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Just down the street from the fancier department stores and national chains at the outdoor Biltmore Fashion Park is this Phoenix institution, on the site of a former dairy farm. The Shops at Town & Country opened 50 years ago. It's here that local chef Chris Bianco got his start, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Wednesday, it hosts one of the Valley's best farmers markets, with local vendors selling artisan breads, chocolates and even handmade jewelry.

Town & Country is also home to many retail stores throughout the nicely shaded outdoor mall, oozing with the vintage charm of Spanish fountains and tile roofs.

Here, shoppers can explore Bookstar, a bookstore; gourmet chain grocer Trader Joe's; and three successful local resale shops: My Sister's Attic (furniture and home decor), My Sister's Closet (women's clothing and accessories) and Well Suited (men's apparel). For lunch, stop for a Mediterranean snack at Cyprus Grill or grab a frozen yogurt treat at Yogurtology before exploring more independent shops. *20th Street and Camelback Road, Phoenix.* townandcountryshops.com. ■