

Village names 'Benches' winners

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The results are in! Winners of this year's food-themed Benches on the Avenue include:

- **Best Portrayal of Theme:** Caroline Lilly, Nick Zavala & Katie Zavala for "Say Cheese"
- **Most Creative:** Amy Tucker for "Easy Bake Oven"
- **Best 3-D Bench:** Dante Dibartolo, Allen Jebens, Tom Liston, Bob Renaud, Neal Keselica, & Terry Nugent for "Froot Loop Fun"
- **Best Individual Artist:** Nick Schulien for "Savor the Flavor"
- **Best Group/Family Project:** Dana LaCoco & Frank LaCoco for "Bork Bork Bork! Cooking with the Swedish Chef"
- **Best New Artist:** Stewart Lilly for "Barnum's Animal Crackers"
- **Best Youth Project:** Lucas Villareal & Ella Villareal for "MMM Spaghetti"
- **Best Use of Materials:** Amy Frale & Carla Zidek for "Takeout Tonight?"
- **Judges Choice:** Cody Heiden for "Get Your Kicks at Rt. 66"

Many thanks to all of this year's artists, whose work you can still check out along Oak Park Avenue in Downtown Tinley!

Also thanks to this year's judges, including Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce President Jame Holt; Still Ride Bike Shop owners Josh and Kara Klein and their daughters; Johnny Carter, senior director at the Crisis Center of South Suburbia; Julie Berry of the Matthew Berry Foundation; and Tinley Park Marketing Commissioners Denise Politano, Paul Yedwofski, and Jenn DiBiasi.

Learn more at TinleyPark.org/Benches.

