



FALL 2025 NEWSLETTER

OUR FAVORITE TIME OF YEAR

The holiday season in Mystic brings our community together in a way that feels both timeless and uniquely local. Streetlights wrapped with lights and decorated storefronts set the stage for a month of celebration that reflects the spirit of our town—welcoming, creative, and full of tradition. New this year, Mystic will feature a few themed trees, including a Dog Tree—adorned with wooden dogs of all types and colors running up the branches—and a Lighthouse Tree, celebrating our coastal heritage. From the Artisan Holiday Market to the Lantern Luminaria, each event showcases the best of our local businesses, artists, and volunteers. In Mystic, the holidays aren't just about decorations—they're about community, connection, and the shared joy of the season.

**Santa Arrives by Tugboat and
Lighted Boat Parade
Saturday, November 29th
Mystic River**

Artisan Holiday Market • 11am-4pm

Come enjoy the Artisan Holiday Market on Cottrell Street running the length of Mystic River Park. It will be a well rounded market of quality items from local artisans.

2:00pm Santa Arrives by Tugboat

Santa Claus is coming to town aboard Cross Sound Ferry's Tug Boat, the John Paul. Bring your children to see Santa arrive and spend time by the Mystic River Park Christmas tree, telling Santa what they want for Christmas. There will be picture opportunities with Santa and Christmas themed items, Carolers and a few surprises!

6:00pm Christmas Tree Lighting

Join us at Mystic River Park to officially light the Mystic Christmas Tree for the 2025 season.

6:15pm Lighted Boat Parade

Come and see decorated vessels parade down the Mystic River. We encourage you to bring a toy donation. Toys will be collected in Mystic River Park.



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New this year at the
Mystic Seaport Museum:

Celebrate the season on Saturday, November 29 as festively decorated boats light up the Mystic River during the Annual Lighted Boat Parade, presented with the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce.

Bring a chair, enjoy seasonal treats, and watch the parade from the Museum’s waterfront, one of the best views in town!

- Gates open: 5:30 p.m.
- Parade begins: 6:15 p.m.
- Admission: Free for Members and daytime visitors; \$10 for non-members arriving after 5:00 p.m.
- Entry: Please park in the free parking lot across the street from the South Entrance located next to the Kingston II Tugboat. Enter through the Sanger Visitor Reception Center.
- Tickets:
https://secure.mysticseaport.org/25507/30954?utm_source=WesterlySun&utm_medium=print_ad&utm_campaign=LightedBoatParade2025

Visit mysticchamber.org for information and details including parking options and where to view the parade.

Downtown Mystic Holiday Stroll and Lantern Luminaria

Tuesday, December 2nd • 5pm-9pm

Stroll the festive streets of Historic Downtown Mystic and listen to the carolers sing. The shops will be open late so you can get a head start on your holiday shopping while enjoying holiday cider, cookies, and other goodies. This is a community event, free of charge and open to the public.

Visitor Center for Gifts

Visit the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center and retail store at 14 Holmes Street for easy holiday shopping. Browse posters from past Mystic Outdoor Art Festivals, Mystic glassware, and other locally inspired items that celebrate our town. Our team is happy to help you pick out gifts and share tips for making the most of your visit.



Celebrate with the Chamber

The holidays are about community, and we are proud to celebrate them together. Join us throughout the season, invite friends and family, and help us support the small businesses and organizations that shape this place we love.

From all of us at the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce, we look forward to celebrating with you downtown this holiday season.

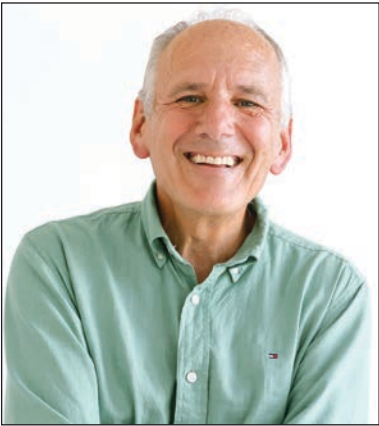


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Chamber Update from the President's Desk



As the holiday season approaches and we look toward a new year, I'm reminded how truly special our region is. From the shoreline towns of southeastern Connecticut to our neighbors in coastal Rhode Island, we share a unique blend of small-town warmth, creativity, and resilience that shines especially bright this time of year.

At the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce, our mission extends beyond Mystic — it's about celebrating and supporting the people, businesses, and organizations that make our corner of New England such a wonderful place to live, visit, and invest in. Through beloved events like the Mystic Outdoor Art Festival, Celebrate Mystic, and Floatswella, as well as partnerships that reach into Westerly, Groton, and Stonington, we continue to build connections that strengthen our entire regional economy.

This year, we've seen incredible collaboration — from

entrepreneurs and artists to restaurateurs, local leaders, and volunteers — all working together to make our communities thrive. That spirit of unity is what makes this area so special, and it's what the Chamber is most proud to nurture.

As we head into 2026, I invite you to stay involved, share your ideas, and keep the energy going. Stop by our office at 22 East Main Street, explore our events, or reach out anytime. Together, we'll continue to build on the shared success that makes our region shine all year long.

Wishing you and your family a joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year,

Bruce Flax, President
Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce
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A YEAR OF GROWTH AND CONNECTION AT THE GREATER MYSTIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

In 2025, the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce welcomed new businesses, celebrated milestones, and deepened our connections with the community.

The Chamber has continued to modernize what it means to be a Chamber of Commerce. Our members' best interests guide every decision—whether that's brainstorming marketing strategies, helping a business find its first brick-and-mortar location, or making meaningful connections with other members.

We listen to our members, and that's how new programs are created. For example, when members shared curiosity and concern about artificial intelligence, we brought in an expert to host an AI seminar. Members left with tools to safely and effectively apply AI in their businesses. It's just one way we turn feedback into action.

Our Community and Tourism Awards end-of-year event is another example of this approach. The event now features over a dozen local restaurants, breweries, wineries, and live entertainment—all while honoring businesses and individuals who strengthen our region.

At its core, Chamber membership is about more than just business promotion. It's about being part of something bigger—a community.

"Being part of a modern Chamber that blends community and marketing has been so rewarding. The work we're doing to support the region is truly special and helps elevate our members in meaningful ways. Getting to know our members and learning about their passions and work is the best part of what I do."

— Megan Yardis, Membership Manager



Why Join the Chamber?

Increased Exposure

Members gain visibility through the Go Mystic app, our website, newsletters, and social media channels, reaching over 20,000 followers. This added exposure builds credibility and helps attract new customers.

Networking Opportunities

Chamber events—such as Business Before Hours, Business After Hours, Ribbon Cuttings, Grand Openings, and Open Houses—bring together business owners, professionals, and community leaders. These connections often lead to partnerships, collaborations, and new customers.

Resources and Support

From marketing guidance and branding help to training sessions on business development, financial management, and technology, members have access to expertise that small businesses often don't have the budget to secure independently.

Advocacy

The Chamber also serves as a voice for local businesses. We monitor legislative issues, engage with policymakers, and ensure the concerns of our members are heard.

If you'd like to join the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce, email Megan at meganyardis@mysticchamber.org or call 860-572-9578.



"MILESTONE MYSTIC: YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING SPOT FOR THE SEASON AHEAD

There's always something happening at Milestone Mystic, and this season is no exception. As the holidays approach, our welcoming downtown spot is buzzing with live music, festive gatherings, and the excitement of a community coming together over great food and good company.

We're thrilled to introduce our new Executive Chef Benjamin Campos, whose fresh perspective and creative approach are putting a new spin on Milestone favorites while introducing seasonal dishes that celebrate local ingredients.

From comforting seasonal flavors to shareable plates made for gathering, each dish pairs perfectly with our craft cocktails, local brews, and extensive wine list.

If you're looking to celebrate, Milestone Mystic is the perfect setting for your holiday party or private event.

Whether it's an intimate dinner with friends or a lively company celebration, our team will handle every detail, so you can sit back and enjoy the moment.

And there's no better time to stop by than during one of our weekly happenings. From our incredible live music lineup featuring talented local artists, to our weekly specials, like Martini Mondays and Burger Night, there's always something worth celebrating. Plus, our Happy Hour offers a mix of small bites and libations, making Milestone the perfect place to unwind any day of the week.

At Milestone, we believe in bringing people together around the table. This season, join us to celebrate, unwind, and make memories in your favorite neighborhood gathering spot."



NIANTIC CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

A southeastern Connecticut must-see stop for parents, the Niantic Children's Museum is the perfect place for children ages 9 and under to let their imaginations soar! Located at 409 Main Street in downtown Niantic, the Museum has three areas of hands-on learning fun.

Visit the Museum's Imagination Room to become a sea captain, fire fighter, master chef, farmer and more, all in one day! Our play boat, based off of "The Night of the Moonjellies," is a Museum favorite and is ready to take to seas of the world of make believe. Even the littlest visitors can join in with Toddler Area built just for them.

On the opposite side of the Museum, you'll find our Discovery Room filled with science-based activities and the

Museum's resident animals. A bearded dragon, tortoise, leopard gecko, frog, hermit crabs and an observation hive of bees, all call the Museum home! Be sure to stop by our MakerSpace area to make the free craft of the day.

And last, but not least, the Museum's Outdoor Playspace delights youngsters with a real treehouse, music garden, watertables, playhouse, kid-sized zipline and new buccaneer boat! There's no plank to walk, but there's lots of fun to be had!

Visit niantickids.org to learn more about the Museum's many other offers including party rentals, classes, homeschool programming, outreach programs and special events.



809 CAFÉ BRINGS AUTHENTIC DOMINICAN FLAVOR TO THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

809 Café was born from a simple craving and a big dream. As longtime residents of Westerly, our family often found ourselves wishing we could enjoy authentic Dominican food without driving all the way to Providence. That's when we decided to bring the flavors of home right here creating a place where our community could experience the warmth, culture, and taste of the Dominican Republic close to home.

What started as a dream to share our culture quickly became a gathering place for family, friends, and food lovers of all backgrounds. We're humbled and grateful for the warm welcome we've received from the community. For many of our customers, it's their very first time trying Dominican food and we love seeing their faces light up when they taste our flavorful rice dishes, tender pernil, honey jerk chicken, and crispy empanadas made with love.

- 809 Café offers two convenient locations:
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 - 20 Mechanic Street, Pawcatuck, CT – Open 12 PM to 7 PM, Thursday through Monday.

We also offer catering services bringing the same delicious home-cooked flavors to your special events.

At 809 Café, our mission is more than just serving food, it's about sharing a piece of our culture, bringing people together, and creating a space filled with savor, love, and community. From our kitchen to your table, we thank you for making 809 Café part of your story.



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The Music Studio
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Discover the Joy of Music at Our New Niantic Location!

The Music Studio Mystic is thrilled to announce the opening of our brand-new location at 179 Flanders Road in Niantic, Connecticut! This modern, welcoming space brings our award-winning music education program closer to families throughout East Lyme, Waterford, Old Lyme, and surrounding communities.

At The Music Studio, we believe that music is for everyone — at every age. Our professional instructors guide students from their very first notes to advanced performance levels, offering private lessons in piano, voice, guitar, violin, and more. Whether your child is just beginning their musical journey or you're an adult rediscovering your passion for music, we provide a warm, encouraging environment that inspires growth and confidence.

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321 Media is a community-focused digital media company that bridges connections through the power of storytelling and live broadcasts.

At the heart of its mission is high school sports coverage, where ev-

ery game becomes a chance to bring families, friends, and fans together to celebrate local athletes.

Beyond sports, 321 Media shines a spotlight on small businesses and community organizations, creating engaging content that highlights the people and stories that make each town unique.

By combining professional production with authentic local voices, 321 Media ensures that both businesses and communities are seen, heard, and supported. With a growing reach across multiple platforms, the company provides opportunities for businesses to gain visibility while delivering free, accessible content for the public.

Whether it's a Friday night football game, a local entrepreneur's story, or coverage of a cherished community event, 321 Media is dedicated to strengthening the bonds that connect people and places.

Through creativity, collaboration, and consistency, 321 Media has become a trusted voice for local storytelling and a hub where community thrives.



Waffle Pop Sweet Shop
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Step into a world where life is meant to be delicious! Located in the heart of downtown Pawcatuck, Waffle Pop Sweet Shop is a vibrant, family-friendly dessert café serving gourmet waffle pops, artisan gelato, nostalgic candy, and hand-crafted treats that taste as joyful as they look. With Instagram-worthy spaces like The Royal Room — featuring fuchsia couches, royal blue velvet chairs, and a glowing neon sign — and The Garden Room — draped in wisteria and lavender charm — every visit is a feast for the senses.

Founded by Mama Emily, a proud U.S. Army veteran and single mom, Waffle Pop Sweet Shop was created to spread happiness, connection, and community one waffle at a time. Visitors love humming along to the shop's catchy signature song while browsing the retail boutique, which features unique

gifts and sweet finds from other U.S.-based small businesses — a true celebration of local creativity and collaboration.

Whether you're joining a themed event like "Breakfast with Santa," picking up a thoughtful gift, or treating yourself to a fresh waffle pop, you'll leave with a full heart and a happy belly. Follow @wafflepopct and see why everyone's singing, "Life is meant to be delicious!"



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Tapped Apple Cidery & Winery
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Tapped Apple Cidery & Winery, located in downtown Westerly, Rhode Island, has become a favorite destination for fans of craft

cider and apple-based wines. They focus on small-batch, artisan creations crafted from local Rhode Island apples.

At the tasting room, visitors can enjoy flights and glasses of both hard ciders and apple wines. Their offerings include signature ciders like First Bite (their flagship off-dry cider), Blueberry Vanilla, Brown Sugar Peach, Gravenstein (all Rhode Worthy Award Winners), and Crab Apple and seasonal selections such as Cherry Lime and Cranberry. Their wine menu features interesting blends like Watch Hill White (dry white table wine), Cerise Noir (semi-sweet wine made from apples and black cherries) and Apple Pie (dessert wine).

Beyond tastings, the venue hosts private events, from showers to creative gatherings, and supports local artists by rotating displays in the space. They also offer a light a la carte menu and allow guests to bring in outside food to pair with their cider and wine selections.

Overall, Tapped Apple Cidery & Winery offers a charming, local experience centered around apple-driven beverages with a community and event-friendly atmosphere.



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Meet Crystal, the creator behind Kid Friendly New England — your go-to guide for discovering the very best of New England through a family-friendly lens.

As a mom of two, marketer, and content creator, Crystal brings New England to life by highlighting the people, places, and experiences that make the region so special for families. From cozy farm festivals and seaside escapes to charming local shops and must-try eateries, Kid Friendly New England curates authentic, family-approved adventures across all six states.

With an engaged community of parents, travelers, and small business owners, Crystal helps families uncover hidden gems while offering local businesses a trusted platform to connect with their ideal audience. Whether you're a business owner hoping to reach family travelers or a parent planning your next weekend outing, Kid Friendly New England makes it easy to find inspiration, connection, and community across New England.

Follow along as Crystal shares the stories that make our region shine—and helps families create memories that last a lifetime.

For collaborations or marketing opportunities, reach out at kidfriendlynewengland@gmail.com or connect on Instagram @kidfriendlynewengland. Crystal has helped local businesses with grand openings, event promotions, social media growth, and community visibility—and she can help your business, too.



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THAMES RIVER GALLERY

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The Thames River Gallery is New London's premier art gallery for local, emerging, and established artists since 2010. Anchoring the city's vibrant arts community, this warm and inviting gallery proudly displays over 500 unique pieces. Themed exhibitions and permanent collections include oil, acrylic, watercolor, prints, photography, sculpture, carvings, stained glass and more. Owner John Johnson, a local philanthropist icon, heads the staff at this popular gallery, with experienced and friendly curators available for consultation, sourcing art, and discussing consignment opportunities.

Don't miss the upcoming, must-see holiday exhibition, "In the Spirit of Giving". In conjunction with this display, the gallery will be collecting for Operation Smile, a national charity. Operation Smile helps those born with cleft lip and provides free operations to families in need. There will be a soft opening on November 29th, while a highlight of this charming exhibit will be on December 13th, when as part of Santa's Stroll downtown (and along with esteemed neighbors the NLMS and the NLCHS) the gallery will be providing music, entertainment, and holiday cheer as patrons view this uplifting, winter and holiday-themed display. Gallery owner Johnson is generously planning a matching contribution for all monies raised for this important charity. Don't miss this magical experience where you can also help families in need. Come on in and see great art in a welcoming atmosphere!



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The Home Builders & Remodelers Association of the Connecticut

River Region (HBRA-CT River Region) represents the home building and remodeling industry across much of Connecticut, serving members in New London, Middlesex, New Haven, Hartford, Tolland, and Windham counties. Our region covers a diverse and dynamic part of the state where tradition, innovation, and craftsmanship come together to shape thriving communities.

Guided by the mission of Building Homes, Enriching Communities, Changing Lives, the HBRA promotes housing affordability, advances industry knowledge, and advocates for policies that support responsible growth and innovation in residential construction.

Our members include builders, remodelers, developers, architects, suppliers, and trade professionals who are dedicated to excellence, professionalism, and ethical business practices. Through education, networking, marketing exposure, and legislative advocacy, we help members grow their businesses and strengthen the industry as a whole.

As part of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), HBRA-CT River Region connects local professionals to a statewide and national network of resources, training, and support. Together, we are building a stronger Connecticut, one home and one community at a time.



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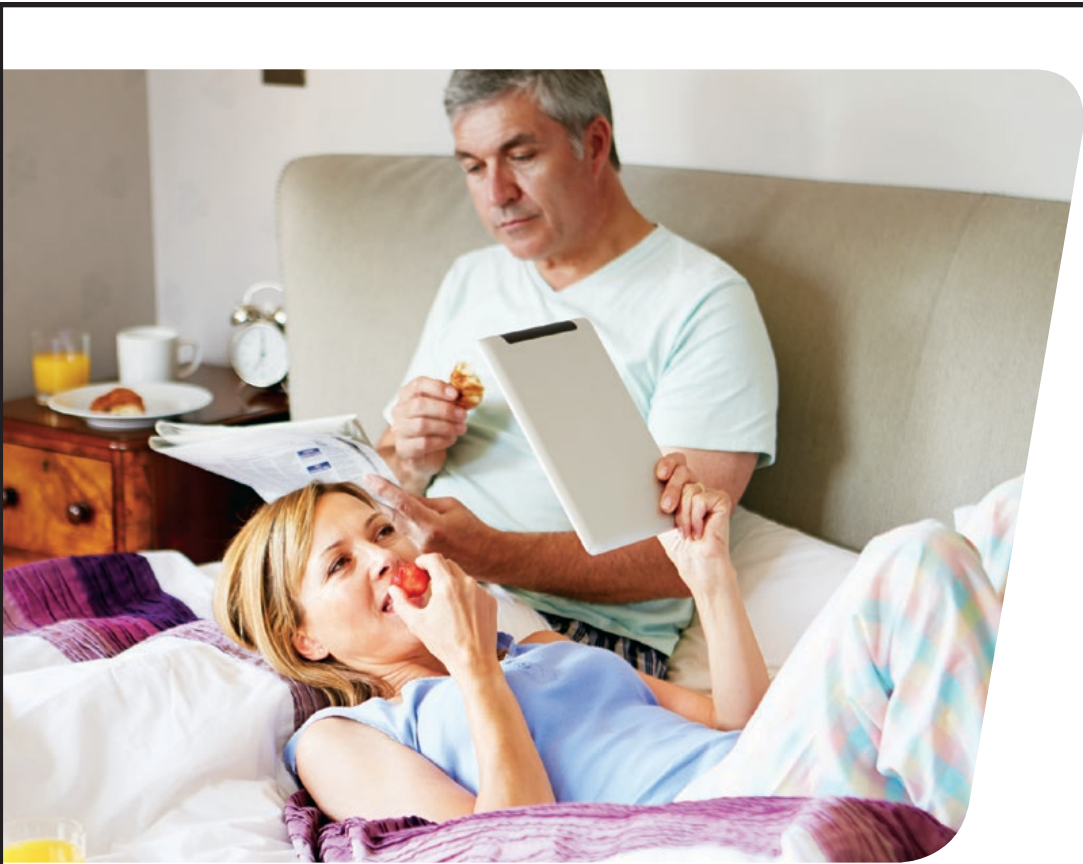
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