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## Montauk Travel Season Off to Serene Start

The Montauk peak travel season started off serenely with great weather and visitors appreciating the beaches, restaurants, nightlife and events in town.

"This Memorial Day weekend experience for vacationers and residents was laid-back and lots of fun, the qualities that personify Montauk as the perfect vacation spot for families, says Paul Monte, President of the Montauk Chamber of Commerce.

"The beaches looked spectacular--better than ever--our guests enjoyed themselves, there was a good vibe throughout," notes Steve Kalimnios, general manager of Royal Atlantic Resorts hotel. The beachfront hotel is adjacent to a beach bar and nightspot where "there was calm, summertime music," he adds.

Music levels and hours, quality of life issues and safety misdemeanors were monitored with a larger police presence this year, however by all reports, minimal enforcement action was needed.

The Point restaurant and night spot experienced a relaxed, happy crowd whether for lunch which was packed with families or in the evening when the music rocks for the night revelers, says Glen Welsch, owner.

The annual Montauk Artists Association Art Fair on the Village Green drew plenty of sales and crowds out enjoying the beautiful weather, reports Anne Weissman, artist and manager of the event.

"The level of enforcement and cooperation by businesses and visitors resulted in a successful and safe weekend in Montauk," according to Larry Cantwell, Supervisor of the Town of East Hampton.

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