

News Release

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Montauk Playhouse Celebrates First Anniversary with Thriving Cultural and Aquatic Centers

(MONTAUK, NY, August 14, 2026) — Marking one year since last summer's ribbon cutting ceremony, the Montauk Playhouse Community Center Foundation is pleased to report that the Cultural and Aquatic Centers are thriving, with an expanding roster of cultural and recreational programming for all ages.

CULTURAL CENTER

The second-floor Cultural Center launched its summer season with two sold out musical performances; a cello performance by Ani Kalayjian in the atrium, presented by Music for Montauk; and a performance by the Conrad Herwig Quintet in the main hall, presented by the Hamptons Jazz Festival.

Upcoming events at the Cultural Center include:

- Aug. 22, 7:30PM: [A Special Evening with Nancy Atlas & Inda Eaton](#)
- Aug. 27, 5PM: [Montauk Supreme Table Tennis Tournament](#)
- Sept. 19, 8 AM – 6PM: [Speedcubing at the Playhouse](#) (Rubik's Cube /mechanical puzzle competition)
- Oct. 10 (Fall Festival Weekend): [Long Island Comedy Festival](#)'s First Annual Montauk Comedy Festival (details TBA)

The Cultural Center also recently hosted businesses and organizations in its multi-use spaces, which include the main hall, meeting rooms, upper gallery/lobby, and lower lobby atrium, all designed to accommodate a variety of events and needs. Caitlin Martarello, the Cultural Center's new Director, and Ellen Dioguardi, the new Associate Director, both came on board in May, to lead the launch, growth, and daily operations of the new Cultural Center, and to oversee programming, operations, and strategic development. In addition to planning a lively schedule of cultural programming, they have been fielding a wide variety of inquiries from individuals and groups seeking to book the new venue's spaces for events ranging from wedding rehearsals to business conferences, to many types of cultural offerings.

AQUATIC CENTER

Operated by Imagine Swimming and overseen by its co-founder Lars Merseburg (former German national team member and NCAA National Champion), the busy state-of-the-art Aquatic Center with its 25-yard lap pool and warm-water teaching/ leisure pool offers a wide range of programming for all ages and skill levels that includes lap swimming, swim lessons, aqua fitness, family swim, and a masters/technique class for advanced swimmers—that has even been guest-coached by Merseburg's friend, three-time Olympic Gold Medalist Anthony Ervin! In addition to hosting groups that include the Montauk and Amagansett schools, Project Most, and Pathfinder Camp, the Aquatic Center stepped in and hosted East Hampton's Bonackers boys swim team and East Hampton YMCA's Hurricanes, when their pool experienced operational issues last winter.

[More information | Imagine Swimming, Montauk](#)

The community is encouraged to visit montaukplayhouse.org, follow the Montauk Playhouse on social media, and subscribe to the Playhouse Foundations email list to stay updated on events.

As the event schedule continues to expand and flourish, the Montauk Playhouse Community Center Foundation's fundraising efforts will also continue, with an updated focus on programming as well as sustaining the new Cultural Center, to help furnish the flexible event space, fund equipment, and to underwrite classes, performances, and gatherings.

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The Montauk Playhouse is a community center in a restored historic landmark, providing wellness, educational, and cultural arts programs that connect people, support well-being, and strengthen community life. MPCCF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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