

the downtown mystic messenger

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Hidden Gems of Mystic at the

Spring Stroll!

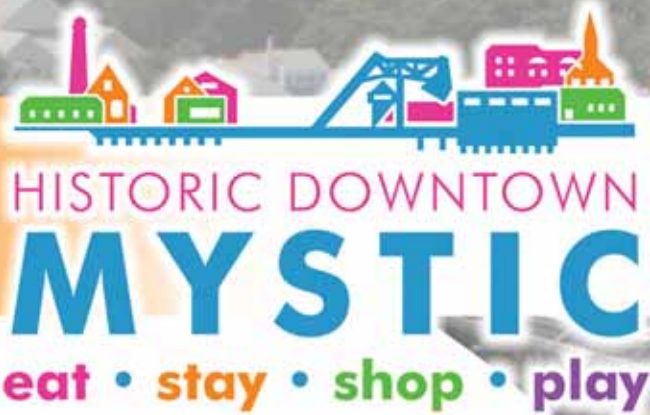


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Welcome

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.

Spring has sprung in downtown Mystic! Mother's Day is just around the corner and we are in the home stretch of the school-year. Treat mom and the kids at the annual Spring Stroll on May 7th. The streets of Mystic will be bustling and participating businesses will feature special promotions, and fun activities for the whole family. You won't want to miss one of Downtown Mystic's biggest community events of the year! Find out more in the article on the next page.

With the weather finally getting nicer, relax and dine this month at one of the several restaurants featuring outdoor patios! Enjoy Mother's Day Brunch at Harbour House and the Haley Mansion on Sunday, May 8th. Make mom's day special with their delicious menu featuring made-to-order omelets, a carving station, desserts and much more. Visit harbourhousect.com for more information and to make your reservation.

The Mystic Museum of Art's summer concert series, Art After Dark, is here! If you missed the kick off last month, here's your chance again to join in the fun! On May 17th catch another live show and enjoy music from Soul Searchers, and live art from Sarah Stifler Lucas and balloon art from April Brunelle. You can find more information about this event at mysticdowntown.org/event.

Summer is just around the corner and that means it's time to get back in the water! The 2016 sailing season for Argia Cruises begins this month! Book a half-day or breathtaking sunset cruise aboard the 81-foot Schooner Argia for you and that special someone. Enjoy a leisurely cruise down the Mystic River taking in the beautiful views of lighthouses, islands, and historic homes. Visit ArgiaMystic.com for more information and tickets. Or get active and see what adventures Paddle Mystic - Mystic River Adventure Co. can take you on! Offering paddle board lessons, & kayak, tandem, and bike rentals, the fun never has to run out!

The Mystic Half Marathon & 10K, hosted by the Hartford Marathon Foundation will take place on Sunday, May 15th. Support the participants as they run along the beautiful Connecticut Coast, through the charming downtown and along the scenic shoreline. Watch as the competition heats up on this beautiful Sunday morning!

Visit mysticdowntown.org for the latest information on upcoming events.

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Discover all the Local Hidden Gems of Mystic at the **Annual Spring Stroll!**

What better way to kick-off the lovely spring weather than with one of our favorite annual events: The Spring Stroll!

Enjoy activities for the whole family and support the hardworking, local downtown merchants in your community on May 7th. Let the Spring Stroll be your destination for a lovely afternoon of family fun!

Kids of all ages will enjoy Drop-in Mother's Day crafts at **Mystic-Noank Library**. Moms, is there anything more precious than something handmade by your kids?

Enjoy the beautiful May weather and come to a "Library Under the Trees" with free cookies and lemonade! **Blue Horse Children's Shop** will be hosting local children's author Lauryn Alyssa Wendus (*Oliver Poons and the Bright Yellow Hat*) from 11-3.

Check out Downtown Mystic's unique specialty clothing shops for excellent quality clothes for the whole family. **Tidal River Clothing Co.**, **The Rose, Hope & Stetson**, and many more will have some deals you won't want to miss out on. Enjoy treats and a glass of champagne while you browse **Rochelle's of Mystic** and their selection of cute tops, dresses, jewelry and more. They will also have sidewalk chalk for the kids to enjoy. Show your receipt for a purchase at another downtown Mystic business and you'll get 20% off!

Discover the fine antiques, estate and unique jewelry, of **N.L. Shaw and Company**. Explore what this proud member of the Mystic community for nearly two decades has to offer. They will also have a kid's corner set up for children to make their own bracelets, hula hooping, sidewalk chalk, desserts, and more!

Need a gift for someone special? **Peppergress and Tulip** has unique gifts for any occasion and will be hosting arts and crafts for the kiddos all day at the stroll.

Bring your appetite to any of the tasty restaurants and bakeries that are located throughout downtown Mystic. Sit back and relax on the

outdoor patio of **Pizzetta**, and enjoy the family-friendly space and gourmet selection of pizzas, including gluten-free options. Show a receipt for one of your purchases at a Mystic merchant to receive 15% off your entire bill! Share a drink with your friends, and enjoy \$5 **Hurricanes at Voodoo Grill**.

Give your kids a home baked treat from **SIFT Bake Shop** and get a complimentary chocolate sea salt cookie with any purchase to satisfy your own sweet tooth.

Support your local artists at the **Courtyard Gallery**, and receive 10% off all day long.



The poster features a light blue background with a decorative border of colorful flowers and a yellow bird at the bottom. In the top left, there is a circular logo for 'Historic Downtown Mystic' with the tagline 'eat • stay • shop • play'. To the right of the logo, the date 'Saturday, May 7' is written in white on an orange rectangular background, and the time '10 AM - 7 PM' is written in black on a yellow rectangular background. Below these elements, the text 'historic downtown mystic spring stroll' is written in a light blue, lowercase, sans-serif font. Underneath that, the phrase 'Enjoy the day by shopping, dining and having fun!' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

downtown mystic calendar of events

MAY

- 7th:** Spring Stroll - All Day
- 15th:** Mystic Half Marathon & 10-K
7am
- 17th:** Art After Dark: Soul Searchers
and Sarah Stifler Lucas
6 - 8:30pm at Mystic Museum of Art

JUNE

- 10th-12th:** Taste of Mystic at Olde Mistick Village
- 14th:** Summer Sounds Concert Series
7-9pm at Mystic River Park
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- 24th-25th:** River Jam Festival at Mystic Shipyard
- 24th-26th:** WoodenBoat Show at Mystic Seaport
- 27th:** Blue Monday Concert Series
6-8pm at Mystic River Park
- 28th:** Summer Sounds Concert Series
7-9pm at Mystic River Park

For more information, visit

mysticdowntown.org

About the Downtown Mystic Merchants:

Established in 2013, the Downtown Mystic Merchants is a non-profit initiative aimed at promoting Historic Downtown Mystic economically, culturally and aesthetically for the merchants, residents and visitors of our Historic Downtown. Our mission is to enhance the experiences of shopping, eating, and simply strolling through our historic riverfront community.

The Downtown Mystic Merchants Board of Directors welcomes public participation and input on issues that affect our community. For more information on how you can get involved please contact us at downtownmysticmerchants@gmail.com. Join us for the Downtown Mystic Merchants General Meeting the first Wednesday of every month at 9:00am at the Daniel Packer Inne.

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