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## **The Pirates are Coming!**



Pirates invade Downtown Mystic

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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.

Summer 2015 will officially end on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, but the fun in historic downtown Mystic continues year round. Enjoy the last of the hot days of summer by taking a stroll through our picturesque village. What could be better than relaxing in Mystic River Park and feeling the cool breeze from the water?

The pleasant weather and beautiful scenery are only small parts of the magic of Mystic in September. From exciting events to our large array of dining and shopping locations, there are enjoyable activities in Mystic to fill up every free day on your calendar this month. We have several great events planned, including the Mystic Eats Riverside Food Festival, where attendees can get a taste of diverse foods from dozens of vendors as well as fun activities for the whole family. This month we will also begin working on arrrgh treasure maps and pirate voices because the Mystic Pirate Invasion makes landfall in early October, mateys! Check out the Event Spotlight section of this issue for more information on these two exciting events.

There are always countless things to do in Mystic, from great shopping to excellent dining. Satisfy any craving at one of the many downtown eateries, which offer a diverse selection of anything from Italian to ice cream. The weather is still comfortable enough to enjoy some

delicious Mystic eats at one of many downtown restaurants that have outdoor seating and lovely views.

Special items await you on a stroll through downtown Mystic's many shops. Get the kids what they need for school (or maybe just a few things they want) from books and clothes to toys and sweets. Birthday, anniversary or "just because" gifts are readily available at any of our retailers that sell unique merchandise for any occasion. Stick around and experience Mystic's thriving art community at the second "Mystic Arts Stroll" of the year at the Courtyard Gallery on Water Street on September 25<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9 p.m.

As you can see, the amount of things to do in Mystic doesn't end with summer! Be sure to check out our event calendar to see what's going in September and the next few months. We hope you enjoy your visit, and that the diverse offerings of Downtown Mystic leave you wondering when you can come back!

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# Upcoming Event Spotlight: Mystic Eats & Pirate Invasion

Historic Downtown Mystic has two wonderful events in store for September and October that are guaranteed fun for the whole family.

Mystic will be hosting the 2nd annual Mystic Eats Riverside Food Festival on the weekend of September 11th through 13th. Guests can come on down to Cottrell Street and enjoy a diverse offering of cuisines from over 30 of the area's finest restaurants! Try seafood, Italian, Thai, pizza, Lebanese, pub fare, ice cream and much more at this amazing event. Tickets are only \$1 each and the number of tickets required for each item varies.

This festival will delight more than just your taste buds! Enjoy live music from The Cartells, Dan Watson, The Kevin Crandall Band, High Times, Tommy Giarranto and Eight to the Bar. The whole family can enjoy the Children's Art Park, face painting, balloons, children's shows and other fun activities. A portion of the proceeds of this event will be donated to MASH (Mystic Area Shelter and Hospitality, Inc.), a charity that strives to end family homelessness.

For more information on the festival, visit [facebook.com/mysticeats](http://facebook.com/mysticeats). Ahoy, mateys! If you hear "Land ho!" on the first weekend of October, it's probably because that is when pirates will make landfall in Mystic for the Mystic Pirate Invasion. Their arrival will bring swashbucklin' fun for the whole family to the entire downtown.

On Saturday, enjoy food and drink specials at several local restaurants. Clean your plate or you may have to walk the plank!

On Sunday at noon, the pirates invade! Cheer on the militia or raise your Jolly Roger and pledge allegiance to the pirate crew as they fight in an epic sea battle! Pirates will have to fight their way onto shore, or risk being sent to Davy Jones' Locker.

Wee buccaneers and old swashbucklers alike can show off their knack for pirate culture at the Pirate Costume Contest. The young (or young at heart) can show off their handiwork and make some pirate-themed crafts.

X marks the spot—visitors can even participate in a treasure hunt! Travel through historic downtown Mystic and collect pieces from participating shops. Set your sights on [facebook.com/mysticpirates](http://facebook.com/mysticpirates) for more information.



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# downtown mystic calendar of events

## SEPTEMBER

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

## OCTOBER

- 1-31st:** Paint the Town Pink:  
 Breast Cancer Awareness Month  
**3-4th:** Mystic Pirate Invasion

For more information, visit

[mysticdowntown.org](http://mysticdowntown.org)



## NOVEMBER

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

## DECEMBER

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

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