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June Arrives with Activities that Make Things Feel Very Close to Normal



June is filled with festival fun for all ages!

Summer is officially here, give or take 21 days, and things are looking up! Many restrictions are being lifted and places are opening and welcoming all to visit in person at museums, festivals, swimming pools, movie theaters, restaurants and more! At this point if you aren't yet vaccinated, masks are still required. Many places are still offering virtual activities to ease back slowly and to accommodate those that aren't comfortable attending in person just yet.

I hope you saved the date for Big Day Aht, by Venture Outdoors that will be held on Sat., June 5.

They are celebrating 20 years with a one day festival spanning across Southwest PA featuring 30+ pop up outdoor events like Beginner Bike-Camping, Peak Cycling Adventures, Beginner Kayaking, Summer Birding, Beginner Stand Up Paddleboard, Outdoor Writing Workshop and much more. Info at ventureoutdoors.org.

The Three Rivers Arts Festival will be held June 4 - 13 and they've created a hybrid experience so everyone can enjoy the festival at their comfort level.

The Festival is free and open to the public, 12-8 p.m. daily with no tickets required! Additionally, the inperson festival will expand beyond Pittsburgh's Cultural District as the Dollar Bank Main Stage returns to Point State Park each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of the festival.

The Artist Market at the festival features 150+ independent artists in an open-air setting, selling handmade fine art and fine crafts. Virtual offerings, will be available at trustarts.org/ traf and via select Pittsburgh Cultural Trust social media channels. Some events will happen "live" for a realtime communal experience. The virtual Artist Market will be live on June 4 at 12 p.m.! Info at traf.trustarts.org.

Go Green at Market Square, a free, two-day community celebration filled with fun, educational, and inspirational activities and events for all ages, will be held June 4-5. The Square becomes a hub for music and eco-friendly activity booths. There will also be an educational area that includes an alternative and electric transportation corner, a green wellness area, plus ways to interact with and learn more about local, green businesses.

Saturday Night Markets are back on Sats. from June 19-Oct. 30 in Market Square. This free event features an outdoor pop-up shopping market and festival with vendors of clothing, furniture, candles, food, drinks, and more.

There are a few different I made It Market events to attend this summer. The Bakery Square Summer Series pop-up market will be held Sats., June 19, July 24, Aug. 21 and Sept. 25, 2 - 7 p.m.

The Allegheny Rockets Car Cruise will be held June 27, 10 a.m. -3 p.m. at South Pointe Town Center in Canonsburg and will feature Pittsburgh Steelers appearances, 200 cars, DJ, live band, children's entertainment, food trucks, and more!

Lastly, the Squirrel Hill Night Markets will be held June 26, August 28 and Oct. 2, 6-10 p.m. on Murray Ave. Event features pop-up market, live music, food trucks and more! A New Outdoor Summer Event Series presented by CMOA, Inside Out, will be launching June 5. This new series will extend the museum experience outdoors with performances, summer jams, art activities, food, and drinks on Thurs. nights, 4-8 p.m and Sats., noon - 5 p.m. This event is free and open to audiences of all ages! The series will continue throughout the summer until Sept. 4

Inside Out events have limited capacity and will be available on a first come first serve basis. Make a day of it and reserve your timed tickets to visit the museum before or after you enjoy Inside Out! Info at cmoa.org

The Carnegie Crawl is back and will occur the 2nd Friday of every SouthSide Works will host a free weekly event starting July 2 called Music on the Mon and will take place weekly every Friday at 7 p.m.

To kick off the summer on July 2 live music, movies, food and other activities will be held at SouthSide Works in a riverside green space across from American Eagle's headquarters.

In addition to live music, Music on the Mon will also include outdoor activities such as lawn games and movie nights featuring Pittsburghcentric movies. A bar is tentatively planned for the event.

A refreshing bit of news is that most swimming pools are opening this season. Check with your local borough to be sure.



Stopping to pose with Carl the snail at Carnegie Crawls.

month from 5-9 p.m. The first event will be June 11 and include arts, entertainment, shopping, food and fun! Info at visitcarnegie.com.

Some summer music festivals are back this year. The Allegheny Summer Concert Series will return with live performances starting June 4.

Events will begin at 7:30 p.m and occur every Friday at South Park Amphitheater and every Sunday at Hartwood Acres Park Amphitheater.

The series kicks off with a performance from Pittsburgh Opera, and will conclude on September 5 with the 21st Annual Allegheny County Music Festival. All performances will be free (with the exception of the Music Festival, which will request a \$20-per-vehicle donation) Food trucks and Hop Farm Brewing Company craft beer are at all concerts starting at 6 p.m. All concerts take place rain or shine at open-air amphitheaters with no covered seating. Info at alleghenycounty.us. The blue skies and warm temperatures have lifted my spirits con-



siderably along with the news that COVID cases are declining thanks in part to the increase in vaccinations. This summer is starting to feel very close to normal and I'll take it! We all need this! Happy Summer!

MUSINGS...NAVIGATING DIFFERENCES



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All the world is strange Except thee and me, And sometimes I even wonder about thee. (Based on Robert Owen quote)

My mother used to say this Robert Owen quote to me when I was being weird. And then we would laugh uproariously. She had a deep appreciation of differences.

People ARE Different

Even though we are more than 99% genetically similar to each other, people are amazingly different from each other. This is so obvious it is a cliché. Still, the simple notion is profound. People ARE different.

Differences come in many forms. Here are a few:

Gender Age Ethnicity Personal history Beliefs Assumptions Values Burdens Approach to stress Sense of humor Learning style Pain threshold Thinking style preference Political leanings Hopes and dreams

Differences Work Together

Some of the strongest, longest lasting, marriages I know are of people who are different. They compliment each other. When they make it through the hard first years, learning to appreciate each other, they are happy, bringing incredible resilience to their lives.

•For years Hal and I worked with teams in companies, using the HBDI, a tool that assesses people's thinking style preferences. Without exception, "whole brained" teams were able to solve problems more efficiently and creatively than teams composed of like-minded people. Solutions are stronger when they embrace differences.

•This quote from the Founder of the Baha'i Faith says it well:

Consider the flowers of a garden. Though differing in kind, color, form and shape, this diversity increaseth their charm and addeth unto their beauty. How unpleasing to the eye if all the flowers and plants, the leaves and blossoms, the fruit, the branches and the trees of that garden were all of the same shape and color!

Differences Divide

Even though there are many examples of the advantages of diversity, our differences often lead to frustration and fighting, divorce and war.

We cannot imagine how the world looks from that other vantage point, whether the difference is with a single loved one or a group. We go quickly to judgment. In these days of the internet and targeted information, we can research and get different evidence. Then we gather allies and go to war.

The Choice

What if, instead of getting mad at differences, we get curious? See the differences as a puzzle. Acknowledge that when we don't understand, we make stuff up. Question both our own and the others' assumptions and history. Research by reading things we wouldn't usually read. Then use our findings to do one of these:

COACHING TIPS:

1. Honor the difference – remembering you can like and love people with whom you disagree.

2. Use the difference - hire people who like to do what you don't like doing.

3. Get curious. Examine both your own and other people's histories and assumptions. Be in learning mode rather than fighting mode.

4. Celebrate the difference. Just as music is more joyful with many instruments and varied rhythms, life is richer because we're not all alike!

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Staying Safe as Summer Fun Makes a Comeback



Jayesh Gosai, M.D

While the much-anticipated return of summer activities is exciting, it is important to stay focused on safety. The summer season, traditionally, is a busy time for Urgent Care facilities and Hospital ERs.

But, you can enjoy the newfound freedom and still plan to stay safe by thinking ahead.

Start with your feet. Wearing flimsy footwear can increase your risk of foot and ankle injuries. The reality is that flip-flops do not offer the best support and can cause trips and falls. If you do wear flip-flops, wear those that are sturdy and made of high-quality materials. Appropriate places

to wear flip-flops include the pool, beach, and any locker room, where they help protect you against athlete's foot. It is best not to wear them for walking activities, playing sports or on uneven surfaces. Going barefoot is even more dangerous. Puncture wounds may happen if you step on a nail, toothpick, glass, or seashells. These wounds may become infected. If you develop a wound that is hot, swollen, and has drainage, seek medical attention right away. Discuss your tetanus shot status with your doctor if you get a puncture wound.

Use caution when mowing your lawn. Thousands of people are injured by lawn mowers annually. Lawn mower blades are sharp and they move quickly. Avoid injury by keeping your lawn mower in good working condition (make sure the equipment is turned off before you look it over). Refrain from using your hands to clear debris away from the blades. Guard your hands, feet, legs, and eyes. If you have a riding mower, go up and down slopes instead of sideways to avoid tipping over. Do not allow children to ride with you on a riding mower. Ask kids to stay indoors while you are mowing the lawn.

Enjoy picnics by good food handling practices. Eating food that's been left in the heat too long may make you sick. Keep hot foods hot. Keep cold foods cold. When grilling or cooking, wash dishes, platters, and utensils that come into contact with raw meat thoroughly before reusing. Do not eat foods that are left at room temperature for 2 hours or more or left in temperatures of 90 degrees or more for one hour or more.

Sun safety is a key ingredient to a safe and enjoyable summer. Wear sunscreen whenever you go outdoors, even if it is cloudy. Reapply sunscreen every time you swim or sweat or at least every three hours. The sun's rays are strongest midday between the hours of 10 AM and 4 PM. Wear long sleeves and long pants to protect the skin on your arms and legs. Wear a wide-brimmed hat that protects your face, neck, and ears. Remember a tan is still sun damage.

Heat without the sun can be dangerous. Summer heat can be uncomfortable, but it may also make you sick. Children and the elderly need to be especially careful when temperatures are high. Beat the heat by wearing loose clothing. Do not exercise during the hottest times during the afternoon. Drink plenty of water and make sure to replenish your electrolytes. Heatstroke symptoms include nausea, cramps, headache and pale moist skin. If you or someone you are with begin to experience these symptoms, go to a cooler area, hydrate, and apply cool cloths to the skin. If you don't feel better or experience more serious symptoms like rapid heart rate, fever, confusion, behavior changes, convulsions, or warm dry skin, call 911 right away.



LIBRARY INFORMATION Most libraries throughout the area are now open and offering the ability to borrow books. ask a Some activities are in person and some are librarian still remote. Summer Reading programs are starting at most branches in June. Check with the library near you for the details. SCOTT TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY **GREEN TREE PUBLIC LIBRARY** 10 Manilla Ave., Pittsburgh, 15220 301 Lindsay Rd., Scott Twp., 15106 greentreelibrary.org, 412-922-9292 scottlibrary.org, 412-429-5380 CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF PITTSBURGH CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF PITTSBURGH MAIN - OAKLAND **MT. WASHINGTON** 4400 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, 15213 315 Grandview Ave., Pittsburgh, 15211 carnegielibrary.org., 412-622-3114 carnegielibrary.org., 412-381-3380 CRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY **CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF PITTSBURGH** WEST END 140 Bradford Ave., Pittsburgh, 15205 47 Wabash St., Pittsburgh, 15220 craftonpubliclibrary.com, 412-922-6877 carnegielibrary.org, 412-921-1717 THE ANDREW CARNEGIE FREE LIBRARY CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF PITTSBURGH AND MUSIC HALL SHERADEN 300 Beechwood Ave., Carnegie, 720 Sherwood Ave., Pittsburgh, 15204 carnegiecarnegie.org, 412-276-3456 carnegielibrary.org., 412-331-1135

Green Tree Garden Club Celebrates 50 Years Green Tree Municipal Center Park June 12, 2021 2 p.m.

The public is invited to join members of the Green Tree Garden Club at the Green Tree Municipal Center Park as they celebrate the club's 50th anniversary.

A wind sculpture, "Desert Lily" by Lyman Whitaker, will be dedicated, and the new Presidents' Garden will be unveiled. The sculpture was purchased with a generous donation from the Rotary Club of Green Tree and the Schafer Foundation and will be installed just prior to the event.

Activities include music, raffle baskets, refreshments, and introduction of the Little Free Library featuring garden and nature books for children and adults. The dedication ceremony will be held at 2:30. It is free and a reservation is not required.

Other public events are being planned for the summer, as well as activities for members. Plans will be posted on the club's site at greentreeboro.com/gardenclub.php.

Note: The garden which the club maintains at the Municipal Center Park has been enhanced this year to include more perennials and herbs, as well as the new Presidents' Garden and a new rose garden under development. Stroll the garden often and enjoy the changing blooms.

The Fishin' Hole



Sam Hall

June arrives, hopefully, with some summer-like weather and some summertime fishing opportunities for Fishin' Hole readers. Let me preface this with an admission. I have never been a fan of using a guide. I don't know why that is, they are very good at their jobs and rarely have I ever heard of anyone having a bad experience with a guide. They exist for nearly every kind of fishing and almost always the results are a fantastic experience for all anglers involved. Some part of my brain has always thought, I will figure out where to go and what to do', and so many times I have been unable to do so.

The great news is, you are not all stuck with my brain. A guide is a very smart way to fish and make friends and have tremendous success way quicker in new surroundings without wasting time and money like knuckleheads like me.

Fishin' Hole reader Tanner Astorina had a delightful time with a guide in Sarasota, Florida this May. Tanner's guide, Captain Brian from Breakwater Charters put Tanner and his small fishing party on the artificial reefs 14 miles out from shore and they caught so many beautiful Amberjack they got exhausted. They also caught a barracuda. All the fish they caught were released to be caught again. They saw dolphin, tarpon and spadefish, then capped off the perfect day by swimming off a sandbar to cool down. Sounds like heaven.

You can do the same in Erie for walleye and steel head. There are tons of knowledgeable, affordable guides available to help put you on fish and teach you things about fishing that you will be able to put to use for the rest of your life. So, like I tell my kids, do as I say, not as I do, make use of any and all resources to assure you and yours a tremendous fishing experience.

The heavy rains over the last couple of days will put anglers in 'high-water' mode if they head out this week, especially on local streams and the rivers. Lakes will be a better bet for the rest of this first week of June. The summer months mean the bass bite will be picking up on the local streams and fisheries. There are still a lot of trout to be caught out there as well. If you have the time, these are the days when targeting two different species at different times of the day at the same fishery can be very rewarding. Canonsburg Lake, Raccoon Lake and Dutch Fork lake are three great spots to fish for trout in the deeper water during the afternoons and largemouth bass closer to

shore during the early morning or evening hours. Be sure about your equipment if choosing to do this. I like to fish for trout with very light gear. I have lost a couple very nice bass because I failed to switch over to the proper gear before deciding to fish for bass. Wow, for the second time in one month we revisit the 'don't be like me' theme. I think that might be a record! Try that new spot, try a guide, or don't, but go fishing, keep the line tight and send me your pictures and stories to samdhall@comcast.net.



Tanner Astorina with a beautiful Amberjack. ~photo courtesy of Mark Astorina

Fun Ways to Celebrate Father's Day This Year



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Father's Day presents an opportunity for people to honor the special men in their lives. These include not only dads, but father figures and other influential men who offer care and guidance to the people they love.

Many celebrations continue to look different than they were prior to the pandemic, and Father's Day festivities may still require some modifications this year. There are still great ways to show dads they are appreciated.

Have a backyard bash for some fun. Restrictions on outdoor gatherings have eased up considerably in most areas. Outdoor parties are some of the safer ways to bring people together, particularly if attendees maintain their distance. Weather permitting, families can host barbecues for just the family or with friends and then enlist someone other than Dad to man the grill. Although, sometimes the perfect gift is to let Dad man the grill. Serve foods buffet-style and space out tables so people can safely celebrate.

With the return of our favorite teams, you could plan a sports outing. Professional sports teams are once again welcoming fans to stadiums and other venues, albeit with reduced capacities to maintain safety. It may be possible to purchase tickets to an upcoming game and surprise Dad or Grandpa with tickets on Father's Day.

Any game is a fun time, so plan a day for just that. Whether your father likes board games, video games or crossword puzzles, gear Father's Day around fun and games. Let Dad lead the way and choose the activity, and then everyone can step away from their screens and come together at the table over jigsaw puzzles or trivia questions.

Plan an overnight camping trip that includes fishing and s'mores, only if you and your dad like that sort of thing. You can set up a tent in your backyard or take a drive to a campground.

An at home "drive-in" is always fun. Have an outdoor movie night on the deck or patio. Perfect for a father who is a movie buff. Borrow or pur chase a projector and show a movie on an outdoor screen or against a blank outdoor wall. Select one of Dad's favorite movies to watch and invite friends and family to join in on the fun. Make sure there are refreshments at the ready and plenty of hot popcorn.

Celebrating Father's Day this year may require some ingenuity, but there is still fun to be had.

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