

**Johnny's Tavern, 8262 Mission Road,
Prairie Village, (913) 901-0322**

A Jayhawker recommended I check out Taco Tuesday at Johnny's Tavern. The original has been a Lawrence institution since 1953, and legend has it that the beer tap there is the longest-running tap in Lawrence. In 1991 the owners opened a site in Overland Park, followed by three others in Overland Park, Shawnee and Prairie Village.

On a recent Tuesday the sports bar, with oodles of televisions in all sizes, was packed with what looked like a broad cross section of the neighborhood. Families, older couples, young working professionals — they all seem to congregate here for a quick bite. Magician Eric Price was there, too. He's very good, stumping the three of us adults with his sleight-of-hand tricks using money, rubber bands, cards and tennis balls.

Johnny's serves two kinds of tacos, two ways: beef or chicken, soft or hard. And they're just a buck for the beef and two bucks for the chicken. I tried both. No spices, no rubs, no nothing, just the clean taste of beef and grilled chicken. They use two kinds of



shredded cheese and serve great, tangy margaritas in beer pint glasses.

The salsa tastes like fresh, too. The regular is mostly finely chopped tomatoes. But for an extra treat, order a side of the black bean salsa. The beans are mixed with some onions. Spoon it on and add flavor, fiber and color.

And yes, all the Johnny's do Taco Tuesdays.