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### **Fairfield Museum And History Center Hosts A Grand Opening Celebration!**

FAIRFIELD, CT (August 30) Come one come all to the Fairfield Museum and History Center grand opening celebration. On Sunday, September 16 Fairfield's town green will come alive with a free community event that is sure to be fun for the whole family.

The green will be transformed into a colonial marketplace and fair, filled with eighteenth-century traditional craftsmen and demonstrators, and visitors can sample kettle corn and homemade cookies, play colonial games, make cornhusk dolls, learn how to spin thread, and tour the Old Academy and the newly renovated Sun Tavern. Beginning at 10am, period re-enactors will be in their camps, available to answer questions and perform military drills. Musical performances will take place throughout the day, including a performance at 3pm by Bossy Frog, a popular children's entertainer.

Festivities begin at 12 noon with a parade marching along Beach Road from Fairfield Beach Club towards the museum, located at 370 Beach Road. Bring your chairs and watch the parade of drum and fife corps, bagpipes, period re-enactors, colorguard, classic cars and more. After the parade, come to the ribbon cutting ceremony at the museum's entrance and then watch a thrilling re-enactment of Loyalists battling Patriot forces.

"This will be one of the most remarkable events this season. It is our hope that the community will enjoy this free event," said Fairfield Museum and History Center Executive Director, Michael Jehle.

All events are free as part of the official grand opening of the museum, which is also free for the day. Come explore the new 13,000 square-foot facility and view the museum's opening exhibit, *Landscape of Change*, filled with treasures dating back to the 1700s; relax in the library reading room; visit the educational classroom where hands-on school programs, engaging adult workshops and university programming will be held; stop in the new Fairfield Museum Shop, and take a seat in the 80-seat theater where programs, performances and community gatherings will be offered regularly. Come interact with all the museum has to offer – it is your treasure to explore and enjoy!

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