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**35th Annual Fall Family Festival Returns to Montauk Bringing
Together Locals and Visitors for a Weekend Full of Family-Oriented Fun, Oct. 8-9**



Photos: Richard Lewin

Celebrate the arrival of fall and crisp October weather at Montauk’s 35th Annual Fall Festival, sponsored by the Montauk Chamber of Commerce. The family-oriented community event takes place on Columbus Day Weekend, Oct 8th and 9th on the Green in the center of downtown Montauk.

“Montauk Fall Festival is the Chamber’s major annual fundraiser,” says Laraine Creegan, the chamber executive director “In turn, the Chamber donates proceeds to Montauk’s other not-for-profits such as the Montauk Food Pantry, the July 4th and Fall Fireworks Fund, the Frank Cappozola Scholarship Fund and others.”

On Saturday, the festival kicks off with its Famous Clam Chowder contest at 11 am 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: 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 Hopefully Forgiven on Saturday, 2 to 5 pm, raffles, delicious Oktoberfest style food, clams and oysters, Long Island wines and beer. The Montauk Farmers Market is situated in the tent on Saturday and on 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.

Avoid the parking hassles! Hampton Jitney is providing free, local, intra-town service to help people get to/from the Montauk Fall Festival on October 8 & 9. Service is available at the Southampton, Bridgehampton, East Hampton, Amagansett and Montauk stop locations. Reservations are required, call 631-283-4600 for more information.

Volunteers are needed and should contact the Chamber's executive director Laraine Creegan at 668-2355 or email laraine@montaukchamber.com, or Kiersten Lavery at 668-2429 or email mcoc@montaukchamber.com

The Carousel Sponsors are Kandell, Farnsworth & Pubins CPA's, Gurney's Montauk, Scarpetta Beach, Duryea's Lobster Deck, American Tent Co, 668 The Gig Shack, Ocean Surf Motel, South Edison Restaurant, Thomas Lavin Construction, Southampton Hospital.

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