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## The food trucks are back for Hacienda Nights

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Revelers enjoy Hacienda Nights food truck event July 15. Photo Vera Kochan

It was a breezy evening with a slight chill in the air, but that didn't stop folks from coming out to the first of two Hacienda Nights on July 15.

The popular food truck event is held between 5 and 9 p.m. at Hacienda de las Flores located at 2100 Donald Drive in Moraga. It was canceled last summer due to the pandemic's social distancing restrictions, but it was clear that Lamorinda was more than ready for an outdoor party by the amount of attendees that showed up.

Parks and Recreation Director Breyana Brandt expected a good crowd. "It's the first post-COVID event we've had, and in the past we've gotten 400-600 people for this," she said.

Savvy Hacienda Nights-goers came prepared with ground blankets, just in case the picnic tables filled up - which they did, in record time. Games were set up on

the lawn adding to the festive atmosphere, while the cooks fired up their grills in preparation for the main reason why everyone was there. Diners of all ages socialized before, during and after partaking in a variety of food truck offerings.

Five food trucks were on site along with Canyon Club Brewery beer and T-shirts. "We curated the event ourselves and contracted with each individual truck," explained Brandt. There was a mouth-watering selection of choices to appeal to anyone's taste buds. Ofie's Kitchen served various types of burgers with a side of fries or onion rings; Golden Gate Gyro (Middle Eastern comfort food) served lamb, chicken or rice gyros, along with chicken or lamb salads; Cousins Maine Lobster served lobster rolls or lobster tacos, tails & tots and clam chowder; Senor Sisig (Filipino fusion food) served tacos, burritos, nachos and rice. Last but not least, Daisy's Desserts served their signature donuts, brownies, ice cream and more.

? The next Hacienda Nights food truck event is scheduled from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12.

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