

Merrimack Valley Happenings...

News of current economic developments and cultural events
from the Merrimack Valley Economic Development Council.

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BUSINESS AND ECONOMY NEWS



It starts with a conversation: The [Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank](#) has named **David Wallace**, previously executive vice president, as president of the bank. **Robert Caruso** will continue to be chairman and CEO. Founded in 1854, the Lowell Five is Lowell's oldest financial institution, employing more than 200 people at 14 branch offices. *The Lowell Sun:* [Lowell Five appoints Wallace as president](#)



Lowell-based [Enterprise Bancorp Inc.](#) saw net income grow 43 percent in 2009, with double-digit growth in assets, loans and deposits; *Boston Business Journal:* [Enterprise Bank closes '09 with red-hot Q4](#); *The Lowell Sun:* [Enterprise Bank net income up 43 percent in 2009](#)



Michael Gilleberto has been appointed Tyngsboro's new town administrator; *The Lowell Sun:* [Gilleberto tapped in Tyngsboro](#)



[Lowell General Hospital](#) will move forward with a major expansion project that could mean \$200 million to the local economy; read *The Lowell Sun* column by Kendall Wallace: [Lowell General forging ahead with major expansion plan](#)



Lawrence business owner and developer **Juan Yopez** was one of 23 people from around the country who sat as special guests with Michelle Obama during the president's State of the Union address; *The Eagle-Tribune:* [Lawrence business owners are Obama guests for speech](#)



nexAMP

North Andover-based alternative energy company [Nexamp](#) and its CEO, **Dan Leary**, were mentioned in the Governor's 2010 [State of the Commonwealth address](#).



Lowell's **Coalition for a Better Acre** will receive \$1,888,000 in state subsidies and \$499,000 in federal tax credits to construct 23 affordable rental units in the Moody Street neighborhood. Lowell's **House of Hope** will receive \$557,324 in state to provide five units of affordable rental housing in Lowell for families transitioning from homelessness. *Boston Globe*: [Six housing programs get funding](#)



Billerica-based [InterSense Inc.](#) has received funding from NASA to develop a cockpit vision system for pilots; *The Lowell Sun*: [InterSense wins NASA funding](#); [press release](#).



Westford-based [LightLab Imaging Inc.](#) has received \$188,000 from the Massachusetts Life Sciences Initiative. LightLab plans to add another 20 to 30 employees in 2010; *Worcester Business Journal*: [Westford Imaging Company Primed For Growth](#)



[PetEdge](#), a wholesaler and marketer of pet supply products, has signed a lease for 216,780 square feet in Billerica; *Boston Globe*: [PetEdge signs big lease in Billerica](#)



[The Institution for Savings](#) is collecting funds for the earthquake recovery efforts in Haiti, and will match all funds collected before March 1. Collection boxes are located in the lobbies of the bank's offices: 93 State Street, 81 State Street and 68 Storey Avenue in Newburyport; 7 Bridge Road in Salisbury; 312 Haverhill Street in Rowley and 2 Depot Square in Ipswich. Checks made payable to Clinton - Bush Haiti Fund should be mailed to: LET'S HELP HAITI, c/o Institution for Savings, PO Box 510, Newburyport, MA 01950; *Daily News of Newburyport*: [Bank matches donations to Haiti](#)



MVEDC Board member **Constantine A. Valhouli**, principal of the Bradford and NY-based real estate and technology consulting firm [The Hammersmith Group](#), has just released "[Cities of the Future](#)," a white paper examining some of the cutting-edge cities being developed around the world, and comparing them with 19th century American industrial cities which were at the forefront of planning and technology at the time.

- ❖ The **Hammersmith Group** is seeking a tenant for a [3-room office suite](#) in a historic building on Bradford Common; \$1100/month.

HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS



[Click here for UMass Lowell news & events](#)

- ❖ Sat., Feb. 27: [Massachusetts Regional Science Bowl](#)
 - ❖ WUML 91.5 FM: community radio programming - [The Long View](#)
 - ❖ The [Merrimack Valley Housing Report](#) offers an objective and timely source of information on the state of housing in the region and how it affects our economic and social vitality.
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Middlesex Community College news and events:

- ❖ Community Education and Career Training noncredit courses for spring 2010; Info: Marci Barnes, 781-280-3669, barnesm@middlesex.mass.edu
- ❖ Green Energy/Energy Efficiency courses
- ❖ Sat., Feb. 27, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.: Summer Camp Open House; MCC Bedford campus, 591 Springs Road, Bedford; camps Include: Aviation and Simulation; Project Fashion; Theater; Digital Photography Twilight and Literature; Film Production; Early Veterinary Training; Lego Mindstorms; Web Design; new this year: Build-It-Yourself Robotics Workshops for ages 8 – 12
- ❖ MCC Business and Industry Programs assist employers with writing work-force training grants and offers credit and non-credit courses
- ❖ ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)for Manufacturing courses
- ❖ MCC's English Learner Institute (ELI) offers a variety of noncredit courses
- ❖ Online Career Training Certificates - Virtual Information Session.



NECC news & events:

- ❖ Feb. 19, March 5, March 19, April 9 - Free Grant Writing workshops; email registrations only; subject line: AGM WORKSHOPS REGISTRATION; e-mail to Glennys Sanchez, gsanchez@necc.mass.edu or Dawna Perez, dperez@necc.mass.edu.
- ❖ NECC has introduced a "green theme" to six courses: sections of Introductory Biology II, Introduction to Business, Integrated Computer Applications, Green Technology, Environmental Issues, and Statistics will now be available with an eco-friendly theme. Courses begin the week of January 25; press release.
- ❖ Environmentally Friendly Courses Offered to NECC Students
- ❖ NEC's **Learning Communities** allow a student to enroll in two or more different college credit courses with a similar theme, get credit for both, and learn and study with the same group of students. NECC will offer nine learning communities this spring, beginning the week of Jan. 25. complete list of offerings .
- ❖ Register Now for Spring 2010 Classes (for credit)
- ❖ Register for Non-credit Courses and programs
- ❖ NECC Speakers Bureau offers speakers free of charge on many interesting topics
- ❖ Workforce Development Services offers customized training and consulting services
- ❖ Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.: weekly info session for prospective students, Behrakis Center, Haverhill Campus
- ❖ Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.: weekly info session for prospective students, Lawrence Campus



Merrimack College news & events

- ❖ Weds., Feb. 10, 7:00 p.m.: Senior Brian Ciara presents the "First Lecture," Cascia Hall.
- ❖ For the second straight year, Merrimack ranked in the top five in the **National Collegiate Power Rankings**, which combine athletic and academic performance
- ❖ Thurs., Feb. 4, 7:00 p.m.: City of God Lecture : Dr. Paula Fredriksen, Aurelio Professor of Scripture at Boston University – "Jesus the Jew;" Cascia Hall; free, open to the public,
- ❖ Thurs., Jan. 28, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.: 7th Interfaith Prayer -- "Jews, Christians and Muslims: Together in Prayer;" Rabbi Dawn Rose, Rev. Raymond Dlugos, O.S.A., The Rev. Marsha Heydenreich,; Tarek El Heneidy; Christopher Wood; open to the public.
- ❖ Fri., Feb. 19, 3:00 p.m.: Robert D. Keohan Book Lecture – Prof. Steven Scherwatzky, Ph.D.: "Angels and Demons: Milton's Paradise Lost in Eighteenth Century England;" Sullivan Hall, room 205; open to public.
- ❖ Sun., Feb. 7, 2:00-4:00 p.m.: Opening Reception for "The Sculptures of Duncan Hewitt," McCoy Art Gallery, Rogers Center
- ❖ Thurs., Feb. 11, 5:30-7:00 p.m.: School of Advanced Studies Open House; Shine Lounge, Sakowich Campus Center



[Enterprise Center at Salem State College news and events](#)

- ❖ **[Winter workshops](#)** (co-sponsored by the Small Business Development Center (registration required))
- ❖ **[Enterprise Center CEO Groups](#)** - confidential monthly morning meetings; groups for Emerging CEOs, Established CEOs, Million Dollar CEO

BUSINESS GROUP NEWS



[Merrimack Valley Venture Forum:](#)



Greater Merrimack Valley
Convention & Visitors Bureau
adventures await

[Greater Merrimack Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau:](#)



[North of Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau:](#)

- ❖ **[North of Boston 2009-2010 online Visitor Guide.](#)**



[Merrimack Valley Workforce Investment Board](#)



[Valley Works Career Center:](#)



[Greater Lowell Workforce Investment Board:](#)



[Career Center of Lowell](#)



[Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce:](#)

- ❖ Fri., Feb. 5, 7:30-9:00 a.m.: **Annual Business Breakfast**, \$25/Members, \$35/Non-members; Michael's Function Hall, Alpha/River Street, Route 110, Haverhill
- ❖ Wed., Mar. 3, 5:00--7:00 p.m.: Business After Hours & Lowell Devils Game, Tsongas Arena, Lowell
- ❖ Fri., Mar. 19, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: 14th Annual WOW Conference; NECC Tech Center, Haverhill



[Billerica Community Alliance](#)



[Greater Lowell Chamber of Commerce :](#)

- ❖ Tues., Feb. 9, 7:45–9:00 a.m.: Networking - Jewelry Gone Wild™, 1229 Lakeview Ave. Dracut
- ❖ Tues., Feb. 9, 5:30-6:30 p.m.: Discover the French Riviera, LaBoniche, 143 Merrimack St., Lowell
- ❖ Thurs., Feb. 11, 5:00-7:00 p.m.: Evening Mixer, Dharma Buns Sandwich Co., 26A Market St., Lowell
- ❖ Fri., Feb. 12, 9:00-10:00 a.m.: Tyngsboro Business Day, Town Hall, 25 Bryants Lane, Tyngsboro
- ❖ Tues., Feb. 16, 7:30-9:30 a.m.: Billerica Business Day, - Billerica Town Hall, 365 Boston Road, Billerica
- ❖ Thurs., Feb. 25, 10:00 am-12:00 p.m.: SBA Workshop, Dracut Library, 28 Arlington Street, Dracut
- ❖ Fri., Feb. 26, 6:00-11:00 p.m.: Dining for Dollars, Holiday Inn, 4 Highwood Drive, Tewksbury



Amesbury Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Foundation:

- ❖ *Daily News of Newburyport:* [Chamber launches lamppost-naming program](#)



Greater Newburyport Chamber of Commerce and Industry:

- ❖ Thurs., Feb. 4, 7:30 a.m.: Breakfast Speaker – Newburyport Mayor Donna Holaday - State of the City address; Mission Oak Grill; \$15 member, \$25 non-member; [register](#).
- ❖ Wed., Feb. 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: Member Mixer; MetroRock (Mark Richey Woodworking); member \$10, non-member \$20; [info/register](#)
- ❖ Find out about Newburyport happenings in the latest issue of [STAY in the LOOP!](#)



Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce

April 7, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. [Business & Consumer Trade & Job Fair](#); Michael's Function Hall, Alpha/River Street, Route 110, Haverhill.



Young Professionals of Greater Lowell



Salisbury Chamber of Commerce:

- ❖ Thurs., Feb. 18, 6:00 p.m.: February Dinner Meeting - Guest Speaker: Sen. Steven Baddour; Sylvan Street Grille, 195 Elm Street, Salisbury

ARTS, CULTURE, NATURE, RECREATION



[Merrimack Valley radio 980WCAP](#) – Thursdays, 9:10 a.m.: MVEDC's **Dave Tibbetts** offers highlights of this week's "Merrimack Valley happenings"; [Listen online.](#)"

Restaurants in the Merrimack Valley



[Click here for](#) dozens of fine restaurants in the Merrimack Valley.

- ❖ Lawrence's famous [Cedar Crest](#) restaurant is now open at the site of the former Keys Grille, 585 Chickering Road (Route 125), North Andover *North Andover Citizen:* [Cedar Crest is coming back: Much loved Lawrence restaurant reopening in North Andover](#)
- ❖ [Tony & Ann's Pizza](#) has reopened in Dracut; *Valley Dispatch:* [Pizza Mecca Draws Upper Crust](#); *Boston Globe:* [Legendary North Chelmsford pizza shop, Tony & Ann's, reopens in Dracut](#)
- ❖ Downtown Newburyport has a new restaurant - [Loretta](#); *Daily News of Newburyport:* [Barbecue and seafood eatery to open on State Street](#) [editor's note: thumbs up - good food, friendly service, reasonable prices and comfortable atmosphere]
- ❖ [Revitalise Café](#) is now open at 50 Water Street, Newburyport; *Boston Globe:* [Best of the New: Food and Restaurants](#)



Tupelo Music Hall, overlooking the ocean at Salisbury Beach:

- ❖ Thurs., Feb. 4, 8:00 p.m.: [Tupelo Night of Comedy](#); Tony V., Paul Keenan, Tom Clark
- ❖ Fri., Feb. 5, 8:00 p.m.: [The Fools with special guest FORTUNE!](#)
- ❖ Sat., Feb. 6, 8:00 p.m.: [New England Winter Blues Festival](#); Mr. Nick & the Dirty Tricks, Racky Thomas Band, Radio Kings, Ryan Hartt & the Blue Hearts
- ❖ Fri., Feb. 12, 8:00 p.m.: [Tab Benoit](#)
- ❖ Sat., Feb. 13, 8:00 p.m.: [Marky Ramone's Blitzkrieg](#)
- ❖ Fri., Feb. 19, 8:00 p.m.: [Poco and Pure Prairie League](#)
- ❖ Sat., Feb. 20, 8:00 pm.: [Bo Bice](#)
- ❖ Sun., Feb. 21, 7:00 p.m.: [Judy Collins](#)
- ❖ Fri., Feb. 26, 8:00 p.m.: [Livingston Taylor](#)
- ❖ Sat., Feb. 27, 8:00 p.m.: [Tom Rush](#)
- ❖ Sun., Feb. 28, 7:00 p.m.: [Ingrid Michaelson](#); Greg Laswell opening



The [January/February issue of Merrimack Valley Magazine](#) is now available. The new issue's cover story is "**Moving Forward with the Past**," about Haverhill's Hamel Mill Lofts, "*...a museum of the city's industrial heyday, a model for restoration standards, and a tribute to modern eco-aware design*"



Haverhill Historical Society/Buttonwoods Museum:

- ❖ Thurs., Feb. 18, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: Past Finders Vacation Workshop, Washington's Birthday Bash - learn about colonial life and George Washington's 1789 visit to Haverhill; games, stories, crafts, museum scavenger hunt; \$7 members, \$10 nonmembers; info: 978-374-4626, sfraser@haverhillhistory.org.



Haverhill, MA

New Moon Coffeehouse, Haverhill:

- ❖ Sat., Feb. 20, 8:00 p.m.: **Atwater Donnelly**; opening act: Goli; \$20, Universalist Unitarian Church, 16 Ashland St., Haverhill



Essex Chamber Music Players

- ❖ Sun., Feb. 21, 2:30 p.m.: **Essex Jazz Ensemble** concert - original compositions & American standards; pianist Tom McKinley, Bassist Bruce Gertz, Drummer Bob Kaufman, and ECMP flutist and artistic director, Michael Finegold. Northern Essex Community College Tech Center, Haverhill; [buy tickets online – MVARTS.INFO](#)



Lowell National Historical Park, 246 Market Street, Lowell:

- ❖ Feb. 15-20: [Kids Week 2010](#) - entertainment, games, crafts, and storytelling programs; free; class size limited, pre-registration recommended; [schedule](#)
- ❖ Visitor Center hours through Mar. 14:9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; free; Boott Cotton Mills Museum:9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; \$6, ages 6-16 & Students \$3; under 6, free
- ❖ LNHP and [Lowell Heritage Partnership](#) are seeking nominations of organizations or individuals for contributions to historic preservation and cultural heritage; two awards in each field, one to a high school or college student and one to the broader community; nominations due by Mar. 5.recipients announced May 13; info: Cheryl Clark, cheryl_clark@nps.gov, 978-275-1700.

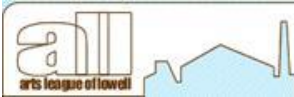


[Western Avenue Studios](#), 122 Western Avenue, Lowell:

- ❖ Sat., Feb. 6, 12:00-5:00 p.m.: Open Studios (first Saturday of every month)
- [Loading Dock Gallery](#) at Western Avenue Studios
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[Revolving Museum](#), 122 Western Avenue, #217, Lowell:



[Arts League of Lowell \(ALL\) Gallery](#), 246 Market Street, Lowell

- ❖ Through Feb. 21: Exposed II, 2010
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[The Brush Art Gallery](#), 256 Market Street, Lowell

- ❖ Through Feb. 21: **EXTINCT! Endangered Species & Habitats;**
 - ❖ Sat., Jan. 30, 2:00–4:00 p.m.: Gallery Slide Talks: Art Meets Science; lectures and presentations by acclaimed science writer [Deborah Cramer](#), photographer Constance Sawyer, ecologist Sabrina Hepburn;
 - Sat., Feb. 6, 11:00 a.m.: Wildlife Program – see native wildlife at the Brush; (with Mass. Audubon Society and Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust.)
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[119 Gallery](#), 119 Chelmsford St, Lowell

- ❖ Through Feb. 13: House of 1000 Dust Catchers
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[Whistler House Museum of Art](#), Lowell:

- ❖ Sat., Feb 6, 12:00-4:00 p.m. - Hot Cider served in the Parker Gallery during Winterfest
 - ❖ Through Feb. 20 [Lowell Dreaming: Linda McCluskey](#)
 - ❖ **“Love at the Whistler House,”** Sat., Feb. 13, cocktail reception 7:00 p.m., show 8:00 p.m.; Sun. Feb. 14, cocktails 2:00 p.m., show 3:00 p.m.: in collaboration with Lowell’s Image Theater - Valentine’s celebration of romance, wine and song; \$59/couple, \$30 for single tickets; reservations.978-452-7641.
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[New England Quilt Museum](#), 18 Shattuck Street, Lowell:

- ❖ Through Feb. 25: Masters: 40 Contemporary Art Quilters; works by artists from around the world including Australia, the UK, Japan, Israel, Hungary, France, South Africa, Denmark, and Belgium
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[American Textile History Museum](#), 491 Dutton Street, Lowell:

- ❖ Through April 18: Aprons: Fifties FUNctional Fashion
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[Lowell Film Collaborative:](#)

- ❖ Mon., Feb. 22, 7:00 p.m.: "My Big Fat Greek Wedding;" [Athenian Corner Restaurant](#), 207 Market St., Lowell; \$5 suggested donation.
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Winterfest Chelmsford Feb. 5 – 7 - pancake breakfast, chowder fest, spaghetti supper; downtown Chelmsford; info: 978-256-5521, ext. 109; *Chelmsford Independent*: [WinterFest planning in full swing](#)



Lawrence Heritage State Park, One Jackson Street, Lawrence:

- ❖ Sat., Feb. 6, 2:00-4:00 p.m.: Opening Reception for “**Pemberton Mill, January 10,1860**” exhibit about the mill disaster which killed 88 workers 150 years ago.; Suffolk U. social historian Dr. Patricia Reeve will speak; exhibit continues through April.



Sun., Feb. 7, 400 p.m.: **The Seven Last Words of Christ** - cantata by Theodore Dubois;

Soprano: Barbara Kilduff; Tenor: Jason McStoots; Baritone: Thomas Jones; Organist: Robert Cruz; New England Classical Singers and Lawrence HS Girls' Ensemble; Holy Rosary Church, 35 Essex St. (corner of Union St.), Lawrence; free, open to the public



Essex Art Center, 56 Island Street, Lawrence:

- ❖ **Winter 2010 Classes** – Jan. 19-April 10; more than 75 classes for adults, teens & children; February Vacation ArtVentures for ages 5-14.
 - ❖ Through Feb. 19:
 - Chester F. Sidell Gallery- “The Vase in Winter;” ceramic work by Maine artists Mary Barringer, Hayne Bayless, Paul Heroux & Scott Goldberg
- Elizabeth A. Beland Gallery -- “Waking With You;” embroidery drawings and photography by Joetta Maue



Find out about “all things Newburyport” in [STAY in the LOOP!](#)



Newburyport High School

Gallery 118, [Newburyport High School](#):

- ❖ Thurs., Feb. 11, 6:00-8:00 p.m.: artist reception for “Low Tech Photo Show” featuring guest artists John Raleigh and Sara Connor; exhibit on display Feb 4-28.; free.

THE ACTORS STUDIO

OF NEWBURYPORT, MASSACHUSETTS

[The Actors' Studio of Newburyport](#):

- ❖ Feb. 11- 27: **Alice in Wonderland**; The Tannery, Mill #1, Newburyport; [buy tickets online – MVArts.info.](#)



Firehouse Center for the Arts, Newburyport:

- ❖ Feb. 3–Mar. 21: Gallery -Paintings by Elizabeth Harty; Wed. – Sun., 12:00-5:00; free.
 - ❖ Fri., Feb. 12, 8:00 p.m.; Sat. Feb. 13, 8:00 p.m.: V-Day Newburyport - The Vagina Monologues; [buy tickets online – MVARTS.INFO](#)
 - ❖ Sat., Feb. 20, 8:00 p.m.: Jimmy Tingle; [buy tickets online – MVARTS.INFO](#)
 - ❖ Sat., Feb. 27, 8:00 p.m.: Peter Boie: Magic for Non-Believers; [buy tickets online – MVARTS.INFO](#)
- Mon., Mar. 8, 7:30 p.m.; Tues. Mar. 9, 7:30 p.m.: **George Winston**; [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](#)



BRIDGE GALLERY

Bridge Gallery, 1R Water Street, Newburyport:

- ❖ “**Winterscapes**;” reception Sat., Feb. 6, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- ❖ Sun., Feb. 14, 2:00 p.m.: “Second Sundays” series, Cynthia Neale, author of “The Irish Dress”
- ❖ Trunk sale continues through February



[Newburyport Art Association](#), 65 Water Street, Newburyport:

- ❖ [Winter courses, lectures & workshops](#)
- ❖ Through Feb. 7: **NAA Winter Juried Show 1**: watercolor, pastel, photography, mixed media, drawing
- ❖ Jan. 28-Feb.10: Young Budding Artist Shown(ages 6-10)
- ❖ Feb. 12-Mar. 7: **NAA Winter Juried Show 2**: acrylic, oil, sculpture, fine crafts, digital art, printmaking; reception: Sun., Feb. 14, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- ❖ Feb. 11-Feb 24: OpArt Show; reception: Fri., Feb. 12



Sat., Feb. 13 - 5th Annual [Merrimack River Eagle Festival](#), - Mass Audubon's Joppa Flats

Education Center and The Parker River National Wildlife Refuge; free events: guided eagle tours (departing from Newburyport's Chamber of Commerce): guides at eagle-spotting locations along the river; live eagles at Newburyport City Hall; activities and live birds of prey at Joppa Flats and Parker River NWR headquarters
The annual eagle survey of the lower Merrimack River found six adult bald eagles and one juvenile bald eagle along the river between Newburyport and Tyngsboro; *The Daily News of Newburyport*: [Bald Eagles Flourish - Annual count spots seven along Merrimack River](#)



[The Provident Bank's](#) Amesbury Lobby for the Arts:

- ❖ Through Mar. 5: **Helen Marie Hamel, Impressions of Color in Nature**; The Provident Bank, 5 Market St, Amesbury; reception Thurs., Jan. 28, 5:30-7:00 p.m. (also on display at Haverhill Road branch, Amesbury).



[Merrimack Repertory Theatre](#):

- ❖ Feb. 11–Mar. 7: Black Pearl Sings! by Frank Higgins(regional premiere)
 - ❖ Mar. 18–Apr. 11: World Premiere Comedy by Richard Dresser
- Apr. 22–May 16: The Blonde, the Brunette and the Vengeful Redhead by Robert Hewett.



[Lowell Memorial Auditorium](#):

- ❖ Thurs., Feb. 11, 8:00 p.m.: [Phil Vassar](#)
- ❖ Feb. 9, 12, 16, 17: **Golden Gloves Boxing**
- ❖ : March 9 & 10: [Stomp](#)



Feb. 5 - 6 – [Winterfest 2010](#), Downtown Lowell - featuring food, fun, fireworks, the nationally renowned human dogsled race and the lovable Lowla Bear; [schedule](#)



[Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College](#), North Andover:

- ❖ Sat., Feb. 6, 2:00 p.m.: National Marionette Theatre presents “Hansel and Gretel”
- ❖ Sat., Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m.: A Cappella Night - Boston Jazz Voices and Syncopation.
- ❖ Fri., Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m.: “Come Together” a Tribute to the Beatles
- ❖ Sat., Mar. 6, 7:30 p.m.: The Makem Brothers with Mickey and Liam Spain
- ❖ Fri. Mar. 12, 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.: [Treble Chorus of New England](#): **The Italian Girl in Algeria**; [buy tickets online – MVArts.info.](#)
- ❖ Fri., Mar. 26, 7:30 p.m.: Forbidden Broadway

- ❖ Fri., Apr. 16, 8:00 p.m.; Sat. Apr. 17, 2:00 & 8:00 p.m.; Sun., Apr., 18, 2:00 p.m.: [Pentucket Players](#): "Man of La Mancha;" [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](#)
- ❖ Fri., Apr. 23, 7:30 p.m.: Merrimack College Jazz Ensemble



Merrimack Valley
PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA



[Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra](#):

- ❖ Sun. Mar. 7, 2:30 p.m.: – music of Elgar, Reineke, Dvorak; Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](#).
- ❖ Sun., Apr., 25, 2:30 p.m.: music of Berlioz, Schumann, Brahms; Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](#)



The Treble Chorus
of New England

[Treble Chorus of New England](#):

- ❖ Fri. Mar. 12, 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.: [The Italian Girl in Algeria](#); Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](#).



[Pentucket Players](#):

- ❖ Fri., Apr. 16, 8:00 p.m.; Sat. Apr. 17, 2:00 & 8:00 p.m.; Sun., Apr., 18, 2:00 p.m.: "Man of La Mancha;" Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](#)



[Crossroads Coffeehouse](#), 3 Great Pond Road, North Andover:

- ❖ Sun., Feb. 13, 8:00 p.m.: [Boubacar Diabate & SambaLolo](#); \$12
- ❖ Sun., Mar. 13, 8:00 p.m.: [Corin Ashley Trio](#) \$12
- ❖ Sun., Apr. 10, 8:00 p.m.: [Terri Hendrix & Friend](#); \$15
- Sun., May 8, 8:00 p.m.: [Adam Ezra Group](#); \$15.



[PCA Westford's Parish Center for the Arts](#):

- ❖ Sat., Feb. 20, 8:00 p.m.: Eguie Castrillo Band [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](#).
- ❖ Fri., Feb. 26, 7:00 p.m.: Friday Night Art Lectures: American Artists in Europe; [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](#)



- Sat., Feb. 6, 8:00 a.m. Noon: [Tour de Pooch & Pals Spin® for Animals](#) at five area gyms; bike by yourself or with a team, \$30 per hour; proceeds benefit animals at MSPCA Nevins Farm; [info/register](#)



[Joppa Flats Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary](#). Newburyport

- ❖ Through Feb. 21: Paula Kulas, "Exploring Nature;"



[Tsongas Arena, Lowell](#):

- ❖ Sun., Feb. 14, 7:00 p.m.: [Slayer & Megadeth, with Testament](#) – (postponed)
- ❖ Home of the [Lowell Devils](#) professional hockey team
- ❖ Home of the [UMass Lowell Riverhawks](#) hockey team



ESSEX NATIONAL
HERITAGE AREA

Essex National Heritage Area:



You don't need to drive far to enjoy the snowy delights of winter sports in the Merrimack Valley:

- ❖ [Nashoba Valley Ski Area](#), Westford: 16 trails; 7 lifts; snow tubing lessons; equipment rental; [Outlook Restaurant](#).
- ❖ [Ski Bradford](#), Haverhill: 13 trails, 3 triple lifts, 8 lifts, 3 rope tows; glade and night skiing; snowboarding.
- ❖ [Amesbury Sports Park](#): snow tubing



For **cross-country skiing** in the Merrimack Valley, visit these [state parks](#):

- ❖ [Georgetown-Rowley State Forest](#)
- ❖ [Harold Parker State Forest](#), North Andover
- ❖ [Maudslay State Park](#), Newburyport
- ❖ [Lowell-Dracut-Tyngsboro State Forest](#)

... and these sites, owned by The Trustees of Reservations:

- ❖ [Ward Reservation](#) (Andover/North Andover)
- ❖ [Old Town Hill](#) (Newbury)
- ❖ [Weir Hill](#) (North Andover)

[Holt Hill at Ward Reservation](#) in Andover and North Andover is the highest point in Essex County. The 420 foot hill offers great views and superb sledding.



[Kimball Farm, Haverhill](#) offers horse-drawn sleigh rides with panoramic views of the Merrimack River, ending with hot cider or cocoa.



Andover 's [Ironstone Farm](#) offers the benefits of horseback riding in one of the region's only heated indoor arenas. Every other week, the farm hosts a "Friday Night Fun" ride for adults who would like to try horseback riding, info: (978) 475-4056

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



April 8 – 10: third annual [Lowell Film Festival](#), will showcase the films of Hollywood's Golden Age of the 1930s, including "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," "It Happened One Night," and the original "Grapes of Wrath."

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