



Village of  
**Elmwood Park**

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## **Village hosts informational meeting for Taste of Elmwood Park vendors**

*Plans include food at concerts in the park*

ELMWOOD PARK, IL - Local restaurant owners and other vendors will get a chance to hear about the changes being made to this summer's annual "Taste of Elmwood Park," at a special meeting at Village Hall on Saturday, March 9. The meeting will be held in the board room on the third floor, starting at 10:00 a.m.

"This is a great opportunity to boost participation from our local vendors," Village President Pete Silvestri said. "We have so many fine restaurants, and we want to showcase as many of them as possible at this summer's event."

The Taste of Elmwood Park is a longstanding tradition for the village and will be held from August 16th to August 18th in Central Park at 75th and Fullerton Avenues. Along with good food, attendees can enjoy a beer garden and live music throughout the weekend.

This year, the village has decided to lower participation fees for local restaurants from \$500 to \$300. Participating local restaurants will also be featured on the village's website and in its newsletters. The village has also formed a new committee to evaluate applicants, giving first priority to local establishments.

"We have a lot of good ideas to make the Taste more attractive to local restaurants. But we want to hear new ideas from our vendors as well," Silvestri said. "We're open to any suggestions they have that can make the Taste of Elmwood Park more enjoyable."

Also this year, the village plans to allow some of the same vendors that take part in the Taste of Elmwood Park to sell food at the concerts in the park series and at the annual 4th of July festivities. The aim is to make the events more enjoyable and more family friendly.

Details about this summer's Taste of Elmwood Park will be released later this year and will be available at the village website: [www.elmwoodpark.org](http://www.elmwoodpark.org).

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