

This weekend in Montague and Downtown Turners Falls. July 17-20!

Thursday, July 17

Bilingual Music & Movement

Carnegie Library, Turners Falls

10am. With Tom and Laurie. This summer series is made possible by generous donations from local patrons. Designed for children ages 0-5 but older siblings are welcome! Under the tent. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1189992085726651>

Thursday, July 17

Nice and Easy Walk

Great Falls Discovery Center, 10am

Easy-paced, 1 to 2-mile guided walk, along the Canalside Rail Trail or downtown Turners Falls, geared for seniors, but open to all. Enjoy natural and local history along the way. Inclement weather cancels.

Thursday, July 17

Creative Arts Series for Parents/Caregivers

brick House, 24 Third St, 10:15pm

Visioning Board Workshop. Get your creative juices flowing and chat with other parents. Questions? slangknecht@brickhousecommunity.org

Thursday, July 17

Gel Printing for Teens & Tweens

Great Falls Discovery Center, 3-5pm

For Ages 11-19, try your hand at gel printing, a fun way to explore color, texture, and layers. The process is fairly easy. No experience needed! Dress for a mess. Sponsored by the Montague Public Libraries. No registration needed.

Thursday, July 17

Wet Tuna/ Vimana

Peskeompskut Park

Avenue A + 7TH St., 6:30pm

Free! Two Psychedelic Bands. Listening to Valentine's WET TUNA is to enter into a psychedelic environment that is always tinged with a thread of joy and happiness. Lars Gothic from NPR writes, "you'll drip into barn burners, country cosmos, freaky folk and weirdo boogie. It's psychedelia as familiar as your hand, but also as alien as your hand man." VIMANA is a "heavy jazz" trio that mixes equal parts psychedelic rock, funk, and jazz

into a stone cauldron and what emerges are original instrumental tunes that paint landscapes with sound. Bring a picnic and enter into the fuzz.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1074329154796867>

Thursday, July 17

Curmudgeon Bingo

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 7pm

He's old. He's grumpy. He calls bingo.

Friday, July 18

Kidleidoscope Story Hour – Coyotes

Great Falls Discovery Center, 10:30-11:30pm

For ages 3-6, accompanied by an adult. Learn more about our wildlife neighbors in the Connecticut River Watershed. Program includes a story, activities, and crafts.

Friday, July 18

Dungeons & Dragons

Carnegie Library, 5-7pm

Ages 11-18. Everyone is welcome regardless of previous experience with the game! Dice set, character sheet, snacks provided. Accepting sign-ups. Limit of 7 players per session.

REGISTER: <https://montaguepubliclibraries.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/dungeons-dragons-6/>

Friday, July 18

David Brule and his Irish Band

Element Brewery, Millers Falls, 5pm

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Meet Rose

Element Brewery, Millers Falls

5pm. Looking to adopt a dog? Better Together Dog Rescue to find this pup her forever home for 2 year old, Rose. <https://www.facebook.com/events/3670649266576800>

Friday, July 18

Karaoke at St Kaz

198 Avenue A, 7-11pm

Open to the public. Use the side door.

July 18-20

CHICAGO

Ja Duke, Industrial Blvd.

This sharp-edged satire set in the roaring 20s features a dazzling score that sparked immortal staging by Bob Fosse. PG-13 Run Time 2hrs, 15min (1 intermission). Friday and Saturday 7pm. Sunday 2-m. \$12/\$15. <https://www.jaduketheater.com>

Friday, July 18

The Samples

Shea Theater, 8pm, \$35/\$45

Legendary Ja, rockers from Colorado. Rock, reggae and folk singer/songwriter frontman of the Samples Sean Kelly is best known for his high voice, unique guitar playing and songwriting ("Nature", "Feel Us Shaking", "Did You Ever Look So Nice").

Friday, July 18

Stephen Sunrise

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 9:30pm

New York City based, internationally touring, songwriter for about 20 years. His music is lyric driven and is eclectically reminiscent of times past. \$10 suggested.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/4049128672067495>

Saturday, July 19

Great Falls Farmers Market

Peskeompskut Park, 9am-1pm

Fresh produce and handmade items. SNAP/HIP

Saturday, July 19

Urban Fern Walk

Great Falls Discovery Center, 10am

Join leaders from the [Pioneer Valley Fern Society](#) for a free walk along the paved Canalside Rail Trail. Learn to see and identify about a dozen common and uncommon native ferns that grow in surprising places along this recreational area.

Saturday, July 19

Paws in the Park

Peseompskut Park, Turners Falls

1pm. Dogs, bring your favorite humans along for a fun day at the park. Agility course, doggie

costume contest, light refreshments, and more! All dogs must be on a leash. Donations for Franklin County Regional Dog Shelter gladly accepted.

Saturday, July 19

Artist Reception: Scott Strong Hawk Foster

Great Falls Discovery Center

2pm. Native American photographer Scott Strong Hawk Foster presents a talk about his exhibit, *Ways of My Ancestors—We Are Still Here*, which captures his travels throughout the ancestral homelands of the Native American Peoples of New England. Come early to see the photography and stay for the talk and refreshments. All ages.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2172653873165181>

Saturday, July 19

Talking Hands Theater: Family Fairy Fest

Wizard's Castle, 240 Greenfield Road, Montague

Ages 2-8. FREE! 1pm rafts & fairy house building, 2pm puppet show, 2:30pm fairy house walk, 3pm games, 3-4:00 hooping & dance party, 4pm pizza party! This program is supported by the Montague Cultural Council.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1891577061618628>

Saturday, July 19

Gabe Jay

Element Brewery, Millers Falls

3-5pm. Covers and Originals. Donating his tips to the Operation Veteran Vacation Fund!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/715995018058339>

Saturday, July 19

Contemplative Music and Prose

2 Montague Street, Lake Pleasant

5-7pm. National Spiritual Alliance. An evening of gentle presence, sound, and spirit at this month's Saturday Evening Service, curated by Beverly Ketch. This unique series brings together musicians, writers, and listeners for a shared experience of reflection, creativity, and stillness. Featuring Dream Choir, eAnna Claire, Beets Blog, Jennifer Ables.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1087264819441207>

Saturday, July 19

Press Brakes Presents: Jon Russeski and Dara Barrois Dixon

Unnameable Books, 66 Avenue A Turners Falls, 6pm

Reading from Hair of the Dog and Another Nine.

Saturday, July 19

AfterGlo

Turners Falls Rod and Gun Club

15 Deep Hole Dr., \$10

6pm Doors, 7-10pm music. ALL CASH.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1093125826084318>

Saturday, July 19

Magical Musical Series

Wizard's Castle

240 Greenfield Road, Montague

6:30pm. Shubalananda Kirtan Flames of Shiva - an electric kirtan psychedelic jam! DJ Studebaker Hawk. Bring your drums, dancing feet, chairs, a light snack to share with all your friends. \$20 donation. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1272866404372776>

Saturday, July 19

Casey D/C & Capstone

Millers Pub, Millers Falls, 7pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/992417902803209>

Saturday, July 19

Ladysmith Black Mambazo

Shea Theater, Reserve Tickets \$55/\$72

LOW TICKET STOCK. The year 2025 marks the 65th anniversary of Joseph Shabalala forming Ladysmith Black Mambazo. His group would not only conquer all of South Africa, but would become a worldwide phenomenon, winning more GRAMMY Awards (Five), and receiving more GRAMMY Award nominations (Nineteen), than any World Music group in the history of recorded music.

Saturday, July 19

Eleanor Levine

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 9:30pm

Eleanor Levine has been writing music for almost two decades, performing on Massachusetts stages including MASS MoCA, The Drake, Hawks and Reed Performing Arts Center as well as New York City venues, The Bowery Electric and Arlene's Grocery. Her original music centers around alternative tunings, rhythmic plucking patterns, coded lyrics,

and bright vocal melodies. She mostly takes inspiration from '60s and '70s songwriters.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1489724128874032>

Sunday, July 20

Quilting 101

Squares and Triangles

Swanson's Fabrics, 10am-1pm

An introduction to quilt piecing! In this class, we will be constructing quilt blocks. Some sewing experience required - you should know how to thread a machine and run a pretty consistent seam allowance. If you don't, we recommend taking one of our Sewing 101 classes first. \$50, all materials included. Limited to 6 people.

<https://www.swansonsfabrics.com/classes-workshops#comingup>

Sunday, July 20

Greg Reil at Millers Pub

25 E Main Street, Millers Falls

2pm. From the storytelling style of Chris Stapleton and Bob Seger to the timeless influence of Garth Brooks, Greg's set features originals and classics that hit home. It's live music that feels real—simple, soulful, and straight from the heart.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/640340428398452/>

Monday, July 21

Montague Community Band

Peskeompskut Park, 7pm

Come enjoy great music, played by your friends and neighbors

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, July 26

SPS Entertainment presents Extension Cords II, Saturday, July 26 at the Shea Theater, 71 Avenue A in Turners Falls starting at 6pm. This event of live electronic music performances by Dan Friel, Head of Wantastiquet, Impure Luck, Barbie.ai, Astral Chill and prominent LA beat scene artist, Daedelus.

Internationally acclaimed producer, performer, and Berklee College of Music professor Alfred Darlington-known to audiences as Daedelus-continues to redefine the boundaries of music, technology, and improvisation more than two decades into their prolific career. Daedelus's live performances, centered around modular synths and custom-built

monomes, have become renowned for their spontaneity, rejecting pre-sequenced rigidity in favor of real-time sonic exploration. Extension Cords II will also feature video projections by SPS Entertainment producer Chris Hinkle. Tickets are \$10 advance and \$20 at the door.

<https://sheatheater.org/>

August 2-3

Pocumtuck Homelands Festival

A Celebration of Native American Art, Music, and Cultures

Unity Park Riverfront, Turners Falls, MA

10am-5pm, FREE, Family Friendly, Accessible

40 Indigenous Craft Vendors, History Talks, Kids' Activities

Presentation by Mohawk Elder Tom Porter. Music by Nipmuck flute maker Hawk Henries, Akwesasne singer Theresa Bear Fox, Abenaki singer-songwriter Mignon Geli, Nulhegan Abenaki singer-songwriter Bryan Blanchette and the Penobscot Rez Dog Singers. Social dancing with Wampanoag performer Annawon Weeden and Hawaiian dance ensemble Pua Ali'i 'Ilima o Nuioka (Sunday only)

Presented by the Nolumbeka Project with support from RiverCulture and many more.

Rain or Shine. Performances are sheltered.

Info and schedule: <https://nolumbekaproject.org>