

MERRIMACK VALLEY RECURRING ANNUAL EVENTS and FESTIVALS

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www.MerrimackValley.INFO



(with hyperlinks to websites where available)

Note: events are free except when accompanied by "\$"

January:

February:

- ❖ [Lowell - Winterfest](#) (second weekend in February) 2008: February 8 & 9
- ❖ Newburyport – Eagle Festival (third Saturday in February) – 2008: February 16
- ❖ Lawrence – Lithuanian Independence Day – February 16

March:

- ❖ Lawrence – [Irish Heritage Month](#)
- ❖ Lowell – [Lowell Women's Week](#)

April:

- ❖ Lowell – [Lowell Film Festival](#) 2008: April 4 - 5
- ❖ Lowell – [Cambodian Expressions](#) (film and art festival) 2008: April 3-5 and 10-12
- ❖ Lawrence - [Lawrence Film Festival at Northern Essex](#)
- ❖ Newburyport - [Newburyport Literary Festival](#) 2008: April 25 – 27
- ❖ Newburyport – [Newburyport ArtWalk](#) – last Saturday
- ❖ Newbury - [Spencer-Pierce-Little House -Plow Match](#) - last Saturday

May:

- ❖ Lowell - [Doors Open Lowell](#) 2008 – May 16-17
- ❖ Newburyport – [Spring Festival](#) (Memorial Day weekend)
- ❖ Lawrence – [Essex Art Center](#) – “New Paint” (last Saturday) 2008 – May 31

June:

- ❖ Lowell – **Franco-American Week** (third week in June)
- ❖ Lowell – [African Festival](#) 2008: June 30
- ❖ Lowell – Greek Festival (third weekend)
- ❖ Lawrence – **Hispanic Week/Semana Hispana** (third week in June)
- ❖ Amesbury - **Amesbury Days** – (last week in June)
- ❖ Newburyport - [Parker River National Wildlife Refuge's Annual Plover & Wildlife Festival](#)
- ❖ Salisbury - [Sand and Sea Festival](#) – 2008: June 27-30
- ❖ Tyngsboro - [Greater Lowell Indian Cultural Association](#) **Spring Planting Festival 2008: June 17**
- ❖ Tewksbury – [Greater Lowell Indian Cultural Association](#) **Pawtucket Powow 2008: June 28-29**
- ❖ Newburyport – [Newburyport ArtWalk](#) – last Saturday

July:

- ❖ [Chelmsford Art Society](#) **Fourth of July Art Festival**
- ❖ Haverhill - **Fourth of July Celebration**
- ❖ Lawrence – **Fourth of July Celebration**, Heritage State Park
- ❖ [Newburyport – Riverfront Music Festival](#) (first or second weekend in July)
- ❖ Newburyport- [Yankee Homecoming](#) (end of July – first Sunday in August) 2008: July 27 – August 3
- ❖ Lowell - [Lowell Summer Music Series](#) \$
- ❖ [Lowell Puerto Rican Cultural Festival](#)
- ❖ Salisbury – [Merrimack River Maritime Festival](#) (“tall ships”) 2008: July 18 - 20
- ❖ [Lowell Folk Festival](#) (last full weekend in July) 2008: July 25 – 27

August:

Lowell - [Lowell Summer Music Series](#) \$(continues)

- ❖ [Lowell - Quilt Festival](#)
- ❖ Lowell – [Southeast Asian Water Festival](#) (third weekend) 2008 – August 15-16
- ❖ Lowell - Newburyport- [Newburyport Chamber Music Festival](#)
- ❖ Lawrence – **Dominican Parade**
- ❖ [Merrimac Old Home Days](#) – (second weekend)
- ❖ Tyngsboro - [Greater Lowell Indian Cultural Association](#) **Women's Weekend 2008- August 2-3**
- ❖ Newburyport – [Newburyport ArtWalk](#) – last Saturday

September:

- ❖ Lawrence – [Bread & Roses Festival](#) (Labor Day weekend)
- ❖ Lawrence – [Feast of the Three Saints](#) (Italian Festival, Labor Day weekend)
- ❖ Lawrence/Methuen – Mahrajan (Arabic festival, Labor Day weekend)
- ❖ [Newburyport Buskers Festival](#) (Labor Day weekend)
- ❖ Lowell – [Annual Banjo and Fiddle Contest](#) (third weekend)
- ❖ Haverhill - [Native American Annual Intertribal Pow-wow](#) – 2008: September 6- 7
- ❖ Billerica - [Yankee Doodle Homecoming](#) (second or third weekend) 2008 – September 12 - 14
- ❖ Haverhill-Lawrence – N. Essex Community College **Hispanic Heritage Celebration** (mid-Sept.)
- ❖ Newbury - **Harvest Festival**, [Spencer-Pierce-Little House](#) - last Saturday
- ❖ Newburyport- [Newburyport Documentary Film Festival](#) (last weekend)
- ❖ Haverhill – **Italian Heritage Festival**
- ❖ Newburyport – [Outdoor Sculpture at Maudslay](#) 2008: September 14 – October 4
- ❖ [Lowell Open Studios](#) 2008: September 27 - 28
- ❖ [Tewksbury Community of Artists' Annual Art Festival](#) (last weekend) 2008: September 27 - 28
- ❖ Essex National Heritage Area - [Trails & Sails](#) (last weekend) 2008: September 26 – 28.

October:

- ❖ Newburyport - **Fall Harvest Festival** - Columbus Day weekend)
- ❖ Amesbury – [Woodsom Farm Festival](#) (second weekend)
- ❖ Lowell - **Merrimack Valley Poetry Festival 2008: October 11-12**
- ❖ Lawrence – [Robert Frost Festival](#)
- ❖ Tyngsboro - [Greater Lowell Indian Cultural Association](#) Harvest Festival
- ❖ Newburyport – [Newburyport ArtWalk](#) – last Saturday

November:

- ❖ **Amesbury Open Studios** (third weekend)
- ❖ Methuen - [Methuen Festival of Trees](#) (starts weekend after Thanksgiving)

December:

- ❖ Haverhill – Northern Essex Community College - [A Christmas Carol](#) (second weekend)
 - ❖ Methuen - [Festival of Trees](#)
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