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## July is Filled with Fireworks, Festivals, and Ice Cream



Nothing says summer like watermelon and Fourth of July fun!

The hot temperatures are letting us know, in a very loud way, it's summertime in the 'burgh! There's a lot to do and you can choose to embrace the temperatures outside or venture indoors to an air-conditioned spot. Either way, enjoy this time because as the time carousel continues going around, it'll be snowing before we know it!

July is all about celebrating Independence Day, ice cream and enjoying festivals and fun.

The 4th of July celebration will be on the North Shore Great Lawn and Grandview Park Band Stand. Activities start at 4 p.m. and include live music on two stages, food trucks, Family Fun Zone, and fireworks at 9:35 p.m. Info at [pittsburghpa.gov](http://pittsburghpa.gov).

There will be celebrations all around the area so check your borough or library for your neighborhood festivities and fireworks schedule.

The weekly and monthly music festivals, mentioned in June's paper, continue at Southside Works, Shadyside, Bakery Square, Carnegie and Squirrel Hill.

Visit the Carnegie Museum of Art and explore the free outdoor summer performance and music series, *Inside Out!* Each program features a delicious food truck, treats and drinks from Cafe Carnegie. Thursday nights

it will be held from 5-9 p.m. and will have DJs, musicians and performers. Saturdays, from 10-11 a.m., it's time for your mind, body, art connection led by YOGAMOTIF and MICHİYAYA. Immerse yourself in art and performance from 11 - 4 p.m. Info at [carnegieart.org](http://carnegieart.org).

A unique event is the \$14.99 Friday Night Special at Mattress Factory Museum. Experience live music performances in the Winifred Lutz Garden. Enjoy Muns Pizza and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. Take your time exploring the museum throughout the evening as well. Info at [mattress.org](http://mattress.org).

Picklesburgh is back and will be held July 11-13, and is expanding to



Picklesburgh! ~photo courtesy Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership

include two iconic bridges, and other key locations for the largest space to date! This is a free, three-day, culinary celebration that goes beyond the dill pickle to include international

dishes and handcrafted foods from local chefs; fun pickle themed merchandise, live music, a "Li'l Gherkins" area with free kids' activities, and even a competitive pickle juice drinking contest. Info at [picklesburgh.com](http://picklesburgh.com).

The Annual Northside Music Festival will take place on Pittsburgh's Northside on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 18-20. This free, three-day festival will feature 75 bands on outdoor and indoor stages. There will be beer gardens, family-friendly programming during the daytime, with over 30 food trucks, children's activities, an artists' market, and other activities to supplement the music. Info at [northsidemusicfestival.com](http://northsidemusicfestival.com).

The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust Gallery Crawl will be held on July 25 downtown all through the district. Info at [trustarts.org](http://trustarts.org).

Browse the Burgh Bazaar, downtown's newest market series. It's a pop-up featuring local vendors, live music, food, drinks and fun! The market will be held in the Benedum Lot (7th and Penn) on July 19, 12-5 p.m.



Shopping at local markets and festivals helps the community.

Open Streets Pgh will be held on July 27 and includes walking, running, biking, skating, dancing, and so much more! Info at [openstreetspg.org](http://openstreetspg.org).

The 2025 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix will run July 11 - 19.



Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix. ~photo courtesy [pvgp.org](http://pvgp.org)

Each day is a different event and they are all appealing in very different and unique ways. These include a car show, a car cruise, cocktail parties, festive party, and more.

It all ends with the grand finale of the Schenley Park Race Weekend. This is filled with different types of races and full days of excitement and fun. Visit [www.pvgp.org](http://www.pvgp.org) to get all of the important details.

Once again, we can't mention July without recognizing that it's National Ice Cream month!

Pittsburgh has no shortage of delicious dairy treats all around the area.

Ice Cream can be found in nearly every neighborhood. There's Scoops in Carnegie, Antney's in Green Tree, Cookie Cookie Ice Cream in Kennedy Twp., Scoops on Beverly in Mt. Lebanon, Sam's in the Strip, Oddfellows in Posman Books in the Strip, Churn in the South Side, Happy Day Dessert Factory in the North Side, Treat in Shadyside, Frio Creamery in Lawrenceville, Jeni's in Bakery Square and South Side, Amazing Ice Cream sandwiches at Forsythe Golf in Scott Twp., Millie's has many locations, Betsy's in Mt. Lebanon, Page's in the South Side, La Scola's in Highland Park, the famous Klavon's in the Strip, DiFore's Ice Cream Delite in Mt. Washington, Sarris Chocolate in Canonsburg, Sugar and Spice in Baldwin, Remember When in Robinson, and delicious homemade gelato at Mercurio's in Shadyside. I'm sure there are many more that I haven't mentioned.



Did someone say ice cream?

Grab yourself a cone and enjoy it slowly, like a long summer day!



# MUSINGS...PROCEED AS WAY OPENS



*Editor's Note: Sharon Eakes is a personal and executive coach, who is a regular columnist for our paper as well as for the Huffington Post. She is the author of Fresh Views on Resilient Living.*

“Proceed as Way opens” is a gentle and profound piece of Quaker wisdom. It suggests a posture of patience, receptivity, and trust—a way of moving through life that listens for clarity instead of forcing it. Rather than racing ahead with plans or grasping for certainty, this phrase invites us to pause, watch, and move forward only when the path becomes clear.

Quakers are known for their practice of spiritual discernment. They gather in silence, listening for the promptings of the “Inner Light.” Instead of pushing ahead with ambition or external goals, they often wait for a “leading,” and speak of “Way opening” as a sign that the time is right to act. This approach reflects a belief that true guidance comes not from ego or pressure but from a quiet voice within.

Before I ever heard this phrase, I experienced it.

### The George Story

I had a new coaching client and went to my closet to get a fresh binder for our work. There were none, so I headed to the basement where I kept old binders from past engagements. I pulled one at random—it was from a university where I’d coached a facilities management team. A team member had hired me, but the leader had also engaged thoughtfully, offering suggestions that deepened the work. Curious, I emailed him at his old address. Surprisingly, he replied.

He had left the university, written several books, and was now living a nomadic, environmentally conscious life. He sent me his books—I liked them. He disliked hierarchy and had

implemented a “Council of Equals” leadership model. I sent him my book Fresh Views and casually said, “If you’re ever near Pittsburgh, stop by.”

He replied, saying he didn’t travel unless he could stay several months. I surprised myself and invited him to come stay for several months. Some of my friends were aghast. But I was listening inwardly, step by step. We had phone and Zoom conversations. There was no romance; we were cautious and clear. He agreed to come in the winter and rent my library. Either of us could back out at any time. Still, I kept listening. Proceed as Way opens.

That was several years ago. George now returns for a few months every year. We’re kindred spirits, compatible and independent. We support each other’s creativity and laugh a lot. He’s thoughtful, handy, and cooks. My friends now ask, “Where can I find a George?” My answer: Proceed as Way opens.

By the way, I learned the phrase from George.

Quaker author Parker J. Palmer writes, “The way will open—not necessarily in the direction you thought it would.”

By letting go of trying to control the outcome, something wiser and more organic may unfold.

### A Mindset Shift

This mindset—shifting from striving to receptivity—can be profoundly liberating. It doesn’t mean passivity or inaction, but rather a readiness to act when the moment is right, guided by inner clarity rather than outer urgency. It invites us to trust life’s unfolding and embrace humility, knowing we don’t have to figure everything out in advance.

The wisdom of “proceed as way opens” reminds us that life is rarely a straight road. It’s more like a forest path—revealed one step at a time. And when we release control and walk with openness and trust, the way not only opens—it often leads to something richer, deeper, and more surprising than we could have planned.

### COACHING QUESTION:

Where, in your life, would it be helpful to “Proceed as Way opens?”

**Note from the Publisher:** If you enjoy reading Musings, Sharon has gathered them together in a book, titled “Fresh Views on Resilient Living.” It would make a great holiday gift! It’s available on Amazon or you can scan the QR code to go to the link.



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## Community News and Events

The **Association of University People (AUP)** invites singles 50+, who are 4-year college graduates, to join them for activities and to meet new people. Activities include spring/summer picnics, monthly dinners, a book group, Scrabble, meeting up at local outside concerts and wineries. Those interested can attend three activities as guests before joining. To obtain more information about AUP or become an AUP member, call and leave a message at 412-353-9088 or email Aupsingles@gmail.com

The **Rotary Club of Green Tree** invites you to attend the Annual Green Tree Rotary Charity Golf Outing at Chartiers Country Club Mon., August 11, 2025. Tee time 12:00 p.m. Lunch and Dinner provided as well as beverages on the course. Skill prizes will be awarded at Dinner. Chances for Auction Baskets and 50/50 will be sold as well. \$185 per Golfer. Proceeds to benefit various charities. Contact: Rick Canello 412- 996-0021 or rcanello@fedmc.com.

The **Catholic Singles of Greater Pittsburgh** invites singles 21+ who are looking for a new way to meet people and have some fun. They offer a variety of different activities including dinners, cultural, mini golf, hikes, biking, community service, volleyball, sports leagues, trips, and many other great events. For more information, visit their website at caccpittsburgh.org or email CACPittsburgh@gmail.com or call 412-341-4070, option 1.

The **Western PA Slovak Day Committee** will hold their 102nd Annual American Slovak Day on Thurs., July 17, at Kennywood Park. Event will feature live music and Sloval Folk Entertainment, children’s activities, Easy Dessert Demo, Displays and Vendors, and Mass at 4 p.m. with Bishop Larry Kulick. Info and tickets through Mary Lou at 412-462-1957 or Sue at 412-421-1204.





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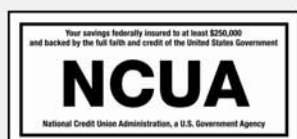
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# The Fishin' Hole



by Sam Hall

The year seems to be flying by so fast. I find that as I get older the time goes by faster and faster with each passing year. That is certainly one of those things that you hear when you are younger and you just kind of nod and think to yourself, “why are old people so weird?” But it is very true and it is also impossible to get younger people to understand. What that means for fishing I am not certain, it just occurred to me as I was sitting down to write this that it is already about to be July of 2025. That is how that first sentence came into existence.

There are a couple of great events in July for anglers in our area. First, on July 4th, Pennsylvania will have our second “Fish for Free” day of 2025. Fish-for-Free Days allow anyone (resident or non-resident) to legally fish on Pennsylvania waterways on the designated days with NO FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED (Trout/Salmon and Lake Erie permits are also NOT required). All other fishing regulations still apply. It is a perfect day to try fishing and see if it is something you want to get more

involved with. It is also a perfect day to introduce a friend to fishing. Once you have a fishing friend, you have a friend for life!

Secondly, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is having a fishing meet up event Friday, July 18th at Burrell Park in New Kensington.

Fishing meet-up events are social gatherings for anyone interested in learning more about the basics of fishing. This informal event is the perfect opportunity to socialize, learn, and share fishing experiences with other anglers. Equipment and bait is provided; participants may also bring their own tackle. Those under age eighteen must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Here is an excerpt from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's web page about the event.

## About the Event

Are you curious about catfish? Join Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) education staff in a fishing meet-up to target catfish! Lower Burrell Park Pond (also known as Holtzhauer Lake) is a great place to catch catfish! PFBC has a long history of stocking the lake with Channel Catfish, which means you'll have an excellent chance of catching one! PFBC provides equipment, bait, and tackle for participant use. Participants may also bring their own fishing rods and tackle. Fishing license requirement is waived during the program.

The event runs from 7 until 9 p.m. at Burrell Lake Park located at 201 Delberta Road in New Kensington. Yes, it is basically another fish for free day with bait and tackle provided plus

the added bonus of a stocked Channel Catfish lake to fish. Channel Catfish are very aggressive and plentiful and they get very big as well. They are loads of fun to catch and I often target them on our local streams where they are not stocked. A stocking program means you're nearly guaranteed to have a grand time at this event and catch some big fish as well. You can register at [www.pafishandboat.com](http://www.pafishandboat.com).

Summertime fishing is in full swing on our local waterways, but I have just returned from a week of surf fishing in the Atlantic Ocean. I feel the same way about fishing in the ocean as I do about fishing in our rivers around here, the constant possibility of anything happening and any kind of fish getting involved keeps me coming back time after time. It wasn't the best week of fishing but I definitely had a couple of fun days, including a Flounder that gobbled up my “Gotcha Plug” the second time I tossed it into the ocean. That Flounder and a dozen or so Atlantic Croaker scratched my fishing itch in

just the right spot. The “possibility factor” kept me fishing all week long. In fact the “possibility factor” has kept me fishing for over forty-five years, now that I think of it. I hope it does the same for you. Time really does start to fly by as you get older, keep those lines tight and send your pictures and stories to [samdhall@comcast.net](mailto:samdhall@comcast.net).



A beautiful Flounder from the Atlantic.

~photo courtesy Sam Hall

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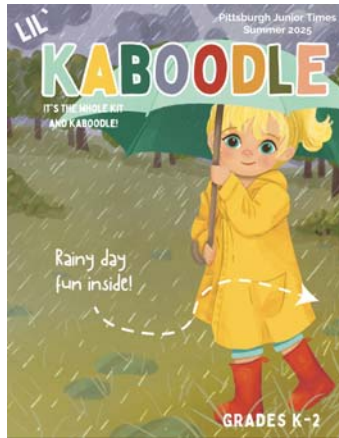
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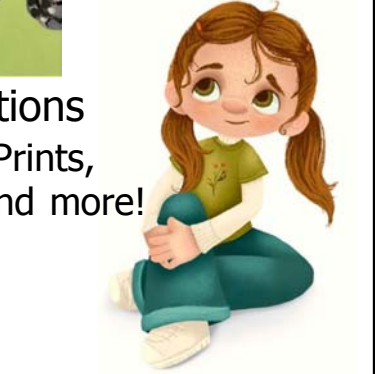
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