

This weekend in Montague and Downtown Turners Falls October 29-November 2. To receive this information in your inbox, subscribe to the RiverCulture newsletter:

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Wednesday, October 29

Introduction to Reiki & Sound Healing

Montague Center Library, 6-7pm

Imagine yourself bathed in the soothing tones of a crystal harp, while gentle waves of energy help you release stress and restore balance. Join Sheryl Sadler-Twyon for an uplifting introduction to Reiki and Sound Healing. In this unique program, you'll not only learn about these holistic practices—you'll also experience them. With short demonstrations woven throughout, feel the calming effects for yourself.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1843913382863808>

Wednesday, October 29

Wes Brown & Friends

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 8pm

Local jazz musician Wes Brown plays live every 3rd Wednesday ("Wes-day") joined by talented musicians from all over the valley!

Thursday, October 30

Bilingual Music & Movement

Montague Center Library, 10-11am

Join Tom & Laurie for a highly interactive program geared toward preschoolers and their caregivers. Ages 0-5

Thursday, October 30

Life with Bill: The Gift of Alzheimers

Gill-Montague Senior Center, 62 Fifth St.

4pm. The Gill-Montague Senior Center invites you to the multi-media presentation of Life with Bill, The Gifts of Alzheimer's. Presented by writer, storyteller, composer and musician Nick Kachulis the event will feature film, stories and live music about caring for his elderly father, Bill. Many people think of Alzheimer's as a heartrending death sentence. Nick found the disease enabled his dad to share special moments and leave gifts for him before his passing. Space is limited and reservations are encouraged by calling 413-863-9357.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2296391527469938> More information about Nick Kachulis and Life with Bill can be found at <https://www.nickkachulis.com/>

Thursday, October 30

5 Villages Monthly Flow and Fire Jam!

Common Hall, Montague Center, 6-8pm

Bring your own prop or use one of mine! No experience necessary (I'll teach you!), inclusive, family friendly, and, weather permitting, ending the night with fire spinning!

Thursday, October 28

Moving at the Speed of Trust

Improv with Moti

Montague Retreat Center, Ripley Road

What happens when touch becomes a compass and gravity is a playground? When falling is caught, and leaning becomes flight? In this beginner-friendly 8-week series we enter the dance of listening bodies—rolling, spiraling, discovering balance together. No maps, no steps, only listening, curiosity and an invitation to move with others at the speed of trust.

Full series \$140-\$240. Single Class \$15-\$30. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1313239880521743>

Thursday, October 30

Dave Dersham

The Rendezvous, 78 Third Street, 9pm

"If you're feeling kind of inside out and craving folk songs from a whole different direction, dive into Dave Dersham's Another Interregnum. It's as if you're sitting around in his living room on homemade furniture and he's trying out his fully formed, way-out ideas on you."

Donations appreciated. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1311783077079282>

Friday, October 31

Drop-In: Nation Spiritual Alliance

2 Montague Ave., Lake Pleasant

9am-1pm. coffee, conversation, and community in the peaceful setting of historic Thompson Temple.

Friday, October 31

Kidleidoscope Story Hour – Night Animals

Great Falls Discovery Center, 10:30am

Learn more about our wildlife neighbors in the Connecticut River Watershed. Program includes a story, activities, and crafts. Activities are indoors and outdoors, weather permitting. For ages 3-6. *Wear your wildlife Halloween costume!

Friday, October 31

Boos and Brews

Element Brewery, Millers Falls, 4-9pm

Costumes encouraged! Food & Drink specials. Palm Reading by Lee Evers 4 – 7pm. Bingo 7-9pm.

Friday, October 31

RAG SHAG PARADE

Begins at the Second Street/Discovery Center Parking Lot. 4:30pm Costume Judging. 5pm parade step off lead by Montague Police and Fire Department. Music by the Turners Falls High School Marching Band. Cider and donuts at Peskeompskut Park. Three “best costume” winners will each receive a gift certificate for a free pizza from Turners Falls Pizza House followed by the short film “SCARED SHREKLESS” (30 minutes)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1883085608954695>

Friday, October 31

Halloween Concert with the Grumpytime Band

Montague Center Library, 6-7pm

Shifting between piano, guitar and ukulele, Carrie Ferguson and friends create live shows that are often jubilant sing-along dance parties, highlighting themes of inclusivity, social justice, Earth stewardship and LGBTQ youth/family pride. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Montague Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

October 31-November 1

A HAPPENING V- The Bestiary

Shea Theater, \$20/\$25

*PG 13. Doors 7pm. Free roam, guests have option to interact or observe. The Cloudgazers were not the first to discover the way in through the portal...maybe it has always been open in the first place...But, after careful consideration, they have decided to share their findings...It happens most often when the veil is thin - when the firmament descends and as things are above, so are those below. Your eyes attune and the surrounding dark becomes acutely bright. *Another world appears, alongside our own*

<https://sheatheater.org/>

Friday, October 31

Halloween Costume Party

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St. 9:30pm

With DJ Donovan. costume contest! spooky shots! creepy cocktails! \$10 cover. 21+

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1355182259341053>

Saturday, October 1

Basic Shirt Class

Swansons Fabrics, 320 Avenue A

10am-2pm. Have you been wanting to learn to sew clothes? Take this class if you are just starting out, need a refresher, or are looking to upgrade your skills! This class is open to beginners and confident sewists alike and is designed to be taken multiple times. All materials are included. 4 hours of workshop instruction, \$75, limited to 6 people. Sign up: <https://www.swansonsfabrics.com/>

Saturday, November 1

Used Book Sale

Carnegie Library, 11am-1pm

Shop for new-to-you books, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, and more. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Montague Public Libraries

Saturday, November 1

Volunteer Planting Day

Peskeompskut Park

Avenue A + 7th St, 11am-2pm

We had tons of fun this summer but alas, it's time to put our beloved park to sleep for the winter. Please join your friends and neighbors to plant spring flowering bulbs donated to the park for the Montague Reporter fundraiser. The beds have been prepped by the Montague DPW and are ready to go! Other gardening tasks include weeding and pruning around the shrubs near the bandshell. Please bring gardening tools if you have them- shovels, trowels and rakes. Some tools will be available on site. We really need your help!

Saturday, November 1

Shards of the Soul Class #3

National Spiritual Allice

2 Montague Ave, Lake Pleasant

1pm in person or via ZOOM. This four-part series is dedicated to seeking, discovering, and healing the wounds carried across lifetimes. This session: SPIRIT. \$25. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1434565190941796>

Saturday, November 1

David Brule and his Irish Band
Element Brewery, Millers Falls, 3-6pm

Saturday, November 1

WHEELS OF GLORY BENEFIT

Unnamable Books, 66 Avenue A, 3-9pm

3-6pm there will be a poetry marathon featuring [@zoe.tuck](#), [@bluangelflameco](#), Sierra D.

Dickey, and friends! Then from 7-9pm there will be a cover show with local talents

[@babe_w8](#) [@fat_milfs](#) [@blahstard](#) and [@mood.salad](#). Suggested donation \$10+. All funds go towards the light, foldable powerchair for local artist and write Casey Wait.

Saturday, November 1

Dance with our Ancestors/ Dumb Supper Ritual

Montague Retreat Center, Rippley Road

Join us when the veil is thin at the gorgeous Montague Retreat Center for a night of honoring our ancestors through intentional dining, musical ritual and ecstatic dance. Doors 6:30pm.

Dinner 7-8:30pm. Performance 9pm. Ecstatic Dance Set: 10:30pm. INFO + TICKETS:

<https://events.humanitix.com/dance-with-our-ancestors-and-dumb-supper-ritual-at-the-mrc/tickets?>

Saturday, November 1

Love & Rage

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

SNOWGLOBE ALMANAC (live set) 9:30pm. DJs \$€Y at 10:30pm. Blush [techno, acid, breaks, hyperpop, hardcore] 11:30pm. \$10-20 PWYC.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1519193562540155>

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Wednesday, November 5

Half Shaved Jazz

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 8pm

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

Thursday, November 6

Bilingual Music & Movement

Montague Center Library, 10-11am

Join Tom & Laurie for a highly interactive program geared toward preschoolers and their caregivers- Ages 0-5.

Thursday, November 6

Nice and Easy Walks

Great Falls Discovery Center, 1-2pm

Easy-paced, 1 to 2-mile guided walk along the Canalside Rail Trail or downtown Turners Falls. Geared for seniors, but open to all.

Friday, November 7

Library Learning Lab

10am-11am. Carnegie Library Local History

Learn about the various digital resources available to you through your library card, such as Libby (for eBooks and eAudiobooks), Kanopy (streaming platform), Craftsy (craft tutorials), databases, online newspaper access, and more.

Friday, November 7

[Drop-in Readings with Rev. Joanne](#)

National Spiritual Alliance

2 Montague Ave, Lake Pleasant

1pm. Rev. Joanne is a gifted medium and tarot reader, known for her warm and heart-centered approach. Drop-in. By Donation.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/4380440192242341>

Friday, November 7

Great Falls Discovery Center, 3-5:30pm

Self-guided scavenger hunt to test your spotting skills in our Connecticut River watershed habitat dioramas.

Friday, November 7

Lofi Creativity Zone: Writing and Drawing Hangout

Carnegie Library, 4-5pm

Unwind and tap into your creative side with our program, designed for teens and tweens in grades 6-12. This is a chill, drop-in, no-stress program for anyone who enjoys writing, drawing, or both!

First Friday Turners Falls November 7

Shops open late!

Discovery Center: Scavenger Hunt 3-5:30pm

Dreamhouse: Small plates and drinks 5-8pm

Rendezvous: Drew Paton, 6:30pm

Breakdown Records: Open until 8pm

Waterway Arts: Sadie's Bike Gumball Machine Takeover "Grab bags" from past artists PLUS an opening reception: Local artists using local materials, 5-8pm

LOOT: See the newly released floorplans and exterior renderings of the new library! Chat with Library Director, Caitlin Kelley and members of the Library Building Steering Committee from 5-8pm in the back room.

Stop by our newest shop ORLA at 38 Third Street and get a meal at our newest restaurant Cucina Lupita 125 Avenue A!

November 7-9

ANNIE

Ja Duke Theater, Industrial Blvd.

Classic musical. With a perfect combination of street-smarts and optimism, Annie warms the hearts of the audience as we witness her rise from next to nothing in New York City. She is determined to find her parents, who left her at the orphanage years ago. Rated G. Friday and Saturday 6pm. Sunday 2pm. \$12/\$15.

Friday, November 7

The Clover Valley Boys

Common Hall, Montague Center

6:30pm. A string band concert!

Friday, November 8

Bekka Doland

Element Brewery, 3-5pm

Country singer and songwriter from Western Massachusetts. Bekka's music brings a new fresh and unique sound to the country genre.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/24574886532193780>

Friday, November 7

Donna the Buffalo

Shea Theater, 8pm, \$30/\$36

Since 1989, the roots rockers have elevated the jam band experience and created a community of devoted fans. The band has collaborated with notable folk and roots artists such as Jim Lauderdale, Bela Fleck, Mamadou Diabate, and Amy Helm, among others. Get

your jam-band dancing fix! <https://sheatheater.org/>

Friday, November 7

The Royal Me/Matt Charette/ Les Derailleurs/Teen Driver

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

Fall Friday rock machine- indie, Lo-Fi, punk-ish, post-punk.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/804523965339552>

Saturday, November 8

The Nolumbeka Project Presents:

Full Beaver Moon Gathering

Great Falls Discovery Center, 1-3pm

The Nolumbeka Project presents the annual Full Beaver Moon Gathering with guest speaker Willow Greene, Abenaki elder and award-winning storyteller. Raffle drawing. Free admission and all ages are welcome.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1142230314118466>

Saturday, November 8

Veterans Day Roast Beef Dinner

Montague Elks, Turners Falls, 6pm

Roast Beef Dinner by Two Screws Catering will be served at 6pm. Enjoy a delicious meal, fun raffles, and the drawing of our Lottery Tree! Get your tickets from your bartender or any Veterans Committee member, \$25.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1592775725041453>

Saturday, November 8

Open Mic

Common Hall, Montague Center

6:30pm. Diverse performances– musicians, poets, singers, dancers, storytellers. This Open Mic welcomes and appreciates both emerging musicians and seasoned performers. Sign in before 6:15pm and be prepared for 10-20 minutes, depending on turnout. Voluntary donations.

Saturday, November 8

Let's Go Crazy!

Prince-Themed Dance Party!

Shea Theater, 8pm, \$10-15

The Shea Theater is pleased to present an evening of the timeless catalog of the one and only Prince, DJed with all vinyl records by DJ Dan Cashman (of Woolly Bully and DJ nights at The Quarters).

Sunday, November 9

Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

Fundraiser: Cub Scouts PACK 3

Spaghetti, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, and dessert. \$12 per person collected at the door. Cash, check, or Venmo accepted. Eat in or to go.

Sunday, November 9

Prime Rib Dinner!

Turners Falls Rod and Gun, 11am

Appetizers at noon. Cash bar. Dinner will be served at 2pm. Prime rib, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad and rolls. \$30. 21+,

<https://www.facebook.com/events/808362818840916>

Sunday, November 9

Karaoke!

With Buckingham Rabbits Vintage

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 8pm

The **Veterans Day Ceremony** is scheduled for 11am on Tuesday, November 11, 2025 at the Soldiers Memorial Park on Avenue A in Turners Falls. Prayers and speeches honoring Montague veterans will be conducted by representatives from the Montague Select Board, Montague Elks and the Soldiers Memorial Committee. This event is open to the public.