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Village of Oak Brook

Press Release

Taste of Oak Brook and Independence Day Celebration on July 3, 2011

Oak Brook, Illinois (July 1, 2011, 1:00 PM) – The Village of Oak Brook will once again host the Taste of Oak Brook sponsored by McDonald's followed by the Independence Day Fireworks display. The Taste event will be held on Sunday, July 3rd, from 2:00 – 9:00 PM and will feature cuisine from some of the finest restaurants in Oak Brook and the surrounding area.

"The Village is excited to be hosting this year's event with our premier sponsor, McDonald's Corporation, as both the Village and Nation celebrate this holiday weekend," said Gopal Lalimalani, Village President. "I am sure residents, neighbors, family and friends will enjoy food from some of Oak Brook's finest restaurants and I hope everyone stays for the fireworks show at 9:30 p.m."

Jim Skinner, CEO of McDonald's Corporation, is pleased that McDonald's is playing a role at the event. "As the largest corporation in Oak Brook, McDonald's is thrilled again to be the leading sponsor of the event," said Skinner. "We feel fortunate that we have this opportunity to support the community."

Participating restaurants include: Anyways Restaurant & Pub, Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse, India House, Kama Indian Bistro, Kona Grill, LaBriola Bakery Café, McDonald's Corporation, Reza's Restaurant, The Grotto, and Tuscany Italian Restaurant. Each of these restaurants will feature specialty cuisine and will surely please everyone's taste, including some children's items. In addition the Beverage Tent featuring beer, wine, water and soda drinks and a separate Sangria tent will also be available at reasonable prices.

The Village is excited to announce the addition of live bands, which will begin at 2 PM with Stockwood; 3:45 PM, Sixteen Candles; 6 PM, Hi Infidelity; 7:45 PM, Frank Lamphere and at 8:20 PM, musical DJ- Bang. The 2011 Taste will also have several additional children's activities including: balloon artists, face painters, a magician, a stiltwalker, Mad Science, petting zoo and the Jesse White Tumbling Team. Purchase of tickets for food, beverages and children's activity wristbands are available only on the event date via several onsite ticket booths. Food and beverage items range from 3 tickets to 8 tickets and cost \$1.00 per ticket. The children activities wristband, which allows kid's access to all the children activities, costs \$5.00. An ATM machine will also be available on site for easy access.

Onsite parking is available with additional parking lots walk-able from nearby areas. A parking fee of \$10.00 per vehicle will be charged; however, parking participants will receive a coupon for \$10.00 off (with food purchase) at participating restaurants listed on the back of their parking stub.

The Village would like to recognize the following organizations for donating the use of their parking space for this year's event: Butler School District #53, Christ Church, The Lions Club, NAI Hiffman and the John Buck Company. The Oak Brook Chamber of Commerce is also recognized for their assistance with this year's Taste.

"We encourage everyone to come early and enjoy the food, musical entertainment and fun activities while visiting with friends and neighbors. We are truly excited to couple new fun activities and family entertainment with the outstanding restaurants participating in this year's events," said President Lalmalani.

Additional Silver sponsors include: Allied Waste, Holland and Knight, Paramedic Services, MB Financial and VISOgraphics. Supporters of this year's event includes: Centerpoint Properties, Christopher Burke Engineering, Inland Real Estate Group, Evergreen Bank, McGrath Lexus, Mesirow Financial, Oak Brook Park District, Republic Bank, Zonta International and Sysco Foods. The Village is thankful for the outstanding sponsorships and supporters to help defray the expenses of this spectacular community event.

The Taste of Oak Brook event will be held on the Village of Oak Brook Polo Grounds off of 31st Street between Spring and York Roads. Rain date for the fireworks display only is July 4th. For additional information, please call 630-368-5005 or go to our website at www.oak-brook.org.

About the Village of Oak Brook:

Founded in 1958, the Village of Oak Brook is located 20 miles west of downtown Chicago and is in proximity to the junction of Interstates 88, 294, and 290. The Village consists mostly of residential subdivisions, with the exception of the Oakbrook Center shopping mall, other retail and office properties along 22nd Street and Interstate 88. Oak Brook is the home of many corporate offices, most notably, the world headquarters of McDonald's Corporation and the service club organization Lions Clubs International. Oak Brook is also known for being one of the few municipalities in the Chicago area that do not levy a property tax on residents or businesses.

About McDonald's:

McDonald's is the world's leading global foodservice retailer with more than 32,000 locations serving approximately 64 million customers in 117 countries each day. More than 80% of McDonald's restaurants worldwide are owned and operated by independent local men and women. To learn more about the company, please visit www.aboutmcdonalds.com and follow us on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/mcdonaldscorp>) and Twitter (<http://www.twitter.com/mcdonaldscorp>).

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