



Hungry? Pizza Challenge returning in September

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LANCASTER -- It's a tough job, but someone's got to do it: Taste nearly a dozen pizzas and pick the best one in Lancaster.

The community is tasked with making such a choice during the Pizza Challenge on Sept. 16 in downtown Lancaster.

The event, hosted by Main Street Lancaster, last took place in 2008.

"From what I've heard this was a great event and there was a good crowd for it (in 2008)," said Main Street Lancaster Director David Uhl. "I think everyone really buys into the idea of this as a great community event."

One change from two years ago will be an entry fee: \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 years old and younger. The event will serve as a fundraiser for Main Street Lancaster.

"Obviously we will reinvest all of that back into downtown, one way or another," Uhl said.

He said the cost of admission gets patrons as much pizza as they can eat, but people must re-enter the various lines for each piece.

"Everyone loves pizza," Uhl said. "But I will tell you, you go to 10 to 12 places and you'll be set for the night."

There is no fee charged to participating pizza places, but they are required to restock pizza as needed throughout the event, Uhl said.

The Pizza Challenge will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Sept. 16 on Zane Square on Broad Street. Uhl said that section of Broad Street will be closed during the event. Beer also will be sold, he said.

The award categories are people's choice, which is chosen by the public, and best pepperoni, best cheese and best specialty.

The winners of the final three categories will be picked by a panel of local elected officials and other "celebrities," Uhl said.

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