McCook Summer Concert Series

The music will be flowing through the park once again this summer! Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, food and beverages.
No alcohol permitted.

Parking passes are not needed to enter the park beginning at 5pm on concert evenings.

Wednesdays 6 – 8pm
AT McCOOK POINT PARK BEACH

June 26: Five Bean Row
July 3: Bootleg Harmony
July 10: Luke and Mike
July 17: Dr. G and the Believers
July 24: Red Lion
July 31: Second Chance
Aug 7: Azalea Drive
Aug 14: Boat House Blues Band
Aug 21: Old Lyme Town Band
Aug 28: The Lowtiders

Fridays 7 – 9pm
AT THE McCOOK POINT PARK BANDSHELL

June 21: Fusion
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June 28: Katie Perkins
July 5: The Interrobangs
July 12: Don't Tell Lisa
***July 20:** East Lyme All-Stars
July 26: Jamies Junk Show
Aug 2: DizzyFish: Best of the 70's
Aug 9: Soul Factory
Aug 16: The ToneShifter's
Aug 23: Mystic Dead
Aug 30: Time and Changes Jazz Orchestra
Sept 8: Fusion
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**Special Saturday Concert*

Celebrate East Lyme Day

July 20 3 – 9pm

MAIN STREET & McCOOK POINT PARK
East Lyme's biggest celebration. Niantic's Main Street transforms into a spectacular celebration of seaside events, food, fun, live music and fabulous activities for the family. This one-day outdoor festival will showcase all things local throughout Niantic with a Street Bazaar, Sandcastle Competition *(see below)* and will be capped by a fireworks display over Niantic Bay. Sponsored by Dominion.

EAST LYME PARKS AND RECREATION
& THE NIANTIC CHILDREN'S MUSEUM'S

Sandcastle & Sculpture Competition

JULY 20 • 9 – 11AM
May the best sandcastle or sculpture win! Participants go shovel to shovel at Hole-in-the-Wall Beach to take first place. Prizes awarded. Free to enter. Pre-registration required at niantickids.org.

CELEBRATE EAST LYME DAY

Niantic Farmers Market

THURSDAYS, JUNE 13 TO OCT 24
3 – 6PM • METHODIST STREET
Come celebrate the beauty of fresh by the bay and then stay for the day! Shop small at 14th season of the Niantic Farmers Market. The market features local vendors who fill the market space with an array of fresh and local produce, seafood, cheese, breads, plants, herbs, cupcakes coffee, fresh-filled cannolis and much, much more.
nianticfarmersmarket.com

NIANTIC LION'S 63RD ANNUAL

Niantic Outdoor Arts & Craft Show

JULY 6 – 7 • EAST LYME TOWN HALL
This free Niantic tradition features more than 160 artists and artisans plus a food court filled with New England favorites. Free parking and shuttle buses will be available at designated parking areas. Sat: 10am-5pm. Sun: 10-4pm. nianticlions.org

EAST LYME REGIONAL THEATER'S

The Wedding Singer

JULY 18 – AUG 4 • NIANTIC BAY PLAYHOUSE
Based on the hit Adam Sandler movie, *The Wedding Singer* takes us back to a time when hair was big, greed was good, collars were up and a wedding singer might just be the coolest guy in the room. Tickets, dates & times at nianticbayplayhouse.org.

ST. JOHN'S

Carnival on the Green

JULY 19 – 21 • ST. JOHN'S GREEN
Come one, come all and enjoy games, rides and treats on St. John's Green. Held in conjunction with the Celebrate East Lyme Day festivities. Sponsored by Saint John's Episcopal Church. Times TBA.

Southeastern CT Out of the Darkness Walk

SEPT 21 • 10AM
McCOOK POINT PARK & NIANTIC BOARDWALK
Walk the Niantic Bay Boardwalk and help be a voice for suicide awareness and prevention. Register a team, come out to show your support or donate at afsp.org.

NIANTIC BAY OYSTER FESTIVAL

MIRACLE LEAGUE OF SOUTHEASTERN CT'S

Niantic Bay Oyster Festival

SEPT 21 • 12 – 6PM • ST. JOHN'S GREEN
Let your stomach lead the way as you enjoy local oyster vendors, a variety of food vendors and beer from local breweries. Plus live music and a kids corner! Admission to the festival is free. 100% of the Oyster Festival proceeds will go to The Miracle League of Southeastern Connecticut.
nianticoysterfestival.com

Fall & Winter Events

NIANTIC MAIN STREET'S

Niantic Artisan & Vintage Market

OCT 5 • 10AM – 4PM • DOWNTOWN NIANTIC

Head to Niantic for a village-wide vintage market featuring local artists and artisans, handcrafted and vintage treasures. Enjoy specials in the downtown shops, food trucks and a Vintage Car Show on the Liberty Green. nianticmainstreet.org

Walk of Horror

OCT 11–13 • 7 – 9:45PM

EAST LYME COMMUNITY CENTER • 41 SOCIETY ROAD

Annual haunted trail. Admission $10. Proceeds to benefit the East Lyme Police Cadets. eastlymepolicecadets.org

Niantic Ladies Night

OCT 17 • 5 – 8PM • DOWNTOWN NIANTIC

Come out for a great night of specials, sales, food, drink and fun in downtown Niantic! nianticmainstreet.org

EAST LYME REGIONAL THEATER'S

The Miracle Worker

OCT 18 – NOV 3 • NIANTIC BAY PLAYHOUSE

Based on the remarkable true story of Helen Keller and her teacher Annie Sullivan, this inspiring and unforgettable play has moved countless readers and become an American classic. Tickets, dates & times at nianticbayplayhouse.org.

NIANTIC ARTISAN & VINTAGE MARKET

BUOYS BY THE BAY

NIANTIC MAIN STREET
& EAST LYME PUBLIC TRUST FOUNDATION'S

Buoys by the Bay

NOV 22– EARLY JAN • MAIN STREET PARK

Niantic's newest holiday display. Visit out our "little" tree farm covered with hundreds of unique buoys, decorated by community members throughout the region, local organizations and businesses. Each buoy has a story and all are amazing!
Opening night: Friday, November 22 at 5:30pm.
nianticmainstreet.org or publictrustfoundation.org

NIANTIC MAIN STREET'S

Niantic Holiday Stroll

NOV 30 • 12 – 7PM • DOWNTOWN NIANTIC

Celebrate Small Business Saturday with an evening of shopping specials, holiday activities, trolley rides, elf trail & more. Santa arrives at 5pm! nianticmainstreet.org

EAST LYME REGIONAL THEATER'S

A Christmas Carol

DEC 6 – 22 • NIANTIC BAY PLAYHOUSE

Full of magic, music & more! Join the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future as they lead the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge on a journey of transformation and redemption. Tickets, dates & times at nianticbayplayhouse.org.

BRIAN DAGLE FOUNDATION'S

Niantic Jingle 5k

DEC 14 • 10AM • McCOOK POINT PARK

A festive, fun, flat and fast 5K. Come dressed in your "Holiday Best" as you may win a prize for the Best Festive Costume! Proceeds to benefit the Brian Dagle Foundation.
brianshealinghearts.org/jinglebell5k

Niantic Light Parade

DEC 14 • 6PM • DOWNTOWN NIANTIC

Come be dazzled by the largest and longest running light parade in New England. The parade will start at the corner of Columbus Avenue and proceed down Main Street (Route 156) to Pennsylvania Avenue (Route 161), ending on Grand Street. The rain/snow date will be Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024 at 5pm. Sponsored by Dominion. eltownhall.com

NIANTIC CHILDREN'S MUSEUM'S

Countdown to Noon

NEW YEAR'S EVE, DEC 31 • 10AM-2PM
EAST LYME COMMUNITY CENTER
37 SOCIETY ROAD, NIANTIC

Join the Niantic Children's Museum and East Lyme Parks & Recreation as they ring in the New Year early with a 300+ balloon drop at noon! Tickets required. niantickids.org

NIANTIC LIGHT PARADE

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COME SPEND THE DAY BY THE BAY
NIANTICMAINSTREET.ORG

Niantic Main Street
EAST LYME CONNECTICUT

Attractions & Entertainment

Black Hawk
Cini Park, Niantic
860-448-3662
blackhawksportfishing.com
Party boat fishing at its finest. Fishing trips, sunset cruises, seal watches and more.

Book Barn
41 West Main Street, Niantic
860-739-5715

Book Barn Chapter 3
55 West Main Street, Niantic
860-739-0277

Book Barn Downtown
269 Main Street, Niantic
860-691-8078
bookbarnniantic.com
The largest used book store in Connecticut! Come in and browse 1,000s of book titles in one of their three cozy shops.

Brookside Farm Museum
33 Society Road, Niantic
860-739-0761
brooksidefarmmuseum.com
Visit this 1845 Greek Revival style farmhouse and see what it was like to live on a dairy farm in the late 19th and early 20th century.

The Miracle League of Southeastern CT
169 Boston Post Road, East Lyme
miracleleaguesect.org
Sports field designed for children with cognitive and physical challenges. Offers a variety of sports programs and special events.

Niantic Bay Boardwalk
eltownhall.com
Niantic's top attraction stretches 1.1 miles along the waters of the Niantic Bay, from Cini Park to Hole-in-the Wall Beach. Open year-round.

Niantic Bay Playhouse
279 Main Street, Niantic
860-850-5072
nianticbayplayhouse.org
A playhouse featuring the best in live entertainment. Including theater, music, comedy, cabaret and more!

Niantic Children's Museum
409 Main Street, Niantic
860-691-1111 • niantickids.org
Interactive, hands-on, educational Museum where children 9 months to 9 years can let their imaginations soar.

Pinspiration
15 Chesterfield Road, East Lyme
860-850-4138
pinspiration.com/eastlyme
DIY arts and crafts studio with a splatter room. Lots of crafts, painting and fun!

Samuel Smith Farmstead
82 Plants Dam Road, East Lyme
samuelsmithfarmstead.org
An outstanding example of a Connecticut colonial-era homestead on the National Register of Historic Places.

Tartan II
Cini Park, Niantic
860-442-6375
tartaniifishing.com
Public and private fishing trips offered daily from Memorial Day to Veterans Day.

Thomas Lee House & Museum
228 West Main Street, Niantic
eastlymehistoricalsociety.org
One of the oldest wood frame houses in Connecticut in its primitive state.

Food & Dining

374 Kitchen + Cocktails
374 Main Street, Niantic
860-850-5107
374kitchenandcocktails.com
Niantic's spot for elevated comfort food, craft cocktails + local brews.

The Black Sheep
247 Main Street, Niantic
860-739-2041
theblacksheepniantic.com
Irish bar and restaurant featuring a selection of both Irish and American cuisine served in a stylish environment.

Black Point Pizza
44 Black Point Road, Niantic
860-451-8444
blackpointpizza.com
Neighborhood eatery dine in and take out. Open all year round on Black Point Road.

Cafe SoL
448 Main Street, Niantic
860-739-2933
cafesolniantic.com
Open for breakfast and lunch everyday, serving coffee, sandwiches and salads. Outdoor patio.

Castello of Niantic
11 East Pattagansett Road, Niantic
860-451-8880
castelloofniantic.com
A local hidden gem that serves Italian dishes, seafood, thin-crust pizza, and craft cocktails & beer.

Charlie's Place
26 West Main Street, Niantic
860-739-2975
charliesplacerestaurant.com
Local family restaurant serving one of the most varied, delicious menus in the area. Known for their award-winning wings.

Constantine's on the Bay
252 Main Street, Niantic
860-850-5087
mainstreetgrilleniantic.com
Traditional & contemporary New England-style steak & seafood restaurant. Seasonal patio dining.

East Coast Taco
51 West Main Street, Niantic
860-739-8770
eastcoasttaco.com
Ma and Pa taqueria serving fresh Tex-Mex made to order. Dine-in (BYOB), take out or online ordering.

Five Churches by the Bay
215 Main Street, Niantic
860-850-2789
The coastal cousin of Five Churches Brewing, a bayside restaurant & taproom featuring brick oven pizza, casual dining and seasonal outdoor seating.

Flanders Donut & Bake Shop
327 Flanders Road, East Lyme
860-739-6320
flandersbakery.com
Over 50 years as a family tradition! Award-winning bakery serving donuts, bagels, pastries, breakfast sandwiches, coffee and more!

Flanders Fish Market
22 Chesterfield Rd, East Lyme
860-739-8866
flandersfish.com
CTs premier fresh fish + seafood marketplace, restaurant, bar + caterer keeping it fresh and family owned since 1983!

GG at Home
185 Main Street, Niantic
860-850-4049
ggathome.com
Waterfront dining in a hip, relaxed atmosphere. A full service cafe and eatery – complete with a made-to-order menu of food, beverages, and cocktails.

Giuliano's Bake Shop
284 Main Street, Niantic
860-739-5495
Hometown bakery serving bagels, muffins, pastries, MEGA Egg Sandwich and award-winning grinders.

Gumdrops & Lollipops
334 Main Street, Niantic
860-739-7800
gumdropsnlollipops.net
The sweetest shoppe in town! We make our own fudge, ice cream creamery, confections, candy and coastal decor. Located by Hole in the Wall.

La Belle Aurore
75 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic
860-739-6767
labelleaurorect.com
Cozy restaurant serving locally cultivated ingredients, beer, wine and n/a cocktails.

La Llorona Progressive Mexican Cuisine
13 Hope Street, Niantic
860-850-4291 • lalloronact.com
Come and capture a memory with our little piece of Mexico right here in Niantic.

Niantic Public House & Brewery
243 Main Street, Niantic
860-451-8205
nianticpublichouse.com
Come have a drink and hang out in the taproom where there are always 22 beers and two ciders on tap.

Scotts Meats & Deli
299 Flanders Road, East Lyme
860-739-9999
facebook.com/scottsmeatsanddeli
Butcher shop, deli, grinders and prepared goods.

Sift Bake Shop
185 Main Street, Niantic
860-980-8006
siftbakeshopmystic.com
An award-winning family-owned, French focused bakery, also offering a full barista.

The Spice Club
239 Main Street, Niantic
860-451-8121
thespiceclubct.com
Located on the Niantic waterfront of Main Street, serving Thai and sushi cuisine.

Village Cafe
190 Flanders Road, Niantic
860-739-3000
Cozy family breakfast and lunch spot with delicious homemade foods, pastries, coffees and more!

Vincitori Apizza
294 Main Street, Niantic
860-739-3136
vincitoriapizza.com
The best pizza on the shoreline! Sourdough pizza made from scratch served with regionally-crafted brews, curated wines, and fresh-squeezed lemonade.

Zavala Mexican Bistro
135 Boston Post Rd., East Lyme
860-691-1200
zavalamexicanbistro.com
Family-owned, authentic Mexican cuisine in the heart of East Lyme. Best Happy Hour!

For more dining experiences, visit nianticmainstreet.org.

Health & Relaxation

Grota Solna Salt Cave
14 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic
860-389-8476
grotasolnasaltcave.com
Relax, breathe easy, in our world-class Himalayan Salt Cave!

Grounded Therapy & Coaching
314 Flanders Road, East Lyme
860-629-0029
groundedtherapist.com
Helping women break through cycles of anxiety, shame, perfectionism & fear of failure.

Niantic Yoga Studio
413 Main Street, Niantic
860-514-4093
nianticyoga.com
Yoga, meditation, and blissful events to help you calm your mind and lighten your heart.

Stels Beauty Wellness & Med Spa
22 Pennsylvania Avenue
860-451-8098
stels-beauty.com
One-stop shop med spa and wellness center for both men and women.

Lodging

Inn at Harbor Hill Marina
60 Grand Street, Niantic
860-739-0331
innharborhill.com
Award-winning, 16-room boutique inn offering upgraded amenities for your coastal getaway.

The Niantic Inn
345 Main Street, Niantic
860-739-5451
thenianticinn.com
Located in the heart of Niantic and its famous Boardwalk. Offers suites with kitchenettes, family suites and beach passes.

Niantic KOA
271 West Main Street, Niantic
800-562-5893
koa.com/campgrounds/niantic
KOA Journey campgrounds are the perfect oases after a day on the road.

Shopping

Anna Pearl's Curiosities
281 Main Street, Niantic
860-912-9635
annapcuriosities.etsy.com
An antique and vintage boutique specializing in jewelry, clothing, decor and accessories.

Azalea
185 Main Street, Niantic
860-460-5838
azaleahomect.com
Boutique that carefully curates high-quality, timeless home decor and gifts.

Boats Inc.
133 Main Street, Niantic
860-739-6251
boatsinc.com
Established in 1959, Boats Incorporated is an award-winning boat dealership & marina.

Book Barn
(See Attractions)

Coastal Gifts on Main
266 Main Street, Niantic
860-451-8566
coastalcrabco.com
Your one-stop gift shop for comfortable apparel and coastal gifts. Official home of the lifestyle brand Coastal Crab Co.

Grace
46 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic
860-739-4333
shopatgrace.com
Celebrate your individual style at our modern boutique offering apparel, gifts, accessories, jewelry and more.

Gumdrops & Lollipops
(see Food & Dining)

J&B Tackle Co.
25 Smith Avenue, Niantic
860-739-7419
jbtackle.com
Your local bait and tackle shop with all the fishing equipment you need for saltwater fishing.

Mermaid Liquors
159 Main Street, Niantic
860-739-2300
Grow some fins and come on in for a wide selection of beer, wine and spirits.

Past to Present Auctions
27 Hope Street, Niantic
860-941-5278
pasttopresentct.com
Consignments are welcomed whether you have single items or an entire estate.

Past to Present Antiques
260 Main Street, Niantic
860-449-3312
pasttopresentct.com
A unique vintage and antique shop featuring curated goods including antiques, vintage, garden, records, tools, houseware, decor and more.

For more shopping experiences, visit nianticmainstreet.org.

Smith's Acres
4 West Main Street, Niantic
860-691-0528
smithsacres.com
Family-owned garden center and farm stand.

Tumbleweeds Music & Boutique Shop
325 Main Street, Niantic
860-739-9018
tumbleweedsct.com
Family-owned and operated record shop and boho boutique. The funkiest shop in town.

Village Wines & Spirits
245 Main Street, Niantic
860-739-8870
villagewinesandspiritsniantic.com
We proudly sell craft beer, fine wines, and spirits.

Wild Birds Unlimited
190 Flanders Road, Niantic
860-739-7302
wbu.com/niantic
We offer a variety of bird foods, feeders, houses, baths, nature products and more.

Services

A-1 Auto Center
208 Flanders Road, Niantic
860-691-3090
a1autollc.com
A family-owned community-oriented auto repair shop, in business for 20 years.

Chelsea Groton Bank
21 Pennsylvania Ave. Niantic • 860-448-4282
chelseagroton.com
A full-service mutually owned bank ready to help individuals and businesses achieve their goals.

Dime Bank
18 Chesterfield Rd, East Lyme • 860-859-4300
dime-bank.com
The banking experts at Dime Bank in East Lyme, CT can help you open new checking accounts, savings accounts, mortgages and more.

Maho Apparel
11 Freedom Way, Niantic
860-451-9025
mahoapparel.com
Your one stop shop for all custom apparel and promotional product needs.

William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty
24 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic • 860-739-4440
williampitt.com
Nothing compares to the expertise and marketing exposure we can offer. We help you sell your home at a scale you won't find anywhere else.