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City of Dunkirk Hosts Spring/Summer 2023 Events

DUNKIRK, NY: The City of Dunkirk is excited to welcome the upcoming season within its waterfront community along beautiful Lake Erie offering several family-friendly events and music festivals scheduled for the upcoming months.

Mayor Wilfred Rosas and the City of Dunkirk offers a special thanks and recognition to the 2023 Platinum Level Sponsors - DFT Communications and Chautauqua Nursing & Rehabilitation Center (CNRC). National Grid is the overall stage sponsor while Advanced Production Group (APG) is the production/stage provider.

The Annual Memorial Day Parade will take place Monday, May 29 at 11 a.m. on Central Avenue after a 10 a.m. memorial service held by Dunkirk Joint Veterans Council at Memorial Park. The parade is sponsored by DFT Communications, CNRC and Hometown Insurance.

The Dunkirk Flea Market, organized by Brian Meyer, will be held Saturdays, May 6 through September 2 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Route 5 and Washington Avenue parking lot. To become a vendor, please call Meyer at 716-680-0958.

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Chautauqua County Great Strides will host a community walk on Saturday, June 3, at Point Gratiot Park with a 10 a.m. check-in and 11 a.m. walk start.

The Dunkirk Farmer's Market, sponsored by Refresco, starts June 14 and will continue every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. through October 11 at the Dunkirk Senior Center.

The popular Music on the Pier Summer Concert Series presented by DFT Communications and CNRC returns for 12 weeks on Thursday evenings from June 8 through August 24. New musical acts, Arthur R Gren/Southern Tier Brewery beers, Merrit Winery wine slushies and other concession vendors will be on the Dunkirk Pier and/or Memorial Park. The following is a lineup of opening bands (5:25 p.m.) and headliner bands (6:45 p.m.) with August 31 and September 7 marked as rain dates:

June 8 - Max Muscato/In Crowd (Rhythm & Blues Night at pier sponsored by ImmunityBio)

June 15 - Uptown Fever/Aftermath: Experience the Sixties (60's/Motown Night at park sponsored by Lawley Insurance & Brooks - TLC Hospital System, Inc.)

June 22 - Ultraviolet/Nineties by Nature (90's Night at pier sponsored by Nestle Purina)

June 29 - The Geek Army/M80's (80's MTV Tribute Night at pier sponsored by KeyBank)

July 6 - OsbornNash/Sean Patrick McGraw (Country Night at park sponsored by Agricultural Transportation)

July 13 - Leroy Townes Band/Uncle Ben's Remedy (Americana Night at pier sponsored by Farrell Roofing)

July 20 - Midnight Smoke/Appetite For Voltage – GN'R & AC/DC Tribute (Hard Rock Night at pier sponsored by Refresco Beverages)

July 27 - Ion Sky/Moving in Stereo – A Tribute to the Cars (New Wave Night at pier sponsored by Graf Realty)

August 3 - The Freeze/Freedom Road – John Cougar Mellencamp Tribute (Classic Rock Night at pier sponsored by Lake Shore Savings Bank)

August 10 - Smilo and the Ghost/The Probables (Roots Rock Night at pier sponsored by Owl Homes of Fredonia)

August 17 - Gypsy Queen/Yellow Brick Road – Elton John Tribute (70's Night at park sponsored by DFT Communications & CNRC)

August 24 - 1980 Something/E5C4P3 – The Journey Tribute (80's Night at park sponsored by Chautauqua Opportunities – Fatherhood Program and Chautauqua Leadership Network)

The Fired Up For Summer Kickoff event (June 8-10) sponsored by DFT Communications, CNRC and National Grid is Dunkirk's first big event of Summer 2023 starting with Thursday's Music on the Pier. The no-cost event will also feature the Dunkirk Firefighter Hose Races Friday night, June 9, at 6 p.m. by the Dunkirk Boardwalk presented by the Dunkirk Professional Firefighters Local 616. DJ Joe Gould will provide the tunes while an inflatable hydrant sprinkler will be set up for the kids to enjoy. The awards ceremony will follow on the pier stage with The New Direction Band playing polka music at 7:45 p.m. On Saturday, June 10, the 2XL Showdown on the Pier Amateur Boxing event will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. The 27th Annual Juneteenth Celebration is scheduled for June 17 (12 noon – 8 p.m.) and June 18 (12 noon – 6 p.m.) at Memorial Park featuring music, food, African dancing, poetry slam, cornhole tournament, kid's tent and gospel.

Movies in the Park presented by El Rigby Theater will be shown Saturdays at dusk as follows:

July 1 - "Space Jam" at the Central Avenue lot across from City Hall

August 19 – "The Mummy" at Wright Park Stadium

The two-day Fourth of July Celebration (July 3-4) with food/refreshment vendors kicks off with the 9th Annual Marauder Trotter 5k Run/Walk on Saturday 9 a.m. at Wright Park with a Christmas in July theme.

The SummerJam on the Ave Youth 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament will also take place Saturday starting at 9 a.m. on Central Avenue in front of City Hall for 4th through 12th grades. For more information, contact Ryan Hall or Evon Hernandez at 716-366-9886.

On July 3, music will be provided by The Living Room Band (5 p.m.) followed by Midnight Recovery at 7:15 p.m. in Memorial Park. The Fourth of July music lineup includes Zen City (3 p.m.), Furious George (5:15 p.m.) and The Rising (7:30 p.m.) concluding with Starfire Corporations fireworks - the largest fireworks display in Chautauqua County. A special thanks to the community and business donors who helped defray the cost of the annual fireworks show.

The Music at the Point Sunset Concert Series sponsored by STEL will perform on the following Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Point Gratiot Park: July 5 - Jess and the Mess, July 12 - Gerk'n Jerks, July 19 - 2 Towns, July 26 - Astro Galaxy Sound, August 2 - Furious George, August 9 - The Trend (STEL VIP Night), August 16 - Ion Sky and August 23 - Refuge.

Washington Park will be the new location for the summer vendor market called Fair in the Square taking place on Saturday, July 15 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Craft and gift vendors, food trucks, inflatables and kids' activities will be offered. Footsteps (11 a.m. - 1 p.m.) and Party McFly (1 - 4 p.m.) will provide tunes for the day. The event is sponsored by DFT Communications and CNRC.

On August 5 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. in Washington Park, Highmark BlueCross BlueShield of Western New York will host the Community Day in Dunkirk for all community members.

The Beach Bash, sponsored by National Grid, DFT Communications, CNRC and Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union on August 19 (9 a.m. – 9 p.m.) at Wright Park features slo-pitch softball, volleyball and pickleball tournaments, food vendors, Eric Jones sand sculpturer, Marty's Bubblegum Machine children's entertainment, dunk tank, inflatables provided by Party With Us and other family activities. Band performances will be the Kokomo Time Band (2 - 3:45 p.m.), Pedro and the Smooth Cats (4 - 6 p.m.) and headliner KISS This! (6:15-9:15 p.m.) with "The Mummy" outdoor movie at dusk at the Wright Park Stadium.

On August 28, the City of Dunkirk, DFT Communications, CNRC, Dunkirk Public Schools and United Way of Northern Chautauqua County will put on a complimentary Back to School Bash at Point Gratiot Park from 4 to 7 p.m. for Dunkirk City School students and their families. Giulia Sowrey of Star Sirch will provide children's entertainment while a bounce house provided by Party With Us, school supplies, giveaways, food and refreshments will be available at no cost.

The 3rd Annual Dunkirk Latino Lakefront Festival is slated for September 1 from 12 noon to 10:30 p.m. at the 64 Lakeshore Drive East lot. The event will feature Latin music and Hispanic food, culture and more.

Here's to another great summer in Dunkirk, New York! For more information about Dunkirk's summer schedule of events or local attractions, please visit www.cityofdunkirk.com, Facebook at Dunkirk Festivals & Special Events or call Ryan Hall (716) 366-9886 or Scott Mekus (716) 366-9848.

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