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The Slow Fade Into Fall Includes Outdoor Festivals, Fairs, and Fun



Kids are having fun doing a science workshop on a 2023 RADical Day!

~photo courtesy of Carnegie Library

The sun is shining and the weather is summertime hot, but fall is around the corner. School has started for most and football games are already being played. Swimming pools are closing and sweaters are coming out, but September has a lot of fun outdoor events and if history repeats itself, we will have some 80+ degree days throughout the month!

Celebrate the fine art and fine crafts from regional and national artisans at A Fair in the Park on Fifth Ave. at Mellon Park in Shadyside on Sept. 6-8 Info at afairinthepark.org.



Fine arts and crafts at A Fair in the Park.

~photo courtesy fairinthepark.org

The Annual Pittsburgh Irish Festival is being held Sept. 6-8 at the Carrie Blast Furnaces. This event is for the entire family and offers an Irish marketplace, an Irish dog area featuring dogs native to Ireland, 360 degree Virtual Tours of Ireland, a Fiddle Frenzy, Irish games, a children's area with stories, fun, and so much more! Information at pghirishfest.org.

The Pittsburgh Taco Festival returns this year to The Stacks at 3 Crossings in the Strip on Sept. 14, 12:30 - 7 p.m. Of course, there will be tacos and also live music and entertainment, games, face painting and fun! Info and tickets at pghtacofest.com.

More delicious food can be enjoyed at the 13th Annual Ukrainian Food Festival on Sept. 13-14, 11 a.m.- 7 p.m. at The Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Carnegie. This event features delicious homemade Ukrainian foods and pastries as well as entertainment throughout the day. Info at orthodoxcarnegie.org.

Each year, Oktoberfest events are held in September and offer a variety of German foods, activities, entertainment, kids' fun, crafts, vendors, drinks and much more.

Oktoberfest is celebrated in almost every neighborhood around the area and downtown as well.

Green Tree will have Oktoberfest on Sept. 14, 11 - 8 p.m. and will feature a car cruise, and of course food, live music and end of the evening fireworks. Info at greentreeboro.org.

Named as one of the top ten celebrations in the nation, the Canonsburg PA Bavarian Oktoberfest will be held on Sept. 20-22 and will feature carnival rides, two stages with live music, German food

and beer, games and much more! Info at visitwashingtoncountypa.com.

Hofbrauhaus Pittsburgh Oktoberfest will be celebrated Sept. 13-14, 20-21 and 27-28 at the Southside Works. Three weekends of fun, music, food and more!

Collier Twp. is celebrating Collierfest on Sept. 20 from 5-9 p.m. & Sept. 21, 3-10 p.m. at Collier Park. The Friday Cruisin' Collier Park Kick-off event is for your best ride, 2 wheels or 4! Saturday will feature live music, food, drinks, inflatables, fireworks and more!

Penn Brewery has an annual Oktoberfest that spans three weekends, Sept. 20-22, 27-29 and Oct. 4-6. This event will offer different VIP packages to cut wait time in lines, reserved seating and more. German dishes like schnitzel, potato pancakes, apple strudel and more! There



Oktoberfest fun!

will be plenty of fun, German beer and fun! Info pennbrew.com.

If I missed a location close to you, try calling your local borough to find out if there is an Oktoberfest event near you.

The 3rd Annual Crafton Fall Festival will be on Sept. 28, 1-6 p.m. at Crafton Park on Main St. This free event will feature crafters, vendors, live entertainment, kids crafts, Pup Fest Parade and Contest, food and drinks and much more! Info at craftonborough.com.

The EQT Washington & Greene Counties Annual Covered Bridge Festival is Sept. 21-22 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Washington County has 23 historic covered bridges to explore. This is road trip filled with picturesque landscaping as well as festival sites

with food, crafts, demonstrations, live music, and activities. Info and maps at visitwashingtoncountypa.com.

The Pittsburgh Renaissance Festival will be held every Sat. and Sun. in September as well as Labor Day from 10:30 a.m.- 6:30 p.m., rain or shine! Each weekend has a different theme and no matter when you choose to go, you will feel as if you stepped



First place photo winner, Joh Drury, from the 2023 Renaissance Festival.

~photo courtesy pittsburghrenfest.com

back in time. Information at pittsburghrenfest.com.

September is also the month to accept the great gift of RADical Days. This is the annual 'thank you' to taxpayers, offering a chance to see the best of Allegheny County's top cultural destinations free of charge!

Through the Allegheny Regional Asset District (RAD), RADical Days makes it possible for the public to enjoy free events and experiences at more than 50 entities that receive RAD funding. From free admission to top-level attractions to free performances by world-class musicians, RADical Days 2024 will provide something for everyone from Friday, September 7 through Sunday, October 6. Info at radworkshere.org.

A slow fade from summer into fall is a necessity for me, so I will still look for the sunny, blue sky days of September and get outside and enjoy the festivals, Oktoberfests and outdoor markets, as well as just sitting out on the patio. How do you like September? Are you all in on fall and bringing out the sweaters and autumn decor or do you still have a toe in summertime and stretching it as long as possible? Either way, enjoy!

MUSINGS...JUST START



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The secret of getting ahead is getting started.

~Mark Twain

Procrastination – a Bugaboo

I'd been meaning to vacuum my basement for ages. I kept putting it off. One day I just plugged in the vacuum. Later I came back and vacuumed one section. By evening I'd finished the whole basement! I said,

"Whoopido, look what I did!" to the basement shelves.

Procrastination is a universal struggle, an invisible force that keeps us from achieving our goals and realizing our potential. The solution, however, is often deceptively simple: just start. Taking the first step, no matter how small, can break the cycle of delay and propel us forward.

Why do we procrastinate?

Overwhelm

It's common to think of a task as overwhelming; we blow it up in our minds. We feel sure it will take a long time and be very hard (I did this with vacuuming the basement.)

Fear

The root of procrastination is frequently tied to fear—fear of failure, fear of the unknown, or fear of not meeting our own expectations.

Negative self-talk

Negative self-talk is another significant barrier. The voice in our heads tells us we are not good enough.

Perfectionism

Sometimes we procrastinate because we think a job has to be done perfectly. As I grow older, I get more and more willing to do a half-baked

job. Yesterday I mowed the lawn but was too tired to edge. It looks better than it did. Sometimes I send out an email with an error in it. So what?

Overcome procrastination

Dip one toe in

Begin with something so small and manageable that it seems almost insignificant. Dip one toe in. This small action can create a sense of accomplishment and build momentum. For instance, if writing a lengthy report feels overwhelming, committing to just writing the introduction or even just brainstorming ideas can make the task seem less intimidating. Once we've taken one step, the job often shrinks to manageable proportions. By focusing on just starting, we can set aside our fears and worries. The inner critic can be silenced by action. Life is too short to let perfectionism keep us small.

Let momentum carry you

Once that initial step is taken, momentum can take over. Newton's first law of motion states that an object in motion stays in motion. This principle applies to human endeavors as well. When we start a task, we often find it easier to continue. The

sense of progress and achievement fuels further action, creating a positive feedback loop.

In practice, setting aside a specific time to begin a task, free from distractions, can be highly effective. For example, setting a timer for just ten minutes to work on a project can lower the barrier to starting. Often, once those ten minutes are up, we find ourselves willing to continue for longer, having overcome the initial inertia.

Celebrate

It's important to celebrate small victories along the way. Each completed task, no matter how minor, is a step toward the larger goal. Recognizing these achievements can boost our confidence and motivation. I often congratulate myself outloud, as I did when I'd vacuumed the basement!

If you are procrastinating on something, take one of these tips and just start. The rest will follow.

COACHING TIPS:

1. What task have you been putting off?
2. What tiny first step could you take?
3. Just start.
4. When will you do it?

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Green Tree Rotary Club Awards Scholarships



Green Tree Rotary Club is pleased to announce the awarding of two \$1,500 scholarships to two graduating seniors.

Alaina Barlock, who is graduating from Bishop Canevin High School has not selected which university she will be attending, but she plans to major in Business and may attend law school.

Allison Leung, who is graduating from Keystone Oaks High School, will be attending the University of Pittsburgh, majoring in Computer Science.

For many years, the Green Tree Rotary Club has awarded scholarships to Green Tree students in their senior year who plan to attend college or a trade school in the fall semester. The scholarships are competitive, based on academic achievement, community participation, and financial need. The two students selected this year are outstanding and we wish them every success in their future careers.

You are invited to join the **Green Tree Garden Club** on Thurs., Oct. 3 for a presentation entitled, “Bulbs for Spring and Beyond” by Joan Kugler, Penn State Master Gardener. This presentation covers all aspects of bulb gardening with plenty of pictures and suggestions to help you develop a garden that blooms for you nearly all year-round. You will learn about the various types of bulb structures, expected bloom sequence, dealing with critters, planting guidelines, and more.

It will take place in the Hemlock/Sycamore Meeting Room of the Green Tree Municipal Center.

Guests are welcome to attend the presentation at 12:15pm at no cost. Reservations are required by contacting Kevin at 412-922-8816.

AUDITION FOR NUTCRACKER AT CARNEGIE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Auditions for dancers, boys and girls, are being held for the annual performance of the Nutcracker as presented by the Carnegie Performing Arts Center. One weekend of performances are being offered in a full stage production at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center, 3579 Masonic Way, in Pittsburgh, Director Monica Ryan choreographs the production and rehearsals will take place on Saturday afternoons. Dancers ages 5 through adult are invited to attend the audition on Saturday, September 28. Ages 5 - 12 years old will be seen at 2 p.m. and 13 and up at 3 p.m. The auditions will take place at the studios of the Carnegie Performing Arts Center, 500 Chestnut Street in Carnegie. For more information call the school at 412-279-8887, email info@carnegieperformingartscenter.com or access the web site at www.carnegieperformingartscenter.com.

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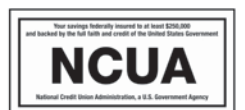
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The Fishin' Hole



by Sam Hall

It has been just very tough this summer if you are an angler. The water has been very low, nearly everywhere. To give you an idea of how hot and dry it has been here this summer, I did the math and the research. Neither of those things is really my area of expertise. Point of fact, most people who know me will happily explain to you that, generally speaking, I do not have an area of expertise. But I digress! I garnered the stats from www.extremeweather.com, although they offer no help with the math. I had to add the individual days myself, in fact, I had to take my shoes off for some of this.

For the entire year as of August 26th, the city of Pittsburgh has gotten 32.8 inches of rain. That is really not unusual at all but how it has come is very odd. As of April 11, Pittsburgh had already gotten 17.58 of those inches. In fact, you will recall we were suffering from massive flooding downtown and the Parkway East was closed for days due to that flooding. As of April 11, Pittsburgh was on a pace, not only to have the wettest

April in recorded history but if the pace would have stayed the same it would have been the wettest year in the recorded weather history of Pittsburgh.

It did not stay the same at all. Since April 11, we have only gotten 15.22 inches of rain. I am hesitant to complain as for many of us it means there has been very little need to cut the grass in the backyard because it is just brown and crispy. However, it is hurting the fishing conditions. Rain not only cools the water down a little but oxygenates it. That oxygen is vital to the fish in terms of their energy levels and metabolism. Energy levels lead to eating, and eating leads to catching.

This is my very long way of saying that you might hear walking into the coffee shop, your place of work, the barbershop or the grocery store these days, "Wow, we could sure use some rain!"

I am no meteorologist, but I predict the rain will come this September, and the water will rebound and fish will be as anxious as we are to get back to normal!

There is a tremendous fishing event coming up September 7, at Moraine State Park. If you and your family are interested in starting to become anglers, this is the place to be. The Family Fishing Program is for families with little or no fishing experience. Participants learn basic fishing skills and will practice those skills while fishing during the program. The

program is open to all ages, including children ages 5 and older. Those under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The program is free and all equipment is provided.

NOTE: the fishing license requirement is waived during the program for participants age 16 and older.

Registration is on DCNR Calendar of Events webpage at dcmr.pa.gov. The event begins at 9 a.m. Saturday morning at the Bear Run Launch in Portersville, 137 Bear Run Dr., Portersville, 16051.

This a great way to try out fishing for you and your friends or family and see if it is for you without any expense involved. I firmly believe it is for everyone, so I hope you will give it a try! Until next time, keep those lines tight and keep sending your pictures and stories to samdhall@comcast.net.

Next month's forecast will be better, I promise!!



Point State Park Fountain is under water in April.

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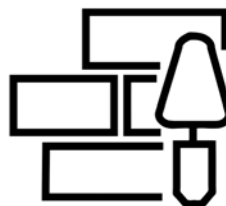


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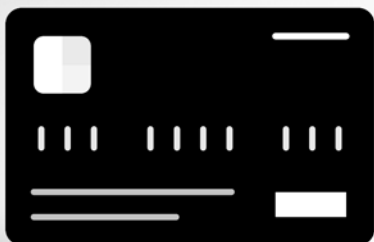
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