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34th Annual Fall Family Festival Returns to Montauk Bringing Together Locals and Visitors for a Weekend Full of Family-Oriented Fun, Oct. 10-11

Celebrate the arrival of fall and crisp October weather at Montauk's 34th Annual Fall Festival, sponsored by the Montauk Chamber of Commerce. The family-oriented community event takes place on Columbus Day Weekend, Oct 10th and 11th on the Green in the center of downtown Montauk.

On Saturday the family-friendly festival kicks off with its Famous Clam Chowder contest at 11AM SHARP, with a variety of unforgettable chowders from local restaurants available "**until it runs out**" which is usually around 1 pm. Food personalities judge and present awards for the best New England and Manhattan chowders. Festival attendees may also participate in this contest by voting in the People's Choice Award. Winners are announced at 3 pm that day on the Chamber's Facebook page and posted at www.montaukchamber.com.

Both days include children's activities such as inflatable rides, face painting, pumpkin decorating, street painting, crab races, pony rides (Sunday), a free 30 horse Carousel and more. For adults is live music by Gene Casey and The Lone Sharks on Saturday, 2 to 5 pm, raffles, delicious Oktoberfest style food, clams and oysters, Long Island wines and beer. The Montauk Farmers Market is on hand in the tent on Saturday and Sunday on the street. On Sunday, the Festival continues with additional activities under the tent including the annual auction by the Montauk Playhouse and live music by the 3 B's from 12 to 3 pm. To round off the weekend, Montauk Chamber's annual Cash Catch drawing is held at 4:30 pm Sunday with cash prizes up to \$20,000 awarded.

For the third year, FREE transportation by Hampton Jitney is provided between Southampton, and all towns in-between to Montauk, Saturday and Sunday. Reservations are required; call 631 283-4600. Furthermore, there is a **free** continuous bus shuttle loop from the center of Montauk to the Lighthouse, Harbor area, LIRR and back to town. The transportation and shuttle are supported by a grant awarded to the Long Island Wine Council by New York State's Empire State Development Corp and the I LOVE NEW YORK Division of Tourism.

The Fall Festival is the major annual fundraiser to benefit the Montauk Chamber of Commerce, a not for profit organization. In turn it donates to local not-for-profits such as the Montauk Food Pantry, the July 4th and Fall Fireworks Fund, the Frank Cappozola Scholarship Fund and others. The Carousel Sponsors are Kandell, Farnsworth & Pubins CPA's, Montauk Blue Hotel, Montauk Artists Association, Gurney's Montauk, Scarpetta Beach, Duryea's Lobster Deck, J&P Pool Service, Hamptonsaupair.com, Homeport, Shine, Capt Kid & Pier Group, Fort Pond Native Plants, and Montauk Market.

Visit our Facebook page for updates on the Festival!

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