



OLD TOWN NORTH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP!

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Experience the annual Taste of Old Town North featuring neighborhood food, shops, music and more!

Alexandria, VA - August 26, 2025 - The Taste of Old Town North is back, celebrating the neighborhood's unique restaurants, performers, artisans and more! This year's Taste is on Thursday, September 18, 4:00-8:00 p.m., in Montgomery Park, 901 North Royal Street, Alexandria, VA.

The [Taste of Old Town North](#) is free, family- and pet-friendly, and features an artisans' market, gourmet restaurant tastings, and other activities for all to enjoy including music from two local bands. In addition, the City of Alexandria's Office of the Arts' Mobile Art Lab will be featured at the Taste event. The [Mobile Art Lab](#) offers supplies and support staff for kids of all ages to make art.

"The City of Alexandria is happy to support the Old Town North Community Partnership's focus on celebrating the charms of Old Town North," says Mayor Alyia Gaskins. "The taste celebrates and creates a welcoming atmosphere for all who live, work, own small businesses or come out to play in the diverse neighborhoods of Old Town North."

Taste sponsors proudly welcome City of Alexandria Vice Mayor Sarah Bagley, who will make remarks at the event.

Participating Old Town North restaurants include Lula's on the Potomac, Hank's Oyster Bar, MacMillan Spirit and Ale House, Hank's Pasta Bar, Hotel AKA Alexandria's a.lounge+bar, Royal Restaurant, and St. Elmo's Old Town North Coffee Pub.

Live music at the Taste will include performances by Hope and Nate from 5:00- 6:00 p.m., followed by The Mod from 6:00-7:45 p.m.

"The Old Town North Alliance is proud to continue our longtime sponsorship of the Taste of Old Town North, a lively event that brings the community together to celebrate all that the Old Town North neighborhood has to offer," says Sarah Almy, executive director, [Old Town North Alliance](#).

Several local non-profit organizations will be onsite at the event, providing information on their activities and opportunities to volunteer including the [League of Women Voters](#), [Alive!](#), [Housing Alexandria](#), [Alexandria Film Festival](#), [Alexandria Seaport Foundation](#), North Old Town Independent Citizens Association ([NOTICe](#)), and [Volunteer Alexandria](#).

“HRP Group is proud to again sponsor the Taste of Old Town North,” says Michelle Beaman Chang, Vice President of Development for HRP Group and local project lead. “Our team looks forward to this opportunity to connect with our neighbors and celebrate the Old Town North community each year. This year, we are especially excited to share our updated plans for more than 10 acres of new public open space and the first phase of vertical development as we work to transform the former power plant site into a vibrant community destination.”

The Taste of Old Town North is presented by the [Old Town North Community Partnership](#) in partnership with the City of Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs, with support from Annual Season Sponsor Hilco Redevelopment Partners (HRP), the Old Town North Alliance, River’s Edge Yoga, 1199 North Fairfax, and other local community members. The event concert is sponsored by the Old Town North Community Partnership business members.

“The annual Taste of Old Town North is a celebration of the unique and charming Old Town North neighborhoods,” says Margaret Townsend, owner of local business River’s Edge Yoga and President of the Old Town North Community Partnership, now in its 28th year of supporting Old Town North’s residents, businesses and community members.

“The Taste brings our community together to experience local restaurants, shop with vendors from the Old Town North Farmers’ and Artisans’ Market, learn about the great work of our area non-profits, listen to live music from local performers and explore creativity with the City of Alexandria Mobile Art Lab. The Old Town North Community Partnership is delighted that Burke and Herbert Bank will join us as sponsor of the Live Music Concert. I invite you to join the celebration!”

On street parking is available in the Old Town North neighborhood or public parking located at 625 North Washington Street. Rain date is September 25, 4:00-8:00 p.m. For more information visit www.oldtownnorth.org.

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