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May offers Music, Markets, Mother's Day and More



Farmers' Markets are opening across the area and is the perfect place to buy from local.

May is here and sometimes I feel like if you blink, you will miss it. It is the seemingly very short bridge from spring to summer. One minute there's talk of chilly temperatures and rainy days and the next it's in the mid 80's and hazy, hot and humid - the typical Pittsburgh summer day.

Try to extend that bridge by taking in all that May has to offer. There are a lot of choices in the area, as always!

This is the month when the Farmers' Markets come to life. These markets all offer locally grown produce as well as other goodies including baked items, cheeses, meats, flowers and more. Give each of them a try. They all have some unique features and vendors.

The Green Tree Market starts on Thursday, May 18, 4-7 p.m. and will run every Thursday through October.

The Citiparks Farmers' Markets are held weekly in seven city neighborhoods. Info at pittsburghpa.gov and then click citiparks.

Market Square has a huge Farmers' Market that will run every Thursday from May 11 - Oct. 26. There will be over 20 vendors along with music, entertainment and more!

There are markets in the Carnegie, West End, Bridgeville and Mt. Lebanon. Contact your borough

or local library to look for any others that may be near you. Buying fresh and local is well worth any extra effort getting there to shop.

Phipps' Conservatory is having the 87th annual May Market on May 12-13 and is free and open to the public. The market makes a great Mother's Day weekend addition and will feature gardening accessories, lawn decor, seasonal plants, handmade goods, fresh food items and much more! Phipps staff will be on hand and the traditional offering of hand to share advice.

Also, opening May 6 is Flowers Meet Fashion: Inspired by Billy Porter. This show will feature brilliant horticulture displays along with stunning fashion designs inspired by Billy Porter's local roots. Six professional fashion designers and costumers and students from Billy's alma maters, Carnegie Mellon University and Pittsburgh CAPA High School along with Phipps, have created an amazing experience that will wow you every step of the way. Information at phipps.conservatory.org.

Every year there is a very unique and fun experience for kids in May. The EQT Children's Theater Festival will be held May 19-21 and will have so many different activities. There are plays, magic shows, story

telling, interactive events, 3D chalk art, craft making and the Roving Art Cart and so much more. Detailed event times and dates at ctf.trustarts.org.



Children's Theater Festival fun!

~photo courtesy of Trust Arts

Mother's Day falls in May and there are so many ways to show your mom, your grandma or any mother figure in your life how much they mean to you. You could simply call her and tell her or send her a heartfelt letter, card, email or even text. If it's possible to get together, there are opportunities galore! Have a meal together, catch a movie, go to the library, take a walk, or just sit and chat. If you are far away from each other, try a facetime or zoom call. The thought is what counts on this holiday, without a doubt!

There are events planned all over the city and at almost every restaurant. Call around to make your plans but do it quickly because things are filling up. I can't mention every event but one specifically that caught my eye was the "Mother's Day Weekend in Lawrenceville" event held May 12-14. Many of the Lawrenceville businesses are coming together and offering a unique shopping, dining and exploring event. The categories this year are Buy for Her, Indulge Her and Treat Her. Visit the website at lvpggh.com/mom and see all of the participating businesses and what they have to offer.

May is the perfect "not too hot, not too cold" month for a walking tour, boat tour or segway tour.

Doors Open Pittsburgh offers many different tours to sightseeing in the area including a boat tour, Secrets of the Ohio River, seven dif-

ferent guided walking tours in May. On Mother's Day, there is an Insider Tour called *Ways of Pittsburgh - Paintings of Pittsburgh's Skinny Streets* held at Ron Donoughe's art studio. Info at doorsopenpgh.org.

There's plenty of walking, cycling and tons of fishing to be done with Venture Outdoors this month! Info at ventureoutdoors.org.

There are numerous walking tours through Walk the Burgh Tours. These guided tours require reservations so visit walktheburgh.com for details.

Free self guided tours are offered through the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation. Maps and details at phlf.org.

With the month of May also comes Music! The free Millvale Music Festival will be held May 19-20 and will feature over 300 musicians on 28 stages as well as food trucks, visual artists, comedians, and more. Info at millvalemusic.org.

The WonderWorks Music & Arts Festival will be held at Hartwood Acres the following week. This is a ticketed event and you can buy for both May 27 & 28 or individually. Headliners include Jason Mraz and his Superband, Hozier, Mt. Joy, The Head and the Heart, almost monday and many more!



Music Festivals for all ages.

Music to your ears could be the birds singing to each other, the green leaves on the trees blowing in the wind, or maybe it's the lawnmowers off in the distance, or the buzz of a single bee. It's all the orchestra of spring in full force!

That is May. Enjoy!

MUSINGS... SPRINGSPIRITBOUNCE = NEW WORD



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Words, words, words. I love words. And I especially love learning a word that's new to me or a word that's taken on new meaning. "Opsigamy" is just such a word. (Congratulations Donna and Glenn, Mary Beth and Larry!) Here are a few more:

- Awesomesauce
- Awfulize
- Chillax
- Kill/slay/crush
- Coulrophobia
- Denialist
- Freegan
- Pareidolia
- AI hallucination

Have you heard these? Do you know what they mean? Can you use each in a sentence? Well, I can - mostly

Opsigamy – Marriage when old. *Opsigamy is rampant among my friends.*

Awesomesauce – Extremely good, excellent. *My awesomesauce weekend ended on a high note.*

Awfulize – imagine a situation to be as bad as it can possibly be. *He awfulized the upcoming confrontation he was planning to have with his boss.*

Chillax – combination of chill and relax; calm down, take it easy. *Do you want to dance, chillax, or have friends over Saturday night?*

Kill/slay/crush- To succeed wildly. *Fianna slayed the exam.*

Coulrophobia – extreme or irrational fear of clowns – *It has come to light that a certain well-known professor suffers from coulrophobia.*

Denialist – A person who refuses to acknowledge the truth of a concept or proposition that is supported by the majority of scientific or historical evidence. *The small minority of climate change denialists are very vocal.*

Freegan – a sophisticated version of dumpster diving; freegans reject consumerism and help the environment by reducing waste by not buying new things. *Molly is a freegan.*

Pareidolia – a situation where someone sees a pattern or image of something that does not exist. *I enjoy seeing faces in clouds, and in my bathroom rug.*

Hallucination or confabulation in AI (artificial intelligence) – the generation of outputs that may sound plausible but are either factually incorrect or unrelated to the given context. ChatGPT was asked to give a word similar to "revolt" that starts with a "b." "The word that is similar to "revolt" and starts with

a "b" is "rebellion." On further questioning, ChatGPT went on and on, coming up with one wrong word after another. *ChatGPT hallucinated in response to the question.*

Aren't they fun? Do you suppose they will soon be in standard usage?

How do new words or meanings happen? Randomly, I think, but I have always admired the way the German language strings words together to communicate subtle nuances. I have brought that practice to English today and my word is **springspiritbounce**. *As the weather warms and trees and flowers blossom, many people experience a springspiritbounce.*

COACHING TIPS/QUESTIONS

1. What is your favorite new word?
2. To convey some subtle meaning, what words would you string together?
3. Send me your new word: sharon@sharoneakes.com.

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Green Tree Rotary Delivers Easter Baskets to Seniors and Shut-Ins



Green Tree Rotarians prepared 200 "Easter Baskets for Seniors and Shut-Ins" again this year. Mary Montz, wife of Rotarian Dave Montz, has orchestrated this project for our club for several years. Dave and Mary start early in the year purchasing the baskets and various items to place in them, including cute little things like Easter peeps as well as fresh fruits, snacks, activity books, and personal care items ... and the ever-popular stuffed bunny.



On April 1, 2023, the Saturday before Palm Sunday, Rotarians met at the Green Tree Fire Hall to prepare the baskets and wrap them with cellophane for presentation. Some Green Tree residents pitched in to help, and the baskets were then delivered to the homes of the elderly and shut-ins, whose names were submitted by Pastors of local churches.

Community News and Events

You are invited to join the **Green Tree Garden Club** on Thurs., May 11 for an evening presentation entitled, "Cultivation of Iris and Daylilies" by Jack Enos, Co-President of the Pittsburgh Iris and Daylily Society. This will take place in the Carlisle Social Hall, Green Tree Fire Hall. The event will start at 12:15 p.m. Guests are welcome to attend at no cost. Reservations required for 11 a.m. lunch..

The Annual Mother's Day Geranium Sale will be held at the Spring Festival this year on May 13 from 10 - 3 p.m. at both the GT Municipal Center Gym and the GT Firehall. The event will include craft/vendor show, flea market, plant sales, cafe, bake sale and more.

A Mother's Day Tea Party is scheduled for Sun., May 14 in the Municipal Park garden. Tickets are \$25. Call Kevin at 412-922-8816.

The first **Carnegie Crawl** of the 2023 season will be Friday May 12 from 5-9 p.m. and will take place the 2nd Friday of every month through October. Visit all of the businesses, and enjoy great food and Wizdom Worldbeat Reggae will be performing in the E. Main parking lot. Info ay visitcarnegie.com.

The Association of University People (AUP) is inviting singles, age 50 and older, who are 4-year college graduates, to join them for fun and meet new people. They have monthly dinners, meet at various social spots, gatherings, concerts, picnics, and wine tastings. Interested individuals are welcome to attend any of their activities. May has a dinner on the 5th at 5:30 p.m. (Casbah - 229 S. Highland), a Just Coffee & Conversation on the 9th & 23 at 10:30 a.m. (Mediterra Cafe - Mt. Lebanon), a Lunch with a Bunch on the 10th at 11:30 a.m. (The Galley - Bakery Square) and a Dinner on the 24th at 5:30 p.m. (Bertrand - 1910 Cochran Rd.) If interested call 412-353-9088 or email aupsingles@gmail.com.

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The Fishin' Hole



Sam Hall

I did not go fishing on the first day of trout season.

It was the first time I missed the "first day" since 1994. I was thinking when I woke, the streams would be blown out by the rain. I drove to a couple nearby streams and found out I was sadly correct. I did go out the following morning, determined to fish no matter the conditions still convinced they would not be good. I was happily surprised that they were nearly perfect. The water was still pretty high and moving very fast, but the clarity was much improved. I had a wonderful day on the trout stream.

In fact, the entire month of April has been as kind to me as any I can think of in the recent past, in terms of fishing success.

It certainly did not feel like that was going to be the case when on the first Saturday of the season I was heading home at 7:30 in the morning without having even put my boots on my feet. I will be honest, I was cranky. I was bitter. I felt like a nine-year-old who did not get what they wanted for their birthday. I muttered things under my breath on that ride home that I am glad my wife and kids did not hear. The ride though, was just far enough for me to realize a couple things. First, and maybe most importantly, it was pretty silly and selfish of me to have those feelings about a couple hours of fishing when there are so many people in the real world facing actual trials and tribulations. Secondly, it was not helping to be angry, it was not making me feel any better, and it certainly was not going to make the fishing conditions any better. In fact, if I had made it all the way home with that attitude, it would

have ruined the rest of my day and maybe the entire weekend.

But, here is the thing. Nothing happened to make me have a change of heart. No song came on the radio and made me feel like singing along. Nobody at the gas station said some nice complimentary thing to make me feel better. Nothing happened at all except, I had a minute to think to myself, "STOP IT!" The voice in my head sounds like my wife's voice, as she is usually the one who can point out to me with clarity when I am wasting my time and energy on non-productive things. But, it was my voice and my decision and I am so glad I made it. I decided it was still going to be a great day. We all should do that more often. I need that voice when I am driving in traffic on the way to or from work way more often these days. It pleasantly surprised me when it showed up that Saturday morning, I plan to try and get it to show up more and more if I can. So should you. You can decide to have a good day whenever you like, even if the fish are not biting.

The first week was productive for many friends of the Fishin' Hole. Brady Perrucci of West Mifflin, landed a beautiful Rainbow Trout at Enlow Forks, fishing with a fly rod, and took a minute to send in this picture. Be like Brady, keep those lines tight and send your pictures and stories to samdhall@comcast.net. Oh, and listen to that voice in your head, the good one, the one that sounds like my wife.



A beautiful Rainbow Trout.
~photo courtesy of Brady Perrucci

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Fun and Games for Kids

(Answers on back page)



Riddle Fun!

- Why did the bird go to the hospital?
- What did the big flower say to the little one?
- What do you call a rabbit with fleas?
- Why is the letter A like a flower?
- Why couldn't the flower ride it's bike?
- What did the mother worm say to the little worm who was late?
- What did the summer say to the spring?

BONUS:

A mama robin has two daughters. Each of her daughters has a brother. How many children does the mama robin have?

Find the 12 differences between the pictures below.



Update on the Shoe Drive

As a member of the Chartiers Valley National Honor Society, Samantha Kozel held a gently used shoe drive that will benefit people in areas like Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

It was a huge succes, thanks to all of your donations!

Shoes collected: 2675
 Weight of shoes: 2467 pounds
 Amount raised for charity = \$986.80 from funds2orgs.
 The receiving charity:
childrenwithhairloss.org



Winner of the Mario Lemieux come back memorabilia was John O. from Cadiz, Ohio!

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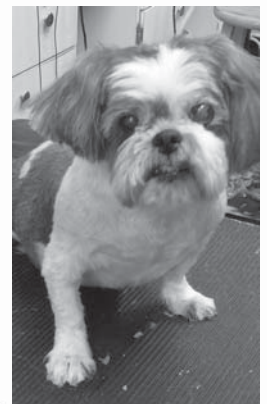
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