they are set to go out this weekend. "DHS understands how important SNAP benefits are to

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