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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.

View

3 Consuelo Pl., Oakdale (631) 589-2694

Lessings.comThere's a reason they call it View. Even when it's cold, this waterside eatery known for its fresh, local seafood has stunning views of the Great South Bay. When the weather turns warm and the rear deck opens, patrons get a close-up view of all the beauty that the South Shore offers –including breathtaking sunsets. The special sushi menu at View, currently offered Wednesday through Sunday, has flown under the radar. Other summertime dishes include Maine lobster tail, jumbo shrimp, Taylor Bay scallops, littleneck clams, Prince Edward Island mussels, cockles and tomato-blue claw crab brodo.