

Local Events and Activities - Selected Websites

[Arts & Entertainment: Boston.com](http://www.boston.com/ae/?p1=GN_AE)

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Here you will find events listings from the Boston Globe, the area's major newspaper. Besides daily "Go!" listings of what's happening today, you will find a weekly calendar and sub-areas on Movies, Restaurants, Music, Theater/Arts, TV, and Books. Not the best source for avant garde activities, this source nonetheless provides a good, general cultural overview.

[Boston Herald: The Edge](http://theedge.bostonherald.com/theedge.bg)

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Although generally less useful than the Globe site, the Boston Herald can also have useful listings and articles, as well as concert and movie reviews. Note also the links at the top of the screen to local "metro" and town papers. These may be helpful for suburban neighborhood listings.

[The Boston Phoenix](http://www.bostonphoenix.com)

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Calling itself "New England's largest arts & entertainment weekly," the Phoenix claims to provide "comprehensive arts listings." Certainly, this paper does a great job with concerts and the club scene, and it also provides reviews of local restaurants, theater, and movies. And look at the link in the banner area to their "The Best" listings for Arts and Entertainment, City Life, Food & Drink, and Shopping.

[Citysearch Boston](http://boston.citysearch.com)

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Part Guide, Part Yellow Pages, with plenty of annoying advertising, Citysearch can nonetheless be a handy way to identify businesses and happenings around town. Categories include: Restaurants, Bars & Clubs, Hotels, Shopping, Events, and more. Check out the "Best of Citysearch" on the lower right to get their picks for "Best Irish Pub" and the like.

[Boston Magazine: Best of Boston](http://www.bostonmagazine.com/bestof/)

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And if you really want "Best of" listings for the greater Boston area, check out this no-frills page

from *Boston Magazine*. They cover everything from the best "pickup bar" to the best Cape "surf shop". Suggestions are often to upscale establishments and therefore not for the bargain-conscious, but the entries are still fun to browse.

[Commonwealth 5](#)

<http://www.thebostonchannel.com/commonwealth5/>

Want to do something really meaningful with your spare time? This website, sponsored by WCVB, Fleet, and the Boston Foundation provides links for local social service opportunities. Take a look at the "Volunteer with a Non-Profit" area, or if you want an event that also helps out a charity, take a look at the "Non-Profit Events Listing."

[Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism](#)

<http://www.mass-vacation.com/html/index.html>

Here's the official tourism website for the Commonwealth. It has an events calendar as well as listings of outdoor, cultural, and ongoing activities. Click on the "Now" link for the latest current happenings, and the "Do" icon for continuing events and resources. Interested specifically in our neighborhood, Beacon Hill? This site will also link you to [Beacon Hill Online](#) a webpage just on this section of Beantown.

[BostonUSA!](#)

<http://www.bostonusa.com>

Here's the official Boston travel site, from the Greater Boston Convention & Visitor's Bureau. Here you will find a variety of listings for things to do and see. You can also buy tickets to events and make hotel and dining reservations from the site. They'll also link you to [CambridgeUSA!](#), the official webpage for "Boston's Left Bank."

[City of Boston: Parks Department](#)

<http://www.ci.boston.ma.us/parks/>

Want to find a green space in Boston to just chill, or take a stroll? The Parks Department has a search engine to find "Open Spaces/Parks" in particular areas of the city. They also list events like the "ParkARTS" programs.

[ArtsBoston](#)

<http://www.artsboston.org/index.cfm>

"ArtsBoston's mission is to promote the arts in Greater Boston." They serve a constituency of over 165 theater, music and dance groups in Greater Boston. One of the great things they offer is [bostix](#), a program that links culture mavens to half-price admissions for the day of a particular show or event. They "offer tickets to performances all over town—from touring blockbusters to hot local productions." Bostix maintains two booths. One is at Faneuil Hall and the other at

Copley Square--both of which are easily accessible to the Suffolk Community.

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