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Village of Orland Park to Host Annual Taste of Orland Park – August 5-7



The Village of Orland Park's annual Taste of Orland Park returns August 5-7 to the Orland Park Village Center located at 14700 South Ravinia Avenue. Celebrating its thirteenth year, the Taste of Orland Park showcases Orland Park eateries as well as community organizations. A number of activities are offered, including Kids' Day, a car show, a talent show and live entertainment on two stages.

The Taste of Orland Park will be held Friday, August 5 from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday, August 6 from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday, August 7 from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission and parking are free with participating restaurants selling tastes of signature dishes at individual food booths.

On Sunday, August 7, a Vietnam Veterans tribute will begin at 1 p.m with music from the Vietnam era performed by Creedence Revived (a CCR Tribute band). Join us to celebrate, honor and formally welcome home those who served our country.

"We look forward to the Taste of Orland Park every year," said Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "It has become an annual summer favorite for everyone and this year will be no exception. This is a great way to learn more about and taste the variety of dishes from Orland Park restaurants, learn about our wonderful community groups and enjoy a great entertainment-filled weekend," the mayor said.

The mayor aims to make this year's event more environmentally friendly with his Zero-Waste at the Taste Challenge. "Every year we generate over 180 cubic yards of waste that is sent to the landfill," said the mayor. "I hope you will join me in reducing this number by placing items in the appropriately marked bins at the taste."

Collection sites at the Taste of Orland Park 2016 will offer three options--- composting, recycling or landfill. Participating Taste of Orland Park restaurants have been asked to use only paper based plates, bowls and napkins that will be collected for composting after use.

Participating Orland Park eateries for the 2016 Taste of Orland Park include 94 West Grille and Tavern, Baby's Cheesesteak and Lemonade, Beggars Pizza, Blissful Banana Café, The Brass Tap, Café Gaston, Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurants, El Famous Burrito, El Pueblito, Granite City Food & Brewery, Mo's Chinese Kitchen, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Oberweis Dairy, Orland Park Bakery, Papa Joe's Italian Restaurant, Q Restaurant, RoccoVino's Italian Restaurant, Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery, Square Celt Ale House and Grill and Wooden Paddle Pizza.

A number of food items will be sold, including burrata toast from Wooden Paddle Pizza, fish and chips from Square Celt Ale House and Grill and chicken bowtie pasta from Café Gaston. Select vendors will offer alcoholic beverages while soft drinks and water will be available for purchase from all participating restaurants.

"I look forward to the Taste of Orland Park every year," said Trustee Patricia Gira, chair of the village's Recreation and Parks Committee. "It is always great to see the community come together with great food from local restaurants, exciting entertainment and something for everyone to enjoy."

A variety of musical talents will perform on two stages throughout the weekend. On Friday, August 5, the main stage will feature Derringer and Rye and One of These Nights. On Saturday, August 6, Run Forrest Run, Big Dog Mercer, and 7th Heaven take the stage. Creedence Revived, Generation Sixties Experience and American English close out the three-day food fest on Sunday, August 7.

New to the event this year is a pickle ball demonstration on Saturday, August 6 from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. in the back parking lot of Orland Junior High, located at 14855 West Avenue as well as the Crosstown Classic baseball game on held at the same time and date on the baseball fields of the John Humphrey Sports Complex.

Additional entertainment includes the Teen Battle of the Bands on Friday, August 5 from 7 p.m.-11 p.m. and Live Band Karaoke on Saturday, August 6 from 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Kids' Day will be held at the adjacent John Humphrey Sports Complex on Saturday, August 6 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. A number of free games, activities and programs will be available for kids of all ages. The Annual Taste of Orland Park Car Show will be held at the Humphrey Complex on Sunday beginning at 1 p.m. Also on Sunday, August 7, Orland Park's Got Talent live finals are from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Stage.

On Saturday, the Orland Park Kiwanis Club hosts Bingo inside the Civic Center, and the Orland Park Lions Club will do the same on Sunday, with both events starting at 1 p.m.

Taste of Orland Park sponsors include Airy's, Inc., University of Chicago Medicine, Airy's, Inc., Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., Waste Management, Aileen S. Andrew Foundation, Bath Planet, Brannigan Chiropractic Center, Chevrolet, Illinois Energy Windows & Siding, Inc., Mercedes Benz of Orland Park, Moraine Valley Community College, Physicians Immediate Care, the Residences of Orland Park Crossing, U.S. Army, Xfinity and the Orland Park Prairie.

Complete Taste of Orland Park details are available at www.orlandpark.org/taste. For more information, call the Village of Orland Park Recreation Department at 708/403-7275.

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