

MAYAA to host Taste of Mount Airy

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The town of Mount Airy is more than a place; it is a collection of lives.

Of course, with all this life comes a need for nourishment, and many area restaurants have stepped up to meet this challenge.

The upcoming Taste of Mount Airy will give residents and visitors alike a chance to sample what delicious flavors the town has to offer. The event will take place on Nov. 16, from 6 - 11 p.m., at the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company's activities building, and tickets are available for \$25. All money raised will benefit the Mount Airy Youth Athletic Association (MAYAA) soccer program for both boys and girls.

Dennis Ahalt, a coordinator with MAYAA, said the funds will go toward equipment, field maintenance, and general program upkeep. "I

think it's going to be a great event," he said.

Frank Illiano, owner of New York J & P Pizza, suggested the idea to MAYAA. As a soccer coach with the organization, he said he thought the Taste of Mount Airy would be a great fundraising event for the program.

Area restaurants that will be participating include the New York J & P Pizza locations in Mount Airy, Spring Ridge, and Damascus, the Four Seasons Family Restaurant, the Olive Leaf Café, the Brick Ridge Restaurant, Subway, TCBY, Manhattan Bagel, Jimmie Cone, the Chocolate Treasure Chest, the Wing Man in Eldersburg, and Vaccaro's from Baltimore. Both the Elk Run and Linganore wineries will also be involved.

Tickets to the event are available from Illiano at 301-829-2200, Dennis Ahalt at BB&T Bank, or at the Plaza Boutique.

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