

## **Village of Orland Park to Host Taste of Orland Park 2010** *Seventh Annual Food Fest Showcases Local Eateries*

ORLAND PARK, IL - The Village of Orland Park has announced a mouth-watering menu for its seventh annual **Taste of Orland Park**. Seventeen Orland Park restaurants will sell a variety of food and drinks during the 3-day village sponsored event, at the **Orland Park Village Center**, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue. Admission and parking are free.

“The Taste is a salute to Orland Park where we’re able to showcase some of the best eateries in town, enjoy local talent and where people can learn more about community groups and organizations,” said Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin.

Showcased Orland Park restaurants include Burrito Jalisco, Café Gaston, Cooper’s Hawk, Culver’s of Orland Park, Fatburger, Hienie’s McCarthy’s, Kismet, Mo’s Chinese Kitchen, Oberweis Dairy, Old Town Pizza, Palermo’s, Papa Joe’s, Plaza Café, R.C. Mulligan’s, Rock Bottom Brewery, Sam Maguire’s and Taj Mahal.

Menu offerings cover the gamut with American and ethnic dishes, including Irish, Greek, Chinese, Italian, Mexican and Indian/Pakistani.

Culinary highlights include tostada dinners, shrimp, butter burgers, braised short ribs with mashed potatoes, crab cake sandwiches, chicken bow tie pasta, jambalaya, chicken biryanee, pizza, baklava, turkey legs, corned beef sandwiches, shishkabobs, Chinese food, chicken tetrazzini and more.

Sweets at the Taste of Orland Park include concrete mixers, sundaes, ice cream sandwiches, gelato, deep fried cheesecake and tiramisu.

“It’s a great summer festival, close to home, reasonably priced with great food and live entertainment,” the mayor added.

Participating restaurants must be located within the Village of Orland Park. When restaurants register, they submit what they’ll be serving and each “taste” is no more than \$4.00 a dish. Seven of the featured restaurants will also serve alcohol, including beer, wine and a number of specialty drinks. And, all food vendors will have pop and water for sale at their booths.

Village Trustee Kathy Fenton chairs the village’s Special Events and Outreach Committee. “The Taste of Orland Park is a summer highlight because it offers so much,” Fenton said. “You can try dishes from a number of restaurants, enjoy live entertainment and probably run into old friends and neighbors you haven’t seen in a while,” she added.

Two stages will offer continuous live entertainment throughout the weekend with the main stages showcasing a number of Chicago area bands playing all types of music.

“When we choose bands to play at the Taste, we look for those that offer the largest appeal. We have country on Friday night, the Beatles’ tribute band American English playing Saturday night, Midwest Dueling Pianos playing Sunday afternoon and Hi-Infidelity closing the festivities Sunday evening,” said Media and Special Events Manager Patty Vlazny who co-chairs the event with Civic Center Manager Gail Blummer.

Blummer added, “The Taste of Orland Park offers something for everyone, for the little ones at Kids’ Day, the car buffs on Sunday, community groups getting their messages out and live entertainment and great food.”

On Friday, August 6, the festival will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. with Our Gang performing on the main stage from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

At 6:00 p.m., the adjacent John Humphrey Complex will host Guns ‘n Hoses 2010, the annual sixteen inch softball game. Firefighters from the Orland Fire Protection District will defend their 2009 win over members of the Orland Park Police Department, with both agencies vying for the coveted traveling trophy.

Yard Fulla Cars, a Chicago area country band, will perform from 8:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Free country line dancing instruction is offered inside of the Civic Center from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Community stage features for Friday include the village’s dance program performing at 5:30 p.m., followed by Live Band Karaoke at 8:00 p.m.

Live Band Karaoke, the opportunity to sing with a live band for free, will be held Friday evening from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Those wanting to sing with the band can access the available song list at [www.livebandkaraokechicago.com](http://www.livebandkaraokechicago.com) and access the Hootenanners Song List. Singing reservations can be made by calling 708/403-6235. Reservations for Live Band Karaoke are encouraged but not required. Those interested may also sign up at the Taste.

On Saturday, August 7, the Taste will be held from 1:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. The Orland Park Kiwanis Club will host a raffle game inside of the Civic Center when Rhythm Rockets takes the main stage at 1:00 p.m.

On Saturday, the adjacent John Humphrey Complex will host Kids’ Day from 1pm to 5pm. Kids’ Day includes face painting, the Family Egg Drop and Family Water Balloon Toss Competitions, Joon Lee’s Taekwondo, a moon jump slide, obstacle course and jumpy, Northwestern University Athletics, Orland Fire Protection District, Orland

Park Knights Football and Cheerleading, Orland Park Police Kid Care DNA Kits, Orland Park Soccer Club, spin and sand art, Team USA Martial Arts, Touch A Truck, Victory Martial Arts and the Village of Orland Park Karpov International Chess Institute.

Jen Farrell, of the village's Recreation Department, coordinates Kids' Day each year at the Taste. "We're able to offer free activities all afternoon at the Humphrey Complex, which enables kids of all ages to come play in one of the biggest backyards in Orland Park."

The Family Water Balloon Toss begins at 2:30 p.m. at Humphrey and is open to adult/child or sibling teams. Water balloons will be provided and the winning family will receive a free pavilion rental at the Centennial Park Aquatic Center plus twelve free swim passes for the pool.

The Family Egg Drop will follow at 3:30 p.m. with families invited to create something in which to catch an egg dropped from a bucket truck. Pillows may not be used and the egg catching device must be no wider than two feet in diameter.

Pre-registration is not required for the Family Water Balloon Toss or the Family Egg Drop and the winner of each will receive a free pavilion rental at the Centennial Park Aquatic Center plus twelve free pool passes.

The community stage will feature a number of performance groups throughout the weekend. Saturday's schedule includes performances by the Creative Dance Center, the Music Connection and Teen Battle of the Bands.

Along with sponsors' booths, Orland Park's Village Center is filled with booths hosted by Orland Park churches and community groups.

"The Taste weekend is a great collection of all things Orland Park," said Maureen Wentz, of the village's Recreation Department. "We invite churches and community groups in town to host booths where they offer free activities for kids throughout the weekend," she added, noting that nearly twenty community groups and churches are participating in this year's fest.

Groups hosting community tents at this year's Taste of Orland Park include Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the Crisis Center for South Suburbia, Faith United Methodist Church, Illinois State Treasurer, Orland Grasslands Volunteers, Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce, Orland Park Cub Scout Pack 383, Orland Park Public Library, Orland Township, Orland-Palos Reber-Tesmond VFW Post 2604, Southwest Community Services, Inc., Special Olympics Illinois, United States Army, United States Marines, Village of Orland Park Sportsplex and the YMCA Adventure Guides

Each of the participating community groups will offer a free children's activity at their booth.

The fun continues on Sunday beginning at 10:00 a.m. with the car show at the adjacent Humphrey Complex. The restaurants will open at 1:00 p.m. when the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its Chamber Bean Bag Finals and Guitarra Azul will perform on the main stage. Also at 1:00 p.m., the Orland Park Lions Club will hold a raffle game inside of the air conditioned Orland Park Civic Center.

At 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, the twelve finalists from the summer long karaoke contests at a number of Orland Park establishments will take the community stage, vying for this year's top karaoke performer in Orland Park. The village's gymnastics students will perform on the main stage dance floor at 3:15 p.m.

On Sunday, the Midwest Dueling Pianos will perform on the main stage beginning at 4:00 p.m, followed by the Carl Sandburg High School Cheerleaders performing on the main stage dance floor at 6:00 p.m. Hi Infidelity performs on the main stage, closing the fest, from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Executive Chef Level sponsors of the Taste of Orland Park 2010 include the *SouthtownStar Newspaper*. Sous chef level sponsors include Christopher B. Burke Engineering and US-99.5. Pastry chef level sponsors include Country Financial and Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin. Apprentice level sponsors include Bathroom Crafters, Brannigan Chiropractic, Crowley-Sheppard Asphalt, Costco, McDonough Associates, V-3, Rasmussen College, Horton Insurance, Physicians Immediate Care, Terry's Automotive Group, Fresenius Medical Care and MPI Media Group.

In-kind sponsors for the Taste of Orland Park include American Bottlers, ECOLAB, Fifth Third Bank, Waste Management and the *Orland Park Prairie Newspaper*.

Complete schedules are available on the Village of Orland Park's website at [www.orland-park.il.us/taste](http://www.orland-park.il.us/taste). For more information, call 708403-6140.

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#### PHOTO CAPTION

The Village of Orland Park will host its seventh annual Taste of Orland Park Celebration August 6, 7 and 8 at the Orland Park Village Center, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue. Admission and parking are free for the weekend festival that showcases seventeen Orland Park restaurants, live entertainment on two stages and fun for the entire family. For a complete schedule, visit [www.orland-park.il.us/taste](http://www.orland-park.il.us/taste).

**FRIDAY • AUGUST 6 • 5 PM TO 11 PM**

5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Our Gang (Motown, R & B) (Main Stage)
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Village Dance Program (Community Stage)
6:00 p.m.	Guns & Hoses Softball Game (Humphrey Complex)
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Country Line Dancing Instruction (Civic Center)
7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Village of Orland Park Doonaree Pipe Band (Main Stage)
8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.	Live Band Karaoke (Community Stage)
8:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.	Yard Fulla Cars (Country/Western) (Main Stage)

**SATURDAY • AUGUST 7 • 1 PM TO 11 PM**

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Kids' Day (Humphrey Complex)
1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Kiwanis Club Raffle (Civic Center)
1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Rhythm Rockets (Jump, Rhythm) (Main Stage)
3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Creative Dance Center (Community Stage)
3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.	Victory Martial Arts (Main Stage Dance Floor)
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	US-99.5 and Chevy Riders Radio (Taste Grounds)
4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Music Connection (Community Stage)
4:05 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.	Joon Lee's Taekwondo (Main Stage Dance Floor)
4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	OD TAPO IMI (Main Stage)
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Magical Balloon Dude Dale (Taste Grounds)
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Jason Kollum's Balloon Twisting (Taste Grounds)
7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.	Teen Battle of the Bands (Community Stage)
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Kidz Clog and Cloggin' Craze (MS Dance Floor)
8:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Village Dance Co. & Junior Dance Co. (MS Dance Floor)
8:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.	American English (Main Stage)

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 8 - 1PM to 9PM**

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Car Show (Humphrey Sports Complex)
1:00 p.m.	Orland Park Chamber Bean Bag Finals
1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Lions Club Raffle (Civic Center)
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Guitarra Azul (Main Stage)
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Karaoke Finals (Community Stage)
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Mary Z's Magic/Juggling (Taste Grounds)
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Village/UGA Gymnastics (MS Dance Floor)
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Midwest Dueling Pianos (Main Stage)
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Face Painting (Taste Grounds)
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Mary Z's Balloon Twisting (Taste Grounds)
6:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.	Carl Sandburg Cheerleaders (MS Dance Floor)
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Hi Infidelity (Main Stage)