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Celebrate Independence Day, NY State for Your Community Get Great Locally Made Products, Help Meals on Wheels

All Day Event features 14 Bands, up to 100 Vendors of New York Products & 9/11 Memorial Proceeds to Benefit Urban Mission's Meals on Wheels, Delivering Food to Your Neighbors In Need

SACKETS HARBOR (June 23, 2015) – In just two weeks, the North Country will celebrate the Fourth of July in Sackets Harbor by bringing hundreds of great New York State products from locally based businesses together with 14 great bands and a massive 9/11 memorial to demonstrate love of country, state and community. And with all that, you'll be in a great spot to view the village fireworks afterward.

“This is our fifth year and the Made In New York festival has become an Independence Day weekend tradition. With the fourth landing on Saturday this year, not only will you get great music and great New York products, you'll be in a perfect spot to avoid traffic jams and enjoy the village fireworks,” said Mike Campbell, event organizer.

“It's going to be a great day and to make it even better, we're proud to announce that we have added an extra special exhibit to show our patriotism by remembering those who gave their lives on September 11th. We hope you will join the thousands who come every year to celebrate America, support New York's homegrown businesses, and give back to a program that brings food to people in need.”

The all day event on **Saturday, July 4 at the Madison Barracks Lakefront Grounds** is just \$15 at the gate, but **pre-sale tickets are now available for just \$10**. Children under 18 years of age are free with a parent or guardian. Get your tickets at Kinney Drugs and most Nice-N-Easy locations.

“Once again this event brings great entertainment to Sackets Harbor to showcase the best food, drink and crafts made in New York,” said Erika Flint, Watertown Urban Mission executive director. “These tickets are a great entertainment value and your money goes to support Meals on Wheels, a program of the Watertown Urban Mission. Bring the whole family. It's sure to be a great time.”

Advance ticket sales are on the rise at each of the locations. On the day of the event, Clarence Henry Coach will be running a free shuttle bus service from the Ramada Inn, Holiday Inn Express and the Fairfield Inn in Watertown to the festival grounds in Sackets Harbor and back on the half-hour throughout the festival. This gives people a safe way to save on gas, and get to and from the event at no charge.

As an official Taste of New York event sponsored by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, this event brings out the best of New York State agricultural, farm and home-based businesses, from wine and spirits, to cheese and pepper jellies. As you shop, be sure to enjoy the great music from across New York State with a special guest, Red Roots, from Tennessee.

In addition, the event will feature the “9/11 NEVER FORGET” exhibit from the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, a 53-foot tractor trailer that becomes a 1,000 square foot exhibit as a tribute to those whose lives were sacrificed on September 11, 2001. The mobile exhibit is a tool to educate America’s youth about the historic events of that day. Welcomed around the country, the memorial provides interactive education; including artifacts such as steel beams from the towers, documentary videos, recordings of first responder radio transmissions and live tours by FDNY firefighters. Entrance into the exhibit is always free of charge.

“We are so thankful for the work done by Mike, our sponsors, the community, and all who are volunteering to do everything they can to make this event a success,” said Donna White, program director for Meals on Wheels. “This festival has done so much for Meals on Wheels and this year is shaping up to be another amazing event. We love to see the community come together to support Meals on Wheels, celebrate New York business, and honor our country.”

The Meals on Wheels program helps seniors and shut ins who need meals delivered to help ensure proper nutrition. The local program depends on community donations and volunteer support to ensure low cost preparation and delivery of more than 3,000 nutritious and delicious meals each month. It is one of seven programs at the Watertown Urban Mission to help individuals and families in need with food, drink, clothing, household goods, housing, prescription costs, medical transportation costs, overcoming addiction and more. In 2014, the Mission helped neighbors in need from throughout Jefferson County more than 35,000 times.

Musical Lineup:

Mind The Gap 11:00

FFOG 11:45

Dirt Road Ruckus 12:30

Tommy Gunn 1:15

Wagner’s Agenda 2:00

Custom Taylor Band 2:45

Waydown Wailers 3:30

Teagan and The Tweeds 4:15

Golden Novak 5:00

Annie in the Water 5:45

SIRSY 6:30

Red Roots 7:15

Wild Adriatic 8:00

Under the Gun 8:45

Throughout the day about 100 vendors will be set up on the grounds. Immediately following our festival at about 10:00 p.m. the Village of Sackets Harbor fireworks show will begin. The festival grounds will be a great place watch the show.