

All the Brews Fit to Pint: Blogtoberfest! Part 2

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Welcome to the second, more serious, older-brother installment of Blogtoberfest! This week is when the spirit of Oktoberfest bams it up a notch™ and local beer drinkers literally take to the streets of Ann Arbor to celebrate their favorite beverage, all under the guise of being sensitive to another culture. Ann Arbor-style social consciousness *and* huge mugs of delicious, foamy lager: Everybody wins. The week in beer follows the jump.

The long-awaited, much-anticipated official opening of [Jolly Pumpkin Café and Brewery](#) on [311 S. Main St.](#) arrives Wednesday, Sept. 16. Be the first on your block to try one, some, or all of these fine beers direct from the tap: Jolly Pumpkin Bam Biere, Autumn Bam, and Bam Noire; North Peak Siren Amber Ale and Diabolical IPA, Tortuga Ale Co. Chocolate Stout, and Golden Manatee Belipago, the latter of which is described as a gluten-free "Belgian-style IPA, brewed with chestnuts, tapioca, sorghum, agave nectar, and loads of the freshest hops money can buy." The café is open 11am to 11pm Monday through Thursday, 11am to midnight Friday and Saturday, and noon to 11pm Sunday.

Thursday, Sept. 17, beginning at 6pm, the Huron River Watershed Council is hosting (at the home of Bill and Mary Kinley, [9789 Huron River Dr.](#)) "Suds on the River," an environmental awareness event featuring wares from such local microbreweries as the aforementioned Jolly Pumpkin, [Arbor Brewing](#), [Blue Tractor](#), [Grizzly Peak](#), and [Wolverine Beer](#). Food from local restaurants also will be served and the dulcet tones of [Great Lakes Myth Society](#) will help it all go down smoothly. Visit the [HRWC Web site](#) for ticket pricing and info, directions, and other details.

On Friday, Sept. 18, celebrate Oktoberfest with actual Germans at [Metzger's](#), [305 N. Zeeb](#). The venerable Ann Arbor restaurant's annual event features a beer tent (of course), a buffet of their famous German victuals, a live German band, and a raffle. Come ready to eat, drink, and be merry.

Can't quite make it all the way out to Zeeb Rd.? Also beginning this Friday is Arbor Brewing's 10th Annual Oktoberfest Block Party. Enjoy a big beer (and wine) tent, the oom-pah stylings of German band Spass, and staples such as bratwurst, veggie brats, chips, and pretzels. No cover, and children are welcome (accompanied by their parents, natch). Festivities run Friday and Saturday, 5-11pm. Call 734-213-

