

Downtown Mystic Merchants
General Meeting
August 1, 2018
8:30 am
Mystic Museum of Art host

In the tent out back with coffee and pastries from Dunkin Donuts, a lovely summer foggy and rainy morning. Thank you MMoA!

Contact Bill Furgueson at MMoA to host your business event at Mystic Museum of Art!

Their RAIN GARDEN is filtering parking lot water so when it reaches our beloved Mystic river the water is clean!

They are installing a Smart Sponge on the north side of the property to do the same thing!

OPENING RECEPTION AUGUST 9 62nd Regional Show + Mystical Interactions with Sunil Howlader

ART AFTER DARK = August 14 with Russ Kramer Artist

GROUP PICTURE > see the picture on the downtown facebook page! Contact Meredith Fuller, President DMM to join this group

Welcome Newcomers: Louise Johnson of Board & Brush a DIY painting studio, soon to open in Stonington mystic@boardandbrush.com

Board Members present:
Meredith Fuller, President
Emily Milano, Shutters and Sails, VP
Kristin Hartnett, Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce, Secretary
Ricky Au, Samurai Noodle
Patty Mainville, The Rose
Patti Murphy, SALT
Matt Beaudoin, Mystic Knotwork
Mary L. Davis, Mystic Massage & Wellness

OLD BUSINESS:

Mystic River Day was successful and we'll have it again next year. The Shark Swim is already looking to schedule their event in July of 2019.

NEW BUSINESS:

Seaport Marine Property Development
Presentation Harry Boardson & Ali Holstein of the Holstein family
Article in The Day
Phase One was Red 36 which is now 4 years old and has had great success
Added 170 jobs, served over 350,000 visitors

Phase Two

Neighborhood Development District

All marine work will go to Noank Shipyard

Red 36, Spool Mill and Dermatologist's office will remain

A second restaurant, a 45 room hotel with a rooftop bar, transient dockage, kayak launch, public boardwalk (with one mile of additional public water access circling around from Mystic River Park back), sail loft with offices, marine facilities and open air event venue (farmer's market potential)

These are all taxable entities and will most likely get town approval.

Also residential 60 units- Town Homes and Condos but in a limited capacity
Infrastructure construction has already begun - pilings, dockage, etc.

5 years out predicted finish date.

PARKING 350 additional spots sufficient to the project.

For more info HarryB@noankshipyard.com

Bravo Bravo update:

Downstairs restaurant, upstairs apartments

Seating capacity will be the same but the BAR will be bigger

Opening Spring of 2019

Beautification Projects

Anne Esposito

She's been working on the fountain in front of Bank Square Books

Thanks to Sandra of Steamboat Inn for helping with watering, Bank Square Books for keeping the hoses and Densmore Oil for water.

NEW PROJECT working with Bill Fergusson of MMoA on the space between the bathrooms on Water Street and Oyster Club. Locking boulders and planting non-destructible plants, lots of rowdy bar traffic there.

Could always use little sponsorships and volunteers for these projects

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MOAF:

August 11+12

61st year of event

Thank you for all your support and participation

Over 250 booths

Emerging Artists new on Washington St

Headquarters at Mystic River Yacht Club next to Engine Room

Handed out parking map

Downtown Sidewalk Sale:

August 17,18,19

There will be a photographer downtown for our social media and web

Mystic Eats:

Need volunteers sign up at mysticeats.com

Sponsorships welcome! Handed out sponsorship brochures or sign up/pay online at mysticeats.com

Emily Milano restaurant coordinator

Courtney Moore marketing + music

Factory Square new business Spring 2019

Central Hall: visit Patty Mainville on facebook she is documenting the progress every Friday - Spring 2019 completion date

Go Local Gift Card = GMCC Mystic Dollars program is going to a Gift Card system. Quick and easy. See attached literature. Restricted to GMCC Members.

Flower Belle Boutique Ribbon Cutting August 7, 2018 4:30 pm Washington Street

TRASH ISSUES

MJ Sauchuck is no longer collecting trash for the downtown area. The Town of Groton accepted a lower bid from the Willimantic Co. MJ Sauchuck company will be going out of business.

Becky Wilson from the Mystic Fire District is helpful she can be reached at 860-536-7559

As of Sept 1 Willimantic will not pick up commercial trash.

MJ had a contract for residential but was picking up commercial because it was mixed use with apartments upstairs.

The DMM is looking into alternatives. A group of businesses are working on this issue, and are looking for a group solution. IF you would like to be involved in this group - if you would like to be a part of a coalition that may enter into a contract together, please email downtownmysticmerchants@gmail.com subject:

TRASH TALK