

Local Events and Activities - Selected Websites

[Boston Arts & Entertainment - boston.com](http://www.boston.com/ae/)

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This site provides a good, general cultural overview with event listings in and around Boston from the *Boston Globe*, the area's major newspaper. Besides daily "Things to do" for today and tomorrow, categories of listings include Movies, Restaurants, Music, Theater/Arts, TV, Books. You can also search Boston.com's [Do Good Channel](#) for links to non-profit organizations and events for volunteer opportunities. Sawyer Library also has current print issues of the *Globe*.

[Boston Herald](http://www.bostonherald.com/entertainment/)

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"The Edge," the *Boston Herald's* entertainment section, provides listings and articles, as well as concert and movie reviews. There are links to "Arts, Life, and Style" listings. Sawyer Library has the current month of the *Herald* in print.

[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." This paper does a great job with concerts and the club scene, and it also provides reviews of local restaurants, theater, and movies. Look at the link in the banner area to "The Best" listings for Arts and Entertainment, City Life, Food & Drink, and Shopping. Sawyer Library has the current 2 months of the *Phoenix* in print.

[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" or their "top searches."

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

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For other "Best of" listings in the greater Boston area, check out this page from *Boston Magazine*

which covers a wide range of categories. Although suggestions are often to upscale establishments and not for the bargain-conscious, the entries are still fun to browse. Sawyer Library has print copies for the current 2 years.

[CommonWealth 5](#)

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

This site, a "partnership of WCVB-TV (Channel 5) and its website, thebostonchannel.com," supported by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts and the Boston Foundation, provides links for local social service opportunities. Take a look at the "Volunteer with a Non-Profit" section, or try the "Non-Profit Events Listing," if you want an event that helps out a charity.

[Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism](#)

<http://www.massvacation.com/>

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. For information on our neighborhood, Beacon Hill, this site will also link you to [Beacon Hill Online](#), a webpage on this section of the city.

[BostonUSA!](#)

<http://www.bostonusa.com>

The official Boston travel site from the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau. Here you can find a variety of listings for things to do and see, buy tickets to events, and make hotel and dining reservations.

[City of Boston: Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism & Special Events](#)

<http://www.cityofboston.gov/arts/>

This site "fosters the growth of the cultural community; promotes public participation in the arts and public celebrations; and advances cultural tourism in Boston." It includes a "City Calendar" of events and performances throughout the area.

[City of Boston: Parks & Recreation Department](#)

<http://www.cityofboston.gov/parks/>

If you want to find green space in Boston, the Parks Department has a search engine for "Open Spaces/Parks" in particular areas/neighborhoods of the city. They also list events like the "ParkARTS" programs.

[SearchBoston](#)

<http://www.searchboston.com/>

SearchBoston, "your source for all things Boston," includes a City Guide, a Boston Happenings Calendar for "major events," a Boston Directory, and other resources with links to information on the Boston area.

[ArtsBoston](#)

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

"ArtsBoston's mission is to promote the arts in Greater Boston." It serves over 170 theatre, music, dance, and other cultural groups in the area. One of the great things they offer is [BosTix](#), a program that has half-price tickets for that day's performances of shows and other events. BosTix maintains two booths, one at Faneuil Hall and the other at Copley Square.

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