



Who Makes the BEST EMPANADA IN Southwest Florida?

Join us for the 3rd Annual EMPANADA SMACKDOWN @ Taste of Latino Festival

SW Florida is celebrating Hispanic Heritage at the Taste of Latino Festival, which will be held on Saturday, March 1st, 2025, at Centennial Park; downtown Fort Myers, FL.

Ft. Myers, Florida; Celebrate Hispanic Heritage in Southwest Florida! All of SW Florida is invited to join us in celebrating Hispanic Heritage in Ft. Myers! [Check out Video Promo here!](#)

This event is a free family and community event, featuring great music, vendors. Food Plus, we will also be awarding SW Florida top leaders with the Top Latino Lideres and the Amigo awards!

BRING your lawn chair and ENJOY LIVE MUSIC and Performances by YAMBO y Su Orquesta Batey y Mery EMe! PLUS, MORE!

ENJOY the Awards Ceremony Featuring the 2024/2025 TOP Latino Lideres (Latino Leaders) with Leaders coming from all over South & SW Florida to be recognized and receive the Latino Lideres Award and the Amigo Award on Stage. The Lee County Sheriff's Office will be present.

Being Awarded on Stage: Alicia Martinez, Angel Pino, Anilen Rodriguez, Brian Sodre, Carolina Ferrer, Dave Maestas, Dr. Tony Aponte, Edenys Deynes, Fabiola Angulo, Gaby Romero, Jay Santos, Jessi Mendoza, Jessica Lameda, Laura Aldana. Lili Baird, Marilyn Santiago, Capt. Noralva Galloway, Rosy Carvajal, Wendel Feliciano, and Ximena Maria Rivera! Plus, receiving the Amigo Award on stage, for all their tireless work for our community is Mr. Bill Ribble, Lt. Angelo Vaughn and Michelle Hylton-Terry.

TOP Latino Chef Contest: Contestants entered their TOP Empanadas, and other Latino Dishes like Paella and MORE!

Sponsors Recognized at the Event: City of Ft. Myers; Telemundo, 97.7 Latino, Florida Blue; Colen Built, Hispanic Cultural Resource Foundation; Sun Coast Credit Union, La Teresita Restaurant; Latin Times Magazine; Vaya DJ.

Hashtags: #CENTENNIALPK #TASTEOFLATINO #Empanadas #HispanicHeritage #SWFL. More info at www.HispanicCRF.ORG or www.CubanSandwichFestival.com or www.TasteofLatino.com