

The image shows the front page of the Metro newspaper from September 15, 2016. The top half of the page is a large advertisement for Oktoberfest NYC. The word "metro" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font on a green background. To the right of "metro" is a small thumbnail image of the newspaper's masthead and a photo of a crowd. Below "metro" is a circular graphic containing the text "things to do". The main headline in the center of the ad reads "Oktoberfests". Below the headline is a sub-headline: "As per the German custom, it's time to celebrate beer again. Oktoberfest begins Saturday, Sept. 17, with 10 days of Bavarian cookouts, giant steins and parties all over town. We've got your best bets for Munich-style good times." To the left of the main headline is a box titled "Oktoberfest at Watermark Bar" which describes the festival at Pier 15. To the right of the main headline is a large photograph showing people eating at tables outdoors under umbrellas. At the bottom of the ad, the text "WHERE TO EAT, DRINK & PLAY" is visible. The rest of the newspaper page below the ad contains other news stories and columns.

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Oktoberfest at Watermark Bar

From noon to midnight on all three weekends of the festival, Pier 15 (78 South St.) transforms into an authentic waterfront Oktoberfest, kicking off Sept. 17 with a traditional keg-tapping ritual. The Hudson River pier will be decked out in Oktoberfest finery, with live music, stein-holding contests and games like giant beer pong and cornhole. Everything on Watermark Bar's menu will be \$8 during the event, with 1-liter steins of Hofbräu, Weihenstephan and Radeberger going for \$1.5 (or spring for a two-hour unlimited tasting with food for \$60). Oh, and the event is totally free to enter, but you have to RSVP through Eventbrite.

Begins with a 1-liter keg-tapping party Sept. 16 at 6 p.m. before the officially licensed St. Peter's American Oktoberfest Beer Fest, free for everyone, followed by a Daylong free block party with 20 restaurants setting up stalls serving traditional fare, hot dogs, German-style potato, sausages, pig and more (\$6-\$10). Book now at [eventbrite.com](#).

Loreley Restaurant & Biergarten

It's called Oktoberfest, isn't it, and that means it should last all of October? And it will at Loreley (17 Washington St.), where the party continues right through Halloween night, and admission is always free. The Saturday night launch party batches jusquito (\$10), open from 6 p.m. to 4 a.m., with free Hofbräu Oktoberfest, and a pig roast later (free). Eat in or have various specials and rotating ones throughout the month, and if you're into the beer, don't miss "Bavarian Hopf" (\$8.5, 12 oz., 80+ IBUs) or head solo or share in this casked and heated Radeberger Oktober Beer Garden.

Munich on the East River

If you're not under a giant tent dripping with decorations and rows of long picnic tables, and there's no talking over the钢管 band (and, sometimes, celebrity pianist), then it's not really Oktoberfest. So when organizing staff (or head honchos of council from Bavaria's Karen Zum Schneider) will greet you with a smile to 800 with their Oktoberfest tent at Astoria Park, featuring Almabruhaus (1st at 30th Ave) (12-20 P.M. Sat-Sun). Maybe take a break in the sunroom ("Bier outside first, then come in for traditional eats including pork knuckle, sauerkraut, sausages, vegetarians, they've got food for you, too) and decorated-pewter bread. 998-23-25-29, 900-512-125-625, [nyc.metronewspaper.com](#)

German-American Steuben Parade

A proudly unapologetic tradition than actual Germans are Oktoberfest, though it's more about rocking cultural heritage than contests of who can chug their beer the fastest (just try that). Unterhausen and -schaffhausen revelers from the U.S., Germany, Austria and Switzerland will take over 177th Avenue (area 60th to 86th streets) Sept. 17 beginning at 1 p.m. for a three-hour parade of historic floats, marching bands, dancing and more. Also, tickets for the beer garden in Central Park are sold out, so you'll have to mark your calendar for next year — tickets go on sale mid-July and are snapped up almost immediately.

things to do

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