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The Taste Returns! Join Alexandria's Old Town North community for an evening of food, music and fun

Alexandria, VA - September 1, 2021 - A true favorite of the Old Town North (OTN) neighborhood in Alexandria is back: The <u>Taste of Old Town North</u>. Scheduled for Thursday, September 16th from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm, the event will be held in Montgomery Park, located at 901 North Royal Street, Alexandria, VA.

The Taste of Old Town North is free, kid- friendly, and offers the chance to sample a variety of delicious food from local restaurants including Cafe 44, Grateful Kitchen and St. Elmo's Old Town North. Visitors to the Taste can also shop at the local farmers' market, try their hand at Art in the Park with KidCreate, watch a karate demonstration from Seichou Karate, and picnic in the park. Live music will be provided by two local bands - Sally and the Mander, starting at 5:00 pm and Three Man Soul Machine, starting at 6:00 pm.

"Old Town North is a special community with so much to offer," says Alexandria Mayor Justin

Wilson. "The Taste of Old Town North is a great opportunity to showcase to others throughout Alexandria and the region, the vibrancy of the people and businesses here. I'm excited to be a part of it."

The Taste of Old Town North is presented by the Old Town North Community Partnership with generous support from Carr Companies, the Old Town North Alliance, NOTICe, the City of Alexandria, the Montgomery Center, Hilco Redevelopment Partners, Marcy Covarrubias, Realtor @ Compass, and other local and regional businesses and non-profit organizations.

"We are pleased to support the Old Town North Community Partnership in our shared commitment to bring the arts and cultural district to life through live music and other events in Montgomery Park," says Austin Flajser, President and CEO, Carr Companies.

"I first worked in OTN in the early 1990's, and to see all the positive changes since then is remarkable," says Bruce Machanic, owner of the Montgomery Center. "OTN has found a great mixed-use balance of residential, commercial office and retail, and cultural spaces. The best is right around the corner with so many new arts district-inspired developments coming online!"

"HRP is thrilled to participate in the Taste," says Melissa Schrock, SVP of Mixed-Use Development at Hilco Redevelopment Partners, owner of the former Genon power plant. "It is a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together to celebrate local businesses, arts and culture in the open air. We are excited to be a part of the OTN community and look forward to helping fulfill the vision of a dynamic arts and cultural district with a variety of offerings complemented by public parks and open spaces."

The rain date for the Taste of Old Town North is Thursday, September 30, 2021 beginning at 3:30 pm. For more information, visit www.oldtownnorth.org or call 703-836-8066.



Sally and the Mander



Three Man Soul Machine

"The Taste is the perfect way to see and experience what makes Old Town North such a great place to live, work, and own a small business," says Margaret Townsend, President of the Old Town North Community Partnership.