This Weekend in Montague and Downtown Turners Falls May 19-May 24. To receive this information in your inbox, sign up for the RiverCulture Newsletter: https://www.riverculture.org/newsletter-subscription/

OPEN! Turners Falls Fishway
First Street/ Behind Town Hall
Come watch American shad, sea lamprey, and other anadromous fish swim up the Connecticut River as they begin their annual spring migration! Hours for the migration viewing are Wednesday through Sunday (and Memorial Day) 9am-5pm from May 9 through June 7. Free! En Entrance along the Canalside Railtrail.
Learn more here: https://firstlight.energy/stewardship/turner-falls-fishway/

Tuesday, May 19
Drop-In Family Craft
Millers Falls Library
2-7pm. New crafts each month, easy instructions, and all the supplies ready to go. Just stop by during open hours and get creative! Geared for ages 5-12, but all are welcome

Tuesday, May 19
Voices of the Village
Featuring Carly Lara
2 Montague Ave, Lake Pleasant
Join us every third Tuesday for an evening of live music, creativity, and connection. Sign-ups at 6pm. Open Mic starts at 6:45pm. Musicians of all ages and experience levels are welcome to share songs in a warm listening-room atmosphere. House PA and monitor provided, and the night is generally acoustic with a focus on songwriting. Covers are of course welcome! https://www.facebook.com/events/1553193722989826

Tuesday, May 19
ABCD Jam
Montague Retreat Center, Rilley Rd.
This contact improvisation jam welcomes individuals of all identities, abilities, body types, and backgrounds. We are committed to creating a respectful, consensual, and supportive environment. **DEEP SEIZE** is an Electronic/World Fusion duo formed in 2014 by producer Wyatt Andrews and handpan composer Jed Blume. Working as a duo the group has pioneered a new sound, which combines the worldly melodic lines of live handpan with the grooving bass and heavy rhythms of Hip Hop and EDM. $15-$30.
https://www.facebook.com/events/3412011648966320

Wednesday, May 20
Your Library, Your Voice
Main Library Building Project Information Session
Montague Center Library, 6-7pm
Join Library Director, Caitlin Kelley; Trustees Chair, Will Quale; and Adam Thibeault of Downes Construction for a presentation on the project before Montague residents have the opportunity to vote in a special election that could pass the project on Wednesday, June 24th. https://www.facebook.com/events/1649932272910722

Wednesday, May 21
Wes Brown & Friends
The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 8pm

Thursday, May 21
Bilingual Music & Movement
Montague Center Library, 10-10:45am
Join Tom & Laurie for a highly interactive program geared toward preschoolers and their caregivers. Designed for children ages 0-5 but older siblings are welcome!

Thursday, May 21
OPEN: Food Pantry
Brick House, 24 Third St., 10am-1pm
Local jazz musician Wes Brown plays live every 3rd Wednesday ("Wes-day") joined by talented musicians from all over the valley!

Thursday, May 21
Nice and Easy Walk
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.

Thursday, May 21
Curmudgeon Bingo
The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 7pm
He’s old. He’s grumpy. He calls bingo. CURMUDGEON BINGO. Every 3rd Thursday

Friday May 22
TSNA Drop-In
2 Montague Ave, Lake Pleasant, 11am-1pm.

Friday, May 22
Lofi Creativity Zone
Carnegie Library, 4-5pm
Ditch the school stress and find your flow at the Carnegie Library. Whether you're working on a graphic novel, filling a sketchbook, or just need a quiet place to write, we've got the beats and the space for you.

Friday, May 22
Element BINGO!
Element Brewery, Millers Falls
7-9pm. Spring Edition! Brew bucks and other prizes awarded each round!*
https://www.facebook.com/events/2157188288466196

Friday, May 22
LGBTQ+
Art Workshop Series
Brick House 24 Third St., 5-7pm
An opportunity to get to know one another in a low-key way over interactive art projects including Tarot-deck making and Fiber Arts (choose your own adventure, with guidance if requested) and share ideas & visions for future gatherings! Free dinner will be included. Ages 13+

Friday, May 22
Paw Paw Club
St Kaz, 198 Avenue A
Dinner 6-10pm: Birria Tacos, Chips & Guacamole, Simple Salad. Join us for some good dunking fun. On the decks will be Chris Dooley and friends. We'll have a cocktail special, and as always, other fun surprises. JOIN ST KAZ.

Friday, May 22
Ruby of Thanks + Beetsblog
Unnameable Books, 66 Avenue A
Music 6-8pm.

Friday, May 22
25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee
Turners Falls High School Theater Department
Friday 7pm. Saturday 2pm + 7pm. PG 13.

Saturday, May 23
Great Falls Farmers Market!
Peskeompskut Park, 9am-1pm
SNAP/HIP are accepted and welcome. A growing lineup of vendors bringing everything from meat to crafts to veggie starts.

Saturday, May 23
OPEN: Food Pantry
Brick House, 24 Third St., 10am-1pm

Saturday, May 23
Eyes on Owls
Great Falls Discovery Center
1pm-2:15pm. Everyone loves owls! Come see them up close and enjoy a slide presentation and introduction to six live owls including hooting lessons. Learn about field marks, owl pellets, tips on how to protect owls, and the importance of owls and other birds of prey in the ecosystem. For adults, youth, and children ages 5 and up (accompanied by an adult). Free. Sponsored by the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center and Rescue Franklin County Wildlife, a group of community volunteers committed to raising awareness about the harms of pesticides to birds of prey and encouraging the use of wildlife safe alternatives.

Friday, May 22
Sleep Destroyer/Grazer/Feldspar 00000/Lula Fortune/Amateur Club
the Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 9:30pm
Grazer (Music with 90s alt-infused power vocals and sick riffs), Sleep Destroyer (Distortion comedy routine), Feldspar 00000 (melodic harsh dance music), Lula Fortune (90s tinged melodic emo), Amateur Club (bad music for bad people) Suggested donation of $10 (pwyc) with 100% of the money going to the performers.
https://www.facebook.com/events/838426401849071

Saturday, May 23
Memory Silo
Unnameable Books, 66 Avenue A
Half covers half originals with Corbett Bresner, Jackson Watson, Bec Bell-Gurwitz, Teo Rivera-Dundas. Doors 6pm. Readings 6:30pm.

May 23-24
North Star Players:
Journey Through Oz
Shea Theater, Sliding Scale $0-$20
The North Star Players offer their unique adaptation of Frank L. Baum's The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, exploring the deep friendships and harsh conflicts Dorothy grapples with as she finds her way home. Familiar characters like the Scarecrow, Tin Woodman, and the Cowardly Lion are joined by lesser-known folk from the original book like Queen of the Field Mice, the Stork, the Hammer-Heads, and more. Saturday 3pm + 7pm. Sunday 3pm.
https://sheatheater.org/

Saturday, May 23
The Unlucky Shots, Matthew Larson and The Documents
The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 9:30pm

Sunday, May 24
Art Naturally: Tissue Paper Blooms
Great Falls Discovery Center, 10:30-noon. 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 tissue paper, pipe cleaners and jute. All art materials are provided but feel welcome to use your own. Ages 6+.

Sunday, May 24
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.

Sunday, May 24
Restorative Jam
Brick House, 24 Third St., 3:30pm

Each week, we will begin with a short grounding practice, followed by a few short somatic practices that can be done at home to gently tend to the nervous system in these troubling times. The class will conclude with a time of open restorative practices- folks are welcome to choose their own adventure in the space. This event runs from 3:30-5pm. Doors will close at 3:45pm.

Sunday, May 24
Community Healing Circle
2 Montague Ave Lake Pleasant
3:30-5pm conducted at TNSA featuring healing channelers of many modalities.

Sunday, May 24
Songwriters Night
Hosted by Brian Dickens
The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 8:30pm
With Brian Dickens, Kayla Blackburn, Olivia Nied, and Maki Matsui.
https://www.facebook.com/events/1960676897987903

SAVE THE DATE
May 30
Unity Park/ Riverfront Area
ReCloaking: ReCircling
Workshop with Elizabeth James-Perry
10am-3pm (Drop-in). A unique hands-on workshop led by biologist and artist Elizabeth James-Perry (Wampanoag). Working with natural materials participants will dye a piece of cotton fabric according to traditional Wampanoag practices. All materials are provided

Musica Franklin Fun Fest
1-5pm. Unity Park in Turners Falls
FREE! all-ages festival with live music, crafts, activities, and more!
A vibrant line-up of performers including The Lost Tribe, John Hughes & Stephen Katz, and Música Franklin students. The day will also showcase a lively parade and performance by the Expandable Brass Band and strolling mime performances by My My Mime. Grabbing a bite from Stone Soup Café and try a hands-on arts-and-crafts activity hosted by Artspace Greenfield.

Saturday, May 30
Good Music Makes Good Neighbors

Montague Music Festival 2026
Montague Center Common
Surrounding streets

Saturday, June 13
Skate Park Anniversary Show
Unity Skatepark, 2:30pm. show starts
Rocking Puppies , Feminine Aggression, Film and Gender, Jeanies, Slobdrop. FREE SHOW!
Come Rawk and Sk8 https://www.facebook.com/events/1274246331578635