

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



German pharmaceutical giant [Merck KGaA](#) will acquire Billerica-based life sciences company [Millipore Corp.](#) for \$7.2 billion. Merck will keep Millipore based in Billerica. Merck's U.S. chemicals unit will also be based in Billerica after the merger; [press release](#).

- ❖ *Boston Globe*: [Merck chairman: Massachusetts is good luck for us](#)
- ❖ Lowell Sun: [Germany's Merck buying Millipore for \\$6B and debt](#); [Companies at a glance](#)



[Entopica Therapeutics Inc.](#), a drug development company incubating in the Andover offices of [Ora Inc.](#), has secured \$1 million in funding; *Mass High Tech*: [Stealthy Entopica Therapeutics pulls in \\$1M](#)



Haverhill Mayor James Fiorentini delivered his "state of the city" address, and reported that four of Haverhill's newest and largest manufacturing companies — Adamson Industries, Southwick Clothing, Magellan Aerospace and Lightspeed Manufacturing — are not only prospering in the down economy, but planning to expand and add jobs. Downtown, the city's thriving restaurant district has two new eateries — Han's Garden and Archie's Place — and a third one — the Blue Finn Grille — opening soon, the mayor said. The biggest and most anticipated downtown project in many years, construction of a \$10 million, 300-space parking deck near the train station, is on schedule to begin this summer, *The Eagle-Tribune*:

[Mayor: Worker concessions, state money needed](#)
[2010 State of the City Address](#)



Lowell-based solar power technology company [Konarka Technologies Inc.](#) has received a \$20 million investment from Konica Minolta Holdings Inc. The companies will collaborate on organic thin-film photovoltaics. *Mass High Tech*: [Konarka collects \\$20M from new partner Konica Minolta](#)



Chelmsford-based [OurStage Inc.](#) has partnered with MTV Networks Co. to use its voting platform for emerging musical acts; *Mass High Tech*: [OurStage, MTV to shine light on new music](#)



2010 marks the 20th anniversary of Massachusetts' "Toxics Use Reduction Act" (TURA), encouraging companies to reduce the use of toxic chemicals and to conserve energy and water. The [Toxics Use Reduction Institute](#) is based at UMass Lowell; several Merrimack Valley companies will be recognized as "TURA 20th Anniversary Leaders:" **A.W. Chesterton Company**, Groveland; **Cobham Defense Electronics Systems**, Lowell; **Ferraz Shawmut**, Newburyport; **Millipore**, Billerica; **Raytheon**, Andover; **Vicor**, Andover; [press release](#)



Chelmsford-based [Desktonex Inc.](#), a provider of network computer services for large organizations, has raised roughly half of a planned \$12.2 million round of equity financing; *Boston Business Journal*: [Desktonex launches \\$12.2M financing round](#)



❖ Feb.21 -,May 7: [iShop Lowell 2010](#):shop in downtown Lowell and win an iPod Touch, a season pass to the Lowell Summer Music Series, or an Apple iPad; [info](#).

HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS



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

- ❖ Through March 12: Graphic Design Alumni Showcase - Ads, Logos, Books and More; Dugan Hall, UML South, Broadway St., Lowell
- ❖ 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.



[Middlesex Community College news and events:](#)

- ❖ **James Cameron**, director of the two top-grossing movies ever made (*Titanic* and *Avatar*), is this year's speaker at Middlesex Community College's Celebrity Forum;
The Lowell Sun: [Avatar director James Cameron will speak at MCC Celebrity Forum](#)
- ❖ *The Lowell Sun*: [Sneak preview: Big Hollywood name coming to Celebrity Series](#)
- ❖ [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](#)
- ❖ Mondays, Feb. 22-May 3: 6:00-9:00 p.m.: [Society of Human Resources Management \(SHRM\) Learning System Test Prep](#)
- ❖ Thurs., Apr. 1, 5:30-7:30p.m.: Cambodian Refugee Poetry Book Reception; 50 Kearney Sq., Lowell
- ❖ 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:

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Through March 26: Faculty Art Show; photography, oil painting, graphic design, and sculpture; **ArtSpace Gallery**, Bentley Library, Haverhill
- ❖ Fridays, March 19 - April 16, 6:00-8:30 p.m.: Prep Course for aspiring teachers - Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL); NECC Corporate and Community Education Center, 1600 Osgood St., North Andover; \$195, includes materials; info/register: Erin O'Brien, 978-738-7436 or eobrien@necc.mass.edu
- ❖ Thurs., April 1, 2:00 p.m.: Life Long Learning Program presents Richard Mullen - "Laugh Yourself Healthy;" Technology Center, Haverhill Campus; \$2.
- ❖ NECC'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
 - Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon: noncredit **natural history courses for families**, Veasey Park, Washington St., Groveland; \$34 each class, includes one adult and one child (additional siblings \$8); March 13: Life in the Sea; April 10: Mineral Madness; May 8: Jaws and Claws; June 12: Incredible Insects; info/register: Mary Shattuck, 978-556-3837, mshattuck@necc.mass.edu
- ❖ **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

- ❖ Tues., March 16, 2:00 p.m.: 13th Annual Model Passover Seder; Cascia Hall; RSVP by March 9 to JCM@merrimack.edu
- ❖ Thurs., Mar. 18, 3:00-6:00 p.m.: **Spring Career Fair**, Sakowich Campus Center; open to Merrimack Valley residents with a bachelor's degree; info: (978) 837-5184.
- ❖ Sat., Mar. 20: ThinkFest and Catapult Contest - for grades 6 to 12 - design challenges, science and technology demonstrations. Info: reynoldsj@merrimack.edu
- ❖ March 24, 6:30 p.m.: **Women and Wisdom Series – Health & Wellness**, Murray Lounge, Sakowich Campus Center; seating limited; [register online](#).



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:

- ❖ Weds, Mar. 17, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.: Cleaner Energy or Alternative Energy – What is Best for New England and the Merrimack Valley?" Holiday Inn Tewksbury/Andover; [info/register](#)
- ❖ Weds., May 19, 5:00-8:00 p.m.: **Fundraising Pitch Contest**; cash prize; Holiday Inn – Tewksbury; applications accepted through March 15
- ❖ June 14, 1:00 p.m.: MVVF Golf Tournament, Renaissance Golf Club, Haverhill; [info/register](#)



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:](#)

- ❖ Weds., Mar. 10, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: March Madness Job Fair, Northern Essex Community College, Technology Center, 100 Elliott St., Haverhill; **[participating employers](#)** include: American Resource Staffing, Frito-Lay, Lawrence General Hospital, Raytheon, True Green / ChemLawn
- ❖ Thurs., Mar. 11, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.: Networking for Professionals, ValleyWorks Career Center, 439 South Union St., Lawrence; register: 978.722.7000
- ❖ Business Hiring Incentives – Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) & Hiring Incentive Training Grants (HITG) - contact a Business Service Representative - 978.722.7000



[Greater Lowell Workforce Investment Board:](#)



[Career Center of Lowell](#)

- ❖ Thurs., March 11, Vendor Training Forum to update education and training providers on funding opportunities, the latest labor market information and the ITA application process; info/register: Shaun McCarthy, shaun.mccarthy@cclowell.org



[Billerica Community Alliance](#)

- ❖ Monday, March 15, 8:00–9:30 a.m.” Cool Tools for Business – how social networking tools can help grow your business; Middlesex Community College Campus Center, Bedford; register 978-667-4174



[Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce:](#)

- ❖ Fri., March 12, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: 14th Annual WOW Conference; NECC Tech Center, Haverhill; \$79/Chamber Members, \$89/Non-members
- ❖ Weds., March 17, 7:30-9:00 a.m.: 9th Annual St. Patrick's Day Breakfast to benefit Child Abuse Prevention Programs; DiBurro's, Ward Hill; \$25.



[Greater Lowell Chamber of Commerce:](#)

- ❖ Thurs., Mar. 11, 10:00–11:00 a.m.: Westford Business Day, Westford Library – JV Fletcher Lane – Westford; free
- ❖ Mon., Mar. 15, 5:00–7:00 p.m.: Mixer, Wyndham Hotel, Andover; \$10 Chamber members, \$20 non-members
- ❖ Tues., Mar. 16, 7:30–9:00 a.m.: Networking on the Three's; Pozitively Young Salon & Spa – 9 Kendall Road, Tyngsboro; free for Chamber members
- ❖ Weds., Mar. 17, 9:00–10:00 a.m.: Chelmsford Business Day, Chelmsford Town Hall, 50 Billerica Rd., Chelmsford; free



Amesbury Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Foundation:

- ❖ Weds., April 7, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: Joint Mixer with Salisbury Chamber; Fairfield Inn – Marriott, 35 Clarks Road , Amesbury



Greater Newburyport Chamber of Commerce and Industry:

- ❖ 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. \
- ❖ Weds., Apr. 14, 6:00 p.m.: **Salvatore Lupoli**, president of Riverwalk Properties and Salvatore's restaurant, will receive the Ralph B. Wilkinson Good Citizenship Award; speaker: Gov. Deval Patrick; \$95 per person. DiBurro's, Haverhill; *The Eagle-Tribune*: [Governor will speak at chamber dinner honoring 'Sal'](#)



Young Professionals of Greater Lowell



Salisbury Chamber of Commerce:

- ❖ Thurs., Mar. 18, 6:00 p.m.: Mixer, Salisbury Historical Society
- ❖ Weds., April 7, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: Joint Mixer with Amesbury Chamber; Fairfield Inn – Marriott, 35 Clarks Road , Amesbury
- ❖ May 13, 6:00 p.m.: Annual Dinner Meeting; Invited Guest Speaker: Jeffrey B. Mullan, Mass. Secretary of Transportation; Seaglass, Salisbury Beach

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.

- ❖ [Ricardo's Café Trattoria](#) in Lowell was reviewed in the *Boston Globe*: [A taste of sunny Italy in Lowell](#)
 - ❖ [Yella Grille](#) (Mediterranean) has opened in downtown Andover
- Downtown Haverhill has a new restaurant: **Lounge 59** at 59 Washington St.; *Haverhill Gazette*: [Lounge 59 joins downtown restaurant scene](#)



Athenian Corner Restaurant, Lowell:

- ❖ Tues., March 23, 7:30-10p.m. (2nd and 4th Tuesday every month) - Jazz Night with Casual Saxtet; (8-piece jazz band; free admission; dinner and beverages available



[Tupelo Music Hall](#), overlooking the ocean at Salisbury Beach:

- ❖ Sat., March 13, 8:00 p.m.: [Roomful of Blues and Bellevue Cadillac](#)
- ❖ Wed., March 17, 8:00 p.m.: [The Glengarry Bhoys](#)
- ❖ Fri., March 19, 8:00 p.m.: [Richie Havens](#)
- ❖ Sat., March 20, 8:00 p.m.: [The Stompers](#)
- ❖ Sun., March 21, 7:00 p.m.: [Robert Cray Band](#)
- ❖ Thurs., March 25, 8:00 p.m.: [Big Bad Voodoo Daddy](#)
- ❖ Thurs., April 1, 8:00 p.m.: [The Fabulous Thunderbirds](#)
- ❖ Fri., April 2, 8:00 p.m.: [Jo Dee Messina](#)
- ❖ Sat., April 3, 8:00 p.m.: [Todd Rundgren](#)



[Merrimack Valley Food Bank](#):

- ❖ Thurs., Apr. 29, 6:00-9:00 p.m.: 5th Annual Grape Expectations Fundraiser; Lowell Memorial Auditorium; fine wines, hors d'oeuvres; silent auction; [tickets](#): \$45



[Groundwork Lawrence](#) offers a Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) Program in Lawrence with weekly shares of farm-fresh produce from Farmer Dave's of Dracut; [register](#)



[What's Up Haverhill](#):

- ❖ Sat., Mar. 13, 7:30 p.m.: **Baby Boomer Bash** sponsored by the [Haverhill Recreation Department](#); [Michael's Function Hall](#), 12 Alpha Street, Haverhill; live music by "Summer of '67;" cash bar, hors d'oeuvres; tickets \$25, available at the Citizen Center, 10 Welcome Street, Haverhill, online at www.activityreg.com, or at the door for \$30; info: 978-374-2390, Kathy ext. 11, Rita ext. 16.



[Haverhill Historical Society/Buttonwoods Museum](#):

- ❖ Thurs., March 18, 10:00 -11:30 a.m.: "History for Half-Pints: The Merry Merrimack;" for children ages 2-5 and caregivers; Buttonwoods Museum, 240 Water Street, Haverhill; \$4/child, \$1/adult museum members; \$5/child, \$1/adult for non-members; register: 978-374-4626; sfraser@haverhillhistory.org



[New Moon Coffeehouse](#), Haverhill:



[Career Resources Corporation](#), Haverhill:

- ❖ Friday, March 26, 6:00 p.m.: **Spring Fling Auction** - trip to Africa, golf packages, autographed sports memorabilia, Red Sox tickets, and more; profits support CRC's efforts to provide employment and community living resources to people with disabilities in Greater Haverhill; Atkinson Resort & Country Club, Atkinson, NH; \$30; info/reservations: Bonnie Michaleas, (978) 374-9122, bmichaleas@crc-mass.org



[Lowell Celebrates Kerouac](#) –

March 11-13: **Jack Kerouac Weekend and Birthday Celebration**

Fri., March 12, 6:00 - 11:00 pm: - [Jack Kerouac Birthday Celebration](#); 6:00-7:00 p.m.: Reading: Brew'd Awakening Coffeehaus, 61 Market St.; 6:00-11:00 p.m.: Party: The Old Court, 29 Central Street, Lowell



[Lowell National Historical Park](#), 246 Market Street, Lowell:

- ❖ 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

Lowell Travelogue Series - "virtual visit to a different National Park each week; free:

- ❖ Sat., Mar. 13, 2:30 p.m.: Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area
- ❖ Sat., Mar. 20, 2:30 p.m.: Adams National Historical Park
- ❖ Sat., Mar. 27, 2:30 p.m.: Minuteman National Historical Park
- ❖ Sat., Apr. 3, 2:30 p.m.: Roger Williams National Memorial
- ❖ Sat., Apr. 10, 2:30 p.m.: Boston National Historical Park
- ❖ Saturday, April 17, 2:30 p.m.: Lowell National Historical Park
- ❖ Thurs., Apr. 22, 2:30 p.m.: John Muir National Historic Site
- ❖ Sun., Feb. 28 - Mar. 8, 2010 - [Lowell Women's Week 2010](#)

Urban Village Arts Series (UVAS): free:

- ❖ Tues., Mar. 23, 7:00 p.m.: musician Jenny Riddle and poet Jim Dunn
 - ❖ Thurs., Apr. 15, 7:00 p.m.: poet Todd Hearon and musician Michael Murray
 - ❖ LNHP and [Lowell Heritage Partnership](#) seek nominations of organizations or individuals who contribute to historic preservation & cultural heritage; two awards in each field, one to a high school/college student, one to the broader community; nominations by Mar. 5.info: Cheryl Clark, cheryl_clark@nps.gov, 978-275-1700.
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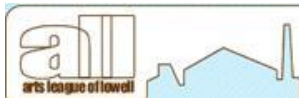


[Western Avenue Studios](#), 122 Western Avenue, Lowell:

- ❖ Sat., April 3, 12:00-5:00 p.m.: Open Studios (first Saturday of every month)

[Loading Dock Gallery](#) at Western Avenue Studios

- ❖ Through Sun., Mar. 28: Imagining Past and Present - Photo Retrospective by Jeffrey Engel
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[Arts League of Lowell \(ALL\) Gallery](#), 246 Market Street, Lowell

- ❖ Through Mar. 27: Secondary Colors: Artwork by Lowell's Middle School Students
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[The Brush Art Gallery](#), 256 Market Street, Lowell

- ❖ Through Mar. 27 - Primary Colors - Artwork by Lowell's Elementary School Students;
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[American Textile History Museum](#), 491 Dutton Street, Lowell:

- ❖ Through April 18: Aprons: Fifties FUNctional Fashion
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[Whistler House Museum of Art](#), Lowell:

- ❖ Through Mar. 27 Full: Spectrum: Artwork by Lowell's High School Students
 - ❖ Through Apr. 17: Ginger Levant: Landscapes and Still Lifes; reception Sat., Mar. 13, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
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[Revolving Museum](#), 122 Western Avenue, #217, Lowell:



[119 Gallery](#), 119 Chelmsford St, Lowell



[New England Quilt Museum](#), 18 Shattuck Street, Lowell:

- ❖ Through May 9: **Kinder Komforts: Amish Crib Quilts**
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Through March: [Verde aka: Vicki Sue Green](#), Centro Restaurant & Bar, 24 Market Street, Lowell



Through March 26: [Wichit Cafe](#) Gallery hosts a selection from filmmaker **Lorre Fritch**'s photographic series The Assassination of Lincoln: Teardown of a Century-Old Mill; Wichit Cafe, 15 Union Street (Everett Mill, 1st Floor), Lawrence



[Lawrence General Hospital](#):

- ❖ Thurs, March 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: Celebrating Women "An Evening of Champagne and Chocolate;" celebrate the opening of the new Imaging Services Pavilion; Lawrence General Hospital, 1 General St., Lawrence; free admission, valet parking; info/RSVP: 978-946-8220, publicAffairs@LawrenceGeneral.org
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[Lawrence Heritage State Park](#), One Jackson Street, Lawrence:

- ❖ Through April: "**Pemberton Mill, January 10, 1860**" exhibit about the disaster which killed 88 workers.
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[Essex Art Center](#), 56 Island Street, Lawrence:

- ❖ Register for [Spring 2010 classes](#)
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LawTown Voice
"Trust And Believe"
DVD Documentary

Filmmaker [Lorre Fritch](#) will shoot, edit and direct the Music Video "[Trust And Believe.](#)" a charity single recorded by [LawTown Voice](#), Lawrence-area singers and rappers helping to raise funds for Haiti.



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

March 6 - April 30: An Exhibit by Tricia Mansfield, Roxanne Ritzel-McDowell, Juana Merino and Russell Riel; artists' reception Thurs., Mar. 18, 5:30-7:00 p.m.; The Provident Bank, 5 Market St, Amesbury



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



[Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center](#), Newburyport:

- ❖ Sat., March 13, 6:00 p.m. to midnight: [The Party: Jeans & Jewels](#), cocktails, food stations, dancing, live and silent auctions. Auctioneer: Billy Costa; DiBurro's, Haverhill; \$60 per person; 978-465-0999
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BRIDGE
GALLERY[Bridge Gallery](#), 1R Water Street, Newburyport:

- ❖ March: still life paintings and photography by 15 artists
 - ❖ Sun., Mar. 14, 2:00 p.m.: "Second Sundays at the Gallery" - [Danielle Gauthier-McCarthy](#)
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FIREHOUSE
CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Arts Inspired Experiences[Firehouse Center for the Arts](#), Newburyport:

- ❖ Through Mar. 21: Gallery -Paintings by Elizabeth Harty; Wed. – Sun., 12:00-5:00; free.
 - ❖ Sat., March 20, 8:00 p.m.: Jack Mears and First Call; \$15
 - ❖ Fri. /Sat., March 26/27, 8:00 p.m.: [North Shore Dance Alliance](#) - eighth annual concert of contemporary dance; tickets \$15, \$12 students, seniors and members.
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THE
Finch
Coffee house[FINCH Coffee House](#), Newburyport:

Friday, March 19, doors 7:00 p.m., show 8:00 p.m.: **Tracy Grammer**; Unitarian Church Parish Hall, 26 Pleasant St., Newburyport; tickets \$15, available at door and at DYN0 Records, Middle Street, Newburyport

[Byfield Community Arts Center:](#)

- ❖ Fri., March 12, 7:30 p.m.: Cat in the Cradle Coffeehouse - **Patsy Whelan**; Irish stew, beverages available; \$10
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NAA
Where art is
for everyone[Newburyport Art Association](#), 65 Water Street, Newburyport:

- ❖ Mar. 12-28: Budding Artist Show; reception: Sun., Mar. 14, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
 - ❖ Mar. 11-17: Godfrey Sluder, Photography; reception: Fri., Mar. 12, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
 - ❖ Apr. 2-25: NAA Spring Open Show; reception: Sat., Apr. 10, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
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YWCA
Newburyport[YWCA Greater Newburyport:](#)

- ❖ **Pat Polletta Memorial Trophy** - to a young woman for athletic achievement in cross country or track and field; nominations due by Friday, March 19; [info](#).
 - ❖ Sun., Mar. 21, 8:00 a.m.: Swim, cycle, run; \$35 individuals; \$50 teams; info/register; deadline Fri., Mar. 19; [register on line only](#)
 - ❖ Weds, Mar. 31, 12:00 p.m.: [Engaging Communities Luncheon](#); speaker: Karen N. Frederick, Executive Director, Community Teamwork, Inc.; Mission Oak Grille, Newburyport
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JABBERWOCKY

[Powow River Poets](#) Reading Series:

Sat., March 13, 3:00 p.m.: Diana Der-Hovanessian and Alfred Nicol; Jabberwocky Bookshop, 50 Water St., Newburyport; Open Mike follows the reading; light refreshments; free, open to the public

April 23 and 24: [Newburyport Literary Festival](#)



LOWELL GENERAL HOSPITAL

Lowell General Hospital Center for Community Health & Wellness:

- ❖ Fri., Apr. 9, 5:00-7:00 p.m.: **Family Safety Night** - informational tables, food, family friendly activities; Clark Auditorium, Lowell General Hospital; info: Amy Stanley, astanley@lowellgeneral.org, 978.788.7278
- ❖ Fri., Apr. 30, 8:30 a.m. -3:45 p.m.: **Domestic Violence Training**, Clark Auditorium, Lowell General Hospital; register by April 15 - 1-877-544-9355



Merrimack Repertory Theatre:

- ❖ Mar. 18–Apr. 11: World Premiere Comedy by Richard Dresser: “The Last Days of Mickey and Jean”
- ❖ Apr. 22–May 16: The Blonde, the Brunette and the Vengeful Redhead by Robert Hewett



Lowell Memorial Auditorium:

- ❖ Weds., March 10: **STOMP** - international percussion sensation
- ❖ Thurs., March 11, 7:30p.m.: **The Chieftains** – traditional Irish music
- ❖ Fri., March 19 **Le Grand Cirque**
- ❖ Fri., March 26. Xtreme Championship Fight League,
- ❖ Weds., June 16, 8:00 p.m.: Middlesex Community College Celebrity Forum - director James Cameron



Exsultemus:

Fri., Mar. 12, 7:00 p.m.: acclaimed vocal ensemble performs Pergolesi’s Lenten masterpiece, “Stabat Mater”; St. Anne’s Church, 8 Kirk St., Lowell; free



April 8 – 10: **Lowell Film Festival**, will showcase 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.”



Westford Academy Performing Arts Center, 30 Patten Road, Westford

- ❖ Fri., Mar. 19, 8:00 p.m.: Comedian Bob Marley; [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](http://buyticketsonline-MVArts.info)



PCA Westford’s Parish Center for the Arts:

- ❖ Sat., Mar. 13, 8:00 p.m.: **Eight to the Bar**; [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](http://buyticketsonline-MVArts.info)
- ❖ Sun., Mar. 14, 3:00 p.m.: Barn Dance; [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](http://buyticketsonline-MVArts.info)
- ❖ Sat., Mar. 20, 4:00 p.m.: **Minsoo Sohn** ~ Virtuoso Pianist; [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](http://buyticketsonline-MVArts.info)
- ❖ Sat., Mar. 20, 8:00 p.m.: Elliot Steger; [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](http://buyticketsonline-MVArts.info)
- ❖ Sat., Apr. 10, 8:00 p.m.: **Christian Howes**; [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](http://buyticketsonline-MVArts.info)



Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover:

- ❖ Tues., Mar. 23, 7:00 p.m.: **Joy Harjo** in concert; \$10
- ❖ Fri., Mar. 26, 7:30 p.m.: Forbidden Broadway
- ❖ Thurs., Apr. 8, 8:00 p.m.; Fri., Apr. 9, 8:00 p.m.; Sat., Apr. 10, 2:00 & 8:00 p.m.: The Onstagers Dramatic Society of Merrimack College present **RENT**
- ❖ 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](http://buyticketsonline-MVArts.info)

Fri., Apr. 23, 7:30 p.m.: Merrimack College Jazz Band presents its Sixth Annual "An Evening of Jazz"



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.](#)
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Merrimack Valley PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA



[Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra \(MVPO\)](#)

- ❖ Sun., Apr. 25, 2:30p.m.: April concert – works by Berlioz, Schumann, Brahms; David Gross, Piano; Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; \$18 adults, \$14 (seniors and students); [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](#)
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[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., 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.
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[Joppa Flats Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary](#), Newburyport

- ❖ Through April 11: Donna Osborne and Mary Ann Varoski; "Everyday Views Become Special"
 - ❖ Weds., Mar. 10, 7:30 p.m.: Photographer Jim Fenton will present a slide program and lecture, "Photographing the Wildlife of Massachusetts' North Shore;" free
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[Tsongas Arena, Lowell:](#)

- ❖ The Tsongas Arena has been renamed the [Tsongas Center at UMass Lowell](#).
 - ❖ Home of the [Lowell Devils](#) professional hockey team
 - ❖ Home of the [UMass Lowell Riverhawks](#) hockey team
 - ❖ Fri., March 12.: tickets on sale for Curious George Live
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ESSEX NATIONAL
HERITAGE AREA

[Essex National Heritage Area:](#)

- ❖ Thurs., May 20, 6:00 p.m.: [Essex Heritage Hero Award](#); honoring Nicholas Costello of Amesbury, Maria Miles of Salisbury and Byron Matthews of Newburyport; Tupelo Music Hall, Salisbury
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[Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone Farm](#)

- ❖ Fri., Mar. 19, 6:30 p.m.: Celebrity Bartender Night; [The Claddagh Pub and Restaurant](#), 399 Canal St., Lawrence; info: Megan Loughney, 978-475-4056, meganloughney@challengeunlimited.org
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