

2018 SUMMER GUIDE



LAW AND ORDER PARTY

The Law and Order Party Summer Guide features 96 events happening in (or very near to) Rhode Island this summer. Events are color coded by category (dark green for nature events, dark blue for food festivals, flamingo for cultural celebrations, etc.) and are listed in chronological order by week. Some events go on for more than one week but they're all only listed once.

This whole PDF contains clickable links. If you're interested in an event, click anywhere on the text to visit the website.

The guide is also available via Google Calendar and iCal. Download it for your own convenience.

Note: Ticket prices are listed per adults on the day of the event. Tickets might be cheaper for kids, or for senior citizens, or for early birds.

Girl on Horseback on the Beach (probably Newport, Rhode Island) is a public domain image sourced from the Robert N. Dennis Collection of Stereoscopic Views at New York Public Library.

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Every Friday the Frosty Drew Observatory opens its doors at 6pm for solar viewing and keeps them open well into the evening, usually until 2 or 3am if the sky's clear enough. Rosecliff has an exhibit about Oscar Wilde's time in Rhode Island. The big Zoobilee! gala for Roger Williams Park Zoo allows visitors to "feast with the beasts", while Newport's Audrain Auto Museum opens its summer exhibition of quirky vehicles. For something completely different, Wednesday Night Knockouts is a weekly summer pinball tournament taking place in a strip mall in West Greenwich.

**Wednesdays through 7/25: Wednesday Night Knockout (7:30pm)**

RI Pinball

34 Nooseneck Hill Road #2, West Greenwich

\$10 entry / \$2 tournament play

**Daily: Bohemian Beauty: The Aesthetic Movement and Oscar Wilde's Newport (9am-4pm)**

Rosecliff - 548 Bellevue Avenue, Newport // \$17.50

**6/29: Frosty Drew Observatory (6pm-2am??)**

Frosty Drew Observatory

Ninigret Park - 61 Park Lane, Charlestown

**6/30: Sweet Rides | Summer Fun (10am-4pm)**

Audrain Auto Museum - 222 Bellevue Avenue, Newport // \$15

**6/30: History and Herb Hike (1pm)**

Casey Farm - 2325 Boston Neck Road, Saunderstown // \$15

**6/30: Zoobilee! (7pm-11pm)**

Roger Williams Park Zoo // \$125

**7/1: The Roots (6pm)**

Bold Point Park

555 Waterfront Drive, East Providence // \$57-\$122

**7/1: Lori McKenna (7pm)**

The Greenwich Odeum - 59 Main Street, East Greenwich // \$25

Celebrate the 4th of July on Block Island by stuffing hot dogs in your piehole. Little Compton celebrates its 46 historic cemeteries with a summer exhibition: the ticketed preview party is Friday; Saturday is Family Day. (Let's hope there's dirt on the infamous graves of alleged cat-eater Simeon Palmer and his two wives.) Rooms are booking quickly for the weekend-long Lizzie Borden Overnight Ghost Hunt. The Newport Music Festival brings celebrated mezzo-soprano Frederica von Stade to The Breakers, while a Burrillville farm hosts a new monthly music series.

GOING TO BRISTOL ON THE 4TH OF JULY? THE PROVIDENCE-NEWPORT FERRY STOPS AT BRISTOL'S STATE STREET PIER FOR ONE DAY ONLY. THE FIRST BOAT LEAVES PROVIDENCE AT 9AM AND LANDS AT 9:40AM JUST A BLOCK OFF THE PARADE ROUTE. THE PARADE STARTS AT 10:30. (FERRY TICKETS ARE \$10.)

**7/4: Hot Dog Eating Contest (12:00pm)**

Poor People's Pub – 33 Ocean Avenue, Block Island

**7/6-7/7: Ocean State BBQ & Bands Festival**

**Friday 5-10pm, Saturday 12pm-10pm**

The Steel Yard – 27 Sims Avenue, Providence // \$20

**7/6-7/7: Little Compton's 46 Historic Cemeteries**

**Friday 6pm-8pm, Saturday 12pm-4pm**

Little Compton Historical Society

348 West Main Road, Little Compton // \$35 (Friday), free (Saturday)

**7/6: Lizzie Borden Overnight Ghost Hunt (9pm-2am)**

Lizzie Borden Bed and Breakfast Museum

230 2nd Street, Fall River // \$249 for two nights

**7/7-7/8: Wickford Art Festival (10am-6pm Saturday, 10am-5pm Sunday)**

36 Beach Street, Wickford

**7/7: An Evening with Frederica von Stade & Jake Heggie (8pm)**

The Breakers – 44 Ochre Point Avenue, Newport // \$45-\$70

**7/8: 43rd Annual Cape Verdean Independence Day Celebration (12pm-7pm)**

India Point Park – 201 India Street, Providence

**7/8: Music at the Farm (2pm-3pm)**

Grace Note Farm – 969 Jackson Schoolhouse Road, Pascoag

Trinity Rep continues its family-friendly, bilingual touring Shakespeare series with *The Tempest*, stopping this week in Providence and Central Falls. The Whale Guitar Project performs at the Newport Art Museum's Second Saturday to coincide with the museum's ocean-themed Joan Hall exhibit. And you'll want to get advance tickets for the Ice Cream Throwdown, a guaranteed sell-out for the seventh consecutive year. For something very different, International Skinny Dip Day at the nudist campground simplifies the process of checking for ticks, while in Bristol you can do yoga with a goat. Salt Marsh Opera performs at a historic lighthouse just over the Connecticut border.

**6/28-7/27: Shakespeare en el Verano: The Tempest (7pm)**

7/10: South Providence Library – 441 Prairie Avenue, Providence

7/13: Jenks Park – 602 Broad Street, Central Falls

**7/11: Goat Yoga (5:45pm)**

Mount Hope Farm – 250 Metacom Avenue, Bristol // \$20

**7/13: Jamestown Arts Center Summer Soiree (7-10pm)**

Jamestown Arts Center – 18 Valley Street, Jamestown // \$150-\$225

**7/14: International Skinny Dip Day (10am-5pm)**

Dyer Woods Nudist Campgrounds – 114 Johnson Road, Foster // \$25

**7/14: Second Saturday (10:30am)**

Newport Art Museum – 76 Bellevue Avenue, Newport // \$15 admission

**7/14: Colombia Summerfest (2pm)**

La Casona – 768 Broad Street, Central Falls

**7/15: 7th Annual Ice Cream Throwdown (1pm-4pm)**

Fête Music Hall – 103 Dike Street, Providence // \$20

**7/15: Salt Marsh Opera: Music at the Lighthouse (6pm)**

Stonington's Old Lighthouse Museum – 7 Water Street, Stonington

Don't panic when you see that there's an All White Pool Party happening in Smithfield – the oddly titled event is actually thrown by AfriQue Events, who “provide upscale social gatherings with a blend of international rhythms to New England's socialites.” (The dual title Detox is also something of a misnomer since it's, you know, happening at a bar.) Meanwhile in Newport, Sloane Stephens and Madison Keys play an exhibition repeat of their 2017 U.S. Open match, while Island Moving Company's ninth annual Great Friends Dance Festival features brand new work by choreographers from all over the country. The SNAP! Music & Arts Festival is a new one, a daylong happening in the courtyard of The Plant.

**7/18 - 7/22: Great Friends Dance Festival**

**Wednesday - Saturday 6:30pm; Sunday 6pm**

St. Michael's Country Day School

180 Rhode Island Avenue, Newport // \$30

**7/19: Movies on the Block: Pulp Fiction (8:15pm)**

78 Fountain Street, Providence (the Coffee King building)

**7/15-7/22: Dell Technologies Hall of Fame Open (11am-8pm daily)**

International Tennis Hall of Fame

194 Bellevue Avenue, Newport // \$23-\$119 (varies by day)

**7/20-7/22: South County Balloon Festival**

**Friday 4pm-10pm, Saturday 11am-10pm, Sunday 11am-6pm\***

**\*TETHERED BALLOON RIDES AVAILABLE EARLY AM AND EVENING ONLY**

Bradford R. Boss Ice Arena – 1 Keaney Road, Kingston // \$10

**7/21-7/22: South Coast Open Studios (11am-5pm)**

Visit website for studio map

**7/21: Detox All White Pool Party (11am-6am)**

The Last Resort – 325 Farnum Pike, Smithfield // \$30

**7/21: SNAP! Music & Arts Festival (12pm-2am)**

60 Valley Street, Providence

**7/22: Nature Walk at Jacob's Point (10am-12pm)**

Audubon Environmental and Education Center

Lots of dancing this week: on the last Friday of each month Central Falls shuts down the Roosevelt Avenue Bridge for Salsa Night. Trinidadian singer Nailah Blackman makes her first ever New England appearance at the one-day Soca Palooza party. The Mishnock Barn turns 26 and celebrates with a country dinner dance party. The Newport Show (formerly the Newport Antiques Show) opens with a fancy preview party on Friday, then continues through the weekend. The Cultural Survival Bazaar, a summer tradition in Tiverton, welcomes vendors selling indigenous made goods from around the world.

**7/25: Jaws Summer Party (7:30pm)**

Jane Pickens Theater – 49 Touro Street, Newport // \$10

**7/27-7/29: Providence County Kennel Club All-Breed Dog Show (9am-5pm)**

The Ryan Center – 1 Lincoln Almond Plaza, Kingston // \$8

**7/27-7/29: The Newport Show**

**Friday 6pm-9pm, Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday 10am-4pm**

St. George's School – 375 Purgatory Road, Middletown

\$150 (Friday preview), \$20 (Saturday/Sunday)

**7/27: Central Falls Salsa Night (8pm-11pm)**

Roosevelt Avenue Bridge – 625 Roosevelt Avenue, Central Falls

**7/28-7/29: Cultural Survival Bazaar (10am-6pm)**

Tiverton Four Corners – 3852 Main Road, Tiverton

**7/28: Great Salt Pond Swim (11am)**

Andy's Way Beach – Andy's Way, Block Island // \$55 to swim

**7/28: Soca Palooza (12pm-8pm)**

The Last Resort – 325 Farnum Pike, Smithfield // \$35-\$45

**7/29: Country Dance Anniversary Party (12pm-6pm)**

Mishnock Barn – 200 Mishnock Road, West Greenwich // \$40-\$45

Team Morocco plays Team USA at the Newport Polo Grounds on Saturday, so on Friday night there's a fancy Moroccan-themed gala at Rosecliff. The dinner's already sold out but cocktail/dance tickets are still available. If that sounds fussy, head to Woonsocket for the Southeast Asian Water Festival or Warren for the 2nd annual Warren Folk Festival, both of which seem to be free. For something gloomier, the Newport Historical Society is hosting a talk on population growth and hurricanes during a time of climate change. Primitive guitarists Glenn Jones and Joseph Allred play in Stonington as part of the ongoing Westerly Sound series.

#### 7/30 - 8/4: FringePVD

Check website for performance dates/times // \$0-\$15 per show

#### 8/1: **A Perfect Storm: The Collision of Hurricanes, Climate Change and Coastal Population Growth (5pm)**

Newport Historical Society Resource Center

82 Touro Street, Newport // \$10

#### 8/3-8/4: **Little Compton Antiques Festival & Classic Auto Show** **Friday 6pm-8pm (preview party) / Saturday 10am-4pm**

Little Compton Historical Society

548 West Main Road, Little Compton // \$60 (Friday)/\$10 (Saturday)

#### 8/3: **Midnight in Marrakesh (9:30pm-midnight)**

Rosecliff - 548 Bellevue Avenue, Newport (\$100)

#### 8/4-8/5: **Southeast Asian Water Festival**

**Saturday 9am-8pm / Sunday 9am-5pm**

Cold Spring Park - Harris Avenue, Woonsocket

#### 8/4: **Jamaica Independence Day Celebration (12pm-8pm)**

Hope High School - 324 Hope Street, Providence

#### 8/4: **Glenn Jones & Joseph Allred (7pm)**

La Grua Center - 32 Water Street, Stonington // \$20

#### 8/5: **Warren Folk Festival (12pm-8pm)**

30 Cutler Street, Warren



The Coastal Growers Market celebrates the August harvest with Tomato Day, while the Dominican festival and the Narragansett Powwow are two of the state's biggest cultural celebrations. The Seekonk Speedway is being transformed into a giant inflatable obstacle course for the Insane Inflatables 5K. Will Mr. Wacky will be making an appearance?? Head Trick Theatre launches its 2018-19 season with some lighthearted Shakespeare at the Roger Williams Memorial. Movies on the Rocks is showing Rocky, a particularly appropriate title choice for a film series called Movies on the Rocks.

**8/8: Movies on the Rocks: Rocky (8:00pm)**

Ballard Park – 21 Hazard Avenue, Newport

**8/10-8/11: Great Salt Pond Stroll (11am-1pm)**

Great Salt Pond – Andy's Way, New Shoreham (Block Island)

**8/10-8/12: Cumberlandfest**

Friday 6-11pm, Saturday 12pm-11pm, Sunday 12pm-10pm

Diamond Hill Park – 4097 Diamond Hill Road, Cumberland // \$5

**8/11: Insane Inflatables 5K (8:30am-11am)**

Seekonk Speedway – 1782 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk // \$49-\$79

**8/11: Tomato Day at Coastal Growers Market (8:30am-12:30pm)**

Casey Farm – 2325 Boston Neck Road, Saunderstown

**8/11-8/12: 343rd Annual Narragansett Indian August Meeting and Powwow  
12pm-7pm**

Indian Church Road, Charlestown // \$6

**8/12: Dominican Parade and Festival (parade 10am, festival 12pm-7pm)**

Broad Street & Thurbers Avenue, Providence (parade)

Temple of Music at Roger Williams Park, Providence (festival)

**7/27-8/12: Much Ado About Nothing**

Roger Williams National Memorial

282 North Main Street, Providence

In olden times, society folks would parade around Newport in their horses and carriages, a sort of see-and-be-seen ramble that's now revived every other summer during A Weekend of Coaching. Horses and antique coaches depart daily from The Breakers and saunter around the city. In Providence, Pere Ubu and Rah Digga co-headline Foo Fest, while the annual Bolivian Festival de la Virgen de Urkupiña combines Catholicism with folk traditions. Reggae legends Toots and the Maytals visit the Ocean Mist as part of the Matunuck venue's 30th anniversary celebrations. Jamestown's wacky Fools Rules Regatta is a build-your-own-boat adventure that's been going on since 1978.

AUGUST 13 IS VICTORY DAY,  
A STATE HOLIDAY IN RHODE ISLAND.

**8/15-8/19: Washington County Fair (10am-11pm)**

Washington County Fairgrounds  
78 Richmond Townhouse Road, Richmond // \$10

**8/16-8/19: A Weekend of Coaching**

The Breakers - 44 Ochre Point Avenue, Newport

**8/17-8/19: 91st Annual Pawtucket Grecian Festival**

**Friday 5pm-10pm / Saturday 12pm-10pm / Sunday 12pm-9pm**  
Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church  
97 Walcott Street, Pawtucket

**8/17: Toots and the Maytals (9:00pm)**

The Ocean Mist - 895 Matunuck Beach Road, Wakefield // \$75

**8/18: Fools Rules Regatta (9am-1pm)**

East Ferry Beach - Canonicus Avenue, Jamestown

**8/18-8/19: Festival de la Virgen de Urkupiña**

**Saturday 2pm (procession), 3-8pm (festival) / Sunday 2pm-6pm**  
St. Patrick's Church - 244 Smith Street, Providence (procession)  
Alex and Ani City Center - 2 Kennedy Plaza, Providence (festival)

**8/18: Foo Fest (1pm-1am)**

Empire Street, Providence // \$15-\$25

**8/18: Fan Appreciation Night (6pm)**

Seekonk Speedway - 1710 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk // \$14-\$35

The weekly outdoor Sankofa World Market features DJs, a book sale, and some produce that you're not likely to see anywhere else. 80s nostalgists should check out the Neon Retrofest at the Crowne Plaza, featuring three days of electronic music, video games, and cheesy straight-to-video movies. Newport's Seaside Stage Society is staging a Vietnam War-styled Hamlet in a church, while the Bristol Art Museum wraps up its Azorean-themed summer exhibit with a fado performance by Sonia Bettencourt. The Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park offers Thursday evening walkabouts among some of the region's old mill towns. This week it's Slatersville, the country's oldest planned mill village.

**Wednesdays through October: Sankofa World Market (2pm-6pm)**

Knight Memorial Library - 275 Elmwood Avenue, Providence

**8/23: Ranger Walkabouts - Slatersville (6:30pm)**

North Smithfield Library - 20 Main Street, Slatersville

**8/24-8/26: Neon Retrofest (10am-10pm)**

Crowne Plaza Warwick - 801 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick

\$30-\$40 per day

**8/24: Closing Reception for Arte Corajosa (6:30-6:30pm)**

Bristol Art Museum - 10 Wardwell Street, Bristol // \$5

**8/24-8/25: Hamlet (8pm)**

Emmanuel Church - 42 Dearborn Street, Newport

**8/25-8/26: Newport Volleyball Club Tournament of Champions**

Easton's Beach - 175 Memorial Avenue, Newport

**8/26: New England Quahog Festival (12pm-6pm)**

North Kingstown Town Beach - 10 Beach Street, Wickford

**8/26: Color and Light: Early 20th Century Hand Painted Photographs**

Hearthside House - 677 Great Road, Lincoln // \$10

Known for his pastoral landscapes, Edward Mitchell Bannister might have been the most celebrated black artist of the nineteenth century. The painter spent the last thirty years of his life in Providence, and this summer his work is on display at the Gilbert Stuart Birthplace. People looking for a food deal should check out Central Falls Restaurant Week, where dinners top out at \$9.99. The fall college athletic season kicks off with Brown women's soccer hosting their first home game against Sacred Heart, while pro surfer Bethany Hamilton is the subject of a NewportFILM documentary screening on Second Beach.

SEPTEMBER 3 IS LABOR DAY.  
YOU LOVE LABOR DAY!

**Daily through 10/8: Edward Mitchell Bannister (10am-3pm)**

Gilbert Stuart Birthplace & Museum  
815 Gilbert Stuart Road, Saunderstown // \$10

**8/27-9/2: Central Falls Restaurant Week**

Visit website for participating restaurants  
\$7.99 breakfast/lunch - \$9.99 dinner

**8/15-9/9: Chicago**

Visit website for showtimes  
Theatre by the Sea - 364 Cards Pond Road, Wakefield // \$53-\$76

**8/30: Bethany Hamilton: Unstoppable (7:30pm)**

Second Beach - 315 Sachuest Point Road, Middletown

**8/31-9/2: Rhythm and Roots Festival (12pm-11pm daily)**

Ninigret Park - 5 Park Lane, Charlestown // \$60 per day

**8/31: Brown Women's Soccer v. Sacred Heart (7pm)**

Stevenson-Pincince Field - 283 Lloyd Avenue, Providence

**9/2: Festival Guatemala (12pm-7pm)**

India Point Park - 201 India Street, Providence

**9/2: RI Philharmonic Orchestra Summer Pops (6pm)**

Independence Park - 419 Thames Street, Bristol

**9/3: Peachfest (9am)**

Steere Orchard - 150 Austin Avenue, Greenville

Run Around the Block is a New Shoreham tradition, a hilly 15k road race timed so that non-residents can ferry over and back from Point Judith in the same afternoon. The Audubon Society celebrates raptors for two days, while in Pawtucket the Chinese Dragon Boat Races are just one part of a day-long festival that also includes a popular dumpling eating contest. If that's not quirky enough for you, the Providence Grays play baseball by 19th century rules, which is to say that they sport fancy mustaches but they don't wear gloves. Food Truck Friday in Roger Williams Park is a weekly happening that runs through the end of the month.

**9/7-9/9: Cranston Greek Festival**

Friday 5-10pm, Saturday 12pm-10pm, Sunday 12pm-9pm

Church of the Annunciation – 175 Oaklawn Avenue, Cranston

**9/7-9/9: Newport Secret Garden Tours (10am-5pm)**

Kingscote – 253 Bellevue Avenue, Newport // \$25

**Fridays through 9/28: Food Truck Friday (5pm-8:30pm)**

Roger Williams Park Carousel Village

1000 Elmwood Avenue, Providence

**9/8-9/9: Raptor Weekend (10am-4pm)**

Audubon Nature Center and Aquarium

401 Hope Street, Bristol // \$16-\$60

**9/8: Run Around the Block (1pm-4pm)**

Isaac's Corner – Center Road, Block Island // \$30-\$35

**8/9: Surftown Half Marathon & 5K (7:30am)**

Misquamicut Beach – 257 Atlantic Avenue, Westerly // \$32-\$80

**9/9: Rhode Island Chinese Dragon Boat Festival & Taiwan Day Festival  
10am-5pm**

Festival Pier – 50 Tim Healey Way, Pawtucket

**9/9: Providence Grays v. Connecticut Bulldogs**

Slater Park – 426 Newport Avenue, Pawtucket

You'd have no reason to remember this, but back in the late nineties a choral group called the Mediaeval Baebes were pitched to the world as a cross between two of the best-selling acts of that decade, the attitude of the Spice Girls paired with the song choices of the Benedictine Monks of Santo Domingo de Silos. (The 90s only get weirder in hindsight.) The Baebes are still performing and they're coming to Cumberland of all places. Speaking of the 90s, the cows will fly at a drive-in screening of Twister on Friday. Summer concludes almost a year to the day after Hurricane Maria ravaged Puerto Rico. The local community comes together for a parade and cultural celebration at the State House.

**9/13-9/16: Newport International Boat Show (10am-6pm)**

Newport Yachting Center – 20 Commercial Wharf, Newport  
\$35 (Thursday) / \$15 (Friday-Sunday)

**9/14-9/16: 33rd Annual Folk Art Quilt Show (10am-4pm)**

South County Museum – 115 Strathmore Street, Narragansett // \$10

**9/14: Twister (8pm)**

Wuskenau Town Beach – 316 Atlantic Avenue, Westerly

**9/15: International Coastal Cleanup**

Visit [SaveBay.org](http://SaveBay.org) for times and locations

**9/15: 31st Annual Apple Festival (10am-5pm)**

Johnston Memorial Park – 1583 Hartford Avenue, Johnston

**9/15: PawSox Food Truck & Craft Beer Festival (6pm-10pm)**

McCoy Stadium – 1 Columbus Avenue, Pawtucket // \$20-\$40

**9/15: Mediaeval Baebes (8pm)**

Blackstone River Theatre – 549 Broad Street, Cumberland // \$28

**9/16: Puerto Rican Parade and Festival (10am-6pm)**

Rhode Island State House – 82 Smith Street, Providence