

Merrimack Valley Happenings...

News of current economic developments and cultural events
from the Merrimack Valley Economic Development Council.

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BUSINESS AND ECONOMY NEWS

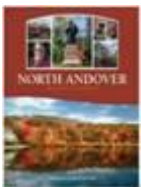


There are a growing number of signs that the Massachusetts economy is on the road to recovery:

- ❖ Employment in the state grew by nearly 5,000 jobs in May; *Boston Globe*: [Good news peeking through - Bay State gains jobs for first time in a year](#)
- ❖ Consumer confidence in Massachusetts jumped sharply in April, according to a quarterly survey by *Mass Insight*; [press release](#);
- ❖ Business confidence has risen in each of the past three months, according to *Associated Industries of Massachusetts*; [press release](#).



Two chief executives at Merrimack Valley hospitals were elected to the board of directors of the [Massachusetts Hospital Association](#). Lowell General Hospital President and CEO **Normand E. Deschene** was elected Treasurer, and Anna Jaques Hospital president and CEO **Delia O'Connor** was elected Trustee-at-large.



Downtown North Andover is undergoing a transformation, starting with a \$7 million renovation of the former Messina's Shopping Centre into the First and Main Marketplace; *The Eagle-Tribune*: [Messina's debuts new name, new look](#); *North Andover Citizen*: [North Andover's downtown shopping center unveils new name](#)



Amesbury-based [The Provident Bank](#) ended fiscal year 2008 with total assets exceeding \$460 million, an 18% increase over 2007. Deposits increased by 16% and loans increased by 14%.



WOMEN WORKING WONDERS FUND

The [Women Working Wonders Fund](#) is offering a \$5,000 grant for a Greater Lowell program that assists women in transition, provides leadership development for women and girls, or contributes to the beautification of the environment; [application](#) deadline June 30

HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS



[Middlesex Community College news and events:](#)

- ❖ [Summer Camps](#) : Aviation and Simulation, Digital Photography, Forensics and Advanced Forensics, Film Production, Behind the Scenes at a Recording Studio, Fashion Design, Cartooning, Physics of NASCAR, Exercise Physiology, Broadcasting; info/register: 800-818-3434.
- ❖ MCC's [English Learner Institute \(ELI\)](#) offers a variety of noncredit courses focusing on developing basic English and other skills essential to American culture.
- ❖ [Criminal Justice Associate Degree – now available online.](#)
- ❖ [Energy Utility Technology - certificate program](#)
- ❖ [Business and Industry Programs](#)
- ❖ [Online Career Training Certificates - Virtual Information Session.](#)
- ❖ [MILES, the Middlesex Institute for Lifelong Education for Seniors](#)



[NECC news & events:](#)

- ❖ NECC will offer two children's summer camps - **College for Kids** and **Arts Alive-** at the Haverhill campus; College for Kids offers a junior division for 9-11 year-olds and a senior division for 12-14 year-olds, with more than 30 subjects, including animation, babysitting, clay creations, CSI, fashion design, junk box creations, paper/book making, puppetry, scrapbooking, Shakespeare, T-shirt design and technology and engineering. Arts Alive, for 6-8 year-olds, offers theater, art, music, science, poetry, dance, and storytelling. All camps will run in four, one-week sessions, starting July 6; \$180 per camper, non-refundable \$35 fee.
- ❖ NECC offers day, evening, weekend, and online classes and certificate and associate degree programs in a wide variety of fields including health, criminal justice, computer technology, engineering, deaf studies, business, early childhood and elementary education, graphic design, and human services.
- ❖ [Workforce Development Services](#) offers customized training and consulting services
- ❖ [Click here for online and hybrid courses offered at NECC.](#)



UMASS Lowell

[Click here for UMass Lowell news & events](#)

- ❖ WUML 91.5 FM: community radio programming - [The Long View](#)
- ❖ The [Merrimack Valley Housing Report](#) offers an objective and timely source of information on the state of housing in the region and how it affects our economic and social vitality.



[Cambridge College Lawrence Regional Center news and events:](#)

- ❖ [Cambridge College](#) has named **Christopher Sawyer** as the new director of the [Lawrence Regional Center](#). Sawyer served previously as director of the college's Chesapeake Regional Center in Virginia.
- ❖ Cambridge College will design a program to fit the needs of a particular employer, with specific training packages or workshops. Info: 978-738-0502 x 14
- ❖ Cambridge College offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in business, human services, psychology and education; info sessions Tues, Thurs, 6:00 p.m., Sat, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Island Street, Lawrence.



[Enterprise Center at Salem State College news and events](#)

The Enterprise Center has started a [blog](#), focused on "surviving the recession."

- ❖ [Free workshops](#) co-sponsored by the Small Business Development Center (registration required).



[Merrimack College news & events](#)

- ❖ *The Eagle-Tribune*: [Merrimack College opens center for biotech studies](#)

BUSINESS GROUP NEWS



[Merrimack Valley Venture Forum:](#)

- ❖ Mon., June 29, 7:30 a.m.: **First Annual Venture Forum Golf Classic**, Andover Country Club; \$150; [register online.](#)



Greater Merrimack Valley
Convention & Visitors Bureau
adventures await

[Greater Merrimack Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau news.](#)



[North of Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau news](#)



[Merrimack Valley Workforce Investment Board](#)



[Greater Lowell Workforce Investment Board:](#)



[Career Center of Lowell](#), 18 John Street:



[Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce news:](#)



[Amesbury Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Foundation news](#)

- ❖ *Boston Globe*: [Can 10 percent be the solution?](#)

June 24- July 4: Amesbury Days



[Greater Newburyport Chamber of Commerce and Industry news:](#)

- ❖ Find out about Newburyport happenings in the latest issue of [STAY in the LOOP!](#)
- ❖ Wednesday, July 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: [Members Mixer](#), Groveland Fairways

Greater Lowell Chamber of Commerce news:

- ❖ Tues., July 7, 9:00-10:00 a.m.: Dracut Business Day, Dracut Library; free
- ❖ Weds., July 15, 9:00-10:00 a.m.: Chelmsford Business Day, Chelmsford Town Hall; free
- ❖ Weds., July 15, 12:00-1:30 p.m.: Networking at Noon, Summer Place, 20 Summer Street, Chelmsford; open to Chamber members and those wishing to learn more.
- ❖ Weds., July 15, 4:00-7:00 p.m.: Pink Slip Party, Athenian Corner Restaurant, 207 Market Street, Lowell; free, open to job-seekers and businesses seeking employees; RSVP: 978-459-8154.
- ❖ Thurs., July 16, 5:00-7:00 p.m.: Art Walk Kick-off Party, Revolving Museum, 22 Shattuck Street, Lowell, featuring Great Bites, a sampling of downtown restaurants' special appetizers; free; RSVP 978-459-8154
- ❖ Fri., July 17, 9:00-10:00 a.m.: Tyngsboro Business Day, Tyngsboro Town Hall; free.
- ❖ Tues, July 21, 5:00-7:00 p.m.: Business After Hours, Lenzi's, 810 Merrimac Avenue, Dracut; \$10 Chamber members, \$20 non-members RSVP 978-459-8154.
- ❖ Thurs., July 30, 7:30-9:00 a.m.: Women Inspiring Success and Empowerment (W.I.S.E.) Quarterly Networking event; UMass Lowell Boathouse, Pawtucket Blvd; free, RSVP 978-459-8154



Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce news



Billerica Community Alliance



Young Professionals of Greater Lowell



Salisbury Chamber of Commerce:



Wednesday, June 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: **GREEN DRINKS** Networking, **Marabu Grille**, 22 Union St., Lawrence

ARTS, CULTURE, NATURE, RECREATION



Lowell's Boat Shop in Amesbury has won an \$86,200 grant through the American Express Partners in Preservation program. *The Daily News of Newburyport*: **Boat shop wins \$86,200 grant**

**Restaurants
in the Merrimack Valley**



Click here for dozens of fine restaurants in the Merrimack Valley.



Editor's pick: for excellent food, friendly service and reasonable prices in a cozy, casual setting, try **Phat Cat's Bistro** in Amesbury. A second visit confirmed a very positive first experience.



The May/June issue of [Merrimack Valley Magazine](#) includes a cover story about the Valley's "locavore" movement, profiles of Lowell landscape artist **Vassilios Giavis** and Newburyport musician **Susan Levine**, and a book review of "The King's Grace, the latest novel by Newburyport's **Anne Easter Smith**.



[Merrimack Valley Farms](#) are harvesting this season's first crops, starting with strawberries. Many farms offer "pick your own opportunities.

- ❖ [Click here for Merrimack Valley farms and farmstands.](#)
- ❖ *Daily News of Newburyport:* ['Excellent' harvest buoys berry pickers](#)

FARMERS' MARKETS:

- ❖ Sundays through Oct. 25, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.: [Newburyport Farmers' Market](#) - locally farmed fruits and vegetables; handmade crafts; Tannery Marketplace, 50 Water Street, Newburyport.
- ❖ Wednesdays, July 8 to Oct. 28, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.: [Lawrence Downtown Farmers Market](#); Appleton Way, between Essex and Common Streets.
- ❖ Fridays, July 10 to Oct. 17, 3:00-7:00 p.m.: **Lowell Farmers Market**, City Hall Plaza, 50 Arcand Drive.
- ❖ Saturdays, July 18 to Oct. 31, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: **Haverhill Farmers Market**, GAR Park, Main Street.
- ❖ Saturdays, July 11 – Sept. 26, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.: **Georgetown farmers market**; **Park and Ride** lot.
- Sundays, July 12 to Sept. 27, **Rowley Farmers Market** Town Common, Route 1A



[Northeast Harvest](#) is a buy fresh-buy local collaborative effort dedicated to the sustainability of our local farms.



[Groundwork Lawrence:](#)

- ❖ Wednesday, June 24 - Groundwork Lawrence will receive 5% of the net sales at Whole Foods, 40 Railroad St., Andover (near Commuter Rail Station off Rt. 28.)
- June 26 – last day to register for [Groundwork Lawrence's Community Supported Agriculture](#) program



[Lowell General Hospital](#) Wellness Programs:

- ❖ Thurs. July 23, 6:30-8:00p.m.: "Dare to Prepare" 90-minute pre- learner's permit presentation for parents and teens; \$15 per family; Hanchett Auditorium; register: 877-LGH-WELL (877-544-9355) or [online](#)
- ❖ Thursdays, July 9 - August 27, 6:00-7:00 p.m.: Freedom From Smoking - eight-week American Lung Assoc. program; \$30 (full refund upon completion) register: 877-LGH-WELL (877-544-9355) or [online](#)

STUDIO



[Lowell Telecommunications Corp.](#) and [Lowell Film Collaborative:](#)

[Cinema at Studio A](#) 246 Market St., Lowell;

- ❖ Thurs., June 25, 7:00 p.m.: **Nerdcore Rising**
- ❖ Thurs, July 9, 7:00 p.m.: **Twelve**
- ❖ Thurs., July 16, 7:00 p.m.: **Momma's Man**
- ❖ Thurs., Aug. 6, 7:00 p.m.: **Monster Road**
- ❖ Thurs., Aug. 20, 7:00 p.m.: **Medicine for Melancholy**



[Methuen Memorial Music Hall](#) – Organ Recitals; Weds., 8: 00 p.m.; doors open 7:30; \$10, child \$5.

- ❖ June 24 - [COLIN LYNCH](#)
- ❖ July 1 - [DANIEL BRONDEL](#)
- ❖ July 8 - [NANCIANNE PARRELLA](#)



[Winnekenni Castle](#), 347 Kenoza Ave., Haverhill:



[The Brush Art Gallery](#), 256 Market Street, Lowell:

- ❖ Through July 26: Artists at the BRUSH Go Green! Opening Reception: Sat., June 27, 2:00- 4:00 p.m.; *The Lowell Sun*: ['Green: More Than a Color'](#)
- ❖ Art classes in jewelry, glass, weaving and textiles, drawing, pottery, pastels and painting, taught by professional, experienced artists: [Adult Classes](#); [Children's Classes](#)
- ❖ Saturday, June 27, noon – 4:00 p.m.: [“Green: More than a Color”](#) - Four art galleries and several environment-friendly organizations join together to offer educational exhibitions and demonstrations; in and around the Market Mills Courtyard, downtown Lowell.

Discover Amesbury!

[Amesbury Days 2009](#)– start June 24 with a downtown **“Block Party”** featuring live entertainment and food from Amesbury’s best restaurants, conclude on July 4th with fireworks at [Woodsom Farm](#).



[Bridge Gallery](#), 1R Water Street, Newburyport:

- ❖ Through June 30: **Michael Doran**

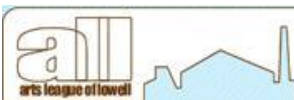


[Whistler House Museum of Art](#), Lowell:

- ❖ Through June 27: **Anne D. Sullivan: A Retrospective**; gallery talk with artist: June 25, 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ July 1-31: **George Oommen: A Retrospective**; reception: Sat., July 18, 5:00-7:00 p.m.



Sat., June 27: [Lowell Latin American Festival](#) celebrating Hispanic Cultures from around the world through their history, heritage, art, dance, and music; North Common Park, Fletcher Street.



[Arts League of Lowell \(ALL\) Gallery](#), 246 Market Street, Lowell



[Lowell National Historical Park](#), 246 Market Street, Lowell:

- ❖ Through June 30, "At Home. With You." celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the [Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Lowell](#); Patrick J. Mogan Cultural Center.

June 20-21, July 18-19, and August 15-16: free admission at the Boot Cotton Mills Museum



[Spotlight Playhouse](#): Sat. /Sun., June 26/27: *“Run For Your Wife,”* Haverhill High School Auditorium, 137 Monument St., Haverhill; \$15; info/tickets: 978-380-8509



[Western Avenue Studios](#), 122 Western Avenue, Lowell:

[Loading Dock Gallery](#) at Western Avenue Studios, 122 Western Avenue, Lowell:



[Lawrence Heritage State Park](#), One Jackson Street, Lawrence:

- ❖ Thurs., June 25, 5:00-7:00 p.m.: Opening reception for summer exhibit: [Made in America ~ Story of Southwick / Union Crossing ~ People, Place and Product](#)
 - ❖ Sat., July 4, 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.: **Old-Fashioned 4th of July**: 11:00 a.m.: children's activities; 12:00 noon: brief address by "President Lincoln," flag-raising ceremony, singing of National Anthem, short parade, reading of Declaration of Independence and luncheon; free; info: Rich Padova, 978-794-1655.
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[New England Quilt Museum](#), 18 Shattuck Street, Lowell:

- ❖ *Through July 12: Radka Donnell - The Work of Touch.*
 - ❖ July 17–Sept. 20: [Massachusetts: Our Common Wealth](#); Quilts discovered in Massachusetts
 - ❖ August 6-9: [Lowell Quilt Festival](#) offers a visual feast of color and creativity; Tsongas Arena and New England Quilt Museum; [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](#).
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[Haverhill Historical Society/Buttonwoods Museum](#):



[Firehouse Center for the Arts](#):

- ❖ Wed., June 24, 7:00&9:00 p.m.: Jake Shimabukuro; [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](#)
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[Newburyport Art Association](#), 65 Water Street, Newburyport:

- ❖ Through July 8: Abstract Artist Group of New England; reception Sat. June 27, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
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[Essex Art Center](#), 56 Island Street, Lawrence:

Elizabeth A. Beland Gallery and Chester F. Sidell Gallery - June 19 – August 13: **Alphabet Project 3** - 26 artists create new work in a variety of media, using an old dictionary as their inspiration.

- ❖ [Register now for Essex Art Center Summer 2009 classes](#), July 6 – August 20.
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[American Textile History Museum](#), 491 Dutton Street, Lowell: new interactive exhibition, Textile Revolution: An Exploration through Space and Time; two new special exhibitions: "What Followed Me Home: Collecting Antique Quilts, Fabrics and Tools," and "Threads: The Weaving of Stories; Wednesday-Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.; *The Lowell Sun*: [Every thread tells a story at Lowell's American Textile History Museum](#)



[Revolving Museum](#), 22 Shattuck Street, Lowell:

- ❖ Current exhibit: "Show and Tell: The Art of the Narrative"
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[Merrimack Repertory Theatre:](#)

- ❖ Registration now open for 12th season of [Young Artists At Play \(YAAP\)](#) - theatre camps, performance seminars and musical theatre workshops, from one to four weeks for students entering grades 1-12
- 2009-2010 season will feature two world premieres and three regional premieres:
- ❖ Sept. 10–Oct. 4: Flings & Eros by The Flying Karamazov Brothers (world premiere)
- ❖ Oct. 15–Nov. 8: The Seafarer by Conor McPherson
- ❖ Nov. 19–Dec. 13: Heroes by Gerald Sibleyras, adapted by Tom Stoppard (regional premiere)
- ❖ Jan. 7–31, 2010: Fabuloso, A Play by John Kolvenbach
- ❖ Feb. 11–Mar. 7, 2010: Black Pearl Sings! by Frank Higgins (regional premiere)
- ❖ Mar. 18–Apr. 11, 2010: World Premiere Comedy by Richard Dresser
- ❖ Apr. 22–May 16, 2010: The Blonde, the Brunette and the Vengeful Redhead by Robert Hewett (regional premiere)
- ❖ Subscription packages on sale now, individual ticket sales begin August 10.



[Lowell Memorial Auditorium:](#)

- ❖ Thurs., June 25, 7:30 p.m.: [Lisa Williams Presents](#) The 3 Mediums with John Holland and Colette Baron-Reid; \$45.50 to \$75.50
- ❖ Fri., Aug. 7, 7:30 p.m.: [Johnny Mathis](#); \$49.75 to \$89.75



[What's Up Haverhill?"](#)

- ❖ Fridays through August 14: **Haverhill's** [Wingate Street Arts District](#) presents Friday Nights on The Patio; live entertainment; free admission.



Find out about "all things Newburyport" in the latest issue of [STAY in the LOOP!](#)



[Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College](#), North Andover:

- ❖ Weds. July 8, 6:30 p.m. commentary, 7:00 p.m. screening: **"The Apartment;"** free.
- ❖ Weds., July 22, 6:30 commentary, 7:00 screening: **"The Mouse That Roared;"** free
- ❖ Thurs., July 23, 7:00 p.m.: Monument Square Brass; free
- ❖ Weds., , Aug. 5, 6:30 p.m. commentary, 7:00 p.m. screening: **"Dr. Strangelove"** free
- ❖ Thurs., Aug. 13, 7:00 p.m.: **Gerry Johnston** – guitar; free
- Thurs., Aug. 27, 7:00 p.m.: Jon Shain, singer-songwriter; free



[Pentucket Players](#) Summer Youth Theatre:

- ❖ Friday-Sunday, June 26-28: **"Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"** Merrimack College, North Andover; [buy tickets online-MVArts.info](#)

THE ACTORS STUDIO

OF NEWBURYPORT, MASSACHUSETTS

[The Actors Studio of Newburyport:](#)

Thurs., June 25 – Sun., July 12: **Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris; The Tannery**, 50 Water St., Newburyport [buy tickets online – MVArts.info.](#)



Powow River Poets Monthly Reading Series:

- ❖ Sat., July 11, 3:00 p.m.; Rhina Espaillat and Antoinette Treadway; open mike follows; Jabberwocky Books, 50 Water Street, Newburyport; free; light refreshments.



PCA Westford's Parish Center for the Arts:



- Sat., June 27, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: **Lawrence Kite Festival, a Family Fiesta** - kite making, face painting, historic trolley rides, food, music and games; Pemberton Park on the Merrimack River, downtown Lawrence; free.



- Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust** offers whitewater rafting on the Concord River in downtown Lowell, with Class III & IV rapids.



- The **Parker River National Wildlife Refuge** on Plum Island offers 4,662 acres of natural beauty, including miles of sandy beaches, freshwater and salt marshes and other habitats that are home to more than 300 species of wildlife. The Refuge offers free programs throughout the year.



Joppa Flats Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary. Newburyport

- ❖ Through July 12: wildlife photography by **Jim Fenton**.



News and events.

- ❖ ENHC has published a new brochure, **The Maritime Guide - Exploring the Coast of Essex County**, highlighting many attractions north of Boston, including Lowell's Boat Shop in Amesbury. The free guide will be available at Essex County TD Bank branches, at ENHA visitor centers and **on-line.**



- Greater Lawrence Community Boating** offers recreational, and competitive programs for youth and adults; season begins June 29, with classes in beginning, intermediate, and advanced sailing; youth: \$50; adult: \$100; family: \$175; guest: \$15.



Amesbury Sports Park features **Boston Aztec** soccer:

- ❖ Wed., June 27; 7:00 p.m., vs. Bay State Select
- ❖ Tues., July 7; 7:00 p.m., vs. New England Mutiny
- ❖ Sat., July 11; 5:00 p.m., vs. Adirondack Lynx

Amesbury News: **Boston Aztecs Coach tells Amesbury players to "have fun"**



Lowell Spinners: individual tickets now on sale [online](#)



Theater in the Open, Maudslay State Park, Newburyport: Sat. & Sun. Through June 28, 2:00 p.m.: *The Velveteen Rabbit and Other Stories;*" tickets \$8, \$5 students/seniors; *Daily News of Newburyport:* [All warm and fuzzy; Theater in the Open hops into new season with 'Velveteen Rabbit and Other Stories'](#)



Lowell Summer Music Series -blues, folk, roots and classic rock music outdoors:

- ❖ Saturday, June 27: Los Lobos
- ❖ Friday, July 10 - Los Lonely Boys
- ❖ Saturday, July 11: Ani DiFranco
- ❖ Friday, July 17: Michael Franti & Spearhead
- ❖ Saturday, July 18: Aimee Mann
- ❖ Thursday, July 30: Joan Baez - 50th Anniversary Tour
- ❖ Friday, July 31: Blues Traveler
- ❖ Saturday, August 1: Melissa Ferrick & Catie Curtis
- ❖ Friday, August 7: Dar Williams
- ❖ Saturday, August 8: The Derek Trucks Band
- ❖ Friday, August 14: Jakob Dylan & the Wallflowers
- ❖ Saturday, August 15: Entrain
- ❖ Friday, August 21: Eileen Ivers & Immigrant Soul
- ❖ Saturday, August 22: Livingston Taylor
- ❖ Friday, August 28: Terrance Simien & the Zydeco Experience
- ❖ Saturday, August 29: Ronnie Earl & the Broadcasters
- ❖ Friday, September 4: Hot Tuna Electric, with Jorma Kaukonen & Jack Casady
- ❖ Saturday, September 5, Tom Rush
- ❖ Saturday, September 12: 30th Annual Banjo & Fiddle Contests

Friday, September 18: Gaelic Storm

The Lowell Summer Music Series **Fun For Kids Series**, - ten free children's concerts; free art programs before the shows free natural snacks and free trolley rides after show:

- ❖ Wednesday, July 8: Curious Creatures - Wednesdays and Thursdays, July 8 through August 13, 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.: Live Reptile Show
 - ❖ Thursday, July 9: Ben Rudnick & Friends – Fun Songs
 - ❖ Wednesday, July 15: Dinoman - dinosaur Science and Fun
 - ❖ Thursday, July 16: L'il Iguana Safety Show – kids' Safety songs and dance
 - ❖ Wednesday, July 29: Julie & Brownie Healthy Choices - healthy food choices and safety Thursday, July 30: Mariana Iranzi - Latino Music and Stories
 - ❖ Wednesday, August 5: Judy Pancoast - Award Winning Kids Songs
 - ❖ Thursday, August 6: The Yo-Yo People - Fun Yo-Yo Tricks
 - ❖ Wednesday, August 12: Angkor Dance Troupe- Cambodian Traditional Dance
 - ❖ Thursday, August 13: Double Vision - Juggling, Mime and Acrobatics
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23rd Annual Lowell Folk Festival: Friday-Sunday, July 24-26: six stages of traditional ethnic music, crafts demonstrations, ethnic foods, art and children's activities; free



Maudslay Arts Center, Maudslay State Park, Newburyport: 17th Summer Season:

- ❖ Sat, July 4, 7:00 p.m.: Barrence Whitfield & The Savages
- ❖ Sat., July 11, 7:00 p.m.: The Don Campbell Band
- ❖ Sun., July 12, 2:00 p.m.: Made in the Shade
- ❖ Sat., July 18, 7:00 p.m.: The Aardvark Jazz Orchestra
- ❖ Sun., July 19, 2:00 p.m.: The Dave Rowe Trio
- ❖ Sat., July 25, 7:00 p.m.: Paul Broadnax Quintet
- ❖ Sat., Aug. 8, 7:00 p.m.: Shirim Klezmer Orchestra
- ❖ Sun., Aug. 9, 2:00 p.m.: Gerry Barrett Big Swing Band
- ❖ Sat., August 15, 7:00 p.m.: The New Black Eagles Jazz Band
- ❖ Sun., Aug. 16, 1:00 p.m.: The Mystix
- ❖ Sat., Aug. 22, 7:00 p.m.: Grace Kelly Jazz
- ❖ Sun., Aug. 23, 2:00 p.m.: Vintage John Penny Band
- ❖ Sat., Aug. 29, 7:00 p.m.: Rebecca Parris



- Sat. & Sun, June 27&28: Salisbury's 3rd Annual **Sand & Sea Festival**: wave-running, surfing, kayaking, kite-flying, live music and the largest fireworks display north of Boston.
- Sat., June 27, 8:00 p.m.-12:00 midnight: **Fireworks Beach Blast**: beachside fun, festive food, premiere viewing of the fireworks, and live music by the Bahama Bob Band; Surfside5 Beach Bar & Grill; 25 Broadway, Salisbury Beach; \$35
- ❖ Fri., June 26, 7:00-10:00 p.m.: The Reminisants
 - ❖ Sat., June 27, 7:00-10:00 p.m.: James Montgomery Band
 - ❖ Sat., June 27, 10:00 p.m.: Fireworks
 - ❖ Sun., June 28, 11:30 a.m.: 3rd Annual Pet Parade at Salisbury Beach
 - ❖ Sun., June 28, 1:00-3:00 p.m.: USAF Afterburner Jazz Band



July 24- 26: **Tall Ships Maritime Festival** brings three vessels to the shores of the Merrimack at Salisbury Beach Reservation. *Daily News of Newburyport*: **Ahoy, Salisbury! Tall ships on way**



Sat., July 4, 7:00-10:00 p.m.: **"Blues on the Merrimack" River Cruise** features Shirley Lewis, the "Regal Queen of the Blues" with guitarist J. Laite; \$32 in advance, \$36 day of event; Plum Island Point; **buy tickets online – MVArts.info**



Georgetown Cultural Council's free summer concerts, Sundays, 5:00-7:00 p.m.; **American Legion Park**: *Georgetown Record*: **Georgetown Summer Concert Series starts July 5**

- ❖ July 5: Quintessential Brass
- ❖ July 12: Hot Day at the Zoo
- ❖ July 19: Michael & Marisa
- ❖ July 26: Bedford Big Band
- ❖ Aug. 2: Jesse Dee



Sat. & Sun., Aug. 1&2: [3rd Annual One Lowell World Cup](#) - 16-team adult soccer tournament; music, food, arts & crafts from around the world; \$5 per day, children under 12 free; Cawley Stadium and Varsity Field, 450 Douglas Road, Lowell.

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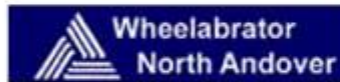
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