

Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival Fundraiser

Saturday, May 17, 2014 Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Hall 190 Plain Street Lowell, MA 01852 7:00 PM – 12:00 AM

PROGRAM SCHEDULE (Tentative)

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Dinner, Raffles, and Silent Auction

8:00 PM

Opening Remarks Introduction to Organizers and Sponsor

8:15 PM

Traditional Laos Dance Performance

8:30 PM

Traditional Instrumental Performance

8:45 PM

Muay Thai Performance

<u>9:00 PM</u>

Traditional Burmese Performance

<u>9:15 PM</u>

Raffle & Silent Auction Winners Announcement

<u>9:30 PM - 11:30 PM</u>

Live Music & Dancing

HISTORY OF WATER FESTIVAL

The Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival is dedicated to the preservation, protection and sharing of the cultural heritages of the Southeast Asian communities in Lowell, Massachusetts. In recent years, it has begun to encompass other emerging Southeast Asian groups inside and outside of Lowell as well. Every third Saturday in August, approximately 30,000-40,000 people from around the world travel to Lowell to celebrate *water* as it is celebrated in Southeast Asia. They come for the blessings, food, crafts, performances and the competitive boat races.

In 1997, the first Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival celebrated the culture of Lowell's many Cambodian citizens. In 2002, the festival began to encompass many other Southeast Asian communities as well. Representatives of Lowell's Cambodian, Thai, Vietnamese and Laotian communities are now incorporated into the *Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival*. In the past few years, more Southeast Asian cultures have been included as well.

Save the Date!

The Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival is August 16th, 2014

For more information please visit our website at: <u>www.lowellwaterfestival.org</u>

Thank you to our 2014 Fundraiser Sponsor

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