

BEST DISHES WE ATE IN JULY: RICOTTA GNOCCHI AT BATTELLO, CHILLED MUSSELS AT JOCKEY HOLLOW

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There's a lot of wonderful food in North Jersey, yet often many of us end up eating uninspired, forgettable grub. We at NorthJersey.com/The Record and Daily Record, however, frequently go out to eat.

Every now and then, we discover knock-your-socks-off dishes and since we're in the business of reporting, we thought we'd share our discoveries so you can go enjoy terrific food too.

Check back in August — we are determined to share our finds with you every month.

RICOTTA GNOCCHI AT BATTELLO, JERSEY CITY



The chef's signature dish: ricotta gnocchi at Battello in Jersey City, right on the Hudson River (Photo: Battello)

Battello, a stunning modern Italian restaurant on the Hudson River, reopened recently after a forced 17-month closing due to pier damage. Lovely restaurants with breathtaking river views can get away with serving meh food, but Battello delivers. A must-have: ricotta gnocchi, chef Ryan DePersio's signature dish. The gnocchi are as light as marshmallow; the sweet

sausage ragu as flavorful as a platter of charcuterie, and the fresh basil and pecorino shavings as thoughtful as a thank you card. \$14 as appetizer, \$24 entree.

Go: 502 Washington Blvd, Jersey City; 201.798.1798. battellojc.com