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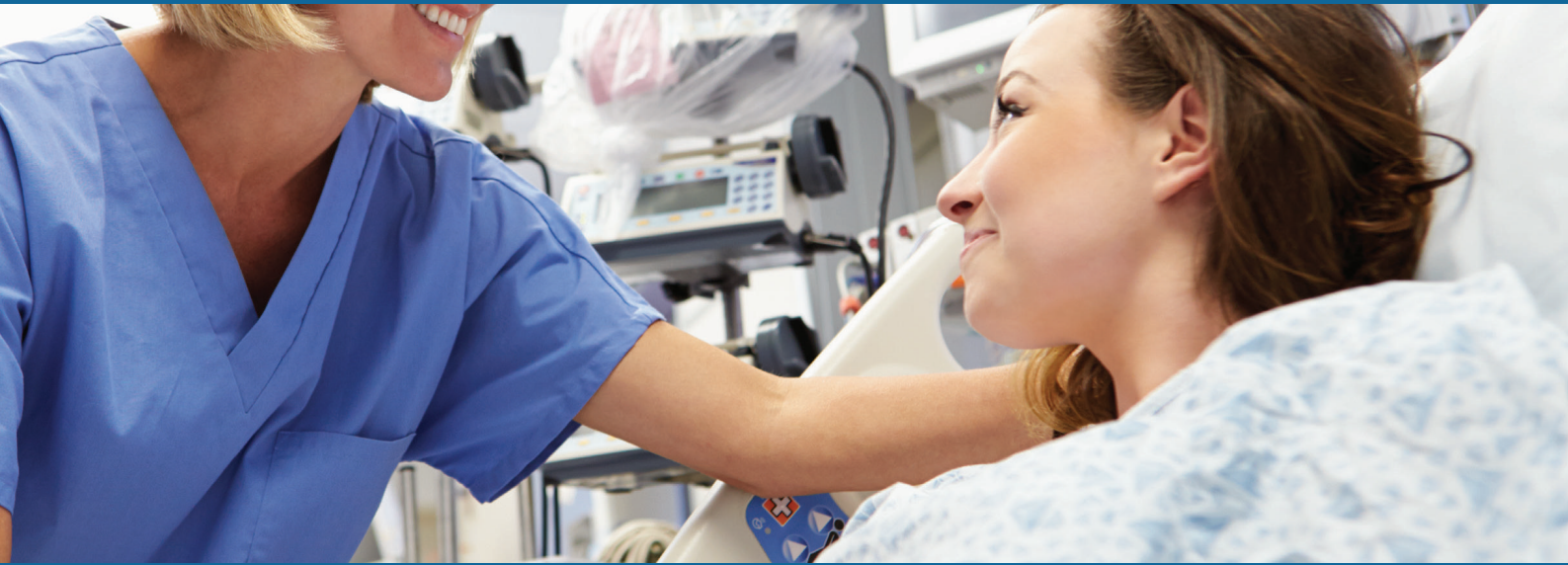
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## ON THE COVER

Late-afternoon light shines off boats docked in the Merrimack River on a June day.

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A fisherman casts his line into the Merrimack River from the north end of Plum Island.

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People crowd Market Landing Park in Newburyport as boaters glide up and down the Merrimack River.

# A heritage built on the sea

**T**here's a lot to celebrate in this seaside city famous for clipper ships and the birth of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Art, music, waterfront dining and maritime history rise to mind like a tide along its shores.

The present city of Newburyport, on the Merrimack River, was originally the northern "Waterside" area of Newbury, which was settled as an agricultural enterprise by English colonists in 1635. Newburyport became a separate town in 1764, and a city in 1851.

It flourished initially through shipping and fishing; then through shipbuilding, including the famed clipper ships of the 1850s; and later mill manufacturing.

The redevelopment of the 1970s restored the community to the gem it is today. Newburyport set an example across the country as the first municipality to use



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**The Newburyport boardwalk attracts a steady stream of visitors to soak in the sights all summer long.**

urban renewal funds for historic preservation. And the fruits of leaders' labors are evident at every turn.

The thriving city center bustles with activity. When visitors want to just plain meander, the downtown offers art galleries,

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small shops and an abundance of dining options. The sea awaits across from Market Square in Waterfront Park, where grassy patches and benches along the boardwalk provide places to soak in the activity on the Merrimack. A public embayment in the park welcomes mariners to the shore. For those looking to ship out on an excursion, chartered cruises, whale watches and fishing trips stand ready to depart from the local docks.

History is always afoot in Newburyport, but no place more than at the Custom House Maritime Museum on Water Street.



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Boats dock at the public embayment at Market Landing Park as the sunset paints clouds from a clearing thunderstorm.

Designed by Robert Mills, the structure was built in 1835 to facilitate growing overseas trade and tax collection of imported goods on the waterfront. The vaulted ceilings and cantilevered staircases are hallmarks of Mills' work.

Among Newburyport's notable natives is abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison, who was born and raised in its anti-slavery climate. Visit his statue located one block from the central waterfront in Brown Square, the scene of abolitionist meetings back in the day.

If it's a broader history you seek, the Museum of Old Newbury, based in the Cushing House on High Street, maintains the stories of the Newburys over 300 years.

While you're near the waterfront, be sure to check out Somerby's Landing Sculpture Park. Located on the Merrimack River at the west end of the Newburyport boardwalk, it boasts large sculptures by New England artists.

Farther inland, the 450-acre Maudslay State Park is an exquisite place for walking,

hiking, horseback riding, informal picnics and leisurely strolls.

Offering a soundtrack to it all is the music. From waterfront concerts to the annual Newburyport Chamber Music Festival, a steady beat plays through the city all season long.

The Firehouse Center for the Arts in Market Square keeps pace with its own lineup of stage performances, from music to comedy to theater. And the annual family movie nights on the waterfront bring a youthful vibrancy to the park.

Newburyport shines most during Yankee Homecoming, which is marking its 62nd year this summer. With the theme "Reflections of our Past," the nine-day celebration runs from July 27 through Aug. 4.

The 1.1-mile Clipper City Rail Trail at the edge of downtown brings visitors from the MBTA commuter rail station at Parker Street to the waterfront, where travelers on foot can venture over to downtown or continue over the Gillis Bridge into Salisbury, where they can connect with the Old Eastern Marsh Trail and continue on their way.

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The museum has seven galleries, each focusing on a different aspect of Newburyport history, providing visitors different perspectives of its rich and unique maritime past.

The Moseley Gallery Hall of Ships showcases a collection of model clipper ships, including the famous Dreadnought. Built in Newburyport, it was the fastest ship of its day.

The Custom Collectors Office features the “office equipment” from the era, along with unique artifacts from faraway voyages. There’s also a remarkable portrait collection of generations of sea captains from the Newburyport Marine Society.

The Brown Gallery displays the museum’s collection of shipwreck and salvage artifacts.

The Baker Gallery, with its diorama of the Currier Shipyard, transports visitors to the 19th-century Newburyport shipyard that built more ships than any other U.S. shipyard of its time.

The Marquand Library tells the story of Daniel Marquand, one of the 18th century’s most successful shipping magnates, and descendant John P. Marquand, who wrote the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel “The Late George Apley.”

No community in America has enjoyed a longer relationship with the United States Coast Guard than Newburyport, where Coast Guard roots run deep. The Coast Guard Gallery tells the story of Newburyport as birthplace of the modern Coast Guard. Its focus spans from Alexander Hamilton’s formation of the Revenue Marine; to the Newburyport-built revenue cutter Massachusetts, the first to enter the service; through merger with the Life Saving Service and other entities that compose the modern Coast Guard.

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The Custom House Maritime Museum features exhibits on the city’s seafaring history.



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Izzy Veno tries out a telescope that she and best friend Quinn Epstein pulled out of grab bags they received after finishing a scavenger hunt at the Custom House.

10, the Custom House is hosting the 200-ton Spanish sailing vessel Nao Santa Maria, a modern

replica of one of Christopher Columbus’ ships. It will dock at Waterfront Park, and a variety

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of events will be planned around its visit.

Through June 30, the museum is showcasing “Citizen Soldier,” a mix of uniforms, equipment and souvenirs that help tell the stories of local-area men and women who served their country during World War II. On Aug. 26, an exhibit celebrating local pottery production before and after the American Revolution will start.

The museum is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays and holiday Mondays from noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students; active military and children under 6 are welcome for free.

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# Learning is fun at coastal education center

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Here, you can explore the region's wildlife-rich habitats (salt marshes, mudflats, rivers, bays and coastal waters) through guided tours, a marine touch tank, art exhibits, drop-in programs and interpretive displays.

With more than 300 species of birds recorded locally each year, the center allows participants of all abilities to enjoy the wealth of avian life that surrounds them.

At the center, visitors can take advantage of excellent year-round wildlife viewing opportunities from the sanctuary grounds and indoor observation areas, as well as magnificent views of the lower Merrimack River and Plum Island estuary.

The 110-gallon touch tank is open during warmer months, and interpretive programs are held throughout the summer.

Green features at the center include two recharging stations for electric vehicles, photovoltaic panels and a water catchment system for toilet flushing.

The center is open Tuesdays through Sundays and Monday holidays, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. A suggested \$2 donation is requested of nonmembers; Audubon members are welcome for free.

Annual events hosted by the Joppa Flats center include the Superbowl of Birding, Merrimack River Eagle Festival, Biodiversity Day and Plum Island CoastSweep.

Weekly and ongoing programs are also offered year-round. They include:

## Saturday Morning Birding

Every Saturday, except in July, from 9 to 11:30 a.m., talented guides lead outings in search of avian activity in the Newburyport/Plum Island area. Birders of all levels, including beginners, are welcome to drop in and join. The cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for nonmembers; a four-trip pass is \$30 for members, \$36 for nonmembers; registration is not required.



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Volunteer Liana Joy, left, shows a horseshoe crab named Dylan to visitor Mary Eastman at the Joppa Flats Education Center.

## Wednesday Morning Birding

Now in its 23rd year, Wednesday Morning Birding gives birders of all skill levels exposure to the tremendous variety of bird species and hot spots in the area. The outings set out every Wednesday, except in July, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and explore such areas as Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, Plum Island, the Merrimack River estuary and other locations around Essex County. The trips are led by Joppa Flats sanctuary director David Moon and birding expert Dave Weaver. The cost is \$14 for members and \$17 for nonmembers. A four-trip pass is \$42 for members, \$51 for nonmembers.

## Celebrate the Summer Solstice

Celebrate the longest day of the year (and the first day of summer) on Friday, June 21, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Joppa Flats center. The family program aimed at children ages 4 to 8 will explore why we have seasons and allow participants to express their appreciation for

the summer with sun-themed activities, crafts and songs. The group, led by Mass Audubon teacher naturalists Mary Jacobsen and Susan St. John, will make sun catchers and flower-power crowns, conduct a human sundial experiment, and whip up some sun-themed snacks. The cost for members is \$7 for adults and \$6 for children and for nonmembers is \$9 for adults and \$8 for children.

## Harbor Seal Science Cruise

Lisa Hutchings, the Joppa Flats school and youth education coordinator, and the crew of the Yankee Clipper lead an exploration of the lower Merrimack River ecosystem on Saturday, June 22, from 8:45 to 10:45 a.m. The group will practice hands-on science; use interactive props; and look for seabirds, seals and waterfowl on the trip. The family program is suitable for children ages 4 to 12. The trip departs from the Newburyport boardwalk. The cost for members is \$24 for adults and \$18 for children and for nonmembers is \$32 for adults and

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\$22 for children. There will also be a Back River Science Cruise on July 20 and a Shorebird Science Cruise on Aug. 17.

## Imagine, Sing & Learn

The Joppa Flats Center hosts fun-filled mornings for active preschoolers and their parents or caregivers on Tuesdays from June 25 through Aug. 6 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Structured activities include hands-on science, music and movement, a thematic snack, and an outdoor adventure if the weather permits. Kids can keep learning with coloring pages and follow-up activities to take home. The sessions are suitable for ages 3 to 6. The cost for members is \$7 for adults and \$6 for children and for nonmembers is \$9 for adults and \$8 for children.



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The refuge was established in 1941 to provide feeding, resting and nesting habitat for migratory birds. Located along the Atlantic flyway, this 4,700-acre refuge — 3,000 of which are salt marsh — is a vital stop-over point for waterfowl, shorebirds and songbirds.

In addition to providing habitat for more than 300 species of birds, the refuge is also home to a variety of mammals, insects, fish, reptiles and amphibian species.

Today, the mission of the refuge has been expanded to include the protection of threatened and endangered species and wildlife-dependent recreation where appropriate.

The refuge encompasses the southern three-fourths of Plum Island and is located in Newburyport, Newbury, Rowley and Ipswich.

Visitors can enjoy wildlife viewing, canoeing and kayaking, fishing, and any of a variety of public programs, as well as its sheer pristine beauty.

The refuge is open daily from sunrise to sunset and offers two public use areas. The main area is on Plum Island via Sunset Drive. The second is a short trail at Nelson's Island off Stackyard Road in Rowley. Pets are not allowed, not even within vehicles.

Beginning April 1, the majority of the refuge beach is closed to provide undisturbed nesting and feeding habitat for the piping plover. Portions of the beach not being used by these tiny shorebirds may be reopened starting in July. Typically, all sections of the refuge are reopened by mid-to late August.

An entrance fee of \$5 per car or \$2 per walker or biker is in effect year-round at the Plum Island section of the refuge. An annual pass to the refuge can be purchased for \$20. Entry is free for



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**Young visitors check out and photograph Ginger, an eastern box turtle, during a Let's Go Outside program at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge.**



Nicole Goodhue Boyd photo

**A snowy egret walks in the grass at the refuge.**

holders of a Federal Duck Stamp or the Interior Department's America the Beautiful, Senior and Access passes.

Passes may be purchased at

the administrative office, which is located in the visitor center, just before the Plum Island Airfield and the Wilkinson Bridge and directly across from the

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Joppa Flats Education Center. The refuge administrative office is open Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The visitor center itself is open Mondays through Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It offers educational and entertaining exhibits and information about piping plover recovery, invasive species, migratory birds (including an indoor bird observation area), salt marshes and more. It has a gift shop; an auditorium that shows an introductory video to the refuge; and a set of classrooms used for meetings, field trips and interpretive programs.



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Fishermen and sunbathers enjoy great summer weather on Plum Island Point in Newburyport.

# A beachy getaway that's close to home

Like many stops along New England's coast, Plum Island is endowed with a wealth of natural treasures.

But unlike other arcade- and tavern-strewn beach haunts, the 11-mile-long Plum Island offers more sand and wind and room to unwind, attracting an eclectic mix of summer and year-round residents.

It's got a windswept rural feel, ideal for a convertible or bicycle.

Public space, refuge land and eggshell brown beach sand combine to make this barrier island straddling Newburyport and Newbury an open window to relaxation, leisurely drives, summer reading and a tranquil surf.

Bring a camera and a long lens, if you have one, to capture the bird life.

A walk on the beach brings sights galore. Gulls swoop and call out high-pitched squeals. Sandpipers race a step ahead of the inrushing tide. Seashells sprout between toes.

If you are lucky, you might see a mighty sunfish poking its dorsal fin from the ocean or a fisherman landing a striped bass, its silver and black scales glinting in the sun.

The island's namesake, a fruit, the noble



**Sandy Point State Reservation is a popular destination for beachgoers of all ages.**

beach plum, ripens in late summer. Native Americans harvested the plums back in the day. There have been movements to restore the beach plum as a commercial crop.

Northern Plum Island Beach is accessible from several points along Northern Boulevard.

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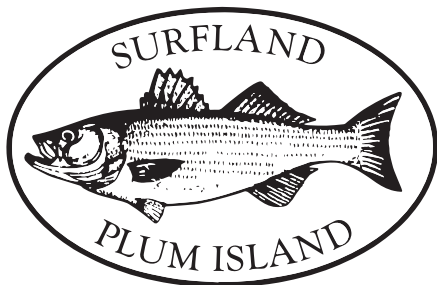
the largest being at the northern end of the island, in Newburyport.

Sandy Point State Reservation is a 77-acre park located within Parker River National Wildlife Refuge at the very southern tip of Plum Island. The park is one of the state's most beautiful coastal beaches — just don't go during greenhead season.

Walking, beachcombing, fishing and birding are allowed at the park, which can be accessed by driving or biking through the refuge. Much of the beach area, does become closed until August to protect the nesting piping plover.

The Sandy Point parking lot is limited to 50 cars. It is managed by the state Department of Conservation and Recreation.

As an added attraction on your visit to Plum Island, watch the planes take flight at Plum Island Airfield, on Plum Island Turnpike on the way to or from the island. The fields, salt marshes and sand dunes along the turnpike have been used for aviation since the early 1900s. There's a museum at the airport that chronicles its history, including W. Starling Burgess' landmark 1910 flights on the marshes, which were at the leading edge of aviation.



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The conical Newburyport Harbor Light, also known as Plum Island Light, is made of wood and has that traditional tall lighthouse look.

It's the kind we see in our mind's eye or in paintings such as those by American artist Edward Hopper.

It stands 45 feet tall at Plum Island's northern tip, at Ipswich Bay, the mouth of the Merrimack River.

The original lighthouse was established in 1788, but this structure was built in 1898.

Given the shifting shape of the river entrance, the light was moved many times in its

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But the current structure has remained in its present location since it was erected in 1898.



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The late-afternoon sun shines through the lens of Newburyport Harbor Light on Plum Island.

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The Newburyport Harbor Front Range Light, pictured, and an adjacent rear range light at the U.S. Coast Guard station in Newburyport are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

It was automated in 1951, and in 2003, ownership was transferred from the Coast Guard to the city of Newburyport, which swiftly leased it to the nonprofit Friends of Plum Island Light.

The grounds at the end of Northern Boulevard in Newburyport are open year-round, but the lighthouse itself can be accessed only on open house days, which are the third Sunday of each month from May through September.

The 2019 dates are June 16, July 21, Aug. 18 and Sept. 15, from 1 to 4 p.m., weather permitting.

To climb the tower, children must be at least 5 years old and 42 inches tall. All must ascend a short ladder at the top through a trap door to emerge at the level of the light and viewing platform. But the reward is the spectacular sight that awaits.

The tours and parking are free; donations are accepted and appreciated to help with

preservation and maintenance of the property.

Closer to downtown Newburyport, the Newburyport Harbor Rear Range Light is a historic lighthouse on Water Street along the Merrimack River.

The brick tower is 53 feet tall and was built in 1873, one of a pair of range lights for guiding ships to the city's harbor. Both lights were decommissioned in 1961, and the rear light became private property. Today, it is available to rent for events.

Both the Newburyport Harbor Front and Rear Range lights were added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1987.

The lantern room of the five-story Newburyport Rear Range Light can be reserved for private gourmet dinners and has been named a top romantic destination, affording panoramic views of the Merrimack River. Proceeds support the Lighthouse Preservation Society.



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A lone fisherman heads out from Newburyport toward the mouth of the Merrimack River.

## No shortage of places to cast lines, dip oars

For those who enjoy boating and fishing, the Greater Newburyport area has a lot to offer.

### Fishing

The fish that draws thousands of anglers to local shores is the striped bass, a large gamefish that can be caught using bait or lures. Locally, the season heats up around Mother's Day and gradually slows down as the fish migrate north to cooler waters. Typically by mid-June, the stripers have moved on. New regulations allow fishermen to keep only one regulation-size striped bass, which must be 28 inches long or longer.

Within a few weeks, bluefish move in. These notoriously aggressive game fish often attack baitfish in "blitzes," causing the water to appear to boil with activity. A blitz is one of the most exciting events a fisherman can experience.

In September, the waters begin to cool and the stripers return, along with large numbers of bluefish and other species, including tuna. This is viewed by many anglers as the best time of year to fish in local waters.

For fishermen who prefer to cast from the shoreline, there are lots of places that have proven to be successful spots. Plum Island beaches and Salisbury Beach are popular, particularly along the mouth of the Merrimack River. Fishing is often good at Newburyport's Cashman Park and Amesbury's Deer Island and Alliance Park, too.

Anglers who prefer to fish from a boat should check with local bait shops and fishing blogs for the latest reports on the hot spots.

For those who prefer to head farther out to sea to catch deep-water fish, such as cod, there are numerous charter boat services available, among them Captain's Fishing Parties of Newburyport,

Eastman's in Seabrook and Al Gauron Deep Sea Fishing in Hampton.

The area is also rich with bait and tackle shops, among them Surfland Bait and Tackle on Plum Island.

### Boating

If you own a boat or kayak, you are in luck. There are two state boat ramps in the area with ample parking and easy-to-use launch ramps. Cashman Park, off Merrimac Street in Newburyport, is the busiest ramp in the state. Launching fees are \$10, or \$100 for a seasonal pass, and the ramp places your boat in the Merrimack River, just upstream of downtown Newburyport.

Salisbury Beach State Reservation has a launch ramp close to the mouth of the Merrimack River; check with the state for fees.

Kayakers have more options, including a ramp on Water Street

in Newburyport that provides access to the Merrimack River, and a launching spot on the Plum Island Turnpike that provides access to the Plum Island River. There are additional ramps in the area, some of which are restricted to residents only.

Boaters and kayakers unfamiliar with local waters would be well-advised to study charts and ask for information on local conditions. The Merrimack River — particularly at its mouth — can be dangerous.

Boat rentals are available through businesses such as Freedom Boat Club in Newburyport. Kayak rentals are available locally, as well.

For those who prefer to leave the captain's chair to someone else, Newburyport, Seabrook and Hampton harbors are home to several charter boat companies, fishing party boats, whale-watching operations and local scenery tours.



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The Cushing House at the corner of High and Fruit streets in Newburyport serves as the headquarters for the Museum of Old Newbury.

# Cushing House offers a peek back in time

It has the distinction of being Newburyport's only designated National Historic Landmark. And since 1955, the 200-year-old brick Federal period mansion at the corner of High and Fruit streets has been the home of what today is the Museum of Old Newbury.

The Cushing House, home of Newburyport's first mayor, Caleb Cushing, was given to the museum by the heirs of Margaret Cushing, Caleb's niece and long-time museum benefactor.

Margaret, who passed away at the age of 100, lived in the home her entire life, making few changes and updates along the way. The home, which was beautifully preserved, still boasts some original carpet, wallpaper and fixtures.

Since its formation around the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1876, the Museum of Old Newbury has become the city's historical compass and the keeper of its rich past. It has grown from its modest beginnings as the holder of records

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from Newburyport's Custom House to include a collection of art and artifacts along with an extensive library.

Inside, the museum's collection of tens of thousands of paintings, furnishings, textiles, decorative arts, silver, photographs and documents gives visitors a glimpse into the pasts of Newburyport, Newbury and West Newbury.

It is enjoyed by visitors from all over the world, and the society continues to grow and maintain its collections through the generosity of its members and community.

Summer is an ideal time to enjoy tours of the museum, which are offered from Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day weekend, Wednesdays



This portrait of Caleb Cushing is one of six Cushing family portraits that were donated to the museum in 2015.

through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. The museum is closed on holidays. Special group tours may be arranged with advance notice.

Admission is \$5 for non-member adults; residents of Newburyport, Newbury and West Newbury, as well as members and children under 12, are

## SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Revolutionary Storytime:** Saturday, June 22, 10 a.m.; Colonial re-enactor Mike Welch shares historical stories aimed at young children.
- **Newburyport and the Triangle Trade:** Thursday, July 25, 7 p.m., with a 6:30 p.m. reception; history teacher Susan Harvey discusses the "peculiar institution" of slavery and how it relates to Newburyport.
- **Meet a Colonial Carpenter:** Saturday, Aug. 10, 10 a.m.; re-enactor Mike Welch returns to delight children up to fifth grade.
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# Journey into the past at heritage sites

Vintage sports, sheep shearing, house tours and other events organized by Historic New England, the nation's oldest and largest regional heritage organization, are scheduled for the Greater Newburyport area this summer.

Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm is a family-friendly National Historic Landmark with activities for all ages.

The 230-acre site at 5 Little's Lane in Newbury includes a 1690 manor house that served as the country seat of wealthy Newburyport merchants and an attached farmhouse that was home to a Lithuanian family for most of the 20th century.

Visitors are invited to learn about life on a farm over the centuries through hands-on activities, such as pumping water from a well outside the kitchen or looking through a stereo-viewer in the 19th-century parlor.

Spend some time with the resident animals, explore nature trails or enjoy a picnic under ancient maple trees. Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm fosters animals in partnership with the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, with friendly sheep — including a surprise lamb born this year, Hugo — goats, chickens and a horse found on the property throughout the year.

The buildings are open Thursdays through Sundays, June 2 through Oct. 13, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$4 for students. The grounds are open from dawn to dusk year-round.

Don't miss The Battle for Newbury on Saturday, June 8, and Sunday, June 9, when Revolutionary War re-enactors will act out hypothetical battles to see what might have happened if the British had tried to recapture Boston by way of the North Shore. There will also be musket and cannon demonstrations, children's activities, merchants, and more.

The farm also hosts old-fashioned base ball games (it was



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**Griffin Dardinski feeds one of the goats at Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm in Newbury.**

two words back then), courtesy of the Essex Base Ball Association, which plays the game as it was back in 1860 — with authentic uniforms and barehanded. Upcoming games are Saturdays, June 1 and July 13, and Sundays, June 16 and 30 and July 14, 21 and 28.

Within walking distance of Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm is the Swett-Ilsley House, the first property bought by Historic New England back in 1911. Built in 1670 by Stephen Swett, the property at 4 High Road can be explored the first Saturday of each month from June through October from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for students.

A few doors down at 14 High Road stands the Coffin House. Built around 1680, the house was occupied by members of the Coffin family for more than three centuries. By 1713, the house doubled in size to fit in a married son and his family. In 1785, the house was divided into

two separate dwellings, each with its own kitchen and living spaces. Many of the furnishings belonging to the family remain for visitors to see. It is open the first and third Saturdays of the month from June 1 through Oct. 5. Tours start at 11 a.m. and continue on the hour. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$4 for students.

The Dole-Little House, located at 289 High Road, was built around 1715 with materials salvaged from an earlier structure. Its first resident was Richard Dole, a cattleman who built a two-room, central-chimney house with a small kitchen shed at the rear. In the 1950s, the house was purchased by Florence Evans Bushee and underwent extensive renovations to restore it to its 18th-century roots. Visit on Saturdays, June 1 and Oct. 5, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for students.

Built in 1785, the Rocky Hill Meeting House at 4 Old

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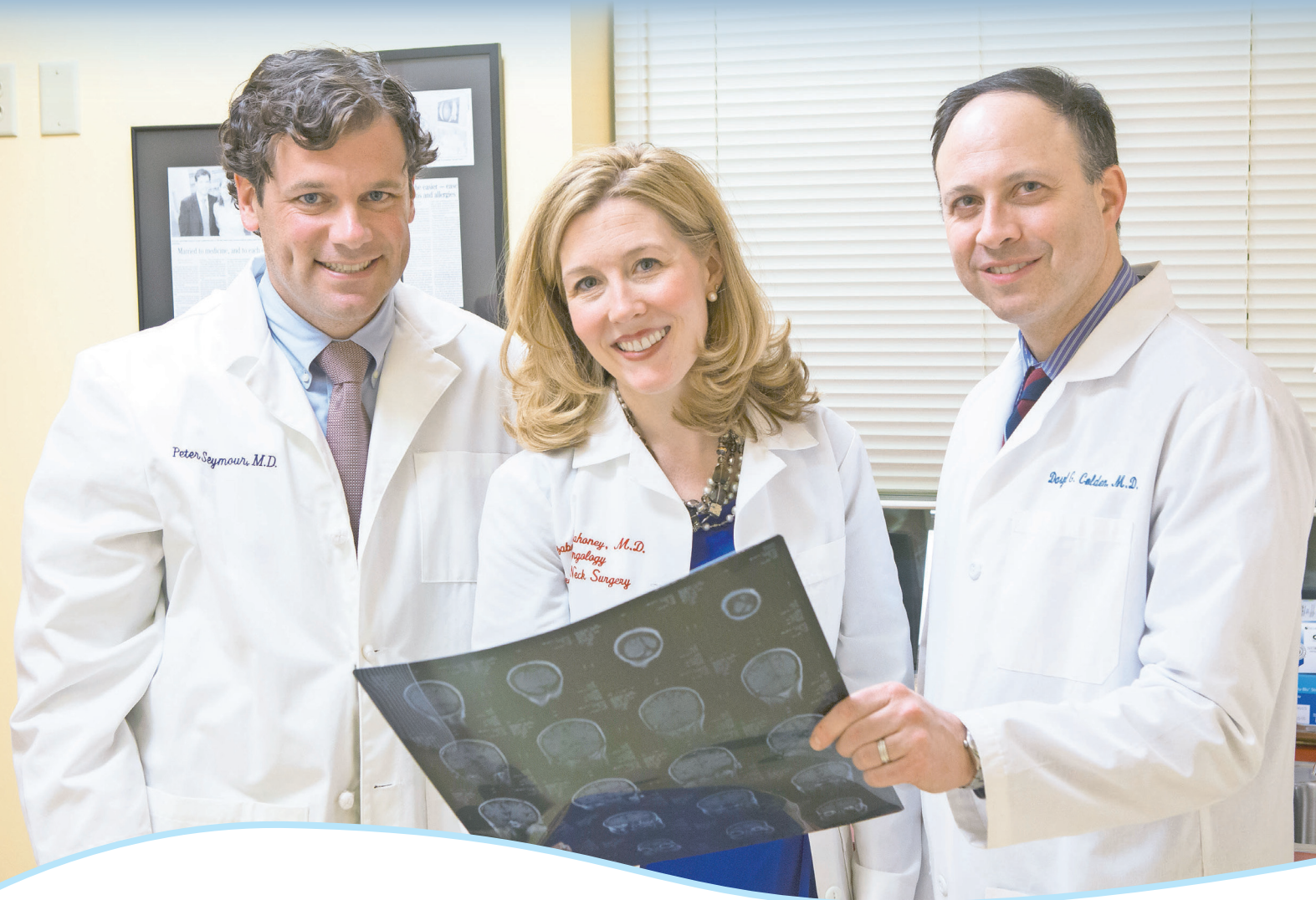
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Portsmouth Road in Amesbury was once visited by the father of our country, George Washington, on his way to New Hampshire. It is considered one of the "best-preserved examples of an original 18th-century meeting house interior," with its marbleized pulpit and pillars supporting the upper galleries still boasting their original paint. It is open the first and third Thursdays from July 18 through Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. to noon, as well as on Saturday, June 1, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for students.

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# A jewel that shines in every season

Part of the state's park system, Newburyport's Maudslay State Park is an exquisite place for walking, biking, horseback riding, informal picnics, or just relaxing with a book and some friends.

Situated on the Merrimack River, the 480-acre horticultural and agricultural estate is open from dawn to dusk and offers breathtaking beauty and views.

Formerly called Maudsleigh, it was owned by the Moseley family from 1900 until 1985, when it became the property of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.

It features a 19th-century garden, plantings, rolling meadows and towering pines, along with one of the largest naturally occurring stands of mountain laurel in the state. The park has a stunning example of ornamental trees and masses of azaleas and rhododendrons that bloom in May and June.

Cultural events are a regular feature during the summer, as are fun, interactive activities. All programs are open to the public. They include evening strolls with the park interpreter, children's story time, and nature discovery activities and tours of the former Moseley estate that traipse through the house sites, gardens and farm complex area.

The daily parking fee is \$5 for Massachusetts-registered vehicles and \$10 for out-of-state vehicles. Children must be accompanied by adults. Wearing protective footwear, sunscreen and insect repellent is advised.

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**Maudslay State Park has miles of hiking trails through wooded areas and meadows.**

# A banner year for Theater in the Open

Theater in the Open is the resident theater company at Maudslay State Park.

The nonprofit company's mission is to transform the magical tradition of storytelling into theater. Using puppetry, pageantry, music, movement and acting, it explores myths, classic literature, original scripts and modern dramas in productions that reflect the diversity of various cultures.

For its 40th anniversary season, the summer performances and programs will feature productions that celebrate the history of this creative and talented company of artists, founded in Newburyport in 1979.

These will include:

■ **May 25 through June 16:** "A Peter Pan Panto!" brings pirates, fairies and Lost Boys to Maudslay in a goofy take on the J.M. Barrie classic. Performances Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m.; free.



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The ensemble from Theater in the Open's production of "Much Ado About Nothing" performs at Maudslay State Park last year.

■ **July 13-28 and Aug. 10-11:** "The Tempest," first performed by William Shakespeare's "The troupe in 1990, is this year's

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summer mainstage show at the park. Performances Saturdays and Sundays at 4 p.m.; free.

■ **Aug. 2-3:** Circus Smirkus will be hosted by Theater in the Open at Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm, 5 Little's Lane, Newbury. Performances Friday at 1 and 6 p.m. and Saturday at 12:30 and 5:30 p.m. Tickets \$23 ages 13-plus, \$19 ages 2-12, free for under 2.

■ **Aug. 17-18:** The third annual Theater in the Open Festival, in the park on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 6:30 p.m., will showcase "The Tempest," Greek tragedy monologues, "A Peter Pan Panto!" and more. Free.

# Music in the air at Maudslay Arts Center

It's been called a mini-Tanglewood, and for good reason.

Maudslay Arts Center is a popular cultural and entertainment destination that has served tens of thousands of patrons since its founding in 1992.

Situated in a picturesque corner of the 480-acre Maudslay State Park in Newburyport, Maudslay Arts Center is best known for its summer concert series.

Music fills the air almost every weekend in July and August, with concerts taking place on the outdoor stage on Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons.

This year's 27th season begins Sunday, July 7, with a performance by the always popular Don Campbell Band, playing everything from big band to jazz to opera to bluegrass to country to the Great American Songbook.

Also returning this year will be legendary performers Jonathan Edwards, best known for his hit single "Sunshine," and New Black Eagle Jazz Band, with its brand of traditional New Orleans jazz.

The 2019 lineup will also include Bobby



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**Concertgoers take in a past performance by the Don Campbell Band, which will open this year's 27th season on Sunday, July 7.**

Keyes, Hillyer Festival Orchestra, Amanda Carr, Donna Byrne and Hal McIntyre Big Band. A complete schedule will be available at [www.maudslayartscenter.org](http://www.maudslayartscenter.org) after May 31.

Concertgoers are encouraged to bring picnic dinners. Desserts, such as seasonal

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cobblers, brownies and ice cream, as well as cold beverages and coffee, may be purchased during intermission.

Saturday performances start at 7 p.m., with gates opening at 6. Sunday performances begin at 2 p.m., with gates opening at 1.

All shows go off rain or shine, with the converted barn adjacent to the outdoor amphitheater serving as the rain location.

Seating on both the patio and lawn is available for all shows, with ticket pricing varying from \$20 to \$30 per concert. Children 12 and under are always welcome for free.

From mid-May through mid-October, the venue is also a popular setting for special events, such as weddings, corporate functions, educational activities, reunions and more.

# Community venue has something for everyone

Over the course of its nearly 30-year existence, the Firehouse Center for the Arts has become the center of Newburyport's arts and culture scene.

The Market Square theater offers a diverse selection of dance, music, theater, film, children's shows and art events, along with a monthly exhibit in the Institution for Savings Art Gallery.

The nonprofit organization, supported by members of the community and area businesses, brings national, regional and local entertainers to the stage within its 191-seat venue, drawing a steady crowd of both locals and tourists throughout the year.

Highlights of the Firehouse Center for the Arts' 2019 summer schedule include:

**May 30 through June 2:** "The Little Mermaid" theater performance  
**Friday, May 31:** Soggy Po' Boys



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**Shrek, played by James Turner, performs with the Fairy Tale Creatures during last summer's production of "Shrek The Musical."**

in concert

**June 14-30:** "Joseph and the

Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" theater performance

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**Sunday, June 23:** Lula Wiles in concert

**Sunday, June 30:** Honeysuckle in concert

**Friday, July 5:** Comedian Lenny Clarke

**Thursday, July 11:** Charlie Hunter and Lucy Woodward in concert

**Tuesday, July 16:** Eilen Jewel in concert

**Tuesday, July 23:** Tyler Hilton in concert

**Aug. 2-10:** "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" theater performance

**Aug. 9-25:** "Billy Elliot" theater performance

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# A place for artists and art lovers to come together

The Newburyport Art Association, founded in 1948, is dedicated to promoting and exhibiting members' work, to providing art education for students of all ages and skills, and to keeping the visual arts accessible for students in the local schools and special needs adults.

Today, the organization has become the cornerstone of Greater Newburyport's vibrant arts scene, with 600 artist and non-artist members from around the region. Artists exhibit work in a full calendar of open, juried, invitational, featured artist and interest group shows.

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In addition, the NAA offers a full calendar of studio classes and workshops for children, teens and adults and supports two community outreach programs — ArtLink with area schools and OpArt with Opportunity Works of Newburyport.

Located near the center of town, the NAA occupies a circa-1795 brick building housing



Amanda Sabga photo

**Lee Gordon judges artwork this past March for the Young & Budding Artists Show.**

three galleries that are open year-round to the general public. Admission is free. Art exhibited in shows and featured in its gift shop is for sale.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. Upcoming shows and events include:

**Through June 1:** Regional Juried Show

**June 8:** Annual Party & Art Auction

**June 11-13:** Featured artist Will Nourse

**June 13-23:** OpArt Show

**June 25-30:** Featured artist Susan Spellman

**June 25 through July 7:** Printmakers group show

**July 2-14:** Featured artist Ann Gillespie

**July 9-21:** Abstract & Experimental Artists group show

**July 23 through Aug. 4:** Photography group show

**July 30 through Aug. 4:** Featured artist Marjet Lesk

**Aug. 6-18:** Chamber Music Festival Exhibition

**Aug. 6-18:** Band of Brushes

**Aug. 9 through Sept. 1:** "Eight Cubed" show

**Aug. 20-25:** Featured artist Margo Pullman

**Aug. 20 through Sept. 1:** Newburyport Ten Plein Air Painters group show

**Aug. 27 through Sept 8:** Featured artist Fran Butsavich

**Sept. 3-15:** New England Sculpture Association show

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**Sept. 10-15:** Featured artist Deb Desmond Meserve



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Runners in the 5K take off at the start of a past road race hosted by the Newburyport Lions Club. This year's race is the 60th annual.

# Quintessential Port event pays tribute to the past

Newburyport's annual Yankee Homecoming is nine days of the best kind of summer fun capped off with an impressive fireworks display and a parade that is the stuff of legends.

Held this year from July 27 through Aug. 4, the all-volunteer event will again feature many crowd favorites — including the committee-sponsored nightly waterfront concerts along the Merrimack River, Olde Fashioned Sunday, the Brewfest fundraiser, a kayak and paddleboard race, arts and crafts shows, the Kids Talent Show, and the weeklong Inn Street Artisans Revival.

There will be plenty of local history mixed in, as well, including guided walks of the old burying grounds, tours of historic homes and explorations of the city's maritime heritage and its distinction as the birthplace of

the U.S. Coast Guard.

In fact, this year's theme — “Reflections of Our Past” — ties nicely into the history of Yankee Homecoming itself.

“My goal is to educate people on Yankee Homecoming,” said Jennifer Duggan, who is serving as general chairwoman for the first time. “It’s a big deal that we’ve been holding this celebration for so long. I realized that not everybody knows the history, so I’m hoping to bring a reminder of why we do this and why it’s important.”

Prior to taking the helm this year, Duggan, a Newburyport High School graduate and Amesbury resident, has run Yankee Homecoming's parade twice. She said that during her Newburyport upbringing, the annual festival was always a highlight, especially the parade and waterfront concerts.

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“You walk around, and you see these families spending this time together,” she said. “I love being on the waterfront during the concert and seeing people of three generations all dancing along. There’s that sense of community and people taking time just to enjoy each other.”

First held throughout New England in 1958, Yankee Homecoming was conceived as a chance for natives and visitors alike to honor and celebrate the region's rich heritage.

Of the 30 New England towns

that originally hosted Yankee Homecoming celebrations, organizers say that Newburyport is the only one that has kept the tradition alive.

The always popular Olde Fashioned Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 29 will feature an inflatable for kids, as well as a remote-controlled car race. There will also be favorites like railroad rides, pony rides, wrestling, and plenty of other games and activities.

The traditional Sidewalk Sales will again take place from Aug. 1-3. Booth spaces are available not only to the downtown businesses on State, Pleasant and Inn streets, but to all Newburyport businesses, including those located in The Tannery Marketplace and Port Plaza, as well as online and home businesses.

Duggan also highlights a new event this year: the Waiter and



Sara Zeid of Newburyport checks out the wheel on one of the U.S. Coast Guard's motor lifeboats during Station Merrimack's open house last summer.

Bryan Eaton photo

Waitress Race, which will tentatively be held on the evening of Monday, July 29, on Liberty Street.

The race, Duggan said, will bring together staff from downtown restaurants for a series of foot races that put their serving skills to the test in a fun way.

"We're envisioning races with people carrying trays or having to not spill glasses," Duggan said.

Other Yankee Homecoming highlights include:

■ **July 26:** Ninth annual High School Battle of the Bands, 5 to 9:30 p.m., Waterfront Stage; free admission.

■ **July 27:** 19th annual Newburyport Kitchen Tour, presented by the Newburyport Elementary PTO, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; \$30 at [www.newburyportkitchentour.com](http://www.newburyportkitchentour.com).

■ **July 27:** Yankee Homecoming Brewfest, 5 to 9 p.m., Waterfront Park; \$35 at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4229670](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4229670).

■ **July 27-28:** Art on the Bartlet Mall, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., corner of High and Pond streets; free admission.

■ **July 29:** Yankee Homecoming Golf Tournament, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ould Newbury Golf Club, Route 1; registration is \$150 at 978-462-1326.

■ **July 29:** Kids Talent Show, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Waterfront Stage; free to

participate or watch.

■ **July 30:** Market Square Day Craft Show, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., downtown.

■ **July 30:** Newburyport Lions Club 60th Annual Road Race, 6 p.m., Newburyport High School, High Street; registration is \$25 before July 1 at [www.yankeerace.com/](http://www.yankeerace.com/) registration.

■ **July 31:** Kids Day in the Park, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Atkinson Common, sponsored by Exchange Club of Newburyport; free admission and food.

■ **July 31:** Nursing Home Concerts, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (see website for schedule); free and open to the public.

■ **July 31:** Slow Bike Race, 6 p.m., Brown Square, sponsored by Coastal Trails Coalition; registration is \$25 at [www.coastaltrails.org](http://www.coastaltrails.org) (free to watch).

■ **Aug. 1:** U.S. Coast Guard Station Open House, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Water Street; free admission.

■ **Aug. 3:** Family Day at Maudslay State Park, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Curzon Mill Road; free admission.

■ **Aug. 3:** Fireworks over the Newburyport waterfront, 9:15 p.m., preceded by a concert; free.

■ **Aug. 4:** Annual Homecoming Parade, noon, 2-mile route down High Street ending near the Newbury town line.

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## Greater Newburyport in Summer

**NEWBURYPORT CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL**



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The 2018 Newburyport Chamber Music Festival artists-in-residence – violinist Miho Saegusa, cellist Gabriel Cabezas, violist and artistic director David Yang, and violinist Yonah Zur – rehearse.

## Intimate and engaging: Chamber music for all to hear

The Newburyport Chamber Music Festival, a nearly two-week-long, community-based series, returns in August with another stellar lineup.

Founded in 2002, the annual festival that uses the city's unique architectural spaces as a backdrop while fostering an interactive partnership between residents and visiting artists has become a summer highlight for many.

Many of the events are free, and listeners have the opportunity to attend open rehearsals and observe the artists, who are collaborating for the first time as they develop works for string quartet by such composers as Dmitri Shostakovich, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Bela Bartok and Henri Dutilleux.

The highlight of this year's festival, which plays from Aug. 5-18, will be the world premiere of "A Day in the Life of Newburyport" by composer-in-residence Robert Bradshaw at the festival's closing Concert #3 on Aug. 18.

The piece is a collaborative effort that includes eight paintings by members of the

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**Newburyport Chamber  
Music Festival**

- Aug. 5-18
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Newburyport Art Association, along with new poems by local poets Rhina Espaillat and Alfred Nicol. The eight movements, working with the eight paintings and poems, correspond to eight iconic locations throughout Newburyport.

The 2019 festival kicks off Monday, Aug. 5, at 3 p.m. at Newburyport Public Library, 94 State St., with a lecture by festival artistic director and violist David Yang, "A Guided Tour of Bela Bartok's String Quartet #4," which will also be performed Aug. 18.

On Wednesday, Aug. 7, the chamber musicians collaborate with Newburyport's Theater in the Open for "Storytelling, Puppets & Music." The free family concert will be performed at noon at the Maudslay State Park



The Auricolae Music Troupe and Theater in the Open collaborate in a puppet show at Maudslay State Park during the 2018 festival.



Patrick Tracy Square, off Pleasant Street, serves as the venue for the free outdoor Family Concert.

Gate House on Spring Lane and again at 4 p.m. on Inn Street.

“Hausmusik” sessions — intimate concerts held in private residences where the audience chooses the program — take place Aug. 8, 9 and 12 at locations to be announced. Only 30 tickets per show will be sold.

A free panel discussion with the festival artists — Yang, violinists Yonah Zur (returning for a third year) and Lisa Lee, and cellist Sebastien Kulijk — takes place Sunday, Aug. 11, at 4 p.m. at the Custom House Maritime Museum, 25 Water St.

The informal festival family concert is Tuesday, Aug. 13, at 7 p.m. in Patrick Tracy Square on Pleasant Street; rain location is the Newburyport Public Library.

The first of three concerts, featuring works by Shostakovich, Mozart and Dutilleux, takes place Wednesday, Aug. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Anna’s Chapel at

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 166 High St.

Concert #2, “Nachtmusik,” an hourlong intimate and spiritual concert, takes place Friday, Aug. 16, at 8 p.m. in Brown Chapel at Oak Hill Cemetery, 4 Brown St. Some of the music will be played from memory in complete darkness.

The festival concludes with Concert #3 on Sunday, Aug. 18, at 7 p.m. at St. Paul’s Church, featuring “A Day in the Life of Newburyport,” as well as works by Ravel and Bartok.

In between, there will be six, two-hour open rehearsals, where listeners are encouraged to drop by at any time and listen in.

Concert tickets are \$32 for adults and \$16 for ages 18 and under in advance or \$35 and \$18 at the door. New this year, EBT cardholders are entitled to two \$10 tickets per card. Subscription plans are also available.

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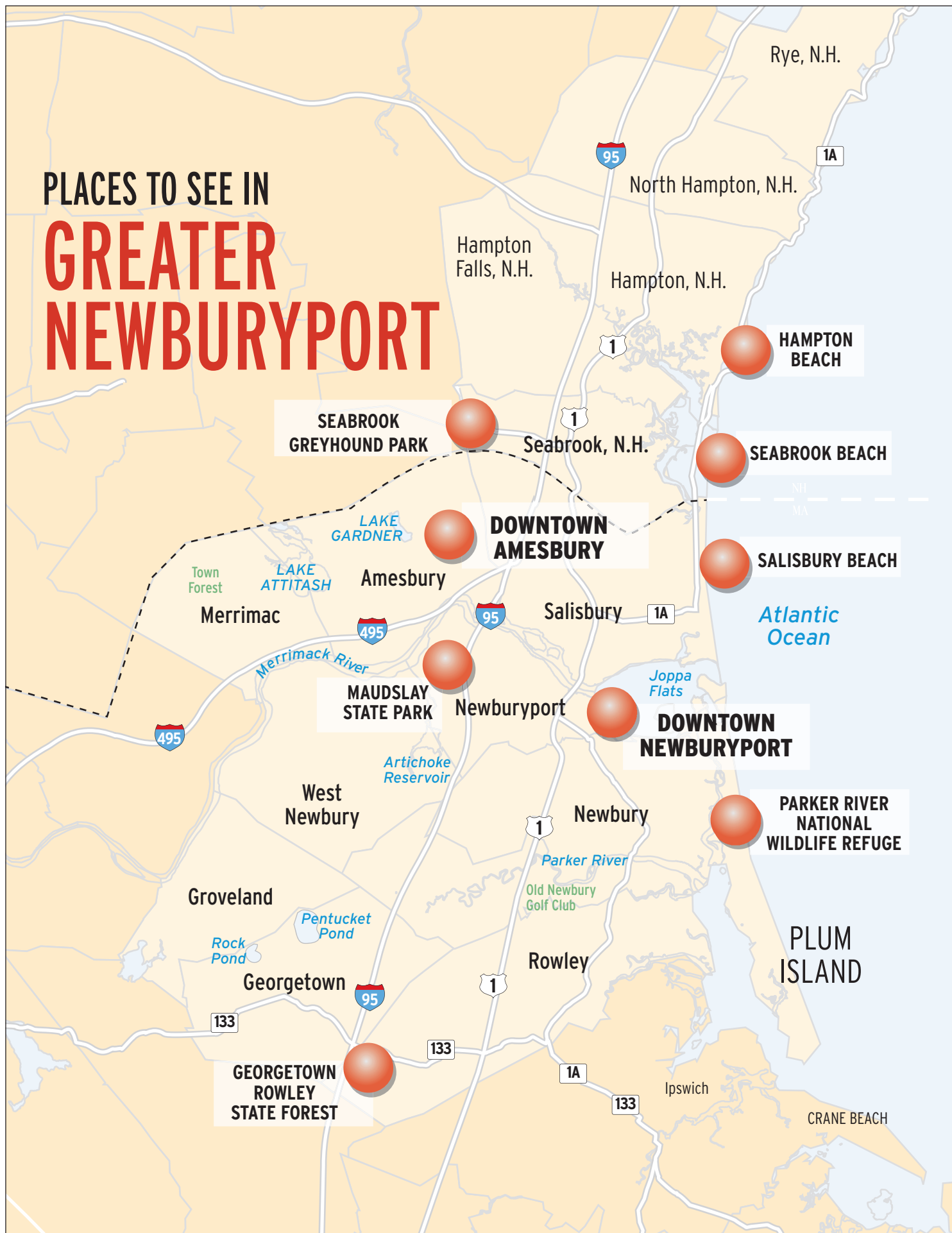
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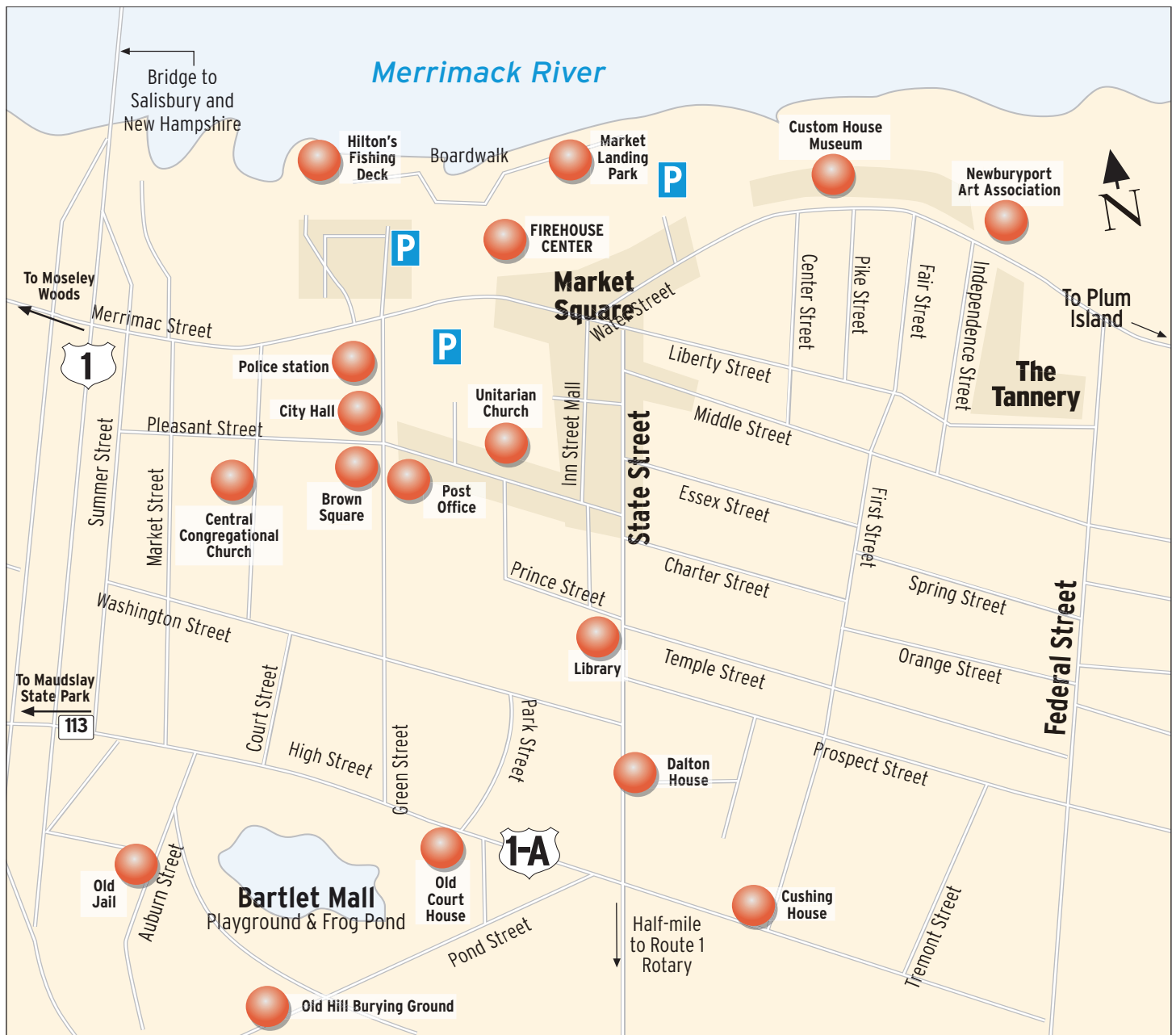


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The **Old Jail**, on Auburn Street, is a forbidding granite structure built in 1824. It is privately owned.

**Bartlet Mall** is the city's common green; its focal point is the swan fountain in the middle of the Frog Pond. On its High Street border is the **Superior Courthouse**, designed by Charles Bullfinch, architect of the U.S. Capitol, and built in 1805. Across Pond Street from the mall is the **Old Hill Burying Ground**, Newburyport's oldest cemetery.

The **YWCA** is on Market Street, around the corner from **Central Congregational Church**. The clock in the steeple of the church, at Pleasant and Titcomb streets

was once known as "Old Betsy," named after the parishioner who donated it. She lived in Salisbury and set her watch by the clock.

The church overlooks **Brown Square**, laid out in 1802 by merchant Moses Brown, who built a three-story brick townhouse — now the Garrison Inn — overlooking the square.

**City Hall** overlooks Brown Square from the north. The Newburyport **post office** is across Green Street from Brown square, at the corner of Pleasant Street.

Farther down Pleasant Street is the **Unitarian Church**, another Bullfinch-designed building, built in 1801.

**Market Square** is the historic hub of Newburyport and the Merrimack River waterfront provided the city's early economic lifeline. The **waterfront** is now the site of 2½-acre **Market Landing Park**, which opened in 1984. The **Firehouse Center** in Market Square was built in 1823 as a market building and meeting hall. It was used as the city's central fire station from the Civil War era to 1979 and has been renovated into a performing and visual arts center and a restaurant.

The granite **Custom House**, at 25 Water St., was designed by Robert Mills, architect of the Washington Monument, and built in

1835. It now houses a maritime museum. Not far from the Custom House is the Sam Sargent Gallery, home of the **Newburyport Art Association**.

Up State Street from Market Square are two former mansions. The Tracy House at 94 State St., built in 1771, is now the **Public Library**. Across the street, the **Dalton House**, at 95 State St., was built in 1746 and was the home of Tristram Dalton, the first U.S. senator from Massachusetts. It is now a private club. Around the corner, at 98 High St., is the **Cushing House**, built in 1808 and now a museum owned and operated by the Historical Society of Old Newbury.

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Every Sunday, the Newburyport Farmers' Market offers the products of farmers, fishermen, chefs, and quite a few crafters and artisans — along with live music — at The Tannery Marketplace, 50 Water St. The summer market operates from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Among the new vendors in 2019 are ChokoSpice Chocolates, with bean-to-bar chocolate in unique flavors; Roseadella's, bringing French-inspired confits in flavors such as orange rosemary, lavender and rose; and Piping Plover Bakery, offering classic American scratch-style baked goods.

Other vendors include Farmer Dave's, selling just-picked fruits and vegetables; When Pigs Fly Breads, offering freshly baked artisanal breads in savory and sweet combinations; North Spore Mushroom, back with organically cultivated mushrooms; Stow Greenhouses, featuring

fresh-cut, locally grown lilies and seasonal flowers; Applecrest Farm, rejoining the market in June with locally grown, just-picked fruit and its popular apple cider doughnuts; and Halvah Heaven, serving artisanal candy in flavors such as espresso, anise and vanilla bean.

All vendors are listed on the Newburyport Farmers' Market website, [www.thenewburyportfarmersmarket.org](http://www.thenewburyportfarmersmarket.org). For updates, become a fan on Facebook or follow @farmista on Twitter.

The Rowley Farmers' Market, sponsored by the Rowley Agricultural Commission, runs Sundays from July 7 through Oct. 27 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rowley Town Common, Route 1A.

The market features a rotating variety of local specialties, crafts, fruits, vegetables and organic food selections.

The agricultural commission also sponsors the Antique Tractor Show every September. The seventh annual event is set for Sunday, Sept. 15, and will showcase local tractors and vehicles from members of the East Coast Antique Tractor Club.

To learn more, call George Pacenka, market manager, at 978-948-7918.



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Maisie Costello and her mom, Dominica, check out tomatoes from Heron Pond Farm at the Newburyport Farmers' Market.

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Eleanor D'Ambroso holds her lollipop as Miriam Swartzentruber paints a rainbow on her face at last year's Block Party.

# Enduring festival celebrates 120 years

Amesbury Days is marking its 120th anniversary this year with an eclectic lineup in the days leading up to Independence Day.

Family-friendly activities are planned from June 27 through July 4, including many that have become Amesbury Days favorites, such as Kids Day in the Park, concerts in the Millyard and fireworks at Woodsom Farm.

The history of Amesbury Days dates to 1899, when it was established as a one-day outing for workers in the town's mills.

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### Amesbury Days

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While the celebration has changed over the years, some aspects of it still hold to its roots as a time for the community's residents to come together, enjoy each other's company and celebrate the season.

Activities will begin with the annual Kids Day in the Park on Thursday, June 27, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Town Park on Friend Street, featuring the Teddy Bear Parade, face-painting, food vendors and prizes. The Plum Island Pans will perform.

The fun continues that evening with the 21st annual Chamber of Commerce Block



People enjoy some food from local restaurants in front of the Main Street Congregational Church as the Merrimack Valley Concert Band performs at last year's Block Party.

Party on the front lawn of the Main Street Congregational Church from 4:30 to 8 p.m.

Plenty of food and fun will be available from local restaurants, and local politicians will be headed for dips in the dunk tank.

Saturday, June 29, will feature a scavenger

hunt throughout the city at 10 a.m., as well as Kids Day at the Farm at Cider Hill from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The annual Carriagetown Car Show will take over the downtown on Sunday, June 30, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Jim Vaiknoras photos

**Anderson Boyd waits patiently as his mom, Nicole, pours syrup on his breakfast at Pancakes in the Pines last year.**

Plenty of classic and antique cars, as well as hot rods and rat rods, will line up and down Main and Friend streets, food vendors will be on hand, and many stores and restaurants will be open.

The Studio Two Beatles Tribute will play in the Upper

Millyard amphitheater on Monday, July 1, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Youngsters will descend on the Upper Millyard for Kids Night in the Millyard on Tuesday, July 2, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The crowning finale of Amesbury Days takes place on the Fourth of



**A crowd checks out the classic vehicles in Market Square during the Carriagetown Car Show.**

July with the annual fireworks show, preceded by music and more.

Earlier on the Fourth are two traditional events in the park: Pancakes in the Pines from 7 to 11 a.m. and Auction in the Pines

from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The evening fun goes from 7 to 10 p.m. at Woodsom Farm off Lions Mouth Road. Food vendors will be on hand, and the fireworks go off at dusk (around 9).

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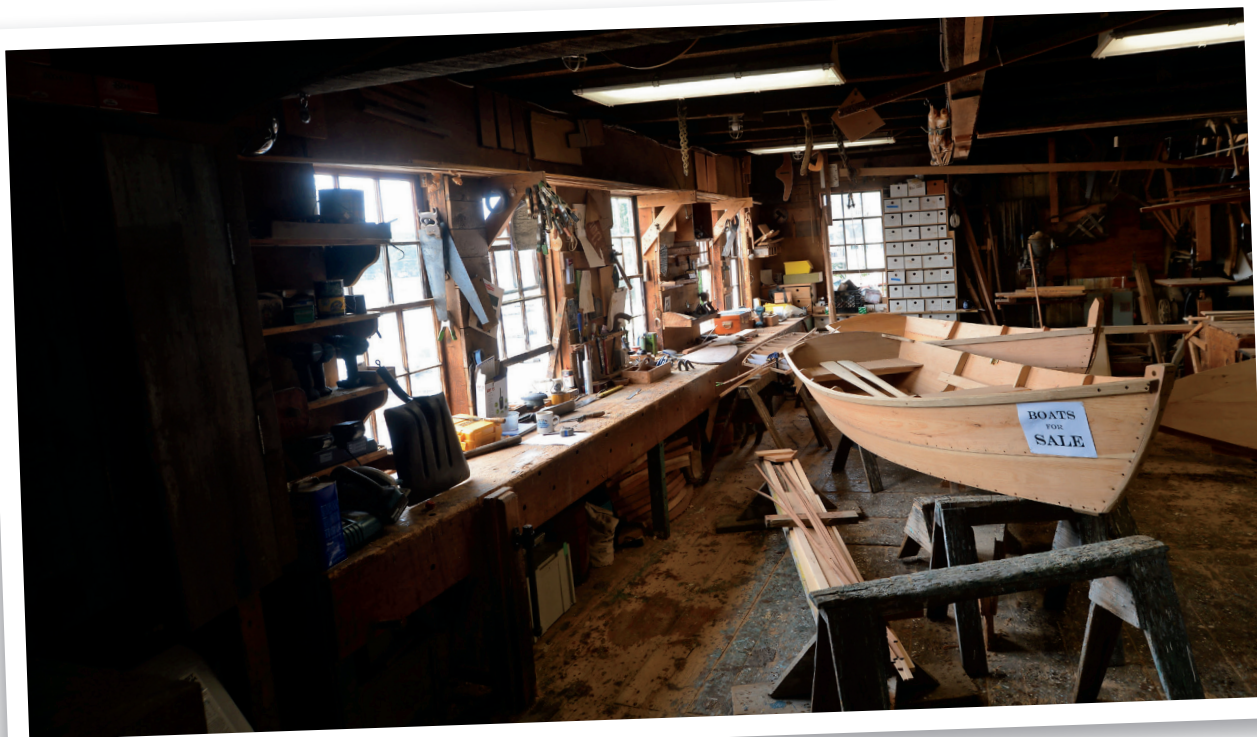
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Light pours in the windows at Lowell's Boat Shop, illuminating tools, boats and workspace.

# A boatbuilding tradition preserved

It's been 226 years since Simeon Lowell bought a strip of property along the Merrimack River in Amesbury's scenic Point Shore neighborhood with the hope of passing along his boat-building business to his sons.

That shop, established in 1793, is now the oldest continuously operating boat shop in the United States and is cited as the birthplace of the legendary fishing dory.

Over the course of more than two centuries, the shop was passed down to seven generations of Lowell's family who are credited with making radical innovations to traditional boat design that became valued not only by the fishing industry but scores of recreational boaters.

It operates today under the direction of Lowell's Maritime Foundation, an independent, non-profit group leading the working museum through its third century of boatbuilding. A National Historic Landmark, the shop is dedicated to the preservation and perpetuation of the art and



Bryan Eaton photo

**Graham McKay tosses a rope to Lokys Saffo to help lower a board they slid out of a replica shallop being restored this past December.**

craft of wooden boatbuilding.

Lowell's is the only survivor of the area's renowned dory manufacturing industry that produced more than a quarter-million dories over two centuries. With more than 2,000 of the small wooden boats built in 1911 alone, the business is said to have been one of the first in the nation to employ a seminal form of assembly line manufacturing.

Known for their seaworthiness, ruggedness and their ability to carry heavy loads, Lowell-built dories became the soul of the fishing fleet in Gloucester and beyond.

Visitors to the boat shop will find a working boat manufacturing facility, as well as information highlighting the history of dory building and displays of boats and gear.

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Youth programs are available seasonally, including a Seafaring and Sail Training for Teens class from July 7-12, Rowing on the Mighty Merrimack from July 29 through Aug. 2, and a two-day Marsh Madness featuring an expedition to Joppa Flats and beyond for ages 9-13 on Aug. 6 and 7. Educational programs are also offered to the public throughout the year.

# Connecting with poetry and history

He was one of Amesbury's most prominent citizens, and his home on Friend Street remains one of the city's most cherished treasures.

John Greenleaf Whittier's life and work is remembered inside the classic New England farmhouse where he lived with his sister Elizabeth, who was also a poet; his mother, Abigail; and his aunt Mercy from 1836 until his death in 1892.

As a committed abolitionist, faithful Quaker, creative thinker, environmentalist and freedom lover, Whittier published inspired poetry notes of his life and won fame for his poem "Snowbound" and his anti-slavery activism.

The John Greenleaf Whittier Home and Museum is a National Historic Landmark. People who



Jim Vaiknoras photos

**John Greenleaf Whittier lived here for 56 years.**

visit the circa-1829 home will see the family furnishings, artifacts and memorabilia, along with the gift shop's publications of Whittier's works and his history.

For more than 100 years, volunteers of the Whittier Home Association have been stewards of this historic house museum, maintaining the property and collections and striving to



**Local artist Ron Quinn enjoys a cup of tea during a Victorian tea party last year.**

educate others about the life, legacy and works of Whittier.

The home is open for Saturday tours through Oct. 26, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The last tour leaves at 3:30 p.m.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for students ages 7-17 and

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Sun worshippers and swimmers enjoy Salisbury Beach on a warm July day.

# Tunes, fireworks and more on the shore

The 3.8-mile, sandy stretch that makes up Salisbury Beach and Salisbury Beach State Reservation was purchased by the state of Massachusetts in 1933 and developed to ensure public access to the ocean.

A large portion of the beach, controlled by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, is bordered by private properties of summer homes and rental cottages.

Salisbury Beach State Reservation is at the southern end of the property, winding along a large area of the coast.

The reservation offers swimming, boating, fishing, camping and wildlife viewing. The facilities include a 484-site campground, as well as a few large parking lots for daily beach visitors and boat-launching facilities.

A new seaside boardwalk has



**SpongeBob SquarePants entertains children at Salisbury Beach one day last summer.**

been a big hit with residents, visitors and even Hollywood producers since it opened in 2017,

and the fun doesn't look to be stopping anytime soon.

Off the beach, visitors will find

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the array of video arcades, food offerings and entertainment that have made Salisbury a summer playground for generations.

Plenty of family-friendly fun is once again in store this June, July and August.

## Doo Wop with DJ Ralphie B.

Stroll Salisbury Beach Center while listening to music from the fabulous '50s and sizzling '60s presented by Ralph Boragine of R.B. Entertainment every Friday night from June 21 through Aug. 30.



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Julia Latourneau is all smiles as she rides the carousel at Salisbury Beach Center.



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Salisbury entertainer Nancy Sweeney of Coastal Music leads youngsters in dance at the beach last summer.

The dance parties will run from 7 to 10 p.m.

## Bands on the Beach

The summer music season at Salisbury Beach gets a rousing start on Saturday, June 29, with the Summer Kick Off Country Beach Jam. No Shoes Nation Band, paying tribute to country star Kenny Chesney, will headline with a show at 8 p.m.

Free weekly live concerts then continue each Saturday night through Aug. 31. Each show will be followed by fireworks.

Bring a beach chair or a blanket, and enjoy the show on the beachfront stage at the top of Broadway.

Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m., and the fireworks start at 10:15.

## Independence Day

Joppa Flatts headlines the Fourth of July festivities at Salisbury Beach.

The band plays everything from the classic rock of the '70s, Motown, blues, '90s jams and more.

The fun starts at 4 p.m. on Thursday, July

4, and wraps up with a fireworks show.

## Adam Ezra Group's The Ramble

The Adam Ezra Group puts on a day full of music with the 10th annual Ramble on Saturday, Aug. 24.

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Visitors watch the strong surf on Seabrook Beach last August.

# Seacoast town celebrates summertime

Summer in Seabrook offers family-friendly fun on the beaches and traditional New England celebrations in town, where the community's bountiful history thrives.

The season officially kicks off with the town's Memorial Day Parade on Sunday, May 26, when the entire community gathers following a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial in front of Trinity United Church. The parade commences at Town Hall, heads for Walton Road, then Washington and South Main streets. Locals are able to watch bands, antique cars, floats and town officials pass by.

Old Home Days is celebrated as a weeklong festival in mid-August, beginning with the baby pageant on Sunday, Aug. 11, when Baby Girl Seabrook and Baby Boy Seabrook will be crowned at the Seabrook Community Center. On Thursday, Aug. 15, Miss Seabrook and Little Miss Seabrook will be chosen, followed by the Junior Miss Seabrook



Jim Vaiknoras photo

**A cannon is fired to signal the start of the Main Event at last year's Old Home Days celebration.**

pageant on Friday, Aug. 16.

The Main Event, slated for Saturday, Aug. 17, on the campus of Seabrook Elementary School, is typically home to field and stage events, traveling barnyard animals, and tournaments, concluding with a fireworks spectacular.

Musket shooting, a softball tournament, games, contests,

vendors, raffles, music and dancing are featured throughout the Old Home Days celebration. Check with the Seabrook Recreation Department for updated event schedules and more information; the complete lineup is usually released in July.

Bask in more summertime pleasure at Seabrook Beach, a

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popular place for families to walk along the shore and soak up some sun. The sandy oceanside provides a classic venue for family enjoyment along the Atlantic.

Seabrook's harbor beach offers more serene waters for swimming, in addition to paddleboarding and windsurfing. Stores are nearby to rent or purchase gear and take lessons, and restaurants are plentiful to satisfy the appetite.

The coastal town's Harborside Park is also a popular spot for all ages to take in the scenery and waterfront. Picnic benches and a hard-surface track are available for the public. There's even a spot for fishermen to cast their lines.

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Great Boar's Head looms over sunbathers at Hampton Beach.

# Things are always hopping at Hampton

With concerts at the shore, family-friendly activities along the seaside and fireworks every week, there's something for everyone during the summer at Hampton Beach.

Fireworks will be lighting up the sky every Wednesday night at 9:30, from the top of B and C streets beside the Atlantic Ocean. The weekly displays begin June 19 and continue through Aug. 28.

In addition, special fireworks displays are planned for May 26 in honor of Memorial Day, June 22 for the Sand Sculpting Competition, July 4 to celebrate Independence Day, Sept. 1 for Labor Day and Sept. 7 for the Seafood Festival.

The 19th annual Hampton Beach Master Sand Sculpting Classic takes over the shore from June 20-22. Over 200 tons of sand will be imported on June 13, allowing the massive, 100-ton sponsor site to be created. The solo competition begins June 20, with a \$15,000 purse up for grabs at the June 22 awards ceremony. The entire area will be illuminated for night viewing through June 27.



The Hampton Beach Master Sand Sculpting Classic is always a big draw.

The 73rd Miss Hampton Beach pageant will take place on July 28 at 2 p.m. at the Seashell Stage. Little/Junior Miss Hampton Beach will be named the day before, on July 27 at 2 p.m. Crowning a Little Miss and Junior Miss Hampton Beach is done to help in promoting the Seacoast.

The Seashell Stage will host more than 80 concerts from Memorial Day to Labor Day, with a wide range of performers showcasing music through

the decades, from the '50s to the '90s. Two shows will take place on concert nights — from 7 to 8 p.m. and from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Monday nights are movie nights at Hampton Beach during the months of July and August. Free family movies are shown around dusk on the beach near the playground.

The annual Hampton Beach Children's Festival promises nonstop activities from Aug. 12-16, featuring music, storytelling, games and more. All

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festival activities are free and open to the public. Plans are still being finalized. For more information, call the Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce office at 603-926-8717.

A talent show for vocalists of all ages takes place from Aug. 23-25 on the Seashell Stage. Juniors (up to age 18) will compete in a semifinal round on Aug. 23, and the seniors (18-plus) will perform on Aug. 24. The finals are slated for Aug. 25, with the winners selected based on vocal ability, stage presence and entertainment value.

The 30th annual Seafood Festival from Sept. 6-8 brings the season to a close. Fifty of the Seacoast's top restaurants will offer their best seafood dishes, alongside entertainment, end-of-season sidewalk sales, an arts and crafts tent, a beer tent, a lobster-eating contest, and culinary chef demonstrations.

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# Miles of seashore await in the Granite State

It may be considered America's smallest coast, but what the New Hampshire Seacoast lacks in size, it makes up for in attractions.

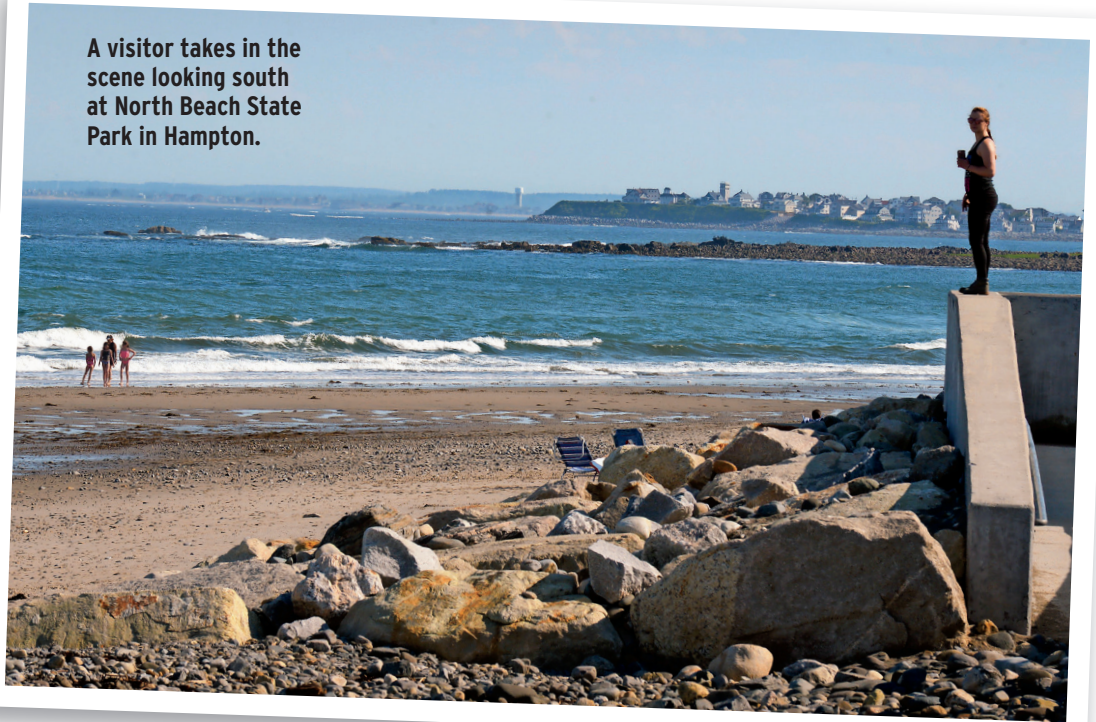
With five state park beaches in southern New Hampshire alone, combined with a bevy of other coastal gems, the region is a destination for countless visitors who head to its shores every summer seeking fun and enjoyment.

Some people may travel farther up, to New Hampshire's Mount Washington Valley and to the outer reaches of Mount Desert Island, Maine. But getting away doesn't require a day of travel.

Within an hour, North of Boston folks can be stepping off on coastal excursions and spreading their blankets out on the warm sand at some of the region's most prized attractions.

Here are a few stops to get started, with the aid of the New Hampshire Division of Parks and

A visitor takes in the scene looking south at North Beach State Park in Hampton.



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### Wallis Sands State Beach

- 1050 Ocean Blvd., Rye, N.H.
- 603-436-9404 (in season)

Wallis Sands State Beach offers oceanfront swimming, views of the Isles of Shoals and a sandy beach that families especially enjoy. Amenities include a large bathhouse with hot and cold showers and a store that sells a variety of items, including food and drinks. The park has a grassy area with picnic tables, but fires are not allowed. The parking lot can accommodate 500 cars.

### Jenness State Beach

- 2280 Ocean Blvd., Rye, N.H.
- 603-227-8722 (Seacoast office)
- 603-227-8700 (parking)

Jenness State Beach is a great family location with an ocean-front setting. Its sandy beach is ideal for swimming and picnicking. Amenities include a bathhouse, with metered parking for about 65 cars. Pay stations located at New Hampshire state beaches accept cash and coins, as well as credit and debit cards.

### Sawyers Beach

■ 2326 Ocean Blvd., just north of Bass Beach (Rye on the Rocks), Rye, N.H.

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This small beach is owned by the town of Rye. There is special permit parking for residents only at Sawyers.

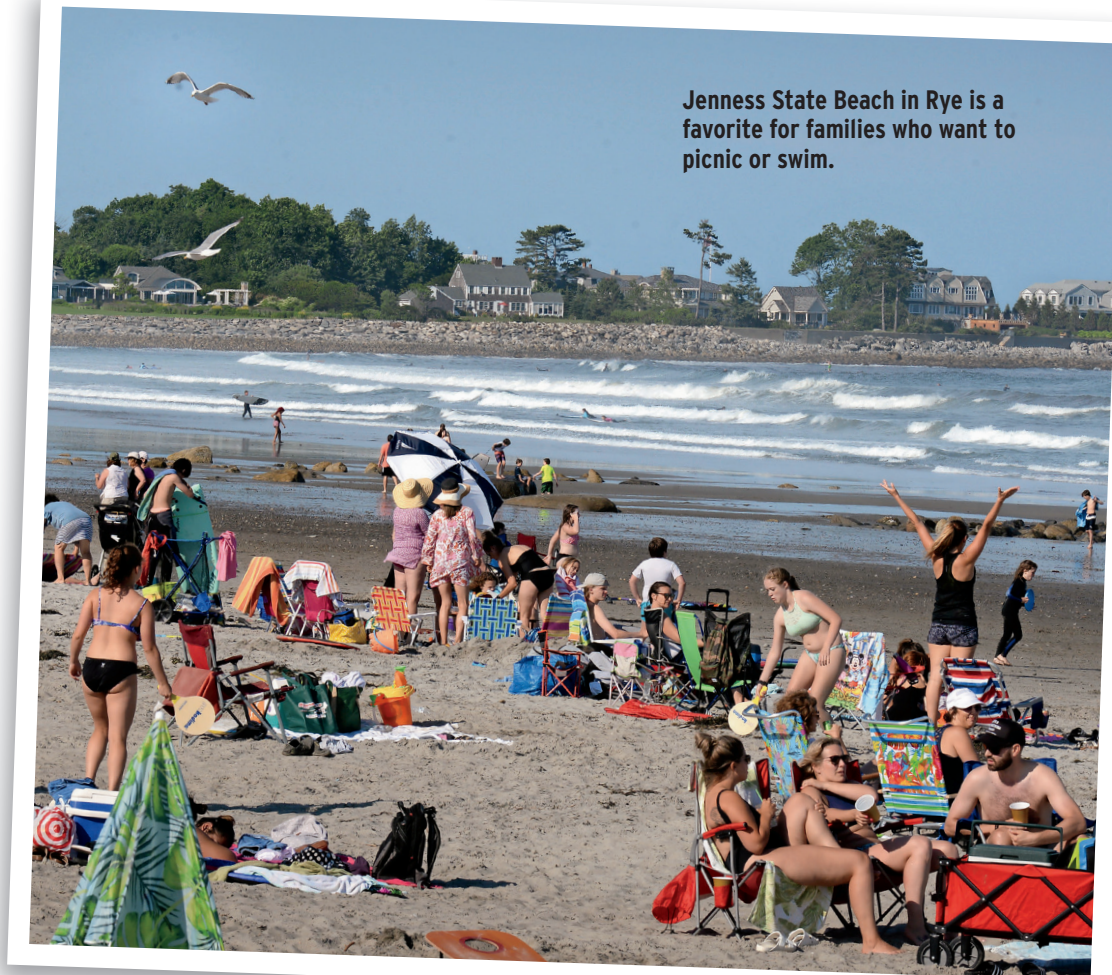
### Sandy Beach

- Between Great Island Common and Ocean Street
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This small, picturesque beach, situated 10 minutes from Portsmouth, N.H., has a U.S. Coast Guard station at one end and a large seaside park, Great Island Common, at the other end. The beach is somewhat rocky, and the water is colder than at most Seacoast beaches. Parking is available at the park, where there is an admission charge.

### North Hampton State Beach

- 27 Ocean Blvd., North Hampton, N.H.
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Jenness State Beach in Rye is a favorite for families who want to picnic or swim.

North Hampton State Beach has limited metered parking, changing rooms, restrooms and lifeguards. Across the road, there's an ice cream stand that also offers snacks and sandwiches.

### Hampton Beach State Park

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Hampton Beach State Park provides year-round recreation. Activities include swimming, fishing, picnicking and RV camping, with full hookups in the campground. There's a bathhouse, lifeguards, parking, restrooms, a convenience store and a snack bar.

### North Beach

- 920 Ocean Blvd., Hampton, N.H.
  - 603-227-8722 (Seacoast office)
  - 603-227-8700 (parking info)
- North Beach is popular with surfers and can get quite crowded when the waves are good. It's a great spot for people watching; visit at low tide to get the largest area of sandy beach. The beach has a high concrete wall that offers the coastline protection. There's metered parking, lifeguards and a bathhouse.



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# Day-tripping to a hip New Hampshire gem

It all starts in the red-brick square, Market Square, where four streets meet beneath North Congregational Church's sky-piercing white spire.

Downtown Portsmouth, pronounced 'Poartsmith' by locals, if you can find any of them left, is eminently walkable — with much to see, appreciate and digest.

Be a part of history, and grab a bench on either side of Congress Street. For generations, locals have sat in front of North Church.

Musicians busk in the square, as well, lending a cultured air to the erstwhile working-class city established in 1623.

The square's four streets lead to different sights and sounds.

Daniel Street takes visitors straight to Memorial Bridge and a view of the Piscataqua River's tidal flow.

Market Square leads to the high and curving Bow Street, where diners enjoy drinks on riverside decks, and drama lovers enjoy Seacoast Repertory Theatre productions.

Bow Street bypasses the historic St. John's Episcopal Church.

Stop short of Bow, and veer onto narrow Ceres Street. There, you'll find small shops and see tugboats tied up with thick nautical rope. Just down from the tugs stand massive salt piles at Granite State Minerals, called on to treat area roads in winter.

Pleasant Street leads to State Street and the historic South End. Saturday mornings boast one of the state's best farmers markets on Hospital Hill, formerly where Portsmouth's hospital stood and now home to City Hall and the Portsmouth police station.

Walk Congress Street, and take a left on Chestnut and see The Music Hall, a venerable, 895-seat theater that presents music, dance, theater, movies and a parade of visiting authors. The historic brick building once hosted opera and vaudeville.

Continue toward State Street, and visit the Portsmouth African Burying Ground and Memorial Park.

It's a moving memorial that



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Prescott Park in Portsmouth is home to a summer music series and theatrical events.

## SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

### 45TH ANNUAL PRESCOTT PARK ARTS FESTIVAL

- Prescott Park, 5 Marcy St.
- [www.prescottpark.org](http://www.prescottpark.org)
- Located on 3.5 acres downtown, Prescott Park presents music, visual art, theater and dance throughout the summer, typically with no fixed admission costs. The festival kicks off with Chowder Fest on June 1. Some 4,000 hungry attendees will sample more than 500 gallons of chowders from local restaurants. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children.

### MARKET SQUARE DAY

- Downtown Portsmouth
- [www.proportsmouth.org](http://www.proportsmouth.org)
- Featuring 150-plus artists, crafters and merchants; local and regional musicians; and a 10K road race, Market Square Day is a favorite attraction for many. It takes place June 8 this year. Most of the downtown is vehicle-free and pedestrian-friendly, with shuttles available.

### 'BEAUTY AND THE BEAST'

- Prescott Park, 5 Marcy St.
- [www.prescottpark.org](http://www.prescottpark.org)
- "Beauty and the Beast" commands the outdoor stage at Prescott Park June 21 through Aug. 17. Performances are generally Thursdays and Sundays at 7 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., with select Sunday matinees at noon. Bring a blanket or beach chair. A suggested donation is requested.

remembers enslaved men and women who were buried on these grounds in the 1700s. It is the only known African burying ground in New England that dates to this century, according to the website [www.africanburyinggroundnh.org](http://www.africanburyinggroundnh.org).

Just down the road at the corner of State and Middle streets is the John Paul Jones House. It's

a National Historic Landmark, where the famous naval commander from the American Revolutionary War was once a tenant.

One thing to keep in mind: The city enforces parking aggressively and for extended periods. Enforcement hours are Mondays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 8 p.m. The parking garage

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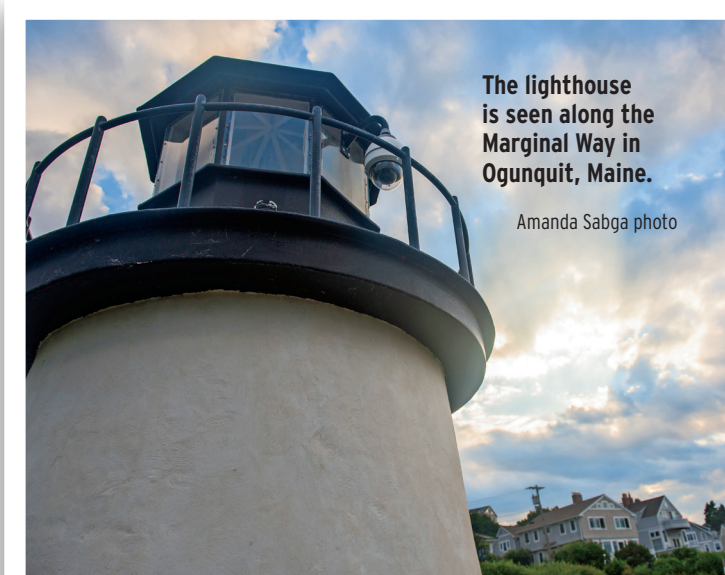
# Ogunquit: A 'beautiful place by the sea'

According to legend, Ogunquit (pronounced o-gun-quit) was named by the Abenaki tribe, because the word means "beautiful place by the sea."

With 3½ miles of sheltered white sand beaches, what began as a small fishing village has been called one of the most picturesque parts of southern Maine and is a favorite destination for many.

An old-fashioned trolley takes visitors through town, to the beaches and into Perkins Cove, where an abundance of art galleries, shops and restaurants awaits.

From there, pick up Marginal Way, a stunning 1½-mile paved footpath that winds along the edge of Maine's rocky cliffs. Considered the finest donation the town of Ogunquit has ever received, the original parcel was turned over to the community in 1925, and philanthropists



The lighthouse is seen along the Marginal Way in Ogunquit, Maine.

Amanda Sabga photo

have worked to protect and preserve the Marginal Way with its expansive views of the Atlantic Ocean for more than 90 years. Starting from Oarweed Cove,

"the margin" offers an easy walk along the water's edge with benches along the way to stop, rest and admire the view.

Ogunquit began to lure fine

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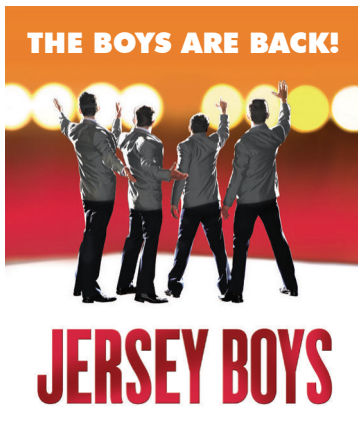
### Ogunquit Chamber of Commerce

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artists in the late 1880s, when they stumbled on the artists' paradise of Perkins Cove, which was then a small inlet with sailing dories and weathered fish shacks, according to the Ogunquit Chamber of Commerce. The Ogunquit Museum of American Art, perched above the rocks in Narrow Cove, celebrates the community's artistic past and present.

The town is also home to one of the oldest summerstock theaters in the country.

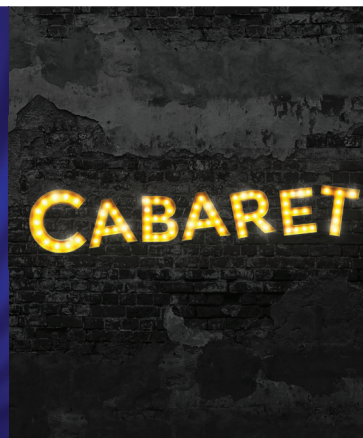
Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, Ogunquit Playhouse is now entering its 87th season.



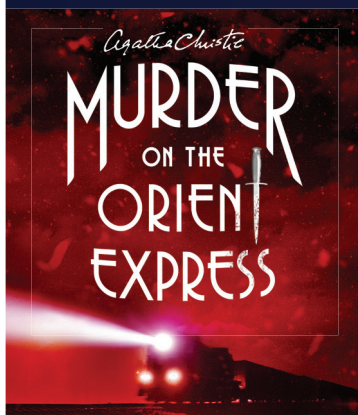
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# The wow factor at Crane Estate, Beach

With 4 miles of shore offering stunning ocean vistas, Crane Beach tops many a list as a favorite summer outdoor recreation area.

Located on the Crane Estate on Argilla Road in Ipswich, the pristine sandy beach features easy entry into the water, ample open space for sunbathing and walking, and all kinds of seaside play.

The beach is managed by the nonprofit Trustees of Reservations, which oversees more than 100 properties — nearly 25,000 acres — all around Massachusetts. It is open year-round, from 8 a.m. to sunset daily.

Crane Beach is among the world's most important nesting sites for piping plovers, a threatened bird that was nearly hunted to extinction in the 19th century for its eggs and feathers. The Trustees of Reservations' efforts to protect the shorebirds have been nationally recognized.

There are 5.5 miles of trails, which track the beachfront on the Ipswich Bay and Essex River Estuary sides of the Castle Neck peninsula. These are considered moderate hiking.

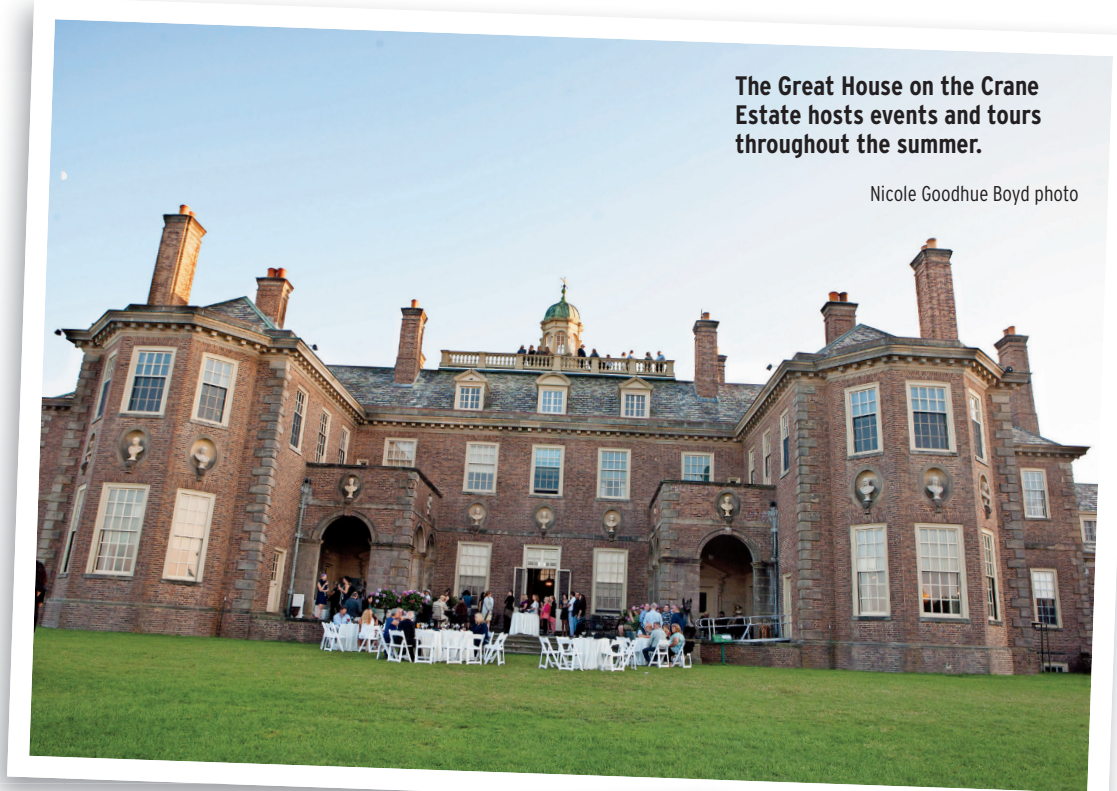
During the summer, there are lifeguards and rangers, a bike rack, bathhouses with restrooms and changing area, outside showers, picnic tables, a store with refreshments and merchandise, an information kiosk, and transportation for mobility-challenged visitors.

Arrive early because the parking lot often fills to capacity during the height of the season. Summer fees without a permit are \$25 per car on weekdays and \$30 per car on weekends and holidays. Reduced fees are available for Trustees of Reservations members. Annual parking passes are also sold.

## The Crane Estate

Set against the backdrop of a 165-acre scenic countryside, Castle Hill on the Crane Estate at 290 Argilla Road offers a glimpse into the past of one of the nation's wealthiest families.

The land, which Richard T.



The Great House on the Crane Estate hosts events and tours throughout the summer.

Nicole Goodhue Boyd photo



Paul Bilodeau photo

Crane Beach is a summertime playground for many.

Crane Jr. bought in 1910, encompasses a farm and estate buildings, designed grounds and gardens, and diverse habitats.

The Great House — the centerpiece on top of the hill — is a 59-room, Stuart-style mansion. Designed by architect David Adler and built in 1928, it is furnished with period antiques.

The property is home to an array of wildlife, including deer, foxes, nesting great horned owls,

red-tailed hawks, turkey vultures and the occasional bald eagle.

In the summer, there are various guided tours of the grounds, of the Great House and even one that allows participants to climb the spiral staircase to the cupola and walk onto the rooftop with its expansive view. Tour fees range from \$15 to \$20; parking is typically \$15 per car for nonmembers.

The Great House is open

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from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays through Oct. 27, except during special events. The grounds are open year-round, from 8 a.m. to sunset daily. Guests should allow more than two hours to visit, and several more if hiking is intended.

The Thursday night Castle Hill Picnic Concerts have been a popular draw over the years. They offer a chance to walk the grounds and relax on the lawn while listening to music and enjoying your own picnic or choosing a bite to eat from the food vendors.

The weekly series goes from July 11 through Aug. 29. Gates open at 5 p.m. for picnicking, with the music playing from 7 to 9. Tickets, available at the gate only, are \$25 per car for members, \$35 for nonmembers.



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The Friendship, Salem's East Indiaman merchant ship replica, sails along the Salem Sound this spring on its return to Pickering Wharf after being in dry dock for more than two years for repairs.

## Idyllic harborside village at Witch City's wharves

Salem's Pickering Wharf is a popular harborside attraction designed to embody the authentic feel of a New England village.

There is much to do sprinkled in between history and landmarks. Visitors can browse through more than 20 shops and boutiques, and even do some antiquing.

Options for waterfront dining abound, with many top-rated restaurants to choose from. Or grab a coffee and ice cream, and watch the boats pass by. The marketplace area also is home to Salem Waterfront Hotel and Pickering Wharf Marina.

On the Fourth of July, residents flock to both Pickering Wharf and Derby Wharf for a fireworks extravaganza, complete with a Boston Pops-style concert. The orchestra plays the 1812 Overture and other patriotic selections as the fireworks explode over the harbor.

The Friendship, Salem's iconic replica tall ship that's been out of Salem Harbor for an overhaul, has returned to its berth at adjacent Derby Wharf and is ready to greet visitors.



Jaime Campos photo

**Salem Common is an attractive backdrop for a host of activities.**

Pirates and privateers have been making history around Salem Sound for 400 years. Visitors can experience some of that history aboard the schooner Fame, a replica of a privateer ship from the War of 1812, which departs from Pickering Wharf Marina. There is public sailing throughout the summer.

There is a public parking garage (South Harbor Garage) at the corner of Derby

and Congress streets. From there, it's a short walk to Pickering Wharf.

The nearby Salem Willows, a 35-acre park that opened in 1858, offers free beaches, athletic courts, walking trails, amusements including a historic carousel and more. It is named for the white willow trees planted there in 1801 to create shaded walkways for patients convalescing at a local smallpox hospital.

Salem is equally known for its place in the 1692 Witch Trials as for its role in maritime history. Many of Salem's witch museums and landmarks are nearby, including Salem Witch Village and Salem Witch Museum. Or check out The House of the Seven Gables, made famous by American author Nathaniel Hawthorne's novel. The circa-1668 Colonial is considered to be the oldest-surviving 17th-century wooden mansion in New England.

### LEARN MORE

**Salem Harbor and Pickering Wharf**

- Wharf Street, Salem
- [www.salem.org](http://www.salem.org)

# Treasure trove of antiques and maritime nostalgia

With more than 25 shops within 1 mile of each other, Essex is considered an antique-lover's paradise.

The town attracts collectors, dealers and decorators from all over in search of unique art, furnishings and accessories, from "early attic" to fine American and international antiques, all housed in antique buildings in close proximity, according to the Essex Merchants Group.

But history abounds as much in the landscape and at the waters in Essex as it does on the shelves of its antique shops.

Essex Shipbuilding Museum tells the story of a small New England village that built more two-masted wooden fishing schooners than any other place in the world.

Run by the Essex Historical Society on Main Street, the museum in the heart of Essex boasts what's said to be one of the best maritime collections in the region. Features include antique shipbuilding tools, photographs, documents, exhibits portraying the shipbuilding industry, and the schooner Evelina M. Goulart.

Behind Essex Shipbuilding Museum is the



Jared Charney photo

**The Viking ship Polaris launches in Essex in June 2018.**

Old Burying Ground, originally laid out in 1680, with stones dating from 1708 to 1888, including those of veterans of the French and Indian Wars, the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 and the Civil War; as well as many of the town's shipbuilders.

About a mile away, visitors will find Cogswell's Grant. The coastal farm of 165 acres is one of the few protected stretches of open

land along the Essex River. The property originated as a 17th-century land grant and offers extant landscape features dating from each of its ownership periods.

The 1728 farmhouse there is equally important, showcasing one of the nation's most celebrated collections of American antiques and folk art. Collectors Bertram K. and Nina Fletcher Little bought the Colonial-era farmhouse in 1937 and meticulously restored it, turning it into the backdrop for their collection. The Littles bequeathed their property to what is now Historic New England in 1993.

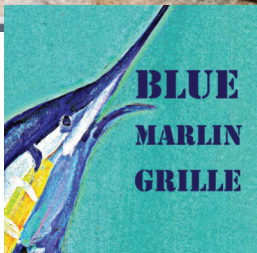
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### Essex Shipbuilding Museum

- 66 Main St., Essex
- 978-768-7541
- [www.essexshipbuildingmuseum.org](http://www.essexshipbuildingmuseum.org)

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# A quaint New England town — with flair

Rockport offers visitors plenty of eye candy, from its ample ocean vistas to shops and restaurants. It is a great walking town where visitors can stroll from end to end.

Bearskin Neck, a menagerie of shops and eateries on a tiny peninsula in the center of the downtown, also has a breakwater at its point, and a great view of Sandy Bay.

A central attraction in the middle of the harbor, at the end of Bradley Wharf, is a burnished red fish shack, dating back to the Civil War era. Called Motif No. 1, it is said to be among the most painted buildings in the country.

In its past, Rockport had both flourishing fishing and quarrying industries, as well as an artistic past, which continues to thrive into the 21st century.

At the heart of the artistic center is Rockport Art Association



Desi Smith photo

**U.S. Naval Academy sailboats are seen tied up in Rockport Harbor.**

& Museum on Main Street, now celebrating its 97th year. The galleries are free to the public and offer an array of art of all kinds.

Rockport's Main Street also is home to many art galleries, retail stops and dining spots. It used to be a "dry" town, but the alcohol restrictions have been lifted and

visitors can now enjoy a drink at various restaurants.

Just a few blocks away is Front Beach, which has a float in season, and also Back Beach, with its bandstand. Both are located off Beach Street. The bandstand often plays host to Sunday evening concerts in the summer.

## LEARN MORE

### Rockport Information Center

- 170 Main St.
- 978-283-1601
- [www.rockportusa.com](http://www.rockportusa.com),  
[www.capeannchamber.com](http://www.capeannchamber.com)

Rockport's Bearskin Neck got its name from a historic incident dating back to the early Colonial settlers. According to the family history, Ebenezer Babson saw a bear attack his nephew, so he jumped to action, attacking the bear to distract the animal's attention from the child. After a terrific struggle, Ebenezer killed the bear with a fish knife and skinned it.

The picturesque town has been the backdrop for many films, including "The Proposal," starring Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds and Betty White.

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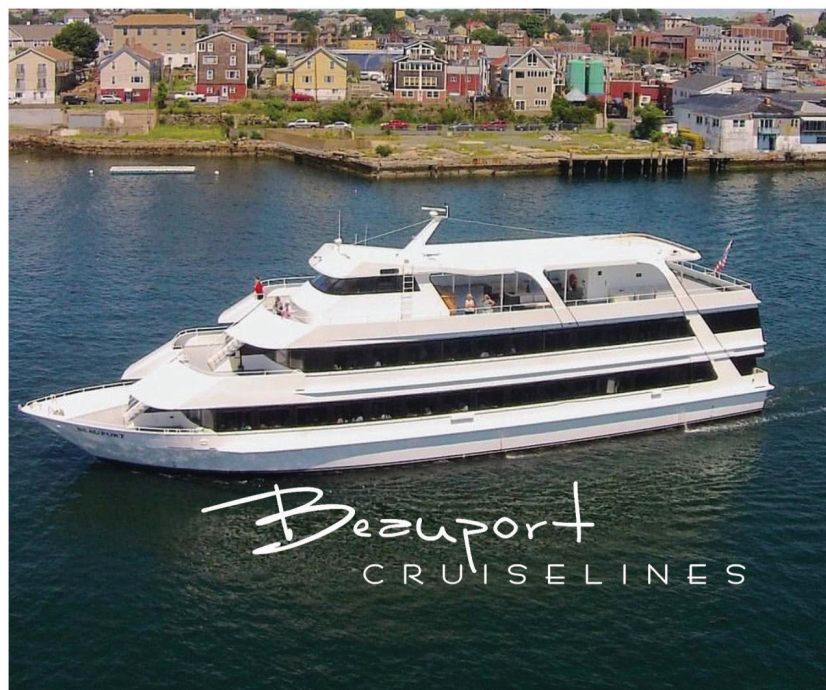
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# Discover the charm of nation's oldest seaport

The nation's oldest fishing port, Gloucester's waterfront boasts working fishing vessels, as well as memorials dedicated to fishermen and their families.

Gloucester Harbor, with its panoramic views, can be taken in while walking along the waterfront via Stacy Boulevard.

One section reopened in recent years after a \$7 million seawall reconstruction project. That section is home to the Fishermen's Wives statue, which stands amid the memorial plaza. The sculpture depicts a woman looking out to sea, carrying one child in her arms and holding the hand of another.

Heading toward the city center, after crossing over the Blynman Canal drawbridge, also called the Cut Bridge, visitors will come across the famed Fisherman's Memorial, depicting a fisherman at the wheel. The statue is dedicated to the many thousands of men who were lost at sea over



Joseph Prezioso photo

**The Fisherman's Memorial at Essex and Western avenues stands in tribute to the many Gloucester fishermen lost to the sea.**

the past 400 years.

Visitors can follow the sidewalk and head toward Gloucester's Main Street and Rogers Street, which runs alongside parts of the working waterfront. Both streets

are home to many restaurants, shops and art galleries.

But Gloucester's working waterfront remains one of its biggest draws. HarborWalk — a 2½-mile, interactive, audiovisual

## LEARN MORE

### Gloucester Visitor Information Center

- 29 Hough Ave., Gloucester
- 978-281-8865
- [www.gloucesterma.com](http://www.gloucesterma.com), [www.capeannchamber.com](http://www.capeannchamber.com)

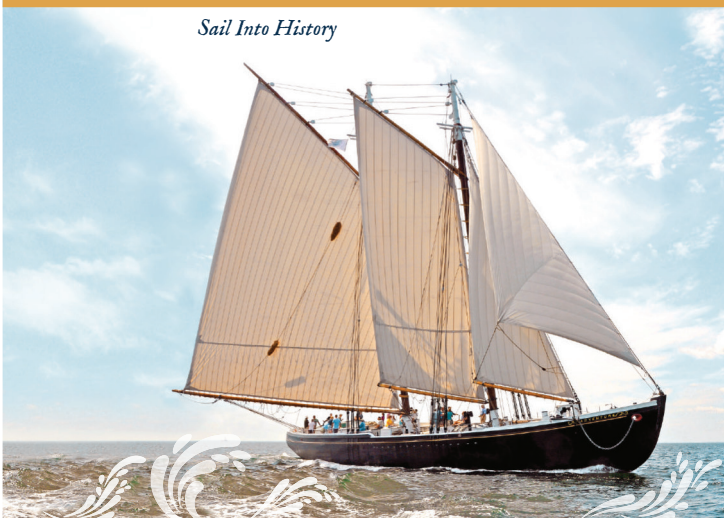
walking tour — introduces visitors to the city's history, legends and lore.

There are more than 40 granite posts, each a "touch stone" where you may, for example, learn more about the city's illustrious fishing history or meet its literary lions, among them T.S. Eliot and Rudyard Kipling, who wrote "Captains Courageous" about Gloucester fishermen. Each marker highlights an aspect of the city's history as a seaport, its culture and people, and how it has evolved in response to a modern, sustainable fishing industry.

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