

This Weekend in Montague and Downtown Turners Falls. August 6-10. To get this information in your email, sign up for the RiverCulture newsletter.
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Wednesday, August 6

Artist Reception: Ashley Liu

Montague Center Library

6-7pm. Millers Falls resident Ashley Liu will be displaying her artwork at the library in August and September. Join us to celebrate Ashley!

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Half Shaved Jazz

the Rendezvous, 8:30pm

Half Shaved Jazz plays mid to late 20th century jazz standards.

Thursday, August 7

Art Exhibition: The Peace in the World

Carnegie Library, 10am

A traveling art exhibit to foster peace, mutual respect, and understanding. Eight drawings created by children from the "Red Lion" Art Studio in Minsk, Belarus on display through September. Brought to you by the Fermata Arts Foundation.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1496398561799043>

Thursday, August 7

Nice and Easy Walks

Great Falls Discovery Center, 10-11am

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.

Thursday, August 7

Bilingual Music & Movement

Carnegie Library, Turners Falls, 10-11am

With Tom and Laurie. Designed for children ages 0-5 but older siblings are welcome! Under the tent, weather permitting. Feel free to bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

Thursday, August 7

Community Resource Assistance

Millers Falls Library, 1-2pm

Do you want help signing up for SNAP, WIC, or other programs? The Brick House will be at the Millers Branch the first Thursday of each month to provide support accessing community resources!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/524878657226107/524878683892771/>

Friday, August 8

Sports Shorts Class

Swanson's Fabrics, 10am-1pm

Make some sporty summer shorts for fun in the sun! These woven track shorts can be made at various lengths but are often seen as short and sporty with their curved hem and bias trim. In Sports Shorts, you will learn about how to sew a pair of sports using the provided pattern, make waistband and inserting elastic, sew a buttonhole and drawstring, sew a lapped seam, finish edges with bias binding or braid. \$65, limited to 6 people, all materials included. <https://www.swansonsfabrics.com/classes-workshops#comingup>

Friday, August 8

No Strings Marionette Co.

Peskeompskut park, Avenue A and 7Th St., 10:30am-Noon

The Adventures of Sharp Ears, A Sly Fox. Join us for our annual puppet show at the park!

Feel free to bring a blanket or chair to sit on. All ages. Free! Made possible by the Friends of the Montague Public Libraries. Rai Date Friday, August 15.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1274587217627452>

Friday, August 8

St. Kazy Dogs

St. Kaz, 197 Avenue A, 6-11pm

DJs Steve & Erin McGuirl serving up the hottest dance party with sparkly R&B gems and 60s garage gems 45s! Fine Italian Wine, selected to pair vividly with the scratch made corn dogs and pickle dip, wedge salad, and ice cream cake. Open to the public. But you probably want to join St. Kaz. 😊

Friday, August 8

Karaoke with Dirty Johnny

Montague Elks, Turners Falls, 7pm

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Kidleidoscope Story Hour – Ants

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

For ages 3-6. Learn more about our wildlife neighbors in the Connecticut River Watershed.

Program includes a story, activities, and crafts.

Friday, August 8

Great Falls Coffeehouse Presents:

SILVERBACK SWING

Great Falls Discovery Center, 7-9pm

Silverback Swing plays swing music of the 1920's and 1930's, in the style of the great Belgian-born Roma guitarist, Django Reinhardt. This style of music combines traditional jazz elements with upbeat tempos and intricate guitar improvisation. Refreshments available. Sliding scale suggested donations, all in support of educational programming at the Great Falls Discovery Center. For all ages.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/4072761426317951>

Friday, August 8

Reuben Toadstool & The Delicate Essence/Dagmara

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 8pm

Classic rock style music with psychedelic country infusions.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/30446756354938722>

Saturday, August 9

River Baron Walk: Reshaping New England's Longest River

Great falls Discovery Center, 10-11am

Experience America's longest log drive through the photos and stories of locals, laborers and the infamous River Baron, George Van Dyke. Join us for an easy 1.25-mile hike through downtown Turners Falls and along the Canalside Rail Trail. This walk is scheduled for rain or shine. For adults and children ages 9 and up. Meet at the main entrance.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1267600611734488>

Saturday, August 9

August Volunteer Day

Great Falls Books Behind Bars, 104 Fourth St.

1-5pm. We'll be reading and responding to letters from incarcerated folks. Come for a bit or for the whole time! We'll be reading and responding to letters from incarcerated folks.

Come for a bit or for the whole time! More Info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1244877250459090>

Saturday, August 9

Flying High Dogs!

Carnegie Library tent, 2-3pm

Enjoy an interactive, dynamic, family orientated & fun-for-all-ages show with Mike Piazza's four frisbee dogs. RAIN DATE: Saturday, August 16, 2pm.

Saturday, August 9

Full Moon Concert with Home Body

Special Guest Wishbone Zoe

Peskeompskut Park, Turners Falls

6:30pm. FREE! Back in the bandshell for their sixth summer, vocalist Haley Morgan and synthesist Eric Hnatow make heartfelt electro-pop as HOME BODY. Known for their energetic live performances (IYKYK) the duo harnesses light, sound, and movement to present a spirited synth spectacle oozing with raw power and emotional grit. WISHBONE ZOE (the dynamic musical project of multi-media artist Zosia Kochanski) kicks things off, serenading us with her breezy folk rock stylings. Brick Oven Pizza with Augustine's Pizza Club. Or bring a picnic! Bring a blanket, blow some bubbles, and bliss out with us. Bring some cash, too - this year we'll be passing the hat to raise funds to support the Franklin County Peoples Fund, an all-volunteer solidarity fund which provides immediate support to folks right here in Franklin County facing financial emergencies and family separation due to deportation, incarceration, and housing instability. This event is possible thanks to support from RiverCulture and Mass Cultural Council.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1876059989671269>

Saturday, August 9

Open Mic

Montague Common Hall, Montague Center

6:30pm. All types of performers are encouraged – musicians, poets, singers, dancers, storytellers. Emerging musicians and seasoned performers welcome. Performers should sign in before 6:15PM. Come prepared to perform for 10-20 minutes. Voluntary donations

Saturday, August 9

Ayla Nero

Montague Retreat Center, Ripley Rd.

7:30pm, \$45/\$50. A special live experience with the luminous Ayla Nereo, sharing intimate acoustic moments, new dance renditions, and some special new unreleased collaboration

tracks. And possibly a few improvisational or requested surprises, just for the Montague family. "One of the most poignant voices currently floating about." (Huffington Post). All ages. <https://www.facebook.com/events/703478472527067>

Saturday, August 9

Snowglobe Almanac/ Chris Goudreau/Brokestring and the Empty Promises

The Rendezvous, 9:30pm. SNOWGLOBE ALMANAC is a one-man keyboard pop project from Western Mass. CHRIS GOUDREAU is an operatic folk rock artist from western Massachusetts. With powerhouse vocals alongside a 12-string guitar, Chris writes songs about love and death; transforming grief into song. BROKESTRING & THE EMPTY PROMISES deftly weaves stories and songs to tell the tale of life in a modern America.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/10056636717788459>

Sunday, August 10

Karaoke with Buckingham Rabbits Vintage

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 7:30pm

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, August 11

Reptile Nook

brick House, 24 Third St., 1:30-3:30pm

Enjoy an up-close encounter learning about 6 different reptiles. Meet and interact with some of them. Geared toward ages 11-19. Hosted by the Brick House & sponsored by the Montague Libraries.

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Tuesday, August 12

Drop-in Grief Support Group

national Spiritual Alliance

2 Montague Ave, Lake Pleasant, 6pm

The **Drop-In Grief Support Group at TNSA** offers a safe, supportive space where individuals can share their experiences, explore emotions, and find healing in community with others who understand. Guided by Josh Gregory, Spiritual & Bereavement Counselor from the Hospice of the Fisher Home, this summer drop-in group provides compassionate support, education on the grieving process, and practical tools for coping with loss.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2044363922762673>

Wednesday, August 13

Falltown String Band

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 8:30pm

Thursday, August 14

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Carnegie Library, 10am

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Thursday, August 14

Your Library, Your Voice

Site Selection Discussion

Montague Senior Center, 62 Fifth Street

Turners Falls, 6-7:30pm Join us in person or via Zoom to learn about the site selection for the library building project. By mid-August the Trustees of the Montague Public Libraries will have decided, based on recommendations from our architects, whether we will

renovate and add onto the Carnegie Public Library or build a new library building at 38 Avenue A. Schwartz/Silver will present their recommendations and the factors that they used to determine the best course of action for this project. Space at the Senior Center is limited, please consider arriving early. Virtual attendees will be able to provide feedback and ask questions during the event. Zoom link here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85014261198> // Meeting ID: 850 1426 1198

Thursday, August 14

Tea and Crumpet Society

2 Montague Ave, Lake Pleasant, 6:30pm

An evening of shared stories and spirited creativity. All are invited to join this open literary salon where words connect neighbors and nourish the soul. INFO:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/23931393806543863>

Thursday, August 14

Zane Provost

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 9pm

With a repertoire of original and cover music that has notes of moody indie rock melodies, catchy pop & high energy funk rock you will experience a range of emotions at his shows.

Friday, August 15

Library Learning Lab: Statewide Resources

Carnegie Library, 10-11am. Get the most out of your library! Each session will focus on a different resource, service, or app that is free to access with your library card. In August we will explore online resources available through Boston Public Library along with other statewide services and databases. Register for a free [Boston Public Library \(BPL\) eCard](#)

This training repeats on 8/25

Friday, August 15

David Brule and his Irish Band

Element Brewery, 6-9pm

Friday, August 15

Movie in the Park

Indiana Jones & The Temple of Doom

Peskeompskut Park, Avenue A + 7TH St.

7:45pm, FREE!

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Kidleidoscope Story Hour

Who Lives in the River?

Great Falls Discovery Center, 10:30am

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, August 15

Couchboy + McAsh

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

COUCHBOY: Amherst indie rock band; melodic, 90's inspired original rock.

couchboy1.bandcamp.com. McASH From Vermont, catchy, kitschy ska punk and rock.
whatdothlfevt.bandcamp.com <https://www.facebook.com/events/725680676989195>

Saturday, August 16

44th Montague Mug Race and Mini Mug Run/Walk

Montague Center Common, 8:30am

Road Races 5.5 mile/\$30 and 2 mile /\$12. Register at <https://www.runreg.com/montague-mug-race>.

Saturday, August 16

Art Naturally: Source to Sea Mosaics

Great Falls Discovery center, 10:30am

Discover nature through story, poetry and art in our series of free art programs. With instruction and technique, you create an art piece to take home from tile, pebbles, marble and glue, inspired by the Connecticut River's annual Source to Sea Clean-up in late September. For adults, teens, and children ages 6 and up (accompanied by an adult). All art materials provided.

Saturday, August 16

The Storyland Ball and Fairy Day

Peskeompskut Park

2PM: Bike Parade from LOOT to the park. 3PM: Picnic and Butterfly Release and picnic.

4PM: Storyland Ball. Presented by the Lovelights and Looky Here with support from Sadie's Bikes, RiverCulture and the Mass Cultural Council. Rain Date Sunday, August 17.

Saturday, August 16

Weldon and Doug (Jazz)

Element Brewing, Millers Falls 3-5pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/717942317718964>

Saturday, August 16

Stealing Frequencies (60s Experience)

Turners Falls Road and Gun

Gates 6pm. \$10 admission. Band 7-10pm BBQ. ALL CASH. Rain or Shine.

Saturday, August 16

Magical Musical Series

Wizard's Castle, 240 Greenfield Rd., Montague

6:30pm, \$20 donation. 7pm Shubalananda's Flames of Shiva, an electric kirtan

psychedelic jam 9pm Western Mass's favorite master guitarist and transformational songwriter-John Sheldon. <https://www.facebook.com/events/4041336349417703>

Saturday, August 16

Phil Harrington, Jr

Millers Pub, 25 E. Main St., Millers Falls

8pm. Acoustic/ Singer-Songwriter.

Saturday, August 16

Trans Inclusive Crime Syndicate Presents:

Cinnabun's 30th Birthday at The Rendezvous

9:30pm. Cinnabun & Eris Electra, Ensatina, DJ Whatzitoya!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/57164110936147>

Sunday, August 17

Montague Elks Car Show

Proceeds Benefit Veterans

Montague Elks, 1 Elks Way, Turners Falls

Noon-4pm. Rain Date 8/24. Food for sale and great cars. This summer series is made possible by generous donations from local patrons.

Sunday, August 17

French/Breton Jam Session

Great Falls Discovery Center, 2:30-4:30pm

An informal group of musicians gathers to play the enchanting traditional dance music

from France and Brittany, commonly known as bal folk. This is not a performance but rather a coming together of musically minded friends.

SAVE THE DATE PESKEOMPSKUT PARK

Thursday, August 21

ROOT FIYAH (Reggae) Peskeompskut Park

7-9pm. Experience original Jamaican Rock Steady style Reggae led by Abdul Baki—founding member of the I-Tones, former Zion Initiation keyboardist, and reggae educator. Backed by some of New England's finest, Root Fiyah delivers soulful, heartbeat-driven roots music. <https://www.facebook.com/events/24111167535158403>

Sunday, August 24

Wes Brown Trio (Jazz)

Peskeompskut Park, 3pm

Jazz piano playing styles through the decades, beginning with rags from 1900 to 21st century interpretations. With Shimon Ben-Shir (electric bass), Gary Fieldman (drums), Wes Brown (keyboard). <https://www.facebook.com/events/1051384177080006>

Thursday, August 28

THREE SPEED (Rock Covers)

Peskeompskut Park 7-9pm.

Mix of classic rock, blues, reggae, americana with Steve Ellis (After Glo), Greg Snedeker and Chris Ellis.