

# Better than DQ and Culvers!

*Ollie's is open for business!*

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February 22nd marks the unofficial beginning of spring. Why you ask? Because that's the opening day for everyone's favorite frozen custard shop, Ollie's! Ollie's has been providing cool treats on hot days to customers for nearly 32 years.

Ollie's does something to always shake up menu by having a specialty called the "flavor of the day" This flavor can range from Strawberry to Black Raspberry to Georgia Peach. It even goes and all the way to Butter Brickle! If you've ever taken a health class here, you've most likely had Mrs. Hammarberg. But if you haven't had her yet, she has a tradition where everyday she tells her students what the "flavor of the day" is at Ollie's.

Hammarberg states that, "it started off as a joke with one of my classes about nine years ago. A student was asking what the flavor of the day was and I happened to know it, and one of my students suggested that I announce the flavor of the day everyday. So I picked up a calendar and the rest is history."

"My favorite flavor to get from Ollie's is Strawberry", said Sophomore Nathan Hooper. Christina Rhyzov said, "my favorite flavor from Ollie's is mocha chip, or just plain vanilla." "I prefer Culvers over Ollie's, but if I had to choose a favorite flavor I'd go with mint chocolate chip" said Junior Zach Donnahue.

There are only two downsides to having a great ice cream shop like Ollie's. One is that it's located in Sycamore, and two is that they have to close down when winter rolls around.

"I would totally go to Ollie's if it were open year round," said Hooper. "I would still go to Ollie's during the winter, but probably not as often," said Rhyzov.

The reason that Ollie's closes down during the cold months is because they have another ice cream shop down in Lady Lake, Florida. Unlike the shop they have here, they serve food down in Florida. On top of their wonderful custard, the Florida menu consists of Nathans hot dogs and chips with drinks! But if you're down in Lady Lake don't look for their sycamore logo, because the logo changes from it's founder, Bill Jamison, to a sea turtle with a hat on its head. Ollie's in Lady Lake has been serving customers for just over 16 years. On the website "Trip Advisor" all reviews show nothing but positive comments on how great the place is. Talking about how Ollie's custard is like no other, and how they have great service as well.

Ollie's opening day flavor of the day was Strawberry. However, if you're planning on going to Ollie's anytime soon, expect to wait in line for a couple minutes! If you're interested in finding out the flavor of the day, ask Mrs. Hammarberg or go to the Ollie's website at [olliessycamore.com](http://olliessycamore.com).