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Oodles of Noodles, A Noodle Tasting Festival

Sunday, November 10, 11:00am – 4:00pm

Newton City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue

“Since the days when Marco Polo first tasted noodles in China, nearly every world culture enjoys noodles in some form,” said Lei Reilley, chair of Newton’s first Oodles of Noodle’s Contest. Following up on last year’s world cultural festivals held at the Newton Cultural Center, this festival launches the first in a series of festivals held at Newton City Hall. Indian, French, and Russian Cultural Festivals are in the planning stages.

Feast on Chinese, Japanese, Thai, Malaysian Indian, Vegan, Korean and even Italian style noodles and vote for your favorite! Purchase Noodle-tasting Tickets and visit each restaurant stall to taste their signature dish. Then, vote for your favorite noodle dish. So far, participating restaurants are Aji, Bernard’s, Mango Thai Cuisine, Ponzu, Red Lentil, Sichuan Gourmet House, Sushi Box, and Bocca Bella Restaurant and Bistro.

Your noodle ticket will also allow kids to participate in arts & crafts activities from 11:00am – 1:00pm and the whole family to browse among craft and informational booths all day. Beginning at 3:00pm, enjoy live entertainment featuring the Calvin Chen’s Martial Arts Academy of Newton’s lion dance and martial arts demonstrations as well as Bright Pearl and the Korean Dance Ensemble.

The Consulate General of the Republic of Korea and Mrs. Park Kan-ho and The Friends of Korea are sponsoring a photo exhibition: “A Story of Volunteerism: Americans in Korea and Koreans in the World.” The exhibit tells the story of the American Peace Corps Volunteers in Korea and then chronicles the Korean International Cooperation Agency efforts to return to the world the help Korea had received. The exhibit is on display at Newton City Hall from November 8 – 15.

Advance Noodle-tasting tickets are available on line at www.newtoncommunitypride.org: \$8.00 adults, \$4.00 children and \$23 for families of four (2 adults, children) . At the door: \$10.00 adults, \$5 children and \$25 for families of four (2 adults, 2 children.) Children under 5 years are free.

The Oodles of Noodles Festival is sponsored by Newton Community Pride and its sustaining sponsors. Please bring a non-perishable food item for Newton’s food pantries.