

Stage is set for the annual Craft Beer and Food Truck Festival

By Mark Pavilons

The party of the season is soon to arriving.

King's annual Craft Beer and Food Truck Festival takes place June 11 at the King City Memorial Park, behind the arena.

It's a day filled with good eats, great beverages and live entertainment. It runs from noon to 9:30 p.m.

This year's event features 12 craft breweries, up from the nine who were on hand last year. The enthusiastic support from the industry helps kick off Craft Beer Week that runs June 10 to 19.

Providing the food will be 13 gourmet trucks, offering everything from burgers and nachos to pasta and Mexican food.

According to Councillor Cleve Mortelliti, they had to increase the number of spaces for the food trucks due to the demand. They had 25 applicants for the 13 spots.

"The event has gotten very popular and the food truck industry has caught onto that, so we had to make some tough choices in turning some really great trucks away," he said.

The headliner this year is Hollerado, hitting the main stage. Other performers on tap include Justin Parsons, Stacey Renee, Phil and John, Samara York McLean and Vassos, Rhymes with Hits, The Clearing, Funky Funk Band and Krista Ferguson.

Tickets are \$10 online and \$15 at the gate. For the music event, tickets are \$5 both online and at the gate.

Entry into the event will include access to food trucks, breweries, and live music, a six-ounce collectable glass (first 1,500 attendees only), three drink tokens (additional tokens can be purchased on site for \$1 to \$2 each).

For \$25, you can get the Lions Combo Pass (for people aged 19 and older) and receive everything the Craft Beer Event pass plus one automatic entry into the King City Lions \$15,000 charity draw. The draw will take place at the event at 6 p.m. and the top prize is \$2,500.

As well, the Lions will be holding a raffle for a high-end Weber barbecue, which combines charcoal and gas. Tickets are available at the event only.

It's an event that's not to be missed.

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