



Plans are underway for fall festival in September

Taste of Elmwood Park attracts thousands over 4 days

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ELMWOOD PARK – This year's Taste of Elmwood Park drew an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 people over the four-day festival. The combination of great weather, big crowds and terrific food and entertainment helped make for a successful event all the way around.

"This was beyond our expectations," Village President Angelo "Skip" Saviano said. "We came together as a community and enjoyed a wonderful experience. I want to thank the residents who came out and the local vendors who made it such a great event."

The Taste of Elmwood Park, held at Central Park at 75th and Fullerton Avenues, featured a variety of food choices from local restaurants -- ranging from traditional pizza, pasta and Italian beef to tamales, egg rolls and empanadas -- along with an expanded roster of live entertainment and activities for children. Attendees also enjoyed a beer garden and an arts and crafts show.

This year's food extravaganza was extended to four days as part of the Village's Centennial Celebration. "We owe a great deal of thanks for the hard work of our tremendous staff and the many volunteers who made this a great weekend," Saviano said.

Village officials are already busy planning for this year's annual Elmwood Park Fall Fest on Diversey Avenue, scheduled for September 19 and 20. "It's another great opportunity to celebrate our community's 100th Anniversary and gives residents one last outdoor event before winter," Trustee Jonathan Zivojnovic said. "We're excited."

Plans for the fall festival include live entertainment, plenty of food and pumpkin decorating for the kids. More details will be available on the Village's website within a few weeks.

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