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August Offers Good Food, Art, Music, Festivals and Fairs



Fun to be had at Sandcastle's Food & Drink Frenzy Days!

~photo courtesy Sandcastle

August represents the final month of the summer season for most Pittsburghers. That means we have to get the most out of these remaining 31 days! Whether you are outside dancing at a festival or lounging on your patio, soak it up!

There is plenty to do this month and most of the fun will cost you nothing!

Did you know you can tour the Allegheny Observatory for free? Tours are available on Thursdays, Aug. 4-25, 8-10 p.m.

Enjoy a journey to the stars with a visit to the Observatory and have a look through the 13" Fitz-Clark refractor, which is the third-largest refracting telescope in the world! It's here that scientists confirmed that Saturn's rings aren't solid but composed of numerous small particles.

Try something new (or maybe your a pro) and Go Birding on Sat., Aug. 8, 8-10 a.m. at Mellon Park on Shady Ave.

Learn about birds from naturalist educator Stephen Bucklin as he will lead an excursion appropriate for both beginning and experienced birders. Binoculars are available to borrow. This is a free event.

Join the fun by attending Food & Drink Frenzy Days at Sandcastle Waterpark. Have fun in the pools and on the slides, relax and coast down the lazy river, enjoy live DJs, and re-

freshments from food trucks and breweries in this festival like environment every Friday and Saturday until Sept. 17. Info at sandcastlewaterpark.com

The Moraine State Park Regatta at Lake Arthur is back Aug. 5-7 at Moraine State Park's South Shore. This fun, free event will include a vendor marketplace with food trucks and local crafts and artisans, boat races, car cruise, yoga, hikes, archery, kayaking, paddleboarding, SUP with your PUP, and so much more. Info at morainestateparkregatta.org.



Sailing at Moraine State Park Regatta

There will be more summer entertainment at Jam on Walnut, the outdoor street concert in Shadyside, on Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. featuring Delaney. Proceeds benefit Cystic Fibrosis. Shadyside is also hosting The Other Arts Festival on Walnut on Aug. 27-28. This free street fair features shops and galleries, boutiques, activities, restaurants and a lot of art. All info at thinkshadyside.com.

Join Pittsburgh's creative community at the Moonrise Maker Market in Pittsburgh's Market Square on Sat., Aug. 6 and Fri., Sept. 23, 5-10 p.m. Shop unique handmade goods, enjoy music provided by local DJs, and take part in free hands-ons activities.

Each market features 30 talented local makers, artists, and craftspeople. Discover one-of-kind handcrafted treasures you won't find anywhere else! This event is free and open to everyone. Info at handmadearcade.org/moonrisemarket.

Little Italy Days in Bloomfield is being held Aug. 18-21 and will feature great Italian foods, entertainment, games and activities for kids, raffles and a bocce tournament. More info at littleitalydays.com.



Home made cannolis at Little Italy Days

The Asian Lantern Festival returns this month on Aug. 12 and will continue until Oct. 30 with an all-new display, featuring past guest favorites, dinosaurs!

Explore the Zoo at night among giant luminous handcrafted sculptures, learn about Asian history, culture, and enjoy themed food and entertainment. Info at pittsburghzoo.org.

Another fun festival, with one of the best possible views of Pittsburgh, is Brews for Views being held on Aug. 5, 5:30 p.m. at West End Overlook Park.

Admission includes unlimited local craft beer, unlimited barbeque and sides from SpitfireZ, dessert and live bluegrass music from Casual Hobos. Recognition will be given to the Scenic SWPA Photo Contest,

raffles, prizes and fun. All proceeds will go to support the work of Scenic Pittsburgh. Info at scenic.org.

The Rock, Reggae & Relief Festival will be held on Aug. 20, on the 200 block of Forbes Ave., starting at 12 p.m. and going all day long. Info and tickets at rockreggaerelief.com.



Musical Festival Fun!

Proceeds from ticket sales go to supporting Café Momentum, an award winning restaurant and culinary training facility for community members in the juvenile justice system, providing them with life skills, education and employment opportunities. Learn more or get involved at cafemomentum.org.

Visit South Side Works for Music on the Mon, every Fri. 6-10 p.m. on the North Lot. Each week features different mucial artists, food trucks, and more fun! Info southsideworks.com.

Every year at the end of August starts the Pittsburgh Renaissance Festival in Somerset County. This event runs Saturdays, Sundays and Labor Day Monday, Aug. 20 - Sept. 25.

The Medieval village features costumed jousters, jugglers, and just people living and working throughout the village. It's a step back in time! Each weekend is themed and there's a variety of entertainment each day so check www.pittsburghrenfest.com for schedules and details.

We can't forget the many county fairs that happen this month. Go to pafairs.org to find the details and dates of the fairs in the area.

I'm hoping August moves at a snail's pace and allows for a lot of sun, fun, relaxation, family, and friends for all!

MUSINGS...THE BENEFITS OF GETTING OLD



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Life would be infinitely happier if we could only be born at the age of eighty And gradually approach eighteen.

~ Mark Twain

Sure, there are creaky bones, names flying out of the head, and deepening wrinkles. But recently many people I know have acknowledged the delights of aging. There is so much more! I've decided it's time to celebrate the benefits of getting old.

Just to give you a taste – here's what I've heard from friends, all over 65:

Susan cares less about what others think.

- Dona no longer yearns to achieve.
- Paul treasures having learned to slow down and enjoy the moment.
- Nancy loves choosing how to feel.
- Carla notices small things like the breeze on her skin.
- Dave loves the slower pace.

For myself, I can't remember a more satisfying time of life.

- I have meaningful conversations every day.
- I seldom get drawn into other peoples' dramas.

• It is a delicious treat to spend the weekend with old friends.

• I have time to stay fit.

• In my 70's I've finally learned to cook, and food never tasted so good!

If you feel like time is flying by at quite a clip, and you can't believe you are your chronological age, check out what a few other wise people have said about aging:

• "A great thing about getting older is that you don't lose all the other ages you've been." ~Madeleine L'Engle

• "A ninety - year- old man was asked to what he attributed his longevity. 'I reckon,' he said, 'it's because most nights I went to bed and slept when I should have sat up and worried.'" ~Dorothea Kent

• "It was only in my forties that I started feeling young." ~Henry Miller

• "The great man is he who does not lose his childlike heart." ~Mencius

Enjoy this inevitable aging process. Be grateful. And notice all the things that are easier and more enjoyable as you go.

COACHING QUESTIONS:

1. What benefits of aging have you experienced?
2. What have you been able to let go of?
3. What have you wanted to do forever that you can do now?

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The Fishin' Hole



Sam Hall

July 15th of 2021, in Washington County along Chartiers Creek, a fungicide spilled into the water. As the stream traversed along its normal path through Washington County and into Allegheny County, it carried the fungicide along killing what the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection estimated to be tens of thousands of fish. For weeks after the spill, you could not look at sections of the stream without seeing Smallmouth Bass, Carp, Catfish and Walleye piling up dead along the banks. It was a very sad time for local anglers.

July 16th of 2022, I made my way onto the stream early that Saturday morning. I went near a spot I remember as being very hard hit by the June 15 kill. In about three hours of fishing that morn-

ing, I could not be more delighted to tell you, I caught no fewer than six different species of fish.

Among the fish I caught were four Smallmouth Bass, all very healthy and more than two pounds, several Walleye including the four plus pounder pictured here and a handful of feisty Channel Catfish, one of which I am certain was pushing right up against ten pounds. Yes, one year and one day removed from what seemed like total devastation at the time, I enjoyed one of my most successful fishing excursions on Chartiers Creek ever!

July was a great month on the local rivers as well. At the mouth of Montour Creek where it empties into the back channel of the Ohio River, anglers were having great success with Smallmouth Bass and Walleye during the early morning and early evening hours all month. Night fishing for big Flathead Catfish has been off the charts in that same area. If you want to try this, make sure you do so safely and with the proper equipment.

August 14th, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is having a class up on Moraine Lake for beginner kayak fisherman. They have the same class on the 12th and 13th of the month but those classes have completely filled up, so, if you have an interest in kayak fishing, I recommend you register online quickly before the Sunday seats are gone as well. Simply type this into your computer or

phone to register, or learn more register-ed.com/events/view/185033.

The "dog days" of summer are coming so think deep, or fast water for your best fishing experiences.

Keep those lines tight and send your pictures to samdhall@comcast.net. Meanwhile, I am heading back down to Chartiers Creek for some more great fishing (I hope) this month. Stop by and say hello!



Me and my two beauties, a Walleye and a Smallmouth Bass, from Chartiers Creek.

Community News and Events

Birding 101 is the topic of the presentation by Chris Kubiak of the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania. This will take place at our away meeting at the Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, 614 Dorseyville Road, on August 11. The Birding 101 Program goes over the basics of how to bird, including how to use optics like binoculars, field guides and the technique of Birding by Impression. We will learn how to use these techniques to help identify a bird.

If you would be interested in joining the **Green Tree Garden Club**, please contact Membership Chairperson Roni Conard, at 717.747.6565 or President Kevin Maurer at 412.922.8816 for more information. You can follow the club on Facebook, or visit the website at greentreeboro.com/gardenclub.php

Green Tree Summer Concert Series continues on Thursdays at 7 p.m. each week at Green Tree Park. You can check out who each performer will be at greentreeboro.com. This is a free event and open to all.

Movie in the Dormont Pool Lot (Just like a drive-in theater) on Friday, August 12, 8-11 p.m. for the showing of Encanto. Brings chairs and blankets to get a spot.

Senior Citizens Indoor Picnic on Sunday, August 7, 1-3 p.m. at the Green Tree Municipal Center, Sycamore Room. Lunch will be catered by Manny's Rook Station. Includes Photo Booth, All Pro DJ, Prizes, Dancing, Dessert Table and More! Free for Green Tree Residents (62+) and \$5/ non residents. Register at 412-921-1110.

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Include Health and Safety as Part of Your Back-to-School Preparation



Jayesh Gosai, M.D.

Getting ready for a new school year is fun and exciting. As part of the back-to-school routine, adding health and safety to your checklist is a must for children from kindergarten to college.

An annual physical is required for student athletes, but all children should receive a well-check every year to assess health, weight, growth and to stay on track with immunizations. Your doctor will tell you which shots are needed, depending on the

child's age. A vision and hearing check is usually part of an exam. These are important because sometimes learning issues can be attributed to undetected vision or hearing problems. And, it's a good idea to also schedule dental check-ups and cleanings before the start of school.

Check backpacks for strength and back support and be sure to talk to the doctor about the maximum weight for your child's size and health condition. If needed, you may have to alert the school about the number of books and binders your child can haul at school and travelling to and from home.

Make sure your child has the proper safety equipment for sports: helmets, eye protection, shin guards, etc. and fill out the forms from the school to inform administrators and teachers about any of your child's special medical needs. If attending a new school, don't forget to find out about the school's emergency/crisis plan. Also, make sure strangers can't walk into the school unnoticed.

Check to see that the playground is safe - it should be free of peeling paint, rust and sharp edges. The ground should be soft enough to cushion falls.

Remind your children about illness prevention. To avoid exposure to germs, tell them to wash their hands often, and to cover their mouths when coughing and sneezing. And, not to share food or drinks with friends. Consider re-setting your child's sleep schedule to "school time" two weeks before school begins. Children should have at least 8

hours of sleep per night. Enough sleep each night can keep your child health and focused during the school day.

Lastly, good nutrition habits will contribute to your child's success - even through to high school and college. Studies prove that a nutritious breakfast helps students excel in school. Students who eat breakfast are more alert during class and the right foods combined with enough rest will help fight off infections, minimizing missed days due to illness.

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Fun and Games for Kids

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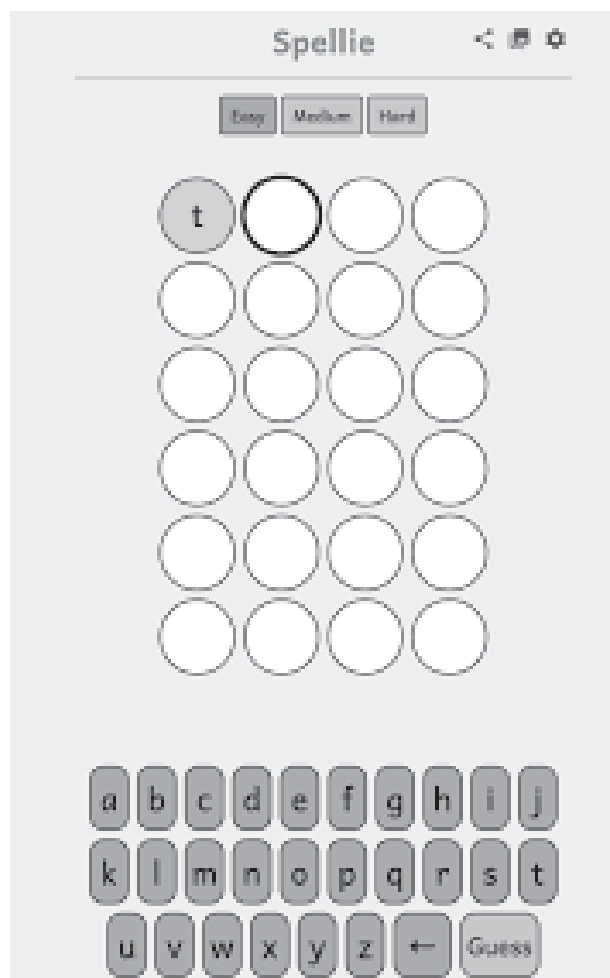
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How to Play:

You have six tries to guess the daily word using the feedback.
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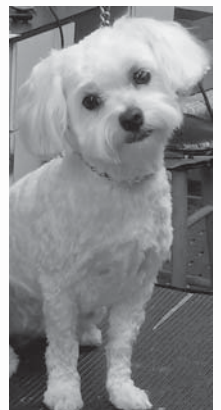
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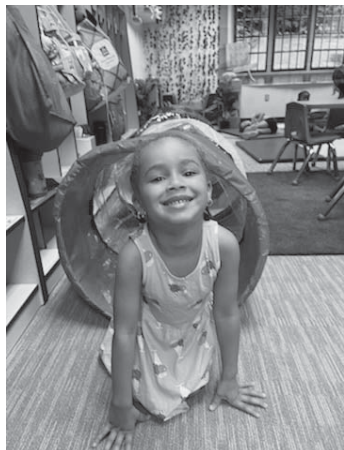
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