

TASTE OF PARK RIDGE RETURNS!

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Mark your calendars for the return of the Taste of Park Ridge, scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, July 8-10, in Uptown. Taste vendor booths, seating and the mainstage will be located along Summit Avenue, between Prospect and Touhy avenues, but activities will also extend as far north as the Pickwick Theatre and south to Hodges Park.

Hours will be 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. all three days.

Dining choices will be offered at 26 booths for lunch and dinner. Most are returning favorites, with several new restaurants offering their own “tastes” for the first time. Admission to the Taste area and entertainment is free. Food tickets will be sold in \$5 sheets (nine tickets), to be exchanged for food at all the booths.

Mainstage evening entertainment will include the Chicago Rat Pack, Arra (classic rock), Steve Richards’ Neil Diamond Tribute Band, Your Villian/My Hero (Lady Gaga/Pop and Black Eyed Peas/Hip Hop), Rick Saucedo as “Elvis” and 7th Heaven. Local talents will be featured in midday performances.

Also returning are special focuses for each Taste day. Thursday will be “Community Day,” Friday will be “Seniors Day” and Saturday will be “Family Day.” Special programming, including a film for senior citizens, and a family-friendly film and Hodges Park activities for children, are planned.

There will also be activities to recognize the Park Ridge City Centennial and the 50th anniversary of the city flag.

Visitors can combine their stops at the Taste with the Park Ridge Fine Arts Society’s outdoor concert at Hodges Park on Friday night, or a visit to business and organization booths at Canopies of Courtland on Saturday, or shopping for bargains throughout the Uptown retail area Wednesday through Sunday at the merchants’ annual sidewalk sale.

Watch for updates and a complete list of food vendors and entertainment, which will be posted on the Taste’s website, www.tasteofparkridge.com.