

HIGH SUMMER HAPPENINGS!

Montague and Downtown Turners Falls

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July 21-23

GREASE!

Ja Duke Theater, Industrial Blvd, \$12-15

Rydell High's senior class of 1959! Duck-tailed, hot-rodding "Burger Palace Boys" and their gum-snapping, hip-shaking "Pink Ladies" in bobby sox and pedal pushers, evoking the look and sound of the 1950s in this rollicking musical. Fridays + Saturday at 7pm, Sundays at 2pm

<https://www.jaduketheater.com/>

Wednesday, July 19

Just Fine, Thank You Band

First Congregational Lawn

4 North Street, Bring a chair, 6:30pm

Electric-ukulele driven arrangements of songs ranging from country to punk.

Friday, July 21

Movie in the Park: Song of the Sea (2014)

Oscar Nominated Animation

Peskeompskut Park, Movie 7:30pm, Free

The story of Ben and his little sister Saoirse – the last Seal-child – who embark on a fantastic journey across a fading world of Irish legend and magic. Based on the mythological Selkies who live as seals in the sea but become humans on land. **TRADITIONAL MUSIC: IRISH FIDDLE with Kenny Butler at 7pm.**

Saturday, July 22

Shea Presents: Dustbowl Revival

Shea Theater, \$22/\$28, 8pm

Dustbowl Revival has always been about pushing the boundaries of what American roots music can be. After celebrating over a decade of sonic adventuring and playing thousands of shows together in ten countries and counting, the group collected a devoted fan base coast-to-coast. The always-evolving group of string and brass players led by founding members Z. Lupetin, Josh Heffernan, Ulf Bjorlin are excited to welcome a new wave of talent to the band, after emerging from a pandemic hiatus. After spending years on the road, selling out hometown shows at LA's famed Troubadour, headlining festivals and wowing crowds from Denmark to China, Dustbowl Revival never stopped making their joyful, booty-shaking soul songs and cut-to-heart folk-rock ballads that lift up their transcendent live shows. Even so, with the bands emotional new single "Beside You" and 2020's ambitious full length *Is It You, Is It Me*, they wanted to strike into new terrain. <https://sheatheater.org>

Sunday, July 23

Little House Blues

Peskeompskut Park, 3-5pm

Standards and originals in the Chicago Blues, Jump and Swing and old-time Rock 'n Roll styles - songs of life and love, struggle and joy.

Wednesday, July 26

David Bulley Band: Rock, Folk, Blues dance music. **Jenny Burtis Band:** From the tenderness of a revelation to the downbeat drive of rock n roll.

Peskeompskut Park, 6-9pm

Friday, July 28

Shea Presents: **Watermelon Slim**

With special guests Pete Muller and the Kindred Souls

Shea Theater, \$22/\$28, 8pm

"A one-of-a-kind, pickin' n singing, Okie dynamo. "The most exciting and authentic blues performer I've heard in years." - Jerry Wexler. Born in Boston, raised in Asheville, NC, a Vietnam veteran, fisherman, baseball fan, activist Multiple Blues Music Award Winner, and much more, Bill "Watermelon Slim" Homans has built a remarkable reputation with his raw, impassioned intensity. The big turning point was 2002 when Slim suffered a near fatal heart attack. His brush with death gave him a new perspective on mortality, direction and thus his emergence as a performing musician. Eleven albums later he says, "Everything I do now has a sharper pleasure to it. I've lived a fuller life than most people could in two. If I go now, I've got a good education, I've lived on three continents, and I've played music with a bunch of immortal blues players. I've fought in a war and against a war. I've seen an awful lot and I've done an awful lot. If my plane went down tomorrow, I'd go out on top." And when you watch him perform, you know every word is true. <https://sheatheater.org>

Saturday, July 29

Christmas in July Fireworks + Nightskate

Unity Park Skatepark 6pm

Fireworks 9pm, Riverfront.

Monday, July 31

Montague Community Band

Peskeompskut Park, 7pm, free!

Bring a lawn Chair!

Thursday, August 3

Myrtle St. Klezmer

Peskeompskut Park, 6-8pm

Led by clarinetist Jason Ditzian, Myrtle St. Klezmer is an ecstatic, experimental exploration into the past, present & future of Klezmer, an instrumental musical tradition of the Ashkenazi Jews of Central & Eastern Europe. By donation. No one turned away. Rain date August 4, 6-8pm

Friday, August 4

No Stings Marionettes Presents: Wasabi, A Dragon's Tale

Peskeompskut Park, 10:30am, Free!

An original modern-minded fairy tale, Princess Aja happily contemplates her upcoming marriage to Prince Olaf. Everything changes when fire-breathing Wasabi swoops from the sky, reduces the palace to ashes, and carries off the princess! Presented by Montague Public Libraries

August 5-6

10th Annual POCUMTUCK HOMELANDS FESTIVAL

Unity Park Riverfront

Saturday 10am-7pm + Sunday 10am-5pm

Native American Art, Music & Cultures

With Hawk Henries, Tom Porter, Nettukkusqk (My Sister), Mixashawn, Justin Beatty, Black Hawk Singers, Humble Spirit, Water Is Life, Hartman Deetz, Annawon Weeden, Dan Shears, Evan Pritchard, Dr. Ron Welburn, David Brule.

www.nolumbekaproject.org

August 5-6

Peter Pan, Jr.

Ja Duke Theater, Industrial Blvd., \$12-15

Peter and his sidekick Tinkerbell take the Darling children on an adventure to Neverland.
4pm+7pm. 2pm Sunday.

Friday, August 11

Great Falls Coffeehouse Presents: Hampton Trio

Great Falls Discovery Center, 7pm

Classical+ Contemporary music for mandolin, mandola & guitar. \$6-15 by donation in support of the Friends.

Saturday, August 12

Yoga with Sebastian Merrill

Peskeompskut Bandshell, 10-11am

Queer-Trans friendly, alignment-focused yoga. Bring a mat/towel. \$5-\$20 donation. Sponsored by Transhealth + Bloom Local

Saturday, August 12

HOME BODY [spirited synth spectacle](#)

Peskeompskut Park, Avenue A and 7Th St., 6:30pm.

Synthesist Eric Hnатов and vocalist Haley Morgan enchant audiences **as Home Body** with their infectious energy and danceable, moody electro-pop. A live taping of [RAW Impressions podcast](#) featuring songs & charming chit chat from **lo-fi indie music legend Lou Barlow and Adelle Barlow**. Father-daughter punk duo **Rocking Puppies** shake things up! Rain Date 8/13

Sunday, August 13

Charles Thompson TRUNK SHOW

SAWMILL RIVER ARTS

440 Greenfield Rd, Montague 11-5pm

Hand carved spoons and chairs

Thursday, August 17

Suds and Song Series

Beer Tasting and Performance at the Montague Village Store

ANBASSA DUO + White Lion Brewing

60 Main St., Montague Center, 5:30-8pm

Friday, August 18

Movie in The Park: Princess Bride

Peskeompskut Park, 7:30pm, Free!

A swashbuckling farmhand must rescue Princess Buttercup from the odious Prince Humperdinck. Rated PG. (1987)

Saturday, August 19

Montague Mug Race

Montague Center Common, 8:30am

5.5 mile road race and 2 mile run/walk

www.Runreg.com

Saturday, August 19

WHALE MOBILE

Great Falls Discovery Center, 2pm

Presentation by whale watch naturalist Cynde McInnis followed by tours inside a realistic life-sized inflatable whale. Kids + teens. **Register required: 413-863-3214**

Sunday, August 20

Live Animals: Massachusetts Wildlife

Great Falls Discovery Center, 2-3pm

You may see snakes, birds, mammals, and reptiles! Includes a presentation of furs, skulls, and artifacts for an exploration of our local fauna. With the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. Free! All Ages!

Sunday, August 20

DO IT NOW

Peskeompskut Park, 2-4pm

Poetry, story-telling, political commentary and musical improvisation to share a vision to rescue our

planet. With Paul Richmond Beat Poet Laureate, Tony Vacca innovative American Jazz/World percussionist and John Sheldon, one of the great guitarists of our time. Rain: 8/27

Saturday, August 26

Shea Presents: Best of the 70s

Shea Theater, \$19.70/ \$26, 7PM

Performed by the band DizzyFish, this show features the timeless songs of Neil Young, The Beatles, Van Morrison, Rolling Stones, John Denver, Eagles, Neil Diamond, CSN, Bob Seger, Cat Stevens, The Band, Willie Nelson, Eric Clapton, Kenny Rogers, Led Zeppelin, Jimmy Buffett, David Bowie, Pink Floyd, Grateful Dead & More! The reviews are in and if you love 70s music you will love this show! DizzyFish is led by its Singer & Lead Guitarist Eric Herbst. Eric & his band have rocked audiences sharing the stage with Steve Miller, Three Dog Night, Marshall Tucker, Rick Derringer and many others. Eric as well as being a powerful live performer has written and produced original songs recorded by musical legends B.B. King and Johnny Cash. If you love 70s music, don't miss this show! <https://sheatheater.org>

SEPTEMBER-SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 2

Mermaid Wedding at Peskeompskut Park

Friday, September 8

Night Skate at Unity Skatepark

Saturday, September 9

Pamela Means at Peskeompskut Park

Sunday, September 17

Montague Soapbox Races at Unity Park

Sunday, September 24

Northeast Unity Car Show at Unity Park

Sunday, September 24

Henry Rollins: Good To See You at the Shea