



MainStreet Roswell



“Best of the Southwest Green Chile Stew Competition”

Dear Friends,

MainStreet Roswell would like to invite you to claim your title at the 7th Annual, **“Best of the Southwest Green Chile Stew Competition”** during the 2023 Chile Cheese Festival, September 22nd and 23rd. The taste testing will take place on **Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 2:00pm at the MainStreet Information tent.** Winners of the competition will be announced at **3:00pm** on the steps of the courthouse lawn.

Through the generous support of community sponsors, we will have cash and prizes lined up for you to battle it out to win. The competition is open to anyone interested in entering. There will be stiff competition. The entry fee is only \$25 and we have fantastic prizes – not to mention the bragging rights!

We are making this easy, once you are registered and have paid your entry fee, the only requirement is for you to bring your Green Chile Stew, already prepared and hot, in a working slow cooker/crock pot with a properly fitted lid. Stews will be disqualified if brought in something other than a slow cooker/ crock pot. More information 2nd page of this letter. Deadline for entry is 1:30pm on Saturday, September 23, 2023.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Peggy Seskey
Chile Cheese Festival Chair
575-208-8238

Barbara Gomez
Executive Director
575-914-8017

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Mail application & payment to: MainStreet Roswell, PO Box 1328, Roswell, NM 88202 OR CALL 575-914-8017
Entries are to be at the Chaves County Courthouse Lawn between 11AM-1:30PM on Saturday 09/23/23



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Individual or Business Name: _____ Phone _____

Mailing address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone _____

RULES:

- Check in at the MainStreet Roswell Information tent.
- We must receive this application with your \$25 cash entry fee no later than Saturday, September 23th by 1:30pm
- You will need to arrive at the Chaves County Courthouse Lawn on Saturday, 09/23/23 between 11AM and 1:30PM with your Green Chile Stew already prepared and at a hot hold temperature in a slow cooker with a properly fitting lid. Stews will be disqualified if brought in something other than a slow cooker/ crock pot.
- MainStreet Roswell (MSR) is not providing anything other than electricity and power strips for plugging into. If you are needing any type of equipment or cleaning station (other than basic handwashing), you will need to provide these yourself and notify MSR, so that we can try to find room and power to accommodate your equipment.
- If you would like cheese added to your stew right before the tasting, please be sure to bring it in an appropriate container that can be placed on ice until the tasting begins; we recommend a plastic container with a well-fitting lid that can be written on.
- All samples will be visually assessed in their holding pots, and tasted by our chosen judges from small containers filled by our MainStreet Roswell (MSR) organizers. The MSR organizers are to be the only ones to know which stew belongs to which entrant/business. If you share with anyone which number your stew is, you will be disqualified. We want to keep this fair for ALL involved.
- Immediate disqualification for any foreign objects in your stew including; but not limited to, plastic, foil, other non-food items.
- You cannot sell any stew. If you have a New Mexico food license and items were prepared in an approved facility, you may give away samples after the judging is finished.
- After all tasting is done, you may then attach a paper or card up to 3X5 inches to your container to advertise your name/business. You may also have business cards and/or menus available, please keep your materials within your assigned area so that everyone can have items on display.
- The judge’s votes will be final, if for any reason there is a tie, we will flip a coin to determine the winner.
- Cash prizes, a bag of Chile, and a bag of pecans will be awarded for 1st Place, 2nd Place & 3rd Place and other prizes as determined.

By signing below, you agree to the rules as stated above:

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed name _____

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