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Farmers Markets, Flowers, Festivals and Fun



Mother's Day can be celebrated in many ways!

May is upon us and it brings the joy of abundant, colorful flowers, baby birds flying from their nests, and the sounds of nature as everything awakens from the colder months. It also brings fun outdoor activities to the area.

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 Farmers Market starts on Thursday, May 15, 4-7 p.m. and will run every Thursday through October.

The Citiparks Farmers Markets start May 11 with Squirrel Hill (Sundays, 9-1 p.m.), and May 16 for Northside (Fridays, 3-7 p.m.) and continue each week until November. Info at pittsburghpa.gov and then click citiparks.

The Terminal Farmers Market (Strip District) will be held every Saturday, starting May 3, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. with live music and over 35 vendors.

Lawrenceville will have their Farmers Market on Tuesdays, rain or shine, 3-7 p.m. starting May 20 at Bay 41, 115 41st Street. Info at lunited.org. There are markets in the Carnegie (starts in July), 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.



Shop a local Farmers Market

Phipps' Conservatory is having their 89th annual May Market on May 9-10 and is free and open to the public. The market will feature more than 30 vendors offering 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 9 is Summer Flower Show: Jungle Quest. This show will feature crafted topiary animals, lush greenery, colorful tropical foliage, a swamp like setting with crocodiles swimming and flamingos constructed from pink begonias. Be sure to check out the Butterfly Forest that opens the same day. More information available at phipps.conservatory.org.

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 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 want to do something entirely different, try a Mother's Day scavenger hunt and take your mom, grandma, sister or special mom figure on a hunt you'll never forget.

Create a list of things that you have to do or collect throughout the day. Be sure to pick things that your special person would like. Take pictures as you go to later create a memory book. Some ideas are buy some flowers, get a great cup of tea or coffee, find the perfect book, enjoy the best dessert you can find, etc. It's yours to create as you want it! The goal is to have fun and record the memories. I've suggested this idea before but I now have done it and really recommend giving it a try!

Neighborhood Flea Mother's Day Edition will be May 11, 10- 3 p.m. at Southside Works. Event will feature over 90 local vintage sellers and artisans along with food trucks and live music all day. More Info at neighborhoodflea.com.

Another May favorite is the Annual Greek Food Festival at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral from May 4-10. Enjoy delicious homemade Greek food, live Greek bands, Dance Performances, outdoor grill, and dining under the tent. Hours and more info at stnickspgh.org.

Have fun at Bites and Pints Food & Drink Festival being held every Fri., Sat., and Sun. starting May 23 at Kennywood. Festival includes food tastings, specialty cocktails, craft beer and wine. Info at Kennywood.com.

The Greater Pittsburgh Food Truck Festival is back and will be held on May 23-25 at Hollywood Casino at the Meadows. This free festival will offer dozens of the region's best food trucks, live music and entertainment, craft beer and wine, artisans and vendors, a kids' area and so much more! Info at pghfoodtruckfest.com.

The Annual National Road Pike Days Festival will be held May 17-18. It is known as the "world's longest festival" happening along 90 miles of the Historic National Road in Pennsylvania (Route 40) through Somerset, Fayette, and Washington Counties.

Various communities and towns along the Route 40 hold their own



Beautiful Route 40 ~photo courtesy nationalroadpa.org

activities – some with festivals, arts and crafts shows, music, vendors, entertainment, food, etc.

You can find schedules and maps of activities at nationalroadpa.org.

It's the perfect month for talking a walk or crawl. Free self guided tours are offered through the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation. Maps and details at phlf.org.

The Annual Carnegie Crawl returns on Friday, May 9 from 6-9 p.m. and has even more to offer this year! The local businesses will be open and there will be multiple live music sites, pop-up bars, food trucks, games and activities along with some extra surprises. Info at visitcarnegie.com.



MUSINGS...THE SECRET OF LOVE



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.

"If you want to be loved, love and be lovable."

~ Benjamin Franklin

Love is one of the deepest human longings, yet its secret often eludes us. We seek love—crave it, dream of it, ache for it—but often search in the wrong places. The true secret of love

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© 2025 All rights reserved. Reprints of any article in this publication are prohibited without written permission from the publisher. We reserve the right to reject or cancel any advertisement at anytime. Opinions by the writers are theirs alone and not necessarily of the GREEN TREE TIMES. is paradoxical: the more you give, the more you receive. And real love is not about tailoring others to our preferences but about seeing and embracing the essence of who they are.

Love begins not with finding the "perfect" person but with the decision to love deeply and unconditionally. Real love is a light—it illuminates, warms, and reveals. But to experience its light, we must be willing to shine it outward, even when we feel in need of it ourselves.

Many relationships falter because love becomes conditional. We begin with admiration and excitement, but soon focus on faults, preferences, and irritations. Love becomes transactional: "I'll love you if you act how I like." But that is not love—it is preference. Real love means seeing the core of a person and choosing to keep our hearts open toward that essence. As the psychologist Carl Rogers wrote,

"When someone really hears you without passing judgment on you, without trying to take responsibility for you, without trying to mold you, it feels damn good." That's the kind of love we all long for—the kind that says: I see you, I honor you, I'm not trying to fix you.

To love deeply is to accept fully. Not to approve of every action, but to recognize that each person is a complex, growing soul. Even their flaws are part of their journey. Love says, "I choose to walk beside you, not mold you." The Buddhist teacher Thich Nhat Hanh wrote,

"When you love someone, the best thing you can offer is your presence.

How can you love if you are not there?"

Presence means not nitpicking, not evaluating constantly, but being there with an open heart.

And here is the transformative truth: when we give that kind of love—freely, generously, nonjudgmentally—we find ourselves surrounded by love. What we give returns. Hearts open to open hearts. It is not a quick transaction but a spiritual law. The key is to initiate the flow.

So the secret of love is simple, yet revolutionary. Give more, not less.

Community News and Events

In our 91st year, the **College Club of Carnegie** will meet on Sat., May 3, at Scoglio's Restaurant, Pine Bridge Commons, Suite 102, 1580 McLaughlin Run Road, 15241. There will be a Social at 11:30 a.m. with luncheon served at noon. "Kentucky Derby Daze" will be the theme of the meeting. A 50/50 Raffle will be offered to benefit the scholarship fund program. Women with post-secondary educations are invited to call Therese Condit, Membership Chairperson, for further information at 412-279-4458.

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 **Green Tree Garden Club**'s Annual Mother's Day Geranium and Plant Sale will be held at the Spring Festival this year on May 10, 10am – 3pm. The festival takes place at the GT Municipal Center and Fire Hall. It will include a craft/vendor show, flea market, plant sales, café, bake sale and more. The GTGC celebrates our 54th Anniversary this year. For more information about the Garden Club, visit greentreegardenclub.org. Focus on loving, not fixing. See the whole, not the flaws. Choose love, again and again, even when it's hard. Especially when it's hard. That is where love deepens and becomes real. As Rumi said,

"Your task is not to seek for love, but merely to seek and find all the barriers within yourself that you have built against it."

Real love begins within—and flows outward, endlessly.

COACHING TIPS/QUESTIONS:

1. Do you wish you had more love in your life?

2. Where can you give more love?

3. Make a list of people who've shown you love at some time during your life.

4. Contact them and thank them for their love. You'll start a love ripple that will go on and on

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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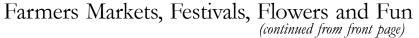
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Enjoy the lovely weather and season of spring before the hot days of summer arrive! I love summer, but I'm trying to enjoy each season as it comes! The sunny skies help!

With the month of May also comes Music! The free Millvale Mu-

Bridging the Gap – Canevin 1975 High School Reunion By Mark Schuster

Last summer we planned the date for our 50th reunion – Friday, May 23rd. When we found out it was the same date as this year's graduation, we were thrilled. What an opportunity to bridge the gap with future generations. The administration and Joe Milharcic, Executive Director of Development were very helpful to help us locate some of our classmates. And we are so grateful for them allowing us to have our reunion on site – where our journey began.

We've also decided to work with the graduating class to document and share our thoughts, so they may have them for their 50th reunion in 2075. This year's graduates share the same traits we had – ambition, excitement and perhaps some apprehension. But they are talented and well represented. We know they will be just fine.

Time moves quickly. The class of 1975 predated personal computers, the Internet and social media. Perhaps the most common question I hear is "How did you ever get by without all of those things?" My answer is simple. "We stayed friends."



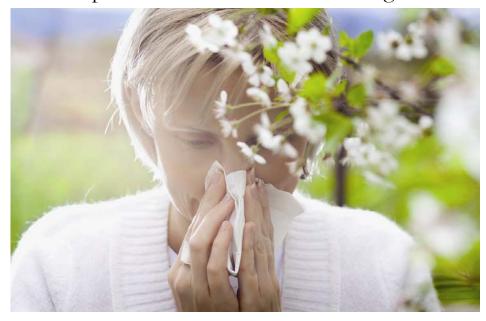
"Celebrating friendship, family, life and the 50 years since we began our personal journeys. Reunion: Friday, May 23, 2025 5pm. Venue: Canevin High School - where our journey began.

The Class of 1975 is attempting to locate 100% of their classmates. Please scan the QR Code provided by the Green Tree Times to access the list of classmates.

If you have information on any of these individuals, please email me directly at markjschuster57@gmail.com."



Tips to Overcome Seasonal Allergies



Spring and summer are typically welcomed with open arms. Warm weather, blooming flowers and trees full of leaves are a welcome sight for many, but seasonal allergy sufferers may find the transition from winter to spring a little more challenging.

The Center for Health Statistics found that just under 26 percent of adults and roughly 19 percent of children have a seasonal allergy. Treatments for seasonal allergies can be effective, and many people find overthe-counter medications are enough to alleviate their symptoms. But even people who take OTC medications daily may have days when seasonal allergies cause considerable discomfort. In such situations, allergy sufferers can consider these strategies.

Identify your triggers. The American College of Allergy, Asthma, & Immunology notes that pollen is the most common outside allergy trigger. Trees and grasses typically pollinate in spring and summer, which is why these seasons can be especially challenging for people with seasonal allergies. Dustmites and pets might trigger allergies indoors, but these can appear throughout the year. A visit to an allergist can determine what exactly triggers seasonal allergies. For example, certain types of grasses and trees might be triggers for some but not others. Identifying triggers is an effective first step because it can compel people to avoid the things that cause allergic reactions.

Stay indoors on dry, windy days. The Mayo Clinic advises seasonal allergy sufferers to stay indoors on dry, windy days, when pollen can be nearly impossible to avoid.

Take advantage of a good rain. It can be the best time for seasonal allergy sufferers to be outside after a good rain. Rain helps to clear pollen from the air, so post-rain conditions can be ideal for people with seasonal allergies.

Change your clothes and wash up upon coming inside. Try changing clothes, washing them and taking a shower upon coming inside during allergy season. Washing clothes and taking a shower reduces the likelihood that you'll spread pollen around the interior of your home, where it can attach to furniture and trigger allergic reactions.



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The Fishin' Hole



by Sam Hall

I got a great email this month from a father and son who had enjoyed a great fishing trip together. All the email really said was "a father and son making fishing memories" along with attached photos.

That, of course, triggered some memories for me and as a father they all seem great. The memory of my daughter, at about age seven, catching a giant carp on a Barbie fishing pole while people cheered her on from a dock across the cove we were fishing in, sticks out for me. Another is my son, maybe 10 or 11 years old, sitting on a rock at camp watching his pole and calmly looking up at me while I was "video interviewing" him and saying flatly, "I haven't showered in three days," causing me to laugh until tears were streaming down my face lakeside. Although, there is one involving my son using a poison ivy vine to help pull himself up a bank along Chartiers Creek that is only fond now, years later, in retrospect because at the time I was in a complete panic.

The memories it triggered for me as a son, I noticed, were not always so great, especially now looking back on them as a father. Here are a couple reasons I'm frankly surprised my father didn't put me up for adoption back in the day.

The first day of Trout season in 1975, I was nine years old and my dad took me to Tub Run, a tributary of the Youghiogheny River in Ohiopyle.

It was cold, as it often is for the first day, but when you're nine years old, cold really means nothing at all to you. My dad told me, by my count seven times but he would say it was closer to fifty times, to "stay in that chair, the bank is slippery and you're going to fall in the creek." The reason I contend it wasn't fifty times that he told me, is that there is no way we were there long enough before I actually fell in, like IN, deep water over my head IN! We spent the rest of the

morning in the car trying to keep me warm and get me dry.

When I was around eleven years old, we were having a huge day, at Dutch Fork, trout fishing. My dad was using an old time milk delivery cooler, that we used to keep on our front porch, as a live well to keep the trout we were catching fresh and alive. We were one fish short of a limit for both of us. I was messing around in the tackle box and kicked the entire cooler into the lake. It was as if I gave a full pardon to the nine trout. My dad looked dumbfounded



Father and son, David and Edward Dulick fish together making memories! ~photo courtesy David Dulick



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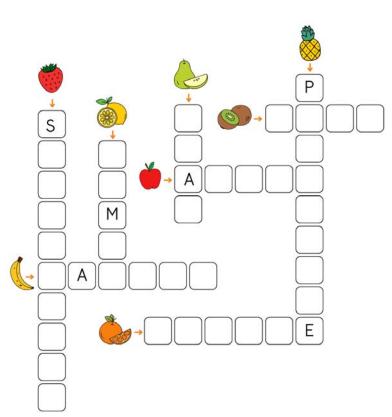
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