

Perfect pancakes, wonderful waffles; Munchmobile searches for the best

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LENORA'S CAFE, KEYPORT

If you haven't been to Keyport in years, or ever, this town is a Shore sleeper, with its picturesque bayfront setting, diversity of restaurants (Keyport Fishery, Mike's Sub Shop, Drew's Bayshore Bistro, etc.) and cozy, comfortable spots like [Lenora's Cafe](#).

Owner Lenora Cortes is from Veracruz, Mexico, while husband Francisco is from Oaxaqueno, and the south of the border influence is exemplified in such dishes as the Mexican country eggs, a simple, supremely satisfying mix of scrambled eggs, chorizo, tomatoes, onions, jalapeños, potatoes and cheese served over corn tortillas. [NJ.com](#))



Gianna Dorsi with our food at Lenora's Cafe, Keyport
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Schachter was crazy about the Crunchy Waffle, with granola, bananas and dulce de leche — "amazing, crunch outside, soft inside, best thing I ate all day."

Brother Phil called the tostadas franceses de dulce — french toast with dulce de leche, bananas, granola and whipped cream — his favorite dish of the day.

Matt Sirotty called these the trip's best blueberry pancakes, while his mom seconded Schachter on the french toast and found the California waffle, with strawberries, bananas and peaches, "delicious."

"This spot is a good 75-90 minutes from my house; I would sit in traffic for it," Phil Schachter said.