

Taste of Park Ridge-July 13th, 14th, and 15th COMMUNITY MEMBERS STEP UP

The Taste of Park Ridge has always been a community event. It was established to benefit our community by our members, working tirelessly for ultimate success. Since the inception of the Taste in 2000, sponsorship has served as the linchpin of this joyous celebration of food, family, and fun. Sponsorship symbolizes the symbiotic relationship of all of the Taste components-cooperation is required on all fronts for the fest to flourish each year. Volunteerism also plays a significant role, as the Taste is consistently propelled by the high-octane volunteer spirit of area residents, employers, and employees.

The Taste 2023 Main Stage sponsor is Horizon Therapeutics. Horizon's mission is to deliver medicines for rare, autoimmune and severe inflammatory diseases and to provide compassionate support. This comes from their strong philosophy to make a meaningful difference for both patients and communities in need.

The Taste is honored to announce our additional **Platinum sponsors. Bredemann Toyota** has established a remarkable reputation for service and quality, celebrating over 100 years of exceeding expectations in the automobile industry. They have also been a loyal and invaluable partner of the Taste for many years. Bredemann is sponsoring all of the Taste performances on Thursday, July 13th. **Advocate Lutheran General Hospital,** a shining beacon of light in the medical community, has earned a sterling reputation as a highly regarded "place of healing" for decades. Their uncanny ability to reach the top 100 hospitals list in the country is an impressive achievement. Lutheran is sponsoring all of the performances on Saturday, July 15^{5h}. **Fitness Formula Clubs** have enjoyed spectacular success in their fabulous facility on Touhy Avenue in Park Ridge. General Manager Janet Long has been a Park Ridge Chamber board member for several years, and is the Immediate Past President of the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. FFC is sponsoring all of the entertainment on Friday, July 14th.

The committee also welcomes back local **State Farm Agent Neal Salah**, who relocated his family to Park Ridge several years ago, due to his deep appreciation for our community. His devoted clients appreciate his customer-centric attitude as well. **Groot Industries**, the world class Waste Collection Service for Park Ridge, does an amazing job for the Taste every year.

The committee proudly welcomes back **State Representative Marty Moylan** of the 55th legislative district as our ticket sponsor. Representative Moylan continues to work harmoniously with constituents

and community leaders, to accomplish a variety of goals designed to improve our community. The former Mayor of nearby Des Plaines, Marty has appreciated becoming more familiar with Park Ridge residents and businesses, contending that we can accomplish a great deal together. Team Fallico Dream Town Realtors, which since 1969, has been the go to realtor for friends and family, and members of the community, returns and will provide cups for the Taste Wine Oasis, partnering with new sponsor Erin Stovkovic representing Proper Rate mortgage company. Another valued returning sponsor, is Tito's Handmade Vodka, currently one of the most popular vodkas in the country. Joseph Mullarkey Distributors will once again provide a myriad of refreshing beverages for our thirsty attendees. Journal and Topics Newspapers lend invaluable support to the Taste, via their outstanding pull out section devoted exclusively to the Taste of Park Ridge. The committee also welcomes back Village Bank & Trust as a venerated sponsor. As a highly respected Wintrust Bank, they have indeed earned the trust of a multitude of Park Ridge residents and area businesses. The Taste committee also appreciates Christopher B. Burke Engineering, and warmly welcomes new sponsor Jim Stinson, Managing Director and Wealth Management advisor for Northwestern Mutual- Chicago, as well as Tania Forte Realtor. Additionally, they welcome back returning sponsor The Evan and Martha Olson Family, who grew up in our town, and still do their best to support it. The committee is equally grateful to Dimeo Brothers General Contractors, providers of the Taste Jersey barriers, and to Lynnette's School of Dance, which will perform at the Taste, the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce, facilitating the Canopies on Courtland business expo on Saturday, July 15th from 10am until 4pm, and the Park Ridge Park District, which will provide programs on Thursday, July 13th at the event, and will provide volunteers to assist Park Ridge **Football**, which is sponsoring the **Kids Fun Zone**, at Hodges Park on Saturday, July 15th, from 10am until 4pm. This will include a Football bounce house, as well as two additional inflatables. In front of City Hall on Butler Place, The Park Ridge Youth Commission will host a bus, which will feature karaoke and video games for the teens. Parkway Bank will sponsor the trackless train for the kiddies, which will operate in the nearby Park Ridge Community Church parking lot at 100 Courtland . The committee extends gratitude to Tech City, the local experts for quick and efficient technology repairs, Viking Gymnastics and Dance, whose students will perform at the Taste, in addition to Kleen Team, consummate caretakers of the Taste grounds, Rodinia Wines, available at the Taste Wine Oasis, and to Fox Valley Fire and Safety, who contribute fire extinguishers to the fest.

The Taste Committee is forever indebted to these benefactors for their kind generosity, and we encourage all of our attendees to patronize them, for we could not present an event of this caliber without their unwavering support.