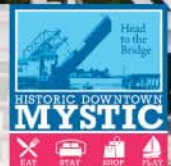


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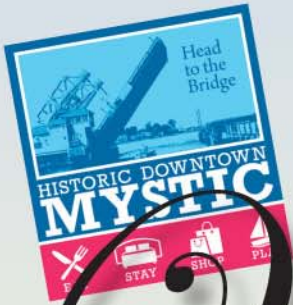
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Welcome

We would like to once again welcome you to our latest issue of the Downtown Mystic Messenger. We are pleased to be your official guide to everything that is happening in Historic Downtown Mystic.



August is here and as the temperature rises, so does the flurry of activity in beautiful Downtown Mystic! There are lots of fun events and things to do around town this month, including the Mystic Outdoor Art Festival and the Downtown Mystic Sidewalk Sale.

The 58th annual Mystic Outdoor Art Festival will be held August 8th and 9th right in the heart of Downtown Mystic. The oldest festival of its kind in the northeast, this two-day event showcases the works of roughly 300 talented local artists and artisans lining the streets of Downtown Mystic. Art lovers will find a diverse range of beautiful pieces including oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings, photographs, sculptures, handmade jewelry and so much more. A great selection of local food vendors will also be present so you can enjoy a delicious treat while you browse. There are plenty of activities for kids at the Mystic Outdoor Art Festival, including the Children's Art Park where kids can create masterpieces of their own.

Thrifty shoppers won't want to miss the annual Downtown Mystic Sidewalk Sale on August 14th, 15th and 16th. Take

a stroll and browse the racks outside numerous shops to find unbeatable deals and sales on spring and summer merchandise. You'll find great bargains on clothing, jewelry, toys, home décor and more. While you're shopping, take a break for lunch or have dinner and drinks at one of many great Downtown Mystic restaurants. There are over twenty to choose from, each offering a fantastic menu and unique dining experience.

You can get a taste of Downtown Mystic's diverse culinary landscape at the annual Mystic Eats Riverside Food Festival in September. Try delicious bites from over 30 restaurants, dance to live music from some of Mystic's favorite bands and enjoy lots of activities for the whole family. See the next page for more information about this exciting foodie event and be sure to check our calendar of events on the back page to see what else we've got planned for this year.



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UPCOMING EVENT SPOTLIGHT

Local foodies know that nobody does awesome cuisine like Mystic and what better way to get the true Mystic dining experience than to sample all of the area's best restaurants at the 2nd annual Mystic Eats Riverside Food Festival! This 3-day event will take place at the Mystic River Park on Cottrell Street from Friday, September 11th through Sunday, September 13th.



Tommy Giarratano and Eight to the Bar.

Not only does Mystic Eats bring together so many great restaurants, it helps support a great cause in our community. A portion of the event's proceeds will be donated to MASH (Mystic Area Shelter and Hospitality, Inc.), a non-profit charity that strives to end family homelessness.

Mystic Eats carries on the tradition of a late summer food festival in Downtown Mystic that attracts thousands of attendees from all over Connecticut and surrounding states. Sample a diverse offering of cuisines from gourmet pizza to fresh seafood, Thai to Lebanese, tasty bar bites to brunch foods and so much more you won't want to miss. Over 30 restaurants will participate this year, including Octagon Steakhouse, Harbour House, Oyster Club, Captain Daniel Packer Inne, The Engine Room, Frank's Gourmet Grille, The Boat House of Mystic, Pizzetta, Mystic Drawbridge Ice Cream Café, The Pita Spot, Mystic Pizza, Café 511, The Harp and Hound, Lighthouse Bakery, Angie's Pizza, North End Deli, NOCA, Hubs Clam Shack and more! Tickets are just \$1 each. The number of tickets required per tasting varies.

Mystic Eats is a fun event for the whole family with plenty of activities and games for kids to enjoy. Beat the back-to-school blues by taking the kids for a sampling of the area's best ice cream, cookies and other sweet treats. Saturday and Sunday will include children's shows, face painting and balloons!

Dance the night away to live music from some of Mystic's favorite local bands. Kicking off the event on Friday night will be The Cartells. On Saturday, don't miss Dan Watson, The Kevin Crandall Band and High Times. On Sunday, check out

Mystic Eats would not be possible without the support of our generous and hardworking sponsors, including Seaport Marine, F&F Distributors, Levine Distributing Co., Coca Cola Bottling, Jonathan Edwards Winery, ABC Photo, Arrow Paper, Mystic River Ambulance, The Westerly Sun and Power House Radio.

The Downtown Mystic Merchants, a non-profit business association of merchant volunteers is looking for additional volunteers for the event. If you are able to volunteer for a 3-hour shift over the weekend, please send an email with your contact info to: Downtownmysticmerchants@gmail.com.

Please keep up to date with the Mystic Eats Food Festival on Facebook.

Like us here: facebook.com/mysticeats

SECOND ANNUAL MYSTIC EATS FOOD FESTIVAL

Where: Cottrell Street, in Historic Downtown Mystic

When: Friday, September 11th: 5:00pm – 9:30pm
 Saturday, September 12th: 11:00am – 9:30pm
 Sunday, September 13th: 11:00am – 5:00pm



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Downtown Mystic CALENDAR OF EVENTS



AUGUST

8-9th: Mystic Outdoor Art Festival
14-16th: Downtown Mystic Sidewalk Sale

SEPTEMBER

11-13th: Mystic Eats Riverside Food Festival
25th: Mystic Arts Stroll Courtyard Gallery.
 Featured Artist: TBA 6-9:00pm

OCTOBER

Paint the Town Pink-Breast Cancer Awareness Month
3-4th: Mystic Pirate Invasion

NOVEMBER

20th: Mystic Arts Stroll- Featured Gallery TBA,
 Featured Artist TBA 6-9:00pm
28th: Santa Arrives by Tugboat 2:00 p.m.
28th: Tree Lighting Ceremony 6:00 p.m.
28th: Lighted Boat Parade 6:20 p.m.
30th: Cider Monday

DECEMBER

1st: Downtown Mystic Holiday Stroll
20th: Downtown Mystic Winter Solstice Luminary



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