Huntington Lighthouse Celebrates 100th Anniversary 🖶

June 16 marks the 100th anniversary of the Huntington Harbor Lighthouse in Huntington, NY, and the occasion will be celebrated with festivities that will highlight the rich history of this unique Beaux Arts structure and raise awareness about the restoration work needed to preserve its future.

A nonprofit organization called the Huntington Lighthouse Preservation Society (HLPS), under the guidance of president Pamela Setchell, has raised funds for the light's restoration, largely from donations and the help of volunteers. A significant amount of additional work is necessary to repair the lighthouse base and surrounding granite boulders, known as riprap, that have been damaged by erosion, storms, ice in the winter and heavy boat traffic. Another 650 tons of riprap is needed to keep the force of waves from wearing away the basic structure, at an estimated cost of $300,000. The HLPS was recently awarded a $250,000 grant by New York State, but must raise matching funds in order to receive the full amount.

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The first ever Huntington Lighthouse Restaurant Week is June 9 - 16, during which participating restaurants will donate a portion of their proceeds to the HLPS. A pub crawl, featuring different versions of a "Riprap Cocktail" in honor of the lighthouse is also planned that week. There will be a lighthouse birthday beach party on Saturday, June 16 at Gold Star Beach, and the community is invited to enjoy refreshments and a cake cutting ceremony, and to participate in a Lighthouse Cake contest. The day will culminate in a benefit at the lighthouse, with cocktails and music.

The 6th annual Huntington Lighthouse Music Fest, the only concert in the world held on top of a working lighthouse in the middle of the water, is Saturday, September 1. This free, all-day celebration features live performances from bands on the roof of the lighthouse and evening fireworks. For more information, visit huntingtonlighthouse.org and lighthousemusicfest.com.

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