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8th Annual Toms River Food Fest Back This Spring



(Toms River, NJ) Toms River Food Fest is back and packed with many opportunities for some real good eating and drinking. The event takes place on Saturday, May 5th from 11am to 8 pm in downtown Toms River on Washington Street. Rain date is Sunday, May 6th.

Enjoy a fun filled day in Toms River with a variety of gourmet food trucks, arts and crafts and vendor booths, children's rides and live entertainment from four great bands. Guests can sample barbeque, seafood, empanadas, gyros, seafood and more. Those with a sweet tooth can snack on funnel cake, ice cream and cupcakes.

Beyond food, guests can also go shopping as the festival includes many businesses and vendors with merchandise for sale. For the younger crowd, there will be kid-friendly rides and face-painting. The children's rides are provided as a free attraction, sponsored by Pine Belt Automotive. The event will also feature DJ's from Greater Media, 100.1 WJRZ and 95.9 WRAT, who will be emcees on the stage throughout the day. They will have prizes and giveaways at their booth.



Recreation Director Jared Tate said, “Toms River Food Fest offers something for everyone; live music, gourmet food from great food trucks, free kids rides and shopping. The event grows bigger every year. We are hoping for nice weather and a great turnout.”

Admission is free and open to the public. Just pay as you eat! The 21 and over crowd is invited to the beer and wine garden, sponsored by Toms River Fire Company #1. As we want to provide a fun, safe, family friendly

environment, we will not permit pets into the festival grounds. Pursuant to NJAC 8:24, live animals shall not be permitted on the premises of a retail food establishment. Properly authorized service animals are allowed.

“This event has become one of the most popular events in our town. It draws nearly 25,000 people to Toms River and gets bigger and better every year. I’m looking forward to sampling some delicious dishes and enjoying the entertainment,” said Mayor Thomas F. Kelaher.

The band lineup is as follows:

- 11:30- 1:30- Shorty Long and the Jersey Horns
- 2:00-3:30- Strictly 60’s
- 4:00- 5:30- Jobonanno and the Godsons of Soul
- 6:00- 8:00- Fish Eyed Blues

Parking is free behind the Municipal Building or at the Ocean County parking garage, located at 129 Hooper Avenue, about 1 ½ blocks. Free parking is also available on lot at West Water and Irons Streets.

