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This month we celebrate the nation's legacy, the Fourth of July weekend, in America's favorite summer location, the Hamptons. As Covid-19 restrictions are slowly being eased, local businesses are reopening under new guidelines requiring owners to adhere to social distancing regulations and to operate under limited capacity. Many of these establishments, especially the celebrated eateries in the quaint villages on the East End, need our understanding as they develop creative and safe ways to handle these challenges. The pandemic has caused substantial financial loss to small business owners and the community's support is needed now more than ever during this historic holiday.

I can't think of a more spectacular getaway destination than the Hamptons to spend Independence Day. This patriotic holiday is spent by many residents in the privacy of their exclusive country homes or rental properties enjoying the company of family and friends. What better way to relish the pleasures of the picturesque landscape on the East End than with traditional backyard barbecues, picnics, family reunions, and leisure activities? Since the Fourth of July is celebrated over an extended period of two full weeks in the Hamptons, there is plenty of time to enjoy the festivities.

Be sure to celebrate this summer kick off week by soaking up the sun on one of the breathtaking Atlantic Ocean beaches covering almost 50 miles from Westhampton to Montauk. Or visit one of the charming villages where you can enjoy outdoor seating at trendy farm-to-table restaurants, each having its own unique personality. Although this holiday celebration may not include our traditional patriotic events, parades, large gatherings and sporting activities, it is still a time to celebrate our nation's independence and be grateful that we call this amazing country, the United States, our home.

Warm Wishes,

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