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Haroon Abbasi (right) prepares one of the cold concoctions (above).

## Snow Miracle Now Available at the Donut Wheel

By Patricia Koning

A few weeks ago, the Donut Wheel began offering Snow Miracle, a unique dessert only available in two other locations nationwide—Westfield Oakridge Mall in San Jose and Eugene, Oregon. Snow Miracle is described as “frozen cotton candy.”

“It’s like nothing you have ever tasted,” says Haroon Abbasi, whose wife’s family owns the Donut Wheel. “One taste is usually all it takes to get people hooked.”

Abbasi and his wife Vanna had been thinking about ways to spice up the Donut Wheel when they tried Snow Miracle at Oakridge Mall. “It was awesome,” he says. “We knew we wanted to bring this to Livermore.”

Having tried a sample, I have to agree with Abbasi’s assessment—I’d never tasted anything like it. I was hooked immediately. The first bite is like freshly whipped cotton candy. The “snow” melts in your mouth, leaving an infusion of flavor (in this case, honeydew melon).

One reviewer on Yelp described Snow Miracle at the Do-

nut Wheel this way: “It sounds silly yes, like a bad infomercial. Well if it were an infomercial, the only thing they would have to do to convince me would be to give me a single bite of this frozen layered treat. The nickname frozen cotton candy is accurate because of the texture of it and the intensity of flavor.”

With other frozen treats like snow cones and slurpies, flavoring, usually in the form of flavored syrup, is added after the fact. Snow Miracle is made from blocks of juice and fruit, frozen to 25 degrees below freezing, so the flavor is infused into every bite. Abbasi says the ingredients are 100% natural.

The block is shaved into a fluffy consistency. You eat it with a fork, not a spoon. With honeydew lemon Snow Miracle, the flakes looked almost like a head of lettuce.

Snow Miracle is very low in calories. Nearly all the flavors are less than 100 calories for a 110 gram serving. A few flavors, such as raspberry, lemon, blueberry, apple cider, and Bartlett pear, are



dairy-free.

The Donut Wheel will hold a Snow Miracle grand opening on Sept. 26 from 2-6:30 pm, with all Snow Miracle on a buy one, get one half off special. The MOVIN’ 99.7 Street Team will provide entertainment and give away prizes. Several local bands will perform in the parking lot.

Abbasi is hoping to make live music a regular monthly event at the Donut Wheel. “We’re trying to update things here a little bit,” he says. “However, we aren’t changing the essence of the Donut Wheel. We’ll still have all the donuts, 24 hours a day. We just want to give the store a more laid back environment where people will want to hang out.”

Those improvements include reupholstering the chairs and adding a television set. To keep up with the modern world, the Donut World now has a presence on Facebook and Twitter (dude786).

Currently the Donut Wheel has 20 flavors of Snow Miracle available and Abbasi expects to have 30 by the grand opening. Available flavors include vanilla milk, peanut, kiwi, cantaloupe, green

apple, blueberry, apple cider, lemon, chocolate, coconut, grape, pineapple, strawberry, orange, and raspberry. He’s also hoping to have seasonal flavors like mint, egg nog, and pumpkin pie during the holidays.

Regular prices are \$2.99 for a regular, \$4.50 for a medium, and \$6.50 for a large. For more information, visit the website [www.snowmiracle.com](http://www.snowmiracle.com).