

## WHAT ELSE CAN YOU “SAMPLE” AT TASTE OF PARK RIDGE?

When you schedule your visit to “Taste of Park Ridge” this year – Thursday through Saturday, July 8-10, 2010, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. – there are plenty of choices for combining food and fun.

Stop in for lunch, or a mid-afternoon lunch when the food lines may be shorter, or meet friends or family for dinner and the evening’s headliner entertainment. The entertainment is free. The food tickets are still \$5 for nine 50 cent tickets.

Combine your visit with a chance to see the Park Ridge Senior Center’s Men’s Follies performance Friday morning or the Park Ridge Fine Arts Symphony concert in Hodges Park Friday evening or the exciting activities at the Family Fun Zone on Saturday.

If you spend your morning at nearby stores, shopping for sidewalk sale bargains till you’re ready to drop, stop for lunch or a cool dessert along Summit Avenue by the train station.

In addition to the fantastic food and exciting free entertainment, the Taste of Park Ridge is a place to experience the enthusiastic community spirit which continues to inspire Park Ridge’s citizens a century after it became a city in 1910.

Stroll along Summit Avenue’s food booths and you’ll see your friends and neighbors, old-timers and new arrivals, gathering for something special in which everyone can share.

One of the city’s strengths for so many years has been the people who step up and donate their time and talents to make life here better for everyone. In tough times, and in times of plenty, a caring community is a bright bonus for our local residents.

Continuing this annual event is a labor of love for the volunteers who serve on the Taste of Park Ridge committee and board. They plan year-round to keep the event fresh and interesting, viable and affordable.

Helping to make that possible are the many groups whose members pitch in during the food festival – such as the Park Ridge Rotary Club, the Park Ridge Kiwanis Club, and Maine Township– to assist with staffing and special events. Help is always needed. Check out our Volunteers page if you can spare some time during the Taste weekend.

Also vitally important are the businesses which step up each year to help sponsor the Taste. Their investments of funding and services are a reaffirmation of their commitment to be good neighbors to the Park Ridge community.

Working together produces benefits for everyone.

Come and sample Park Ridge’s spirit this year at Taste of Park Ridge.