



# NORMANDY FARMS

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# THINGS TO DO IN THE AREA

## April 2019

4/15 Boston Marathon THE B.A.A. HAS ORGANIZED THE BOSTON MARATHON SINCE THE EVENT'S INCEPTION IN 1897

4/5-4/14 RI Restaurant Week, Various venues. A three-course meal from some of the finest area restaurants without breaking the bank! From a steaming cup of chowder overlooking the harbor to fine dining in romantic restaurants, Newport County restaurants offer an array of creative menus. \$16 for a three-course lunch and \$35 for a three-course dinner. (401) 845-9110

4/6 Providence Guided Walk, 10:00am–12:00pm. Park parking lot, 120 Killingly Street. Neutaconkanut Hill Conservancy and the Providence Parks Department invite you to come and explore the only natural forest in Providence, unusual for an urban setting. The guided hike will take you to the top of the hill, the highest point in Providence, 296 feet above sea level, from which you can see spectacular views of the City and nearly a quarter of the State. Several miles of hiking/walking trails provide a panoply of picturesque stone walls, unique geological formations, natural springs and brooks, wild flowers and berries. Dress for the day's weather—be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes or hiking shoes. We also recommended insect repellent year 'round. Free; \$5 per family donation suggested; no advance reservations required. Suitable for ages 5 and up. Dogs on a leash are welcome. (401) 719-1482; susan@nhill.org; [www.nhill.org](http://www.nhill.org).

4/6 Amphibians After Dark at Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary in Norfolk. Join us for a night of costumed characters and lantern-lit trails as we celebrate the annual spring migration of salamanders and tree frogs back to the vernal pools where they were born.  
<https://www.massaudubon.org/news-events/special-events/>(offset)/10

4/9 Boston Red Sox Opening Day game is on Tuesday, April 9 against the Toronto Blue Jays at Fenway Park. <https://www.mlb.com/redsox/ballpark>

4/12-4/14 New England Folk Festival, Mansfield. The New England Folk Festival, widely known by the name NEFFA, is an annual folk festival that blends dance, music, crafts, and food from many places and cultures. This year is our 75th annual Festival and we hope that you will join us! The Festival attracts approximately 3,500 attendees from all over the country and overseas and features upwards of 1,000 performers. NEFFA is unique because of the participatory nature of the events. Not only are there concerts and performances, but there are also opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to engage with music, dance, and folk arts culture.  
<https://www.neffa.org/folk-festival/new-england-folk-festival/>

4/13 Swan Boats in Boston open! The Swan Boat story dates back to the 1870's when Robert Page, whose descendants continue to operate the business, was granted a boat for hire license by the City of Boston. Rowing a small boat in the Public Garden lagoon was a favorite summer pastime for city residents during the day and evening. In 1877, Robert and others introduced a new kind of boat to the waters of the lagoon. With the popularity of the bicycle expanding, he developed a catamaran, which housed a paddle wheel arrangement that was foot-propelled. To cover the captain, Robert suggested a swan. The idea came to him from his familiarity with the opera Lohengrin. The opera is based on a medieval German story in which Lohengrin, a knight of the Grail crosses a river in a boat drawn by a swan to defend the innocence of his heroine, Princess Elsa. From the late 1800's until the mid 1940's, the Swan Boats and the row boats operated together in the Public Garden. <https://swanboats.com/plan-your-visit/>

### WEEKENDS

- Connecticut Weekend—April 5-7
- April 12-21—April Vacation Week
- April 19-21—Easter Weekend
- April 26-28—Spring Food Truck Festival & NH Weekend
- May 3-5—Spring Food Truck Festival & NY Weekend
- May 10-12—Mother's Day Weekend
- May 17-19—Dog's Day Weekend & Armed Forces
- May 24-27—Memorial Day Weekend
- May 21-June 2—Wellness Weekend
- June 1—Tickets on sale for Luau
- June 7-9—EMT, Nurse, Police, Firefighters & Teacher Appreciation & Founder's Day Weekend

4/13-4/21 6th Annual Newport Daffodil Days Festival. The Festival is an all-volunteer event in support of Daffodillion, a non-profit organization that has beautified the city with over one million daffodils. Proceeds from the Festival go to purchase more daffodil bulbs to plant each fall. Events throughout the city; free Admission. [newportdaffydays.com](http://newportdaffydays.com).

4/15 Boston Marathon. The Boston Marathon is the world's oldest annual marathon and ranks as one of the world's most prestigious road racing events. The B.A.A. continues to manage this American classic, which has been sponsored by John Hancock Financial since 1986. The Boston Marathon has distinguished itself as the pinnacle event within the sport of road racing by virtue of its traditions, longevity, and method of gaining entry into the race (via qualification).  
<https://www.baa.org/about/boston-marathon>

4/15 Patriots Day at Lexington/Concord, Patriots' Day commemorates the Battle of Lexington on April 19, 1775. The reenactment of the Battle of Lexington will be held on the Lexington Green starting at 5:30am, the time of the original battle. Patriots' Day is observed over a period of days before, on, and after the third Monday in April, with The Lexington Minute Men involved in the reenactment and the Patriots' Day Parade. In Lexington we celebrate this day in high fashion with the reenactment of the Battle accompanied by civic events both before and after the reenactment. It is traditionally the beginning of the year for tourist activities in Lexington. <https://www.lexingtonminutemen.com/>

4/17 Author Event at Unlikely Book Story in Plainville, An Unlikely Story welcomes Heather Gudenkauf as she presents a timely and gripping novel of suspense. BEFORE SHE WAS FOUND is the story of three preteen girls growing up in the age of social media and exploring a dark urban legend in their town. Told through texts, journals, and interview transcriptions, BEFORE SHE WAS FOUND is a novel of interlocking mysteries that is frightening in its realism. Heather Gudenkauf is the critically acclaimed author of several novels, including the New York Times bestseller THE WEIGHT OF SILENCE. She lives in Iowa with her husband and children. <https://www.anunlikelystory.com/event/heather-gudenkauf>

4/21 Providence and Federal Hill Culinary begins at 9:00am. Federal Hill Heritage Center, 286 Atwells Avenue. Chef and historian Walter Potenza will lead participants through a walking tour of foods and history of Federal Hill, and include food terminology, products information, how to shop, how to store, and anything that may be of interest in expanding culinary horizons, as well as samples at the end of the tour (401) 273-2652; [info@federalhilltours.com](mailto:info@federalhilltours.com); <http://federalhilltours.com>.

4/28 Hyannis Open Streets Festival - Main St. will temporarily close to traffic so that people may use it to walk, bike, run, dance, do yoga or any fun physical activity! Music, entertainment, activities, food, shops, and more for all ages. Unlike many other street-closure events where you stand on the sidelines and watch the event go by, at Hyannis Open Streets, YOU ARE THE EVENT, and the streets are yours! Our first Hyannis Open Streets was a great success with an estimated 7,000 attendees! <http://www.hyannisopenstreets.com>

Anytime! Wards Berry Farm in Sharon - Ward's Berry Farm is a family farm located in Sharon, MA. Brothers Jim & Bob Ward have run the farm since 1982, offering the finest quality fresh picked fruits and veggies. Their mother, Ann uses family favorite recipes to create her famous fruit jams and jellies, as well as the fresh cookies, muffins, breads and pies sold in the store. Shelves are stocked with a large selection of gourmet grocery items and prepared foods to go. The store has an awesome sandwich counter and deli, as well as a smoothie bar with soft-serve ice cream and slush. Wards also specializes in artisan breads, gourmet cheeses, homemade jams and gift baskets made to order. <http://www.wardsberryfarm.com>

Anytime! The Patriots Hall of Fame at Patriot Place, Foxboro. The Patriots Hall of Fame presented by Raytheon is a modern, interactive museum and hall of fame. It's a must see for all Patriots and football fans. The team's five Vince Lombardi Super Bowl Championship trophies are on display as part of the incredible Super Bowl Experience exhibit.  
<https://www.patriotshalloffame.com>

Coming Soon! Supercharged Entertainment in Wrentham. Our 125,000 ft2 entertainment venue offers something for everyone in your family. Featuring the world's largest indoor multi-level karting track, first-of-its-kind Ninja Wipeout course, fun jumping Trampolines, an expansive gaming lounge with impressive prize center, and so much more!! Opening July 1st!



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