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**Friday Foodie Fest Adds New Exciting Features for Community Fun and Learning**

Bellevue, FL — The Friday Foodie Fest is back every third Friday of the month from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Lake Lillian, and this year's events just got even better! In addition to the ever-popular vendors marketplace, food trucks, face painting, and inflatable games, new additions will make each event unique and offer even more ways to give back and learn.

For the first time, LifeSouth Community Blood Centers will be hosting a blood drive at every event. Donating blood saves lives, and every donor will receive a gift as a thank you for their contribution. Blood donations are critical, and LifeSouth's mission is to help ensure that there is always a sufficient supply available for those in need. The blood drive provides a wonderful opportunity for community members to give back and make a real difference. It's easy, it's impactful, and it could help save lives when they are needed most.

In addition to the blood drive, Christopher Hauff from New York Life will be on hand to offer free child ID cards for families. These ID cards are an essential tool for parents to have on hand in case of an emergency. The ID cards include a photo, fingerprints, and all necessary information, such as the child's name, address, and contact details. This is a great safety measure that ensures parents have the critical details needed in an emergency situation, providing peace of mind for families.

Joe Reichel, representing the Bellevue Chamber of Economic Partnership (CEP), will be available for local business owners to learn how the CEP can help their businesses thrive. Joe will be there to offer insights, resources, and guidance to help businesses grow and succeed in the community.

A representative from the City of Bellevue's Development Services Department will also be at the event to answer any questions related to permitting, licensing, codes, and other development concerns. This is a perfect opportunity for those interested in starting or expanding a business or who simply have questions about regulations to get direct answers.

Robert Vass, Events and Promotions Manager for the City of Bellevue, shared his excitement for the upcoming festivities, saying, "The Friday Foodie Fest has become a community favorite, and with these new additions, we're giving our residents even more opportunities to engage with important services and local businesses. We're thrilled to continue fostering connections and creating a fun environment for everyone!"

Mariah Moody, City Administrator, added, "This event has really grown into something special, and it's a great way for residents to support local vendors while accessing valuable resources like the blood drive and business support. It's important for us to make the Friday Foodie Fest a place where both fun and learning come together."

Join us every third Friday for an evening full of food, entertainment, and opportunities to connect with local organizations and services. Friday Foodie Fest continues to be the place where Bellevue residents can enjoy a night out while giving back to the community.

For more information, visit [www.bellevuefl.org](http://www.bellevuefl.org).