



spirit should be ready to devote itself to martyrdom; for as long as we may think as we will, and speak as we think, the condition of man will proceed in improvement-Thomas Jefferson

July 2015

July 2-7 Boston Harborfest, the largest Independence Day festival in the United States, celebrates Boston's colonial, Revolutionary War, and maritime history and heritage with fireworks, entertainers, historical reenactments, music, Harbor cruises, walking tours, and Chowderfest - plus a lot more! http://www.boston-discovery-quide.com/bostonharborfest.html

July 2 Drum Corps International, formed in 1972, is the non-profit governing body for junior drum and bugle corps in the U.S.A. and Canada. Junior corps are composed of members 21 years of age and younger. The stated purpose of a DCI corps is "...to provide a life changing experience for youth through the art of marching music performance." This exciting event will take place Thursday, July 2 at 6:30 at Gillette Stadium www.dci.org

July 3-4 The Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular, America's best Independence Day celebration, takes place on July 3rd and 4th on the Esplanade next to the Charles River. Concerts in the historic Hatch Shell on both days feature Conductor Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra. The concert on July 4th is part of a fabulous show including a terrific lineup of special quests and finishing with fireworks, while on the 3rd, only the concert takes place. www.bostonpopsjuly4th.org.

July 3 Harvard/Pilgrim Finish at the 50 – 5K, 10K and Kid's Fun Run along with a Fitness Expo which will take place throughout the spine of Patriot Place and in the NRG Plaza. Thousands of runners and spectators will be walking through Patriot Place all three days of the event (including registration dates of July 1-3) enjoying the entertainment of bands, face painting, stilt walkers and much more. A fabulous fireworks display will end the events, July 3 at 9:15pm.

July 4- Bristol, RI 4th of July Celebration – Bristol's Annual Fourth of July Celebration, established in 1785, is the oldest continuous celebration of its kind in the United States. The parade begins Saturday, July 4th at 10:30am. http://july4thbristolri.com/

July 10 - CONCACAF Gold Cup at Gillette Stadium – Gillette Stadium will host the U.S. National Team on July 10 as part of a doubleheader in the group stage of the 2015 CONCACAF Gold Cup. The U.S. National Team game on July 10 will be the first time the U.S. plays in Foxborough since June 2011 against Spain and the first time that they will do so under the direction of Jurgen Klinsmann. Having played at Gillette Stadium every time that the Gold Cup has visited the venue, the U.S. is 6-0-2 in eight previous Gold Cup games at the stadium. All-time, the U.S. is 16-2-5 in Massachusetts, including a 9-2-2 record at Gillette Stadium. http://www.revolutionsoccer.net

July 11&12 - 53rd Annual Wickford Art Festival - Artists and art lovers enjoy this outdoor fine art festival set on the streets of historic Wickford Village. Eclectic shops and classic homes line the streets as visitors stroll through the seaside village, meeting the artists and seeking out exceptional artwork to admire and purchase. Fine art mediums include oil, acrylic, mixed media, glass, drawing, etching, sculpture (metal, clay, wood, etc),

WEEKENDS

- July 2-5 July 4th Weekend Celebrate the birthday of our nation with exciting fun-filled activities including our Annual Junior Olympics register online.
- July 10-12 Casino Weekend We will have a "full house" this weekend...but will you? (proceeds to the Jimmy
- July 13-17 Halloween Week The only thing better than Halloween... Halloween in July! Join us for this spooky week . . . if you dare!
- July 20-26 Christmas Week Ho, ho, ho, here comes Santa! That's right, Santa is making a special visit to Normandy Farms in July!
- July 31-August 2 Royal Weekend We'll make you feel like royalty. This special weekend includes a formal dance and pageant
- August 1st Tickets go on sale for BBQ Weekend
- August 7-9 Pirate Weekend Ahoy Matey! Batten down the hatches and join us for a treasure of a time.

photography, etchings, modern ink, fiber, and more. Wickford is a "walking friendly" village that makes it easy for families, elderly and handicapped persons to enjoy the festival. Wickford Village is located in North Kingstown, RI http://www.wickfordart.org/art-festival-2015.html

<u>July 14-19 Brimfield Antique and Flea Market</u>, Brimfield Antique and Flea Market Shows started in 1959, when founder Gordon Reid, Sr. hosted 67 dealers in the field behind his Brimfield, Massachusetts home. Now 51 years later, the event is reported to be the largest outdoor antique show in the United States – with 21 fields and more than 5000 dealers stretched along one mile of Route 20. Enjoy the show, running from Tuesday through Sunday. Rt.20 Brimfield http://brimfieldantiquefleamarket.com/2015-brimfield-show-dates

July 31-August 2 Newport Jazz Festival, The festival features three full days of jazz at Fort Adams State Park. One of the Park System's national treasures, the Fort is situated at the mouth of Newport Harbor and has panoramic views of the Newport Bridge and the East Passage. The venue has three different stages with a mixture of both general admission areas and reserved areas. All Fort Adams tickets provide access to all three stages. In between sets, in addition to enjoying the breathtaking views and ocean breeze, you can also enjoy the unique food and crafts areas throughout the festival site, or relax in one of the Louis Jadot Wine Cafés where wine, beer and food is served. Check out who you will see! http://www.newportjazzfest.org/

<u>"Fit By The Field" weekly, all Summer long</u> Located at the Plaza outside the "The Hall" at Patriots Place. FREE fitness classes every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. No cost for admission, all fitness classes are free, and open to all ages. Please visit http://www.patriot-place.com/fitbythefield#.VYoekPlVikr

Fun Free Fridays_ offers visitors no cost admission to many of the most treasured cultural venues in Massachusetts – listed below is a sampling of the museums you may enjoy visiting, complete list is available at our Business & Information Center.

- Friday, July 3: Boston Children's Museum, Sandwich Heritage Museums & Gardens, Concord's Old Manse
- Friday, July 10: Boston's Edward M. Kennedy Institute, Cape Cod Maritime Museum in Hyannis, New Bedford Whaling Museum, New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston
- Friday, July 17: Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, Larz Anderson Auto Museum in Brookline, Children's Museum in Easton
- Friday, July 24: Battleship Cove Marine Museum in Fall River, Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth
- Friday, July 31: Sandwich Glass Museum, Garden in the Woods in Framingham, American Textile History Museum in Lowell

CONCIERGE RECOMMENDS:

<u>Plainridge Park Casino</u> We are pleased to announce the opening of Plainridge Park Casino just two miles from Normandy Farms on Rte 1. http://www.plainridgeparkcasino.com

<u>The National Marine Life Center</u> is an independent, non-profit marine animal hospital and science and education center which rehabilitates and releases stranded marine mammals and sea turtles in order to advance science and education in marine wildlife health and conservation. Open daily 10-5 and admission is FREE. 120 Main St in Buzzards Bay, MA http://nmlc.org/

An Unlikely Story Bookstore & Café - On the site of the historic Falk's Market, Julie and Jeff Kinney have created a cornerstone in downtown Plainville with an indie bookstore, a café and an event space. An Unlikely Story Bookstore and Café is a beautiful new community gathering place where you can meet amazing authors, enjoy breakfast or lunch, attend/throw a special event, or relax with your new book and a beer (or glass of wine). 111 South Street, Plainville, MA 508-699-0244 http://www.anunlikelystory.com

Local Fireworks Displays

- Sharon (120 Beach Street) Friday, July 3 at 9:30pm
- Bellilngham (60 Blackstone Field High School) Saturday, July 4 at 9pm
- Patriot Place (Gillette Stadium parking area) Friday, July 3 at 9:30pm
- Walpole (Joe Morgan Memorial Field on Stone Street) Friday, July 3 at 9:30pm