

FOOD & DRINK: All the Brews Fit to Pint: Post-Thanksgiving sleeping it off edition for local beer

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Thanksgiving and the resulting food coma are upon us. But that's OK; you can stuff your face with all that turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, and good brew without feeling the slightest bit guilty about snoozing through any great local beer events. You have several days to sleep it off and rest your drinking muscles. But then look out! The holiday begins in earnest.

Your tryptophan and carbo-loaded Week in Beer follows.

Monday, November 30

Thanksgiving's over; it's time to move on to the next big holiday. From 4-6pm, [Jolly Pumpkin Café and Brewery](#), 311 S. Main, is hosting a release party for Noel de Calabaza, a Christmas brew Santa would be happy to have in place of the tired old milk and cookies routine. Brewer [Ron Jeffries](#) will be on hand to discuss the beer and maybe even hoist a pint with fellow revelers. Try it before it hits store shelves.



Head brewer Duncan Williams pours a pint out of a special cask at Grizzly Peak's monthly Brewer's Night.

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Tuesday, December 1

It's the first Tuesday of a new month, and that means Brewer's Night at the Den at [Grizzly Peak](#), 120 W. Washington. Come out from 6-9pm to talk beer and brewing with head brewer [Duncan Williams](#) and enjoy the tapping of a cask of Yakima Biere (a Belgianesque amber ale dry hopped with Liberty hops), \$2 off samplers, and a guided tour of the brewery.

Or, if you find yourself in Ypsilanti, head over to the [Corner Brewery](#), 720 Norris, for the Espresso Love Breakfast Stout release party. Check out yumilicious pints and finger food, \$2 off growlers of the honored beer, and 15% off Espresso Love t-shirts from 6-8pm. Free for Arbor Brewing or Corner mug club members; \$15 for the great unwashed.

Wednesday, December 2

Michigan beer Wednesday at [Bar Louie](#), 401 E. Liberty; this time it's selected pints of [Arbor Brewing](#) beer for \$3 all day long.

The Corner Brewery, as is customary, also releases its Wednesday Rat Pad (small batch) beer. This week's concoction is the Nestle Tollhouse Ale. What's that? I don't know, but it will be tapped at 6pm.

Thursday, December 3

Even during good times, most of us don't have the resources to go on a world tour of beer. Luckily, you can get a reasonable approximation by heading to the Tap Room at [Arbor Brewing](#), 114 E. Washington, for "Beer From Around the World," a tasting class led by brewery owner [Rene Greff](#) from 6-9pm. Learn about the history, geography, and beer traditions of, well, the whole planet. \$55 tuition includes samples of 10 classic beer styles, sandwiches, and a keepsake tasting glass. [Advance registration](#) is required through Washtenaw Community College's Lifelong Learning program. Spots are filling up fast, so you may want to hustle.