

# Merrimack Valley Happenings...

News of current economic developments and cultural events  
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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; *Mass High Tech*: [\*\*Millipore does sell, for \\$7.2B, to Merck KgaA, not Thermo; press release.\*\*](#)



Lowell-based [\*\*Watermark Environmental Inc.\*\*](#), a provider of environmental and civil engineering, construction management, and operation and maintenance services, has been awarded a contract of up to \$15 million from the U.S. Air Force Reserve Command at Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee; *The Lowell Sun*: [\*\*Watermark wins \\$15M contract for Westover Air Force Base\*\*](#)



Tyngsborough-based [\*\*Beacon Power Corp.\*\*](#) hopes to raise \$15 million in a stock offering; *Boston Business Journal*: [\*\*Beacon Power seeks \\$15M from stock sale\*\*](#)

LUMINUS

Billerica-based [\*\*Luminus Devices Inc.\*\*](#), a developer of lighting technologies, has secured \$19 million in venture capital; *Boston Business Journal*: [\*\*Luminus Devices outlook brightens with \\$19M funding round\*\*](#)

Seahorse Bioscience

Billerica-based [\*\*Seahorse Bioscience Inc.\*\*](#) has raised another \$5 million in venture capital; *Boston Business Journal*: [\*\*Seahorse Bioscience secures \\$5 million\*\*](#)

- ❖ 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](#).



The city of Amesbury may soon receive \$1 million to \$2 million in state funds for the downtown's Lower Millyard project; *Daily News of Newburyport*: [State official gives hope for revitalization](#)



[Pedro's](#), a Wakefield-based bicycle-care company is moving its research and development activities to downtown Haverhill and its shipping and manufacturing to Ward Hill Industrial Park. *Haverhill Gazette*: [Pedro's bicycle-care products company moving to Haverhill](#)



Thomas L. Mortimer will become president and chief executive officer of [Haverhill Bank](#); *Haverhill Gazette*: [Haverhill](#)



Andover-based [Visage Imaging Inc.](#) has signed a \$2 million deal to supply its medical imaging software and services to an Australian provider; *Mass High Tech*: [Visage Imaging lands \\$2M software sale to Aussie medical imager](#)

## HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS



University of  
Massachusetts  
UMASS Lowell

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

- ❖ Thurs., March 4, 11:00 a.m. -12:15 p.m.: Former Massachusetts Senate and UMass President William Bulger will discuss his new book "James Michael Curley: A Short Biography;" O'Leary Library, Room 222, UML South, 61 Wilder St., Lowell free, open to the public
- ❖ Through March 12: Graphic Design Alumni Showcase - Ads, Logos, Books and More; Dugan Hall, UML South, Broadway St., Lowell
- ❖ Weds., March 3, 7:30 p.m.: "Mothers of Rock" concert – UML students, faculty and alumni perform in honor of influential women in music; free, donations support Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell and UML's Music and Entertainment Industry Student Assn.; UML Inn and Conference Center, 50 Warren St., Lowell
- ❖ Tues., Mar. 9, 1 to 2:30 p.m.: Former Baltimore Ravens coach Brian Billick will discuss his book, "More Than a Game: The Glorious Present and Uncertain Future of the NFL;" O'Leary Library Room 222, UML South, 61 Wilder 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:](#)

- ❖ [Community Education and Career Training](#) noncredit courses for spring 2010; Info: Marci Barnes, 781-280-3669, [barnesm@middlesex.mass.edu](mailto: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](#)
- ❖ Mar. 1 – Apr. 26, 6:00pm – 9:00 p.m.: [Floral Design Certificate Program](#)
- ❖ 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 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](mailto:gsanchez@necc.mass.edu) or Dawna Perez, [dperez@necc.mass.edu](mailto:dperez@necc.mass.edu).
- ❖ March 3-26: Faculty Art Show; photography, oil painting, graphic design, and sculpture; [ArtSpace Gallery](#), Bentley Library, Haverhill; reception, Weds., Mar. 3, 3:30-5:30 p.m.; info: Patricia Kidney, chair, NECC Art & Design Department, [pkidney@necc.mass.edu](mailto:pkidney@necc.mass.edu).
- ❖ NECC offers associate degrees in [art and design](#), including graphic design, multi media, visual arts and illustration, and a certificate in graphic design/desktop publishing.
- ❖ Read the February issue of [NECC News](#)
- ❖ 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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:**

- ❖ Wed., 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**

- ❖ **U.S. Census Jobs Testing:** English language tests Thurs. Feb. 25, 10:00 a.m., Cherry & Webb Room; Spanish language tests Thurs., Feb. 25, 1:00 p.m., Sampson Room.
- ❖ 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](mailto: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., Mar. 12, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: 14th Annual WOW Conference; NECC Tech Center, Haverhill



**Greater Lowell Chamber of Commerce :**

- ❖ Tues., Mar. 9, 12:00-1:30 p.m.: Networking at Noon - Sculptor at Strength – 51 Middlesex Street – Suite 107 – No. Chelmsford

- ❖ 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, Mar. 3, 7:30 a.m.: Good News Breakfast Salute; speaker - Suzanne Gebelin of the Great American Rain Barrel Program; Flatbread, Amesbury
- ❖ Fri., Mar. 5, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.: Legislative Luncheon with Congressman John Tierney, Senator Steven Baddour, Representative Michael Costello; Ristorante Molise, One Market Square, Amesbury
- ❖ 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, 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**



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

- ❖ Thurs., March 4, 8:00 p.m.: [Leon Russell](#)
- ❖ Fri., March 5, 8:00 p.m.: [Night of Comedy](#) - Dave Andrews, Mike Koutrobis, Steve Bjork
- ❖ Sat., March 6, 8:00 p.m.: ["Captured" -The Journey Show](#)
- ❖ Sun., March 7, 7:00 p.m.: [Hothouse Flowers](#)
- ❖ 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](#)



[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](http://www.activityreg.com), or at the door for \$30; info: 978-374-2390, Kathy ext. 11, Rita ext. 16.



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



[New Moon Coffeehouse](#), Haverhill:



We Build Strong Kids, Strong Families, Strong Communities. **Thur., Mar. 4, 7:30 a.m.:** "Y For All" campaign kickoff breakfast, Northern Essex Community College Technology Center, 100 Elliot St., Haverhill, R.S.V.P. to Tracy Fuller, 978.374.0506, [fullert@northshoremymca.org](mailto:fullert@northshoremymca.org)



Feb. 28 - Mar. 8- [Lowell Women's Week 2010](#) "Women Stories: Crystallizing Our Role in History and Our World"



[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. 6, 12:30-1:30 p.m.: New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park
- ❖ 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](#)

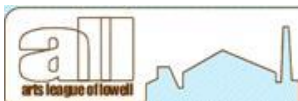
**Urban Village Arts Series (UVAS): free:**

- ❖ 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](mailto:cheryl_clark@nps.gov), 978-275-1700.



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

- ❖ Sat., March 6, 12:00-5:00 p.m.: Open Studios (first Saturday of every month)
- [Loading Dock Gallery](#) at Western Avenue Studios
- ❖ Weds. Mar. 3-Sun., Mar. 28: Imagining Past and Present - Photo Retrospective by Jeffrey Engel; reception: Fri., Mar. 5, 6:00-9:00 p.m.



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

- ❖ Feb. 28 to Mar. 27: Secondary Colors: Artwork by Lowell's Middle School Students; reception: Sat., Mar. 6, 1:45-3:45 p.m.; performance TBA: 2:00 p.m.



[The Brush Art Gallery](#), 256 Market Street, Lowell

- ❖ Feb. 28 to Mar. 27 - Primary Colors - Artwork by Lowell's Elementary School Students; reception: Sat, Mar. 6, 1:00-3:00 p.m.: performance by the Lincoln School Special Chorus: 1:30 p.m.
- ❖ Fri. Mar. 5, 7:00 p.m.: Visual Voices IV - Lowell Schools City-wide Art Show & Fundraiser; [Buy tickets online - MVArts.info](#)



[American Textile History Museum](#), 491 Dutton Street, Lowell:

- ❖ Through April 18: Aprons: Fifties FUNctional Fashion



[Whistler House Museum of Art](#), Lowell:

- Feb. 28 to Mar. 27 Full: Spectrum: Artwork by Lowell's High School Students; reception: Sat., Mar. 6, 2:00-4:00; performance TBA: 2:30 p.m.
- ❖ Mar. 3 – Apr. 17: Ginger Levant: Landscapes and Still Lifes; reception Sat., Mar. 13, 2:00-4:00 p.m.



[Revolving Museum](#), 122 Western Avenue, #217, Lowell:



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



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

- ❖ March 4 - May 9: **Kinder Komforts: Amish Crib Quilts**



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](mailto:publicAffairs@LawrenceGeneral.org)



[Lawrence Heritage State Park](#), One Jackson Street, Lawrence:

- ❖ Through April: “**Pemberton Mill, January 10, 1860**” exhibit about the disaster which killed 88 workers.



[Essex Art Center](#), 56 Island Street, Lawrence:

- ❖ Register for [Spring 2010 classes](#)



**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.



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[Unitarian Church](#), 26 Pleasant St., Newburyport:

- ❖ Sun., Mar.7, 4:00 p.m.: Jean C. Wilson Music Series - Eloquent Expressivity: The Violin Sonatas of Johannes Brahms;” violinist Gabriela Diaz and pianist Lois Shapiro; \$15, \$10 seniors, children and students free.

THE ACTORS STUDIO  
OF NEWBURYPORT, MASSACHUSETTS

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



[Bridge Gallery](#), 1R Water Street, Newburyport:

- ❖ March: still life paintings and photography by 15 artists; reception Sat., Mar. 6, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Sun., Mar. 14, 2:00 p.m.: “Second Sundays at the Gallery” - [Danielle Gauthier-McCarthy](#)



**Firehouse Center for the Arts, Newburyport:**

- ❖ Feb. 3–Mar. 21: Gallery -Paintings by Elizabeth Harty; Wed. – Sun., 12:00-5:00; free.
- Fri., Mar. 5, 8:00 p.m.: New England Light Opera - Happy Days are Here Again: A New 1930's Revue; [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](#)
- ❖ Sat., Mar. 6, 2010 7:30 p.m.: Home Concert Series: Frederick Moyer; [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](#)
- ❖ Sat., Mar. 6, 8:00 p.m.: HipHop Dance with Jose Eric Cruz (aka "3D"); [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](#)



**Newburyport Art Association, 65 Water Street, Newburyport:**

- ❖ Through Mar. 7: [NAA 2010 Members' Winter Juried Show - Part II](#)
- ❖ 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.



**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



**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



**Merrimack Repertory Theatre:**

- ❖ Tues., Mar. 9, 6:00-8:30 p.m.: MRT Benefit Wine Tasting, Stonehedge Inn, Tyngsboro; "Top 25" wines from the largest wine cellar in New England; \$45
- ❖ 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:**

- ❖ March 9 & 10: [Stomp](#)



**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



**Westford Academy Performing Arts Center, 30 Patten Road, Westford**

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



**PCA Westford's Parish Center for the Arts:**

- ❖ Fri. Mar. 5, 8:00 p.m.; Sat., Mar 6, 3:00 & 8:00 p.m.: [Nashoba Players - Ain't MisBehavin'](#) [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](#)
- ❖ Sat., Mar. 13, 8:00 p.m.: **Eight to the Bar**; [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](#)
- ❖ Sun., Mar. 14, 3:00 p.m.: Barn Dance; [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](#)
- ❖ Sat., Mar. 20, 4:00 p.m.: **Minsoo Sohn** ~ Virtuoso Pianist; [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](#)
- ❖ Sat., Mar. 20, 8:00 p.m.: Elliot Steger; [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](#)
- ❖ Sat., Apr. 10, 8:00 p.m.: **Christian Howes**; [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](#)



*Merrimack Valley*  
PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA



**Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra (MVPO)**

- ❖ Sun., Mar. 7, 2:30 p.m.: March concert -Julie Scolnik will perform the Carl Reinecke Flute Concerto in D, Opus 28; works by Dvorak and Elgar; Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; \$18 (adults), \$14 (seniors and students); [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](#)
- ❖ 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](#)



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

- ❖ Weds., Mar. 3, 6:30 p.m.: [Tambakos Film Series](#) - "Touch of Evil," free
- ❖ 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](#).
- ❖ Tues., Mar. 23, 7:00 p.m.: **Joy Harjo** in concert; Native American poet/musician, screenwriter; with Grammy award winning guitarist Larry Mitchell; tickets \$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](#)
- ❖ Fri., Apr. 23, 7:30 p.m.: Merrimack College Jazz Band presents its Sixth Annual "An Evening of Jazz"



**The Treble Chorus**  
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**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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**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.

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

- ❖ Feb. 28-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 is now owned by the University of Massachusetts Lowell, and 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:](#)**

- ❖ Thurs., May 20, 6:00 p.m.: **[Essex Heritage Hero Award](#)**; recognizing honorees: Nicholas Costello of Amesbury, Maria Miles of Salisbury and Byron Matthews of Newburyport; Tupelo Music Hall, Salisbury
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Advocates for the 3,500-acre **[Harold Parker State Forest](#)** in North Andover have formed **[Friends of Harold Parker](#)**, with the goal of maintaining the forest’s trails and making the park a destination to more people in surrounding towns. The forest offers various recreational activities, including hiking, mountain biking, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, cross country skiing, camping and picnicking; *North Andover Citizen*: **[Harold Parker has new group of supporters](#)**

- ❖ Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. **[“Beat the Winter Blues”](#)** hiking series; two hours; free, open to the public. Meet at Harold Parker HQ, 305 Middleton Rd. North Andover.
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Enjoy the snowy delights of winter sports in the Merrimack Valley:

- ❖ **[Nashoba Valley Ski Area](#)**, Westford: 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.

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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

**[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](mailto:meganloughney@challengeunlimited.org)



**[Lowell Spinners](#)**: Group tickets and Mini Plans now on sale for the 2010 season; individual tickets available online Mar. 16.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**



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."



April 23 and 24: [Newburyport Literary Festival](#); *Daily News of Newburyport*: Best-selling lineup; Port Literary Festival snags top writers for its next chapter.

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