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Contest rules:

1. You must be at least 18 years or older to enter.
2. You may only submit one completed ballot (either print or online) — no photocopies;

additional submissions will automatically be disqualified.

3. All entries must be received in our office by Thursday, March 8.

4. The gift-card prizewinner will be chosen by random drawing.

5. The Best Bets of 2018 winners will be determined by the highest number of votes from the entries.

6. Best Bets of 2018 results will be published at the end of March in The Salem News.

7. Contest results do not reflect the views of The Salem News.

Check out these pages for ideas on your favorite Annual Event, Beach, Golf Course and Local Museum.

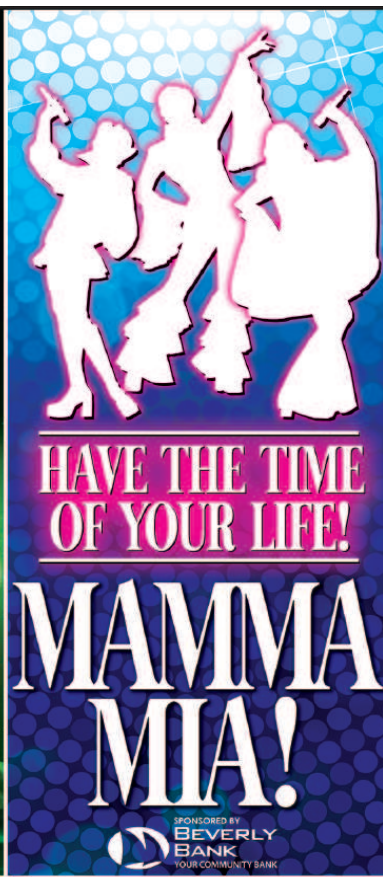
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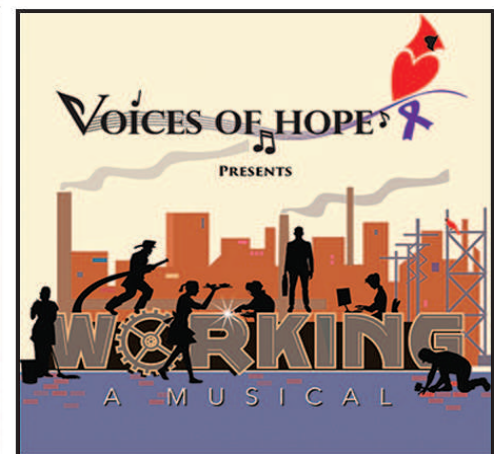
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Choose your favorite *beach* spot

We're not called the North Shore for nothing. People from all over come here to swim, sunbathe, kayak or just take in the ocean view. So, which is your favorite beach? Here's a sampling of some popular places for fun in the sun to help you decide:

Crane Beach

One of the most popular beaches on the North Shore, Crane Beach is a hot destination spot in the summer. On top of miles of shoreline, there are also more than 5 miles of trails, bathhouses, outside showers, picnic tables, and a store and information kiosk, not to mention the beautiful Crane Estate on the grounds, owned by The Trustees of Reservations. Watch out for greenheads — nasty biting flies — which usually descend for a couple of weeks in July. There is loads of parking, but come prepared to pay. Crane Beach is at the end of Argilla Road, off Route 133 in Ipswich.

Dane Street Beach

Located on Lothrop Street, off Route 127, in Beverly, Dane Street Beach includes a grassy area perfect for a game of catch or a picnic lunch. Park benches offer a place to relax and enjoy the view. There's also a kids' play area and a bathhouse available during the summer months. Get there early, though — there's a small off-street lot and limited on-street parking.



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Molly Eagar splashes her older brother, Henry, at Crane Beach in Ipswich.

Devereux Beach

Located on Ocean Avenue in Marblehead, Devereux Beach offers more than 5 acres of coastline. Restrooms and a concession stand are available, as are benches and picnic tables for admiring the view over lunch or a snack. Residents can purchase a parking sticker; there is a fee for nonresidents to park.



Staff file photo

Micheal Tucker Carlson smiles on the swings at Devereux Beach in Marblehead as his mom, Dorothy, gives him a push.

Independence Park

Just south of Dane Street Beach, on Lothrop Street in Beverly, Independence Park is a beautiful place to take in the view of the harbor. The park is downhill from the road and also includes a beach and benches. There is no lifeguard on duty, however, and, like Dane Street Beach, limited on-street parking.

King's Beach

Located on Humphrey Street in Swampscott, King's Beach is a quiet spot for swimming that doesn't normally get too crowded in the summer. Many beachgoers enjoy the walkway above the shoreline and the beautiful view across the ocean it provides. There are also benches along the way for a quick rest or a longer stop. No boating is allowed at King's Beach, and there's no lifeguard on duty.

Lynch Park

Probably the most popular park in the city during the summer, Lynch Park, at 55 Ober St. in Beverly, is much more than a beach. There's a concession stand, bathhouse, play area and boat launch — bring your own or rent one of the available ocean kayaks on-site. A beautiful rose garden nearby frequently hosts weddings and other special events. There's lots of parking — free for residents with a sticker (available at the gate during the summer), but there's a fee for nonresidents.

Pavilion Beach

This small, rocky beach is located on Little Neck Road off the end of Jeffreys Neck Road in Ipswich. There is limited parking, and there are no lifeguards on duty. A picnic area, playground and boat launch are available, but there are no bathrooms.

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Salem Willows Park

Two sandy beaches off Fort Avenue in Salem include restrooms, play areas and concession stands. If that's not enough to draw you in, there's also Salem Willows nearby with food vendors, games and an arcade. Parking is free, both on- and off-street.

Winter Island

A marine recreational park, Winter Island is also home to the historic Fort Pickering lighthouse. The public beach offers lovely views of Salem Harbor. There's also a boat launch, playground and facilities for picnicking and camping. This beach is located on Winter Island Road, off Fort Avenue in Salem.

Sandy Beach

Located off River Street on the Danvers River, this Danvers beach is directly across from John George Park. Parking is free, and there are handicapped-accessible restrooms and an outdoor shower available. A play area is also on-site. A lifeguard is on duty three hours before and after high tide, from late June to Labor Day.



HADLEY GREEN/Staff photo

Kristen Altobelli searches for sea glass on the Salem Willows beach at sunset.



KEN YUSZKUS/Staff photo

Jennifer Peicott, left, and Giselle Bueno haul their rented paddleboards onto shore at Independence Park in Beverly after trying them out in Salem Harbor.



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Lifeguards walk along Sandy Beach in Danvers.

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Wes Milbury tees off during a golf match at the Ferncroft Country Club in Middleton.



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Kenny Perry swings away at the ball on the second hole fairway on the final day of competition at the U.S. Senior Open at the Salem Country Club in Peabody last year.

Which *course* is a hole-in-one for you?

Where are you most likely to hit the links on the North Shore? Whether you're a member of a specific club or love to try different courses, here's a rundown of some of the region's better-known clubs:

Beverly Golf and Tennis Club, Beverly

18 holes over 6,237 yards with a par of 70 (public)

Far Corner Golf Course, Boxford

27-hole layout over 6,700 yards with an average 18-hole par of 72 (public)

Ferncroft Country Club, Middleton

18 holes over 6,632 yards with a par of 72 (private)

Ipswich Country Club, Ipswich

18 holes over 7,023 yards with a par of 72 (private)

Kernwood Country Club, Salem

18 holes over 6,351 yards with a par of 70 (private)

Lakeview Golf Course, Wenham

18-hole course (public)

Middleton Golf Course, Middleton

18 holes over 3,215 yards (public)

New Meadows Golf Course, Topsfield

9 holes over 5,812 yards with a par of 70 (public)

Olde Salem Greens Golf Course, Salem

9 holes over 2,847 yards with a par of 35 (public)

Salem Country Club, Peabody

18 holes over 6,823 yards with a par of 72 (private)

Tedesco Country Club, Marblehead

18 holes over 6,448 yards with a par of 70 (private)

The Meadow at Peabody

18 holes over 6,708 yards (public)

Turner Hill Country Club, Ipswich

18 holes over 7,021 yards with a par of 72 (private)

Wenham Country Club

18 holes over 4,567 yards with a par of 65 (semi-private)

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Which *museum* tells North Shore's story best?

There's lots of history here on the North Shore, from the Salem Witch Trials to the area's role in the Revolutionary War and much more. And don't forget the region's literary and artistic legacies. Here are a few of the museums the area has to offer:

Beverly Historical Society and Museum, Beverly

Founded in 1891, the Beverly Historical Society makes its home in the 1781 John Cabot House, a Georgian-style house and the first brick mansion built in the city. The society boasts a collection of close to a million documents and items, some of which are exhibited in the Cabot House. The house is also open for guided tours. In addition to the Cabot House, the society also cares for the 17th-century Balch House and Hale Farm, both of which are open for tours at certain times of the year.

Danvers Historical Society, Danvers

Founded in 1889, the Danvers Historical Society owns three historic sites and a museum building: the 1754 Page House, former home of educator Ann Lemist Page; the beautiful Glen Magna Farms Estate; the Putnam House, on the National Register of Historic Places; and Tapley Memorial Hall, which houses the society's collections. The society also cares for the Endicott Burial Ground.

The House of the Seven Gables, Salem

The House of the Seven Gables was built in 1668 by John Turner, a sea captain and merchant in Salem. Three generations of the Turner family lived there



HADLEY GREEN/Staff photo

Pam Peterson, former executive director of the Marblehead Museum, describes a J.O.J. Frost painting in the newly renovated gallery at the museum.

until it was sold in 1782 to Capt. Samuel Ingersoll. When he died at sea, the property passed on to his daughter, Susanna, a cousin of Nathaniel Hawthorne. The author's visits to the home are thought to have inspired his 1851 novel, "The House of the Seven Gables." The site was purchased by philanthropist Caroline Emmerton in 1908 and preserved. Over the years, five more historical structures have been added to the property, including Hawthorne's birthplace, making it a campus of regional history and its own national historic district

on the National Register of Historic Places.

Ipswich Museum, Ipswich

In 1890, the Rev. Thomas Franklin Waters met with a group of friends interested in collecting and preserving documents and items related to Ipswich. Thus, the Ipswich Historical Society was born. The society has been known as the Ipswich Museum since 2010 and cares for two historical homes: the 1677 Whipple House and the 1800 Heard House (which houses the museum). Among the numerous items in the museum's collection are

works by 19th-century Ipswich painters including those of Arthur Wesley Dow, one of the original society's founders. Also on display at the Heard House are artifacts from the Ipswich Female Seminary and China Trade treasures the Heard family had collected.

Marblehead Museum, Marblehead

The Marblehead Historical Society was created in 1898 to preserve artifacts related to the town and its residents. In 2003, with a collection worthy of exhibition, the society changed its name and continued its

emerging focus on preservation and education. In 2013, the name was simplified to Marblehead Museum. Among the museum's treasures is the 1768 Jeremiah Lee Mansion, a Colonial Georgian home built for Lee, a wealthy merchant and ship owner. Other items in the museum's extensive collection include the folk art collection of J.O.J. Frost and numerous documents, many of which can be found online at the museum and historical society's website. The organization also oversees the GAR and Civil War Museum on the second floor of the Old Town House.

New England Pirate Museum, Salem

Through tours and artifacts, the New England Pirate Museum brings to life the tales of true sea-robbers who roamed the North Shore, known back then as the Gold Coast, in the 17th century. Many pirates spent their summers in New England. The museum also features a recreated dockside village, a pirate ship for guests to board and explore, and an 80-foot bat cave complete with hidden treasure.

Peabody Essex Museum, Salem

When the East India Marine Society was founded in 1799, its charter provided for the creation of a "cabinet of natural and artificial curiosities." Society members, Salem sea captains, brought back treasures from Asia, Africa, Oceania and India, among others. Their collections started what has since become Peabody Essex Museum, a renowned museum of art, culture and history with a collection of more than 1.8 million items. One of the most unique artifacts is Yin Yu Tang, the only complete Qing Dynasty house outside China.

Peabody Historical Society and Museum, Peabody

The Peabody Historical Society and Museum was founded in 1896 and cares for eight historic properties. Its collection documents more than 300 years of the area's history and includes china, textiles, furniture, and fine and decorative arts. Many items in the museum's collection go on display during rolling exhibits at The Cassidy Art Museum, housed See MUSEUMS, PAGE 510

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The Peabody Essex Museum in Salem is renowned for its art, culture and history.

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MUSEUMS

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in the circa 1860 Osborne-Salata House, and the General Gideon Foster House next door, a National Historic Landmark named after the Revolutionary War hero who lived there. The museum also oversees the Peabody Leatherworkers Museum, which honors the city's industrial history through exhibits of machinery, tools, photographs and other artifacts.

Rebecca Nurse Homestead, Danvers

Owned and operated by the Danvers Alarm List Company, the Rebecca Nurse Homestead includes the original salt-box home the Nurse

family lived in from 1678 to 1798, and honors Rebecca Nurse, who was among the victims of the Salem Witch Trials. The grounds comprise about 25 acres of the property's original 300 and include the family cemetery, where many believe Rebecca Nurse was secretly buried after her execution. The homestead is open for tours April through October and features special exhibits.

Salem Witch Museum, Salem

Open year-round, the Salem Witch Museum uses life-size stage sets, figures, lighting and narration to recreate 1692 Salem for visitors. Guides explain the changing interpretations of witches, stereotypes, the present-day practice of witchcraft and the

witch-hunting phenomenon.

Wenham Museum, Wenham

In 1922, Elizabeth Richards Horton donated her international doll collection to the newly formed Wenham Village Improvement Society. The year before, the society had purchased Horton's former home, the Clafin-Richards House, to preserve it and use it for gallery space. Horton's donation marked the beginning of what has come to be known as the Wenham Museum, which has a mission of protecting and preserving artifacts of childhood, domestic life and the North Shore's history and culture. The museum is known for its fun and educational exhibits, especially its annual model train exhibit.

Witch Dungeon Museum, Salem

A visit to the Witch Dungeon Museum includes witnessing the reenactment of the trial of Sarah Good, adapted from historical manuscripts that date back to 1692. A guided tour of the dungeon, including a recreated village and Gallows Hill, follows the re-enactment.

Witch History Museum, Salem

A live presentation followed by a guided tour tell stories of 1692, when witch hysteria took over not only Salem but all of the Essex County region. Visit Old Salem Village and see 15 life-size scenes that depict the stories that led to the Salem Witch Trials.

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Which *fest* is best?

Dozens of events year-round help make the North Shore a vibrant, fun place. Here are some of the bigger celebrations that take place every year in the region and are among the contenders for our Best Bets award for Annual Event:

Salem Film Fest

Where: Salem, various venues

When: March

Highlights: This annual festival has gained a reputation for showing some of the world's best documentaries.

Arts Fest Beverly

Where: Downtown Beverly

When: June

Highlights: Dozens of artists fill Cabot Street for this event, which also features live music and activities for kids. A rolling Food Court, with food trucks and vendors serving everything from crepes to tacos, keeps participants well-fed.

Danvers Family Festival

Where: Danvers, various locations

When: June and July

Highlights: Celebrating its 39th anniversary this year, the Danvers Family Festival features more than two weeks of family-friendly events, including parades, concerts and even a Danvers Idol singing competition.

International Festival in Peabody

Where: Peabody Square

When: September

Highlights: Enjoy food, music and art representing the city's diverse neighborhoods at this local favorite. In fact, the event is so popular, some of the best ethnic foods sell out early in the day. Now in its 33rd year, the International Festival has transformed into a fun celebration that offers visitors an opportunity to experience different cultures.



HADLEY GREEN/Staff photo

Children dance in the street at Oldies Night in Danvers Square during the Danvers Family Festival last year.



JARED CHARNEY/Courtesy photo

Kait Gaglione and her family bring their ship back to shore during the Cardboard Boat Race as part of last year's Beverly Homecoming festivities at Lynch Park.

Marblehead Festival of Arts

Where: Marblehead, various locations downtown

When: July

Highlights: This festival goes beyond art exhibits. Enjoy short films, many by Essex County filmmakers, in the film festival.

A model boat-building workshop leads to the annual miniature regatta at Redd's Pond. And entertainers of all sorts take to the "stage" at the Street Festival. A trolley service takes fairgoers from place to place. And, of course, there's a fireworks display and harbor illumination.

Olde Ipswich Days

Where: South Village Green, Country Road (routes 1A and 133), Ipswich

When: July

Highlights: This weekend-long show features arts and crafts of all sorts — woodworking, painting, pottery, photography, jewelry and more. The craft fair is a testament to the green's history as a place for bartering. Nearby, Ipswich Museum usually has exhibits open to the public, and live music keeps

attendees in good spirits.

Beverly Homecoming

Where: Beverly, various locations

When: August

Highlights: With more than 80 events to choose from, Beverly's Homecoming celebration truly has something for everyone. The annual Homecoming 5K attracts hundreds of runners each year. Lobster lovers take over Lynch Park for the Lobster Festival. Other popular favorites include the Lip Sync Competition and Tiny Tots Day.

Salem Heritage Days

Where: Salem, various locations

When: August

Highlights: What would a celebration of Salem heritage be without a Maritime Festival? This event, held at the National Park Service site, includes demonstrations, harbor cruises and tours of Friendship, Salem's 1797 East Indiaman replica. A fireman's muster features antique and hand-pump engines. Other favorites include Kids Night and the Essex Street Fair, on the city's pedestrian mall.

Topsfield Fair

Where: Topsfield Fairgrounds, 207 Boston St. (Route 1), Topsfield

When: October

Highlights: The country's oldest agricultural fair is also the host of the New England Giant Pumpkin Weigh-in, which just a few years ago recorded the first 1-ton pumpkin. In addition to the farm animals on display in the fair's various barns, there's lots of food, crafts, special events and musical performances to choose from. The Mrs. Essex County Pageant rounds it all out.

Haunted Happenings

Where: Salem, various locations

When: October

Highlights: A Grand Parade kicks off the event, followed by days of Halloween-themed events.

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