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Alpine Getaway @ Little Pub in Ridgefield

CHRISTY COLASURDO | THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2009 AT 8:58AM



There's good reason the parking lot at **Little Pub** is jam-packed before noon—and through the wee hours. When you step inside, you'll swear **you've entered a lively Austrian ski chalet**, complete with distressed wooden ceilings, stucco walls, wrought iron chandeliers and a blazing stone fireplace.

Whether you cozy up to the hopping bar or **take a seat next to the fire** (if you're lucky enough to snag one), this relative newcomer feels like it's been here for ages. In

actuality, Little Pub, which sits on busy Ethan Allen Highway in Ridgefield, was home to an antiques shop until four months ago, when Daneen Grabe, of Fairfield, worked her magic on the space, transforming it into **one of the area's most popular hangouts**, drawing fans from across the state, and a large contingent of Europeans who find it feels like home.

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Mexican Treasure Discovered @ Los Portales' Grocery

SARAH GREEN | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2009 AT 7:47PM

OMG. It happened. I think, for about 40 minutes, I had an out-of-body experience where I **traveled to Michoacan, Mexico and had lunch in the back of a bodega**. It was a strange hallucination, considering four of my other foodie friends seemed to travel with me. Yet there we were, frantically gorging on the **most authentic and outrageously delicious Mexican food** any of us had ever eaten. Had I bumped my head during that twister? (note to self - always listen to Auntie Em.) It all began as we



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