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## Restaurant Feature

## Spice & Fire Grill

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is tucked in the Washington
Commons shopping center at the
corner of Golf Road and Washington
Street. The restaurant opened
for business in October of 2020
knowing that delivery and carry-out
would limit their serving at the time.
The lure of an authentic Iraqi cuisine
has kept this family-run grill busy
from the start.

Spice and Fire Grill is owned and operated by Anas Bahjat, his mother Saba, and three other family members. They are Morton Grove residents who immigrated from Iraq in 2013, inspired to open their own restaurant. Anas said his Mom's dream has come true by serving their family specialties. She has gained fame by interviews in several YouTube videos, where fellow Iraqis travel from over an hour away to meet her and indulge in the home made food.



Stylish and comfortable seating areas.

The restaurant's interior is inspired by the middle east with lanternstyle lighting, artwork, and seating dividers. Customers order at the counter where desserts and drinks are displayed, with a view to the preparation area. Overhead monitors display the menus by category. They feature a lunch special, appetizers and salads, sandwiches, vegetarian dishes, main courses, desserts and catering. All meats are certified Zabiha Halal.

Specializing in Iraqi foods, they offer kebabs, shawarma, falafel and salads. Their unique chicken and famous burgers are enriched with herbs and spices including cloves, nutmeg, cinnamon, cumin, coriander and paprika. Dolmas are available if pre-ordered and there are some off the menu items including a Pompano fish dish.

The most popular dinner is the out of the ordinary lamb quzi. One of Iraq's traditional dishes, it is slow cooked lamb with roasted nuts and raisins, served over red, white or mixed rice. This is also offered as a family tray. Diners will want to have the shanineh yoghurt drink and finish with the delicious dessert, Znoud El Sit.

Spice and Fire Grill has excellent reviews noting the great tasting food, service and décor. A party of 25 said the dine-in experience was great and enjoyed talking to the owner and staff. Reviewers love the burgers, the spices, and the handson vibe. Eyad E. of Oak Forest said he will come again and again, he does not regret driving almost an hour to have such amazing food.

The Village encourages you to check out Spice and Fire Grill and patronize the diversity of restaurants the community has to offer. Whether you choose to dine-in, carry-out, or order delivery, supporting Morton Grove restaurants bolsters the local economy and helps ensure that our businesses and commercial districts will succeed for years to come.

For the most current hours and menu items, visit **www.spicefiregrill.com**