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## TASTE OF PARK RIDGE-July 13th, 14th & 15th www.tasteofparkridge.com

Thursday, July 13 11am - 10:30pm Friday, July 14 & Saturday, July 15 11am - 11pm

There cannot be a Taste of Park Ridge without food vendors, and the 2023 iteration of the Taste of Park Ridge, like a healthy meal, is incredibly well balanced.

Charcoal Delights is delighted to "double the dosage" with two booths again this year. Make sure you try their corn on the cob - it's the best!

Cream of the Crepe, D'Agostino's Pizza and Pub, Himalayan Restaurant, Mi Restaurante, Mel's Craft Barbecue, Panino's Pizzeria, Park Ridge Dairy Queen, Spuntino's (masters of Italian beef and pizza), The Taste Wine Oasis, TriCafe, and Triple Scoop'd have all featured first rate food and drink during previous Tastes. The latter is excited to include donuts and iced coffee this year.

Although each vendor has attracted a legion of dedicated followers, the Taste Committee is pleased to announce the latest additions to this gathering of gastronomic goliaths:

Johnny and Tess specialize in Asian and Mediterranean inspired cuisine. They will feature their Filipino-influenced home style dishes including pancit, lumpia Shanghai (Filipino egg rolls), and BBQ pork skewers at the Taste. "We are excited for everyone to taste our Filipino inspired dishes. Our balance of sweet and savory flavors will leave you wanting more!" declares co-owner Mary Sarbekian.

**Kong Dog**, on Vine Street near Park Ridge City Hall, is anxious to showcase their signature Korean corn dog creations on a stick, which are nothing short of spectacular! Kong dogs are a huge hit throughout the planet, and have now made their way to Park Ridge. Try them and discover why they've made such an impact!

**Midwest Citrus Smashers** will present refreshing 32 ounce cups of fresh squeezed lemonade, infused with your choice of luscious fruit flavors like traditional strawberry, raspberry, mango, watermelon, passion fruit, blue raspberry, and peach. What could better satisfy your thirst on a hot summer day?

**Poke Burrito**, located around the corner from the historic Pickwick Theater in Uptown Park Ridge, offers an eclectic Asian menu that includes a Poke bowl, which is a festival of flavors, featuring fish, rice, and vegetables, enhanced with succulent sauces that incorporate wasabi, mayo, eel sauce and more. Check out their milk tea boba, Taiwan's incredibly popular smoothie-like alternative to coffee, with its sweet and unique chewy, yet creamy texture.

**Shemroon Kabab House** on Touhy, across from Chase Bank in Uptown Park Ridge, is proud to showcase authentic, contemporary Persian and Mediterranean cuisine. Owners Asrin and Mehdi strive to continue their cultural tradition of sharing food with family and friends. Their passion for food results in their using "the freshest and most flavorful ingredients to create high quality meals. By sharing our family recipes with you, we want to offer you a piece of our culture and heritage in a modern and inspiring way." Their outdoor dining area on Prospect around the corner provides an ideal environment for a summer meal.

**Smallcakes**, touted in USA Today, as "one of the top ten Cupcakes Places to try in the country", fervently believes in its slogan "Maybe a Cupcake Will Help?" Their mission is "to use creative flavors, quality ingredients, and friendly service to provide the finest cupcake experience worthy of returning and recommending." Owner Jennifer Lentine, a longtime area resident and Taste attendee, is thrilled to introduce her unique and palate pleasing,

cutting-edge cupcakes to Taste of Park Ridge attendees.

Dave Iglow, co-chair of the Taste food vendor committee is "truly proud of the incredible variety of menu offerings this year." Iglow maintains that "the 2023 TOPR vendor roster undeniably features the most versatile collection of culinary categories that we've ever assembled!"

The Taste of Park Ridge will be held in the charming ambiance of Uptown Park Ridge. For further info and details, please visit our website at tasteofparkridge.com