

2026 MONTAGUE/TURNERS FALLS SUMMER EVENTS. Updated on line: www.riverculture.org

Saturday, May 23	Eyes On Owls Presents: Owls Up Close!	Discovery Center	1- 2:15pm. Live owls and hooting lessons. Ages 5 and up. Free!
May 23-24	Journey Through Oz	Shea Theater	North Star Players invite you to follow a contemporary Dorothy and her beloved Toto as they make their way through the lands of Oz. Sat. 3pm/7pm/ Sunday 7pm.
Wednesday, May 27	Pamela Means Presents: Black, Brown and Beige	Montague Center Library	6pm. a family-friendly. Explore the origin stories of many recognizable "sing-along" tunes sung by Harriet Tubman, Leadbelly, Louis Armstrong, Billie Holiday, Price and more. Free!
Friday, May 29	Lakeside Drive	Turners Falls Rod+Gun	\$10 at the gate. Mobile food. cash only. 6pm door. 7pm music. rain or shine!
Friday, May 29	Dead Man's Waltz	Shea Theater	8pm. Triple tribute to The Grateful Dead, The Allman Brothers, and The Band.
Saturday, May 30	ReCloaking:ReCircling with Elizabeth James-Perry (Aquinnah Wampanoag)	Unity Park Riverfront/First Street	10am-3pm (Drop-in) A unique hands-on workshop. Dye a piece of cotton with natural materials including seaweed, chlorophyll, oak gall, black walnut. Fish Printing, too! Free!
Saturday, May 30	Música Franklin's Fun Fest!	Unity Park	1-5pm. A vibrant musical line-up: The Lost Tribe, John Hughes & Stephen Katz, and Música Franklin students plus a lively parade by the Expandable Brass Band and strolling mime performances by My My Mime.FREE! https://www.musicafranklin.org/fun-fest
Saturday, May 30	Music Makes Good Neighbors	Montague Center Common	Noon-5pm. A rural porchfest. 15 musical groups in 4 venues. Contradance & Balkan dance. Bake sale. \$20/donation. For a full schedule visit: https://www.montaguemusic.org/
Sunday, May 31	Earth Music Theater Live	Shea Theater	4pm. Immersive performance blends live music, space imagery, and storytelling. With local astronaut Cady Coleman and NEPM's Monte Belmonte
Monday, June 1	Foraging with Neil Bovaird of Wolf Tree Programs	Montague Center Library/North Street	5-7pm. North St Conservation area. Learn how to identify and forage for local wild edible plants! Free. Registration required.
Friday, June 5	Great Falls Creative Movement	Shea Theater	7pm. Awesome Art in Motion- a kid-made dance recital. + Performance 6/7 at 2:30pm
Friday, June 5	FIRST FRIDAY TURNERS FALLS. Live music. Shops Open Late. Pop Up!	Downtown Turners Falls	4:30pm CHALK WALK on Avenue A. Prizes awarded. Pride Disco Party with DJ Just Joan at LOOT. Heavy/Angular music at the Brick House: Matthew Thornton, Sleep Destroyer, Brian Gibson, Adam Bosse & Dakota Gill Specials. MORE!
Friday, June 5	Imagine Your New Library!	38 Avenue A, Turners	5-8pm. Q&A Info session with Library Director Caitlin Kelley and Trustee Will Quale.
Saturday, June 6	19th Annual Free Family Fishing Day	Discovery Center and Barton's Cove	Fishing at Barton Cove, with additional activities at Discovery Center. All are welcome. Rain or shine. Parking is free. Free shuttle bus between sites.10am-2pm.
Saturday, June 6	Big Yellow Taxi (Joni Mitchell Tribute)	Shea Theater	8pm. A night highlighting Joni Mitchell's seminal live album Miles of Aisles
Monday, June 8	Montague Community Band	Peskeompskut Park	7pm. Season Opener! Directed by Glen D'Eon
Thursday, June 11	Doo-Rite! Boogie Nite	Shea Theater Lobby	8pm. featuring DJs Andujar and Funky Bottoms. Free! All ages dance party!
Friday, June 12	MOVIE: How To Train Your Dragon Live Action/ Animated. (2025 PG)	Peskeompskut Park	7pm. Meet a REAL Bearded Dragon and other lizards from Reptile Nook! 8pm movie: A Viking boy defies centuries of tradition by befriendng a dragon named Toothless.
June 12-14	JCPA Showcase	JaDuke Theater	Dynamic performances from over 55 classes. Fri. 6pm, Sat. 2pm +6pm, Sun. 2pm. \$12/\$15
Friday, June 12	Coffeehouse Presents: On the Lam	Discovery Center	7-9pm. On the Lam offers sweet harmonies and harmony-heavy Americana. Refreshments available. Sliding scale suggested donations. All ages.
Saturday, June 13	SKATE PARK 10TH ANNIVERSARY	Unity Skatepark	2:30pm. Food Trucks. Punk/Rock performances: Rocking Puppies, Feminine Aggression, Film and Gender, Jeanies, Slobdrop. Made possible by Nova, RiverCulture, Parks & Rec.
Saturday, June 13	Songwriters in the Round	TSNA Lake Pleasant	5pm. Songs and stories: James Bird, Melanie Blackbird, Eric Phelps, By donation. \$20.
Saturday, June 13	Start Making Sense presents: '77-79	Shea Theater	8 PM: a special tribute to the Talking Heads' first two albums. Stripped-down 4 piece.
Sunday, June 14	2.6 mile Pride Hike	Canalside Rail Trail	10am. Learn about birds, beavers and more. Ages 10+ Meet outside the Discovery Center
Monday, June 15	Montague Community Band	Peskeompskut Park	7pm. "Crazy Little Thing Called Love" directed by Hannah Smeltz
Thursday, June 18	Recovery Project: Open Mic & Karaoke	Peskeompskut Park	4pm. Free! Open mic & KARAOKE for musicians, poets, performers. Food. rain date 6/25.
Saturday, June 20	Favorite Storybook Character Day	Discovery Center	1-3pm. Dress up as your favorite character and join us for a storytime and costume party with special guest Brie's Balloons. All ages.
Saturday, June 20	Chick N Wire Featuring Alana	Turners Falls Rod+Gun	\$10 at the gate. Mobile food. cash. 6pm door. 7pm music. rain or shine
Monday, June 22	Montague Community Band	Peskeompskut Park	7pm. "World Tour" directed by Hannah Smeltz
Friday, June 26	DSP Shows: Bill Frisell Trio	Shea Theater	8pm. A night with a noted composer and guitarist whose career has spanned 45 years. Featuring Thomas Morgan & Rudy Royston and special guest Gregory Tardy
Saturday, June 27	Montague World Music Mini Festival	Peskeompskut Park	4pm - Myrtle Street Klezmer, 5pm - Minqi Wang (Trad. Chinese Pipa), 6pm - Guachinangos (Cumbia and Jarocho from NYC) Free! Sponsored by Weathervane Arts
Saturday, June 27	Mammals of the North Woods	Discovery Center	2-4pm. Dawn Marvin Ward presents a slide show on mammals common to New England woodlands with hands-on sharing of related findings. For ages 8 and up. Free.
Monday, June 29	Montague Community Band	Peskeompskut Park	7pm. "Songs for America" directed by Hannah Smeltz
Thursday, July 2	Butterfly Discoveries with Mass Audubon	Carnegie Library	4-5pm. A nature-themed costume party with butterflies, games & storytime fun. Ages 0-10
Thursday, July 2	SPATULAS/ANIMAL P*SS, IT'S EVERYWHERE/ BLUES AMBUSH	Great Falls Harvest Restaurant	8pm. 50 Third St. A show by Shannon Ketch.
Friday, July 3	FIRST FRIDAY TURNERS FALLS. Live music. Shops Open Late. Pop Ups!	Downtown Turners Falls	Lexi Weege and Helen on the LOOT tiny stage plus rollout of closeout jewelry inventory. Joyous music at the Brick House with The Freeps, Content Clown, It's Mandy. "Fireworks" and July 4 food in the Shea Theater Alley. MORE!
Monday, July 6	Needle-Felted Carniverous Plant	Carnegie Library	12:30-3pm. Crafting and education program for teens and tweens!
Monday, July 6	Montague Community Band	Peskeompskut Park	7pm. "Let's Dance" directed by Hannah Smeltz
Friday, July 10	RETRO NIGHT MOVIE: Karate Kid	Peskeompskut Park	Wax ON Wax OFF. Three people will win a free CAR WASH! Movie starts at 8pm. Daniel moves to California and quickly finds himself the target of a group of bullies from the Cobra Kai dojo. Fortunately, Daniel befriends Mr. Miyagi. (1984. PG14)
Friday, July 10	Quinn Sullivan	Shea Theater	8pm. Boston-raised blues wunderkind comes to the Shea for the first time.
Saturday, July 11	Songwriters in the Round	TSNA Lake Pleasant	5pm. Songs & stories: Pamela Means, Wylder Ayres, Kim Chin-Gibbons. By donation. \$20.
July 11-12	Finding Nemo: A 60 Minute Family Musical	Ja Duke Theater	A vibrant stage adaptation that follows Marlin and his forgetful friend Dory on an ocean adventure to rescue his son Nemo. Sat. 6pm, Sun.2pm. \$12/\$15 Repeats July 17-19
Monday, July 13	Launchspace Mobile Makerspace: Block Printing	Carnegie Library	1:30-3:30pm. Launchspace (Orange, MA) will be visiting the Carnegie Library tent for a special block printing class for teens and adults.
Monday, July 13	Montague Community Band	Peskeompskut Park	7pm. "Young at Heart" Directed by Hannah Smeltz

Friday, July 17	Lofi Creativity Zone: Through Your Lens, Special Guest Peter Glass	Carnegie Library	4-5pm. Teens can drop in at the Carnegie Library for a class on the art of photography.
Saturday, July 18	AfterGlo	Turners Falls Rod & Gun	\$10 at the gate. Mobile food. cash only. 6pm door. 7pm music. rain or shine!
Sunday, July 19	Art Naturally: Dinosaur Dioramas!	Discovery Center	10:30am. to noon. Make a miniature dinosaur diorama. All materials provided. Ages 6+Free.
Sunday, July 19	Do it Now	Peskeompskut Park	2pm Insightful political commentary and improvised music with beat Poet Paul Richmond, innovative percussionist Tony Vacca and guitar legend John Sheldon. Rain date 7/26.
Monday, July 20	Launchspace Mobile Makerspace: Leather Book Covers	Carnegie Library	1:30-3:30pm. Launchspace (Orange, MA) will be visiting the Carnegie Library tent for a special leather craft for teens and adults.
Mondays July 20 +27	Montague Community Band	Peskeompskut Park	7pm. Concert themes TBA. Rain date: Monday, August 3
Tuesday, July 21	Reptile Show of New England	Carnegie Library	1:30-2:30pm. reptiles, traveling show, nature, education
Saturday, July 25	Nightmare Screening Horror Movie	Shea Theater	7:30pm. CinemaStorm! FREE mystery screening event with a special guest TBA
Saturday, July 25	"Christmas In July"	Unity Riverfront	Franklin County Boat Club. Fireworks start at 9pm!
Thursday, July 30	YELLOWMAN	Shea Theater	8pm. The King of Dancehall debuts at the Shea!
Friday, July 31	No Strings Marionette Company	Peskeompskut Park	10:30am-noon. Theater puppet performance and music in the bandshell!
August 1-2	13th Annual Pocumtuck Homelands Festival	Unity Park Riverfront	10am-5pm: Native American Art, Music, History and Cultures. 45 Indigenous vendors. Food trucks. Free and family friendly! Presented by the Nolumbeka Project.
Saturday, August 1	DSP Presents: DahkaBrahka	Shea Theater	8pm. This "ethno-chaos" quartet from Kyiv, Ukraine who reflect fundamental elements of sound and soul, creating a world of unexpected new music.
Sunday, August 2	Real Live Theater: A Winter's Tale	Shea Theater	5pm. A staged reading of the Shakespearean classic.
Wed., August 5	Reid Genauer & Assembly of Dust	Shea Theater	8pm. One half of jamband legend Strange Folk and his new band Assembly of Dust.
Friday, August 7	FIRST FRIDAY TURNERS FALLS. Live music. Shops Open Late. Pop Ups!	Downtown Turners Falls	FREE face painting at LOOT with local artist Emma Rose. Indie Folk/ Dream Pop with Cloubelly, Care O'Leary, Grazer and Dollflower at the Brick House. MORE!
Friday, August 7	RETRO MOVIE NIGHT: Pee Wee's Big Adventure (1985, PG)	Peskeompskut Park	Pee-wee Herman loves his red bicycle. While Pee-wee visits his friend Dottie its stolen. Pee-wee sets off on a trip, where he meets many remarkable people...
Sunday, August 9	Birds of Prey with Tom Ricardi	Discovery Center	2-3pm. See birds of prey up close with legend and wildlife rehabilitator Tom Ricardi. Free.
August 14-16	Junie B. Jones Jr.	Ja Duke Theater	A high-energy Broadway Junior musical that follows the spunky first-grader as she navigates the ups and downs of starting first grade. Fri.+ Sat. 6pm, Sun. 2pm. \$12/\$15.
Friday, August 14	Austin & Elliot and The Boxcar Lilies	Discovery Center	7pm.Great Falls Coffeehouse Series in support of the Center. By donation. All ages.
Saturday, August 15	Small Town Radio	Turners Falls Rod+Gun	\$10 at the gate. Mobile food. cash only. 6pm door. 7pm music. rain of shine!
Saturday, August 15	Geology Talk: "Amazing "Deep Time"	Discovery Center	2-3pm. Mysteries of Turners Falls and Vicinity With geologist Richard Little. Free.
Thursday, August 20	WES BROWN QUARTET	Peskeompskut Park	7pm. Originals by Wes Brown featuring Temidayo Balogun (sax), Matan Rubinstein (keys), Royal Hartigan (drums) and Wes Brown (bass). free. Sponsored by RiverCulture
Saturday, August 22	Artisan Sip & Shop	Element Brewing	Millers Falls. 1-6pm. Craft fair. *Music by Bekka Dowland 3-5pm!
Thursday, August 27	KWARTETTO MAMBO	Peskeompskut Park	7pm. Latin classics and original music with John Clark (French horn), Dan DeWalt (piano/trombone), Wes Brown (bass) and Julian Gerstin (congas/percussion). Free!
Friday, September 4	FIRST FRIDAY TURNERS FALLS	Downtown Turners Falls	Live music. Shops Open Late. Specials! Details TBA
September 4-7	RPM FEST	Millers Falls Rod+Gun	New England's biggest heavy music campout! Rock, punk, metal, heavy music culture, community, and camping in the woods. https://www.rpmfest.org/
Sat. September 12	Waterfowl Talk by Chad Witko	Discovery Center	2-3pm. Get the scoop on local waterfowl with ornithologist Chad Witko. Free.
September 18-20	Camp Weekend: Spirit and Connection	TSNA Lake Pleasant	Mediumship, spiritual healing and energy workshops, music, community meals...
Sat. September 19	Source to Sea Clean Up	Discovery Center	10 am-noon. Help us clean up the Canalside Rail Trail and make a difference!
Sat. September 19	One Love Reggae Festival	Peskeompskut Park	4-9pm. Featuring the Wendell Warriors, Shanti Starr, Ras Iba, Root Fiyah and special quests. Vendor fair and Caribbean Food. Emcee: Richie Richardson. Sponsored by the Montague Cultural Council, RiverCulture and 253 Pharmacy. FREE! Rain date 9/20.
Sun., September 20	Northeast Unity Car Show	Unity Park	10am-4pm. Vintage + custom Audi, Volkswagen, Euro, Food! https://northeastunity.com/
Sun. September 20	DSP Presents: Beth Orton	Shea Theater	7:30pm. A rare appearance by the ethereal singer-songwriter.
Sat. September 26	Pond Lily Project Finale: Songwriters Showcase	Shea Theater	7pm. A collaborative "songwriters in the round" performance of original music and storytelling. An evening celebrating intentional music, listening, creativity and community.
Sun. September 27	Montague Soap Box Races	Unity Park Hill	Gravity-fed cars race in 3 age brackets.REGISTER: https://montaguesoapboxraces.com/
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5/22: Sleep Destroyer/Grazer/Feldspar00000/Luna Fortune/ Amateur Club. 9:30pm
5/23: The Unlucky Shots, Matthew Larson and The Documents. 9:30pm
5/24: Solo Songwriters Night w/ Brian Dickens. 8:30pm
5/29: Anjali Aurora, 9:30pm
5/30: Peace & Rhythm DJs: All-vinyl dance party. 9:30am
6/3: Half Shaved Jazz, 8pm (Every First Wednesday)
6/5: Drew Paton, 6:30pm (Every First Friday)
6/6: Love & Rage: Electronic Music, 9:30pm. (Every First Saturday)
6/7: Mystral 8pm
6/10: Falltown String Band, 8pm (Every Second Wednesday)
6/14: Karaoke w. Buckingham Rabbits Vintage!, 8pm (Every Second Sunday)
6/15: Open Mic with Jim McRae, 8:30pm (Every Monday)
6/17: Wes Brown & Friends, 8pm (Every Third Wednesday)
6/18: Curmudgeon Bingo!, 7pm (Every Third Thursday)
6/19: Ollie Schechter/Magick Lantern/Bo Malcolm/Blue Ranger, 9:30pm
6/25: Tribus, 9pm
6/27: BASSTHOV3N, 9:30pm
7/18: BASSTHOV3N, 9:30pm
7/25: A Different Thread, 9:30pm
7/30: Sequoia Rose, 9pm
8/2: Lyle Hutchins, 8:30pm
8/15: Trans Inclusive Crime Syndicate, 9:30pm
8/22: Couchboy/The So-So's. 9:30pm

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