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Residents gather for music, food, flick

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Falling temperatures didn't keep several hundreds of children and adults from attending the City of Ocoee's Food Truck and Movie night last Friday. More than 10 food trucks offered visitors a variety of foods ranging from Swedish cuisine to cupcakes throughout the evening.



*Event attendees visit with each other as they dine on the many varieties of food from the food trucks. Photos by Cindy Baker*

Attendees sat on the grass in chairs and on blankets to view the movie *Here Comes the Bloom* on a large screen. Good Luck Penny, a country trio from Orlando, performed on the pavilion stage prior to the feature being shown.

Tables and chairs were set up near the food trucks for guests to use as they ate and visited with family and friends.

Don and Lisa Bedwell of Ocoee and their 10-month-old son, Zane, live close to the park and decided to join in the activities.

"It gives such a sense of community," Don Bedwell said of the event. Lisa Bedwell said she loved the evening and will be back again.

Freddy Ramos and Nancy Ramos of MetroWest, along with Wendy Decoursey of Lake Mary, said they had attended the Ocoee event several times before. Nancy Ramos read about it on the city of Ocoee's website.

Freddy Ramos said the event made him feel like he was at a drive-in movie.

"It's a really neat idea," Decoursey added.

Jeff Hayes of the Ocoee Parks and Recreation Department said the food truck event has been going extremely well.

"I think a lot of that has to do with the setting that we have. We have Starke Lake as a beautiful backdrop to the food truck event, and we also tie the food truck event in with the Movie in the Park program as well. The two really compliment one another," Hayes said.

The event has been going on since September 2011.

Hayes added that the event has been very well received by the community. Approximately 800-1,200 people show up throughout the evening depending on the weather.

The Food Truck Fridays and Movie in the Park events are held the third Friday of every month. The next one will be on March 15 from 6-9 p.m. *Hotel Transylvania* will be shown at 7:30. For more information, call the Ocoee Parks and Recreation Department at 407-905-3180 or visit [www.ocoee.org](http://www.ocoee.org).