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## **Local Cuisine a Top Feature of 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lake Hopatcong Block Party**

*More than a dozen local eateries to be featured at lake celebration*

LAKE HOPATCONG, N.J. (April 30, 2015)—From hot dogs to dumplings, coffee to cupcakes, pizza to gumbo—and everything in between—those who attend the second-annual **Lake Hopatcong Block Party** will have no shortage of food options from local restaurants and eateries.

“It should be a wonderful day to showcase all aspects of life on and around New Jersey’s largest lake,” said Lake Hopatcong Foundation president Jessica K. Murphy. “And the heart of the local business community includes a vibrant dining scene, which will be on display during the Block Party. Visitors might even discover their new favorite local restaurant at this event!”

The Lake Hopatcong Block Party is about celebrating New Jersey’s largest lake and the community that surrounds it. To be held from **10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 9 at Hopatcong State Park**, it will bring together a variety of businesses and organizations from around the lake, along with thousands of visitors. It will be open to all, with a \$6 donation requested from those who park at Hopatcong State Park to help cover the cost of the event, put on by the Lake Hopatcong Foundation, a nonprofit organization that focuses on supporting and improving the lake community and environment. There is also free, nearby off-site parking with free regular shuttles available, provided by the four towns that surround Lake Hopatcong.

With business vendors, local organizations, games and a train ride for kids, model airplanes, boat rides, local bands, and more, there will be plenty to see and do at this event in addition to the food. But with more than a dozen local eateries showing off their culinary specials, it should serve as a sort of “Taste of Lake Hopatcong” as well. Participating food vendors include Andy’s Roadside Dive, Bagels on the Hill, Charley’s Tavern, Dunkin Donuts, Mardis Gras Food Truck, Jefferson Dairy, Little Nicky’s Restaurant, Mo Pweeze Bakery, Patrick’s Pub, Pavinci Italian Grill, Sal’s Pizza, Texas Smoke Barbecue, Twist on Thai, and Uncle Louie G’s Italian Ice. In addition, the Roxbury First Aid Squad will be selling funnel cake and cotton candy. Food vendors will be selling their meals, drinks, and treats from a variety of locations around the park, so visitors will always be just a few steps from a tasty bite.

The Lake Hopatcong Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission of “improving Lake Hopatcong for all, now and in the years to come.” The Lake Hopatcong Block Party is part of the group’s effort to bring together the four towns and two counties that surround Lake Hopatcong and celebrate as a united community. To learn more, visit [www.lakehopatcongfoundation.org](http://www.lakehopatcongfoundation.org).

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