

THE LOWELL WEEKENDER

ARTS, MUSIC & COMMUNITY IN LOWELL, MASS.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Summer ends this weekend. The days are getting shorter, the air is shifting, and Lowell is sending the season off right, with a kinetic sculpture race, two markets, live music across four stages, and a ghost tour after dark. Get out there one more time.

VENUES COVERED

- Acre**
Arts League of Lowell, Cafe Eclipse, City of Lowell Senior Center, Edward A. LeLacheur Park, Hellenic American Academy, Lawrence Mills, Loading Dock Gallery, Lowell Makes, Moloney Performing Arts Center, Nibbana Cafe, North Common Amphitheater, Suffolk Mill, Sweet Bar, Taffeta Music Hall, The Acre, The Worthen Attic, Tsongas Center, Western Avenue Studios, Worthen House Cafe
- Back Central**
Dragonfly Cafe
- Belvidere**
Holy Ghost Society of Lowell, Rogers Fort Hill Park, Shedd Park
- Centralville**
Bark Avenue Playroom
- Downtown**
Athenian Corner, Boarding House Park, Boott Cotton Mills Museum, Brew'd Awakening Coffeehaus, Brush Art Gallery & Studios, Derby Park, Fuse Bistro, HCID Garage, Historic Downtown Lowell, Hive Public Market, Infuse Afro Fusion, JFK Civic Center, Kerouac Park, Ladd and Whitney Memorial, Lala Books, Lazy Cat Lounge, Lowell City Hall, Lowell National Historical Park, Mary J. Bacigalupo Victorian Garden, MCC Academic Arts Center, National Streetcar Museum at Lowell, One Urban Tribe, Pollard Memorial Library, Pop Cultured, Richard and Nancy Donahue Academic Arts Center, Smokehouse Tavern, SUTRA Studio, Tesco-bar Performance Center, The Lass Stop, Tsongas History Center, Warp & Weft
- Highlands**
Collegiate Charter School, Peephup Tmei Restaurant, Tyler Park
- Lower Belvidere**
Lowell Memorial Auditorium, Merrimack Repertory Theatre
- Lower Highlands**
Pottery Mill, Roberto Clemente Park
- Pawtucketville**
Bellegarde Boathouse, Heritage Farm Ice Cream, Maguire Park, Pawtucket Farm Wildlife Sanctuary, Sampas Pavilion
- South Lowell**
Knickerbocker Club

Friday · SEPTEMBER 18
☀️ SUNNY, 72°

MORNING

9:00 AM COMMUNITY

Volunteer with Meals on Wheels
CITY OF LOWELL SENIOR CENTER

10:00 AM TOUR

Step into History Walking Tour
LOWELL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

11:00 AM COMMUNITY

One-On-One Technology Help
POLLARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

11:30 AM COMMUNITY

Armchair Genealogy Group
POLLARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

AFTERNOON

1:00 PM MARKET

Lowell Farmer's Market
VERY LOWELL
HCID GARAGE

1:00 PM COMMUNITY

Suffolk Mill Open House
VERY LOWELL
SUFFOLK MILL

3:30 PM COMMUNITY

Foodie Fridays: Turtle Chip Taste Test (Grades 5-12)
FAMILY FRIENDLY
POLLARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

EVENING

6:00 PM COMMUNITY

Dare To Imag9Ne Film Festival
RICHARD AND NANCY DONAHUE ACADEMIC ARTS CENTER

5:00 PM MUSIC

No Hit Radio – Songwriter's Open Mic
ONE URBAN TRIBE

6:00 PM COMMUNITY

Tales with Teeth Bookclub
LALA BOOKS

8:00 PM MUSIC

Combichrist "The Venom in the Mouth of God Tour"
★ TAFFETA MUSIC HALL

9:00 PM MUSIC

Pop Rodeo
★ WARP & WEFT

LEGEND

★ Weekender Favorite Venues
Venues we especially recommend.

Weekender Pick
The one event we don't want you to miss this week.

Worth the Ticket
A ticketed event we think is worth paying for.

Family Friendly
Great to bring the kids along to.

Hidden Gem
A smaller, lesser-known event worth seeking out.

Don't Miss This
A can't-miss happening this weekend.

Lowell Classic
A longstanding Lowell tradition.

Very Lowell
Captures something distinctly, unmistakably Lowell.

Saturday · SEPTEMBER 19
☀️ SUNNY, 74°

MORNING

9:00 AM COMMUNITY

Lowell Kinetic Sculpture Race 2026
WEEKENDER PICK DON'T MISS THIS

LOWELL CLASSIC

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN LOWELL

9:15 AM COMMUNITY

Flute Lessons
POLLARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

10:00 AM COMMUNITY

Kitty Yoga
LAZY CAT LOUNGE

10:00 AM TOUR

Step into History Walking Tour
LOWELL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

10:30 AM COMMUNITY

Lowell Writers Writing Group
LALA BOOKS

11:00 AM COMMUNITY

National Streetcar Museum at Lowell Open
NATIONAL STREETCAR MUSEUM AT LOWELL

AFTERNOON

12:00 PM MARKET

Summer's End Makers Market
ONE URBAN TRIBE

12:00 PM MARKET

Flora & Fauna
HIVE PUBLIC MARKET

1:00 PM COMMUNITY

Suffolk Mill Open House
VERY LOWELL
SUFFOLK MILL

3:00 PM COMMUNITY

Public Reception: Shapes & Symbols
ARTS LEAGUE OF LOWELL

4:00 PM MUSIC

Candlelight: Coldplay vs. Imagine Dragons
WORTH THE TICKET
★ TAFFETA MUSIC HALL

EVENING

6:00 PM COMMUNITY

Dare To Imag9Ne Film Festival
RICHARD AND NANCY DONAHUE ACADEMIC ARTS CENTER

6:00 PM TOUR

Lowell Ghost Tour – Bone and Water
VERY LOWELL
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN LOWELL

8:00 PM MUSIC

Candlelight: Coldplay vs. Imagine Dragons
WORTH THE TICKET
★ TAFFETA MUSIC HALL

8:00 PM MUSIC

Live Greek & Middle Eastern Music and Belly Dancing
LOWELL CLASSIC
ATHENIAN CORNER

8:00 PM PRIDE

Mill City Queeracoe
FUSE BISTRO

8:00 PM MUSIC

Jonee Earthquake Band
★ WARP & WEFT

10:00 PM MUSIC

Reggae Riddim Fest (Mill City Edition)
TESCOBAR PERFORMANCE CENTER

Sunday · SEPTEMBER 20
☁️ P. CLOUDY, 70°

MORNING

9:00 AM COMMUNITY

Collectible / TCG Show
★ TAFFETA MUSIC HALL

10:00 AM COMMUNITY

The Book Was Better? No Country for Old Men
NIBBANA CAFE

10:00 AM COMMUNITY

Short Story Bookclub
DRAGONFLY CAFE

10:00 AM TOUR

Step into History Walking Tour
LOWELL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

11:00 AM MARKET

Downtown Lowell Farmer's Market
HIDDEN GEM
HIVE PUBLIC MARKET

11:00 AM MUSIC

Jazz w/ Gary Smith & Friends
DON'T MISS THIS
★ WARP & WEFT

AFTERNOON

12:00 PM COMMUNITY

Mill Pages Writing Group
LALA BOOKS

12:00 PM COMMUNITY

Game Jam Networking Event
LOWELL MAKES

1:00 PM COMMUNITY

Suffolk Mill Open House
VERY LOWELL
SUFFOLK MILL

2:00 PM COMMUNITY

Mill Pages Magazine Release Party
LALA BOOKS

2:00 PM COMMUNITY

Sketchers Lowell: Francis Gate Park
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN LOWELL

EVENING

7:00 PM COMMUNITY

Comedy at Warp
★ WARP & WEFT

7:30 PM MUSIC

Aren't We Amphibians & Dear Marianne
★ TAFFETA MUSIC HALL

★ OUR PICK

Lowell Kinetic Sculpture Race 2026

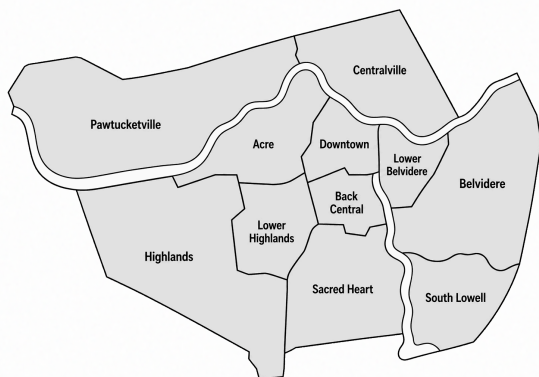
Human-powered art machines take over downtown for Lowell's annual kinetic sculpture race, starting on Market Street Saturday morning. Part engineering challenge, part parade, part absurdist spectacle.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 · 9:00 AM · HISTORIC DOWNTOWN LOWELL

Why we're going: There is nothing else like it in the city, and it never gets old.

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LOWELL, MASS. - Founded in 1826 and named for mill financier Francis Cabot Lowell, the city was America's first large-scale planned industrial center, powered by the Pawtucket Falls and once home to thousands of "mill girls" from across New England.



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Plan Your Weekend

JOT DOWN WHAT YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

THE LOWELL WEEKENDER

YOUR GUIDE TO ARTS, MUSIC & COMMUNITY IN LOWELL, MASS.

A free, weekly guide to arts, music, and community happenings around Lowell, Massachusetts - gathering the weekend's festivals, live shows, markets, and neighborhood events into one easy itinerary so you never miss what's going on downtown, in the Acre, or along the canals.

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