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MONTAUK FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL RETURNS, OCT. 7-8
36 Year Tradition Brings Together Locals, Visitors for Family Fun; Free Local Transport, Too



Photos: Richard Lewin

Celebrate the arrival of fall and crisp weather at Montauk’s 36th Annual Fall Festival, sponsored by the Montauk Chamber of Commerce. The family-oriented community event takes place on Columbus Day Weekend, Oct 7 and 8, on the Green in downtown Montauk.

New this year are two free trolleys operated by North Fork Trolley Co. to take festival goers between downtown and the Montauk Lighthouse, Harbor and LIRR station, 10 am to 6 pm. The service is made possible by a grant from New York State Taste NY, East End Getaways and Montauk Chamber of Commerce. Hampton Jitney runs free, local, intra-town service to help people park further west in Southampton, Bridgehampton, East Hampton and Amagansett and travel to Montauk. (Reservations are required, call the Jitney at 631-283-4600.)

The festival kicks off on Saturday with the “Famous Clam Chowder Contest,” at 11 am, with a variety of unforgettable chowders from local restaurants available “until they run out” which is around 1 pm. Food personalities judge and present awards for the best New England and Manhattan chowders. 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, a free 30-horse carousel, and more. There is live music by The Lynn Blue Band on Saturday, 2 to 5 pm; raffles; delicious Oktoberfest style food, clams and oysters; Long Island wines and beer. The Montauk Farmers Market is open on both days. On Saturday, under the tent, is a Sports Memorabilia auction and a display of local artists’ works. On Sunday, the 3 B's band performs, 12 to 4 pm and there is a Chinese Auction under the tent. 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.

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, Gurney's Montauk, 668 The Gig Shack, South Edison Restaurant, Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, Lazybones Fishing, Montauk Childcare Center, Montauk Artists Association and Duryea's Lobster Deck.

Montauk Chamber of Commerce is a member business organization dedicated to providing community leadership for the development of and sustaining a sound economy, primarily through responsible tourism, for Montauk, NY. It provides leadership in the creation of constructive community action and a forum for the exchange of ideas and information for the betterment and care of the hamlet.

Visit our Facebook page for updates on the Festival!

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