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## **Taste of Elmwood Park hailed as major success** *Plans are underway for fall festival*

ELMWOOD PARK – Village officials were elated at the strong turnout for last weekend’s Taste of Elmwood Park, which appears to have drawn crowds of more than 10,000 over the three-day weekend. A combination of mild summer weather and increased participation from local restaurants helped make for a successful event.

“We were blessed with fantastic weather and great local restaurants, both of which made for a fantastic weekend,” Village President Angelo “Skip” Saviano said. “This showed the tremendous energy we have to come together as a community to create such a positive and exciting festival.”

The Taste of Elmwood Park, held at Central Park at 75th and Fullerton Avenues, featured a variety of food choices from local restaurants. Attendees also enjoyed a beer garden, live music and games for kids throughout the weekend.

Officials estimated the crowds for this year’s event to be in excess of 4,000 both Friday and Saturday and more than 3,000 on Sunday. The mood was so festive on Sunday that President Saviano asked the band to continue to play for an extra hour beyond the closing time.

“This was our most successful public event since I’ve been Village President, and we’ll continue to build on the momentum with a fall festival later this year,” Saviano said. “This was also a great warm-up for next year’s Centennial celebration for the village.”

Staff and Trustees are beginning talks this week about plans for the fall festival. Details will be announced soon and will be available on the village website.

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