

It's almost that time of year again when Merrimac celebrates families and community. This year's Old Home Days festivities will begin on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm and wrap with a day long softball tournament on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Most events (unless otherwise indicated) will take place at the Stevens Field, also referred to as the Donaghue School Field located on Locust St. in Merrimac.

We're pleased to welcome back the RE/MAX Hot Air Balloon on Friday night! This much loved attraction has been made possible by RE/MAX on the River...thanks to Sharon Cronin and her team of realtors!

Friday night will also feature: Hayrides with Tom Flinn, Pony rides by J & J Ponies, Magician, Greg McAdams and the ever-popular...bonfire. Musical entertainment will showcase the return of Four Pints and local rocker, Al Duplisea.

Saturday is sure to offer something for everyone. Things get rolling with the Anything on Wheels parade followed by children's games, inflatable amusements and a rock wall. Curious Creatures slither into town accompanied by a Martial Arts showcase. Throughout the day a variety of crafters, vendors and local organizations will be displaying their wares. The kickball tournament makes a return and for those with a sweet tooth, the bake-off is sure to please. Pete Falconi and Captain Carl Cash from local radio station, WNBP, AM 1450 will be broadcasting live from 10am to 1pm. The afternoon will feature music from Adam Mendonca and Bobby Spellman Jazz Quintet and Left Hand Blue.

You can't forget the delicious food offerings. Here are a few to whet your appetite: Merrimac Santa Committee's famous sausages and dogs, Methodist Church's lobster rolls...the best around, Rhythm Café, and many others.

The Block Dance returns by popular demand on Saturday night. Wear your beach attire and join us for demonstrations by Dance Technics and Susan Tribble. Brad Townshend of L.C.P. Multimedia is sure to keep the party moving.

On Sunday, teams and spectators will be treated to a day of family-friendly competition on the ball fields. Thanks to Skips Snack Bar for once again sponsoring this event! In addition to the softball games, fans will be treated to music by Black Dog Howl and refreshments provided by local vendors.

Programs will be distributed at the following locations during the first week of August: Towne Market, Merrimac Savings Bank, Economy Bank, Common Grounds, Skips and the Merrimac Library. You may also check us out on Facebook or online at [www.merrimac01860.info](http://www.merrimac01860.info).

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