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There's still summer out there, and let's face it: you want to take advantage of every opportunity to soak in the sun and warm weather. Restaurants across Long Island offer just that chance with alfresco dining that puts you seaside with dazzling views of sunsets and vistas, or even streetside, where small-town life comes into full focus. Here are some delightful options for places to eat in the open air.

Sandbar

55 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor (631) 498-6188

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On the Nassau/Suffolk border, soak up the quaint downtown of Cold Spring Harbor village in sidewalk tables while savoring American cuisine by celebrated executive chef Guy Reuge. Among this season's specialties, look for the blackened mahi mahi, which comes with a cauliflower purée, chanterelle mushrooms, haricot vert, patty pan squash, red wine and herb vinaigrette. You can also find plenty of classic comfort foods. To top it all off, walk around the village and visit neighboring shops.