

# 2022 Oak Park Farmers' Market Pie Bake-Off



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Show off your baking skills and celebrate the bounty of summer at the Oak Park Farmers' Market. Area residents are invited to enter our fourth annual Pie Bake-Off. Open to professional and amateur bakers aged 16 and over (bakers younger than 16 are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult baker), the Pie Bake-Off will be held Saturday, September 17, 2022. We look forward to your prized recipe at the market!

**Official Rules:** One pie per person/application. There is no registration fee, but pre-registration is required. Contest entry forms may be submitted to the Farmers' Market Information Booth or via e-mail from August 13 through September 3. Due to judging time constraints, the 2022 contest is limited to **10 entries**. Entries will be selected using a lottery system. Participants will be notified of lottery acceptance via e-mail.

While any type of pie is welcome, sweet or savory, please know that pies that require refrigeration (whipped cream, etc.) or need to be served frozen/cold may not do well on a hot day.

All entries must be baked in a **recyclable pan with cover**. Pans will not be returned. Pies must be baked from scratch, including crust and filling, and feature Oak Park Farmers' Market ingredients. You must include two copies of your recipe, one with your name and contact information and one **without** this information. The latter will be attached to the pie at the time of judging, so that judges can see the key ingredients and recipes.

The bottom of your pan should be labeled clearly with your:

- NAME
- ADDRESS
- TELEPHONE NUMBER
- PIE NAME (Make up a name for your creation)

**Entry Details:** If selected, you will receive further information prior to the event with details on when and where to bring your pie on Saturday, September 17. Judging will take place at

the Oak Park Farmers Market “Pie Tent” starting at about 9:30. Winners will be announced shortly thereafter. Participants must be present during winner announcements.

**Judges:** Judges will not know whose entry they are tasting. The decision of the judges is final. Village staff, current OPFM commissioners, and family members of OPFM commissioners, staff, and contest judges are prohibited from entering the contest.

**Evaluation of Pies:** Judging will be conducted using a numerical point system of 1 (low)—5 (high) based on the following criteria: Taste (50% percent, double points), Creative use of Farmers’ Market ingredients (25%), and Appearance (25%).

The pie with the highest number of points will be named 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner, the second-highest, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner, and the third-highest, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner. Honorable Mentions may be awarded. In the case of a tie, the judges will judge those pies again.

**Awards:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winners will each have bragging rights and a small prize to recognize their achievement. Honorable mentions, if any, may receive a small prize, too.

**Entrants Agree to the Following:** All Entrants give permission to have their names mentioned, and themselves and their pie creations photographed, for the purpose of OPFM and Village promotional materials, including social media. Winners and Honorable Mentions agree to the possibility of their pie recipes being posted on social media and/or included in a future “Best of Oak Park Farmers’ Market Pie Recipe Book,” which may eventually be sold at the Market Booth. All Entrants pledge that their key ingredients are made with OPFM-bought ingredients.\*

**Disposition of Pies:** Slices of pie will be given away to market visitors after the contest is concluded. Slices are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you have any questions, please e-mail: [farmersmarket@oak-park.us](mailto:farmersmarket@oak-park.us).

\*The staff running the contest reserve the right to have final say on acceptability of the pies upon official entry.

**Register by filling out the information below. Return it to the Information Booth at Market, or e-mail with the subject line “Pie Bake-Off ” to [FarmersMarket@oak-park.us](mailto:FarmersMarket@oak-park.us)**

Pie Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Entrant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_