

Summer Memories

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This is it, Marblehead, the season we've been waiting for all year. Summer is just around the corner, and if the last week or so has been any indicator, it is going to be a sweltering one. We all face that same problem where after the first couple days of freedom and the beach, we don't really know what to do with ourselves. That is when the summer boredom sets in, when the boiling days stretch on and the mosquitoes get hungrier. This summer don't let that happen – fill your days with exciting activities to make your summer memorable! Here are some ideas from Headlight:

103.3 AMP Radio Birthday Bash Concert – To celebrate one year on the airwaves, this radio station is having a free concert in City Hall Plaza. The concert takes place on Sunday, June 30th, just three days after finals end. It is the perfect way to kick off summer 2013; big name acts include Selena Gomez, Ariana Grande, Sammy Adams, Jason Derulo, and Timeflies. Take the train in with your friends and hang out in Boston for the day; Faneuil Hall is right nearby!

Salem Willows – A classic summer hangout, most Marbleheaders have memories of visiting the Willows as a kid. But the arcade, ice cream, carousel, and pier can be just as fun for teenagers. A picnic in the park and a stroll down the pier puts a sunny day to good use. Darby Neuss, a sophomore at MHS, spent a recent sunny day at Salem Willows and highly recommends it for summer fun: "Walking down the boardwalk under the blazing sun with a popsicle in hand gave me a taste of what is sure to be a long hot summer." Not to mention there are bumper cars...

Paddleboards in Marblehead – For an activity a little closer to home, renting a paddleboard is fun, cheap, and different from your typical beach day. The Little Harbor Boathouse on Gas House Beach rents out paddleboards as well as single and double kayaks. Boards are just \$20 per hour or \$75 for the whole day. And if you're a first timer, don't worry – they also offer instruction. Lay out on your board while floating on the water to make a true summer memory. Just call ahead for a reservation, and you're good to go!

Hopefully these recommendations have given you some ideas on exciting things to do this summer. It is hard to forget nearby amusement parks such as Water Country and Canobie Lake Park, exciting local events such as the Marblehead Arts Festival, and, of course, the classic day at the beach. Have fun this summer, everyone!