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# Walk to Remember returns for 14th year at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

Hospice of the Western Reserve invites families, friends and supporters to join together for the 14th annual Walk to Remember, happening on Sunday, June 8, 2025, at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. This cherished event offers a meaningful way to celebrate life, honor the memory of loved ones, and support care that provides comfort and dignity for those facing serious illness.

Held yearly as a tribute to those who have passed away, the Walk to Remember is a time for reflection, healing and community. Participants walk in memory of someone special while supporting compassionate care for patients and families across northern Ohio.

"Each year, the Walk to Remember brings thousands of people together in a powerful display of love and shared humanity," said Bill Finn, president and CEO of Hospice of the Western Reserve. "Whether you're walking in memory of someone close to you or simply to support the cause, you're helping us extend comfort, dignity and support to people when they need it most."

Walkers may choose a one-mile route or take a longer stroll through the zoo at their own pace. The \$30 registration fee includes full-day zoo



admission and a special commemorative gift. Wristbands, required for entry, will be distributed at check-in.

Proceeds from the Walk to Remember help fund nearly \$13 million in unreimbursed care and services provided each year by Hospice of the Western Reserve programs that ensure no one faces serious illness or loss alone.

Registration is now open. To sign up as an individual or team, become a sponsor, or make a donation in honor of a loved one, please visit HospiceWR.org/wtr or call 888.506.2550.

#### **Event Details**

- When: Sunday, June 8, 2025
- Where: Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
- Registration: 7:30-10:00 a.m.
- Opening ceremony: 8:45 a.m.
- Walk begins: 9:00 a.m.

# Dragons spotted arriving at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo!

Nearly two dozen dragons have been spotted arriving at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo's Waterfowl Lake ahead of summer! Guests can experience the all-new Dragons Landing with more than 20 animatronic mythical creatures along the zoo's Waterfowl Lake. Guests can get up close to giant dragons that span up to 30 feet long and 15 feet tall, watching as they roar and breathe smoke during this limited-time adventure.

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo is also excited to welcome back Swan Voyage this summer, offering guests the opportunity to paddle on the picturesque Waterfowl Lake aboard Trumpeter Swan paddle boats. Perfect for families and groups, these five-passenger boats provide a peaceful way to experience the heart of the Zoo.

Both Dragons Landing and Swan



Voyage are add-on experiences at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and tickets may be purchased at several locations throughout the Zoo including at the Guest Resource Center and three other attraction ticket stations.

Admission to Dragons Landing is \$3 for members, \$4 for nonmembers per experience. General zoo admission is also required.

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo is located at 3900 Wildlife Way in Cleveland. For info please visit www.clevelandmetroparks.com/zoo.



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# The origins of dad jokes: A history of corny humor

Dad jokes—those short, often groan-worthy quips delivered with a grin—have become a beloved (and sometimes begrudged) part of modern humor. Typically characterized by their puns, predictable punchlines, and innocent playfulness, dad jokes are more than just silly remarks; they reflect a cultural phenomenon with deeper roots than many realize.

The term "dad joke" is relatively new, but the style of humor it represents is ancient. Puns and wordplay have existed for millennia, with evidence of similar jokes appearing in ancient Sumerian texts and Greek plays. Shakespeare, in particular, was a master of the pun, using them liberally in his work. The essential structure of the dad joke—short, pun-based, and often eye-roll-inducing—was alive and well long before it earned its modern label.

The modern association of this type of joke with fatherhood likely stems from cultural stereotypes about dads. Fathers are often portrayed as endearingly awkward, using humor to bond with their children or lighten the mood, even if the jokes themselves are painfully unfunny. These stereotypes took hold especially in the mid-to-late 20th century, during a period when media representations of family life began to shape cultural perceptions of parenting roles.

The exact phrase "dad joke" appears to have first entered the popular lexicon in the late 1980s. One



of the earliest recorded uses in print was in a 1987 Gettysburg Times column titled "Don't Ban the 'Dad' Jokes; Preserve and Revere Them," in which the author both acknowledged the corniness of the jokes and defended their place in family life. From there, the phrase began to spread slowly, picking up steam in the 2000s with the rise of the Internet and social media.

Online platforms, especially Reddit, Twitter, and TikTok, became hotbeds for the dad joke genre. These sites allowed for the rapid sharing of shortform humor, and dad jokes fit perfectly into their formats. As the term caught on, so did the idea

that these jokes were a defining feature of "dad" behavior—often harmless, sometimes embarrassing, but always delivered with a kind of earnest charm.

Interestingly, the rise in popularity of dad jokes has coincided with a broader embrace of wholesome, non-offensive humor. In a time when much comedy can be edgy or polarizing, dad jokes offer a safe, inclusive alternative that often relies more on cleverness than cruelty.

So while the jokes themselves are ancient, the term "dad joke" is a relatively recent cultural invention. It captures not just a style of humor, but a social role—one that evokes warmth, family, and a universal experience of groaning at a parent's pun. Today, dad jokes are not only tolerated but celebrated, giving pun-loving parents everywhere full license to say, "Hi hungry, I'm Dad."

#### **SOME EYE-ROLLING DAD JOKES**

I'm afraid for the calendar. Its days are numbered."

I only know 25 letters of the alphabet. I don't know y.

**Did you hear the rumor about butter?** Well, I'm not going to spread it.

When I told my wife she was drawing her eyebrows too high...

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**SATURDAY, JUNE 7 @ 1:00-11:00 PM** THE ATTRAXXION, 1:00 - 4:30 PM ROAMING PRINCESS, 2:00 - 5:00 PM FACE PAINTERS, GLITTER TATTOOS, BALLOON TWISTER, 3:00 - 6:00 PM CASINO, 5:00 - 11:00 PM PIECES OF EIGHT, 7:00 - 11:00 PM \$2,000 PRIZE DRAWING AT 10:00 PM MIDNIGHT MASS AT ST. GABRIEL CHURCH, 12:00 AM

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#### **Snakes, Turtles & More:** A Herp's Eye View June 29 · noon-4 p.m. **Penitentiary Glen**

Amphibians and reptiles see the world from unique perspectives. Join Lake Metroparks to explore these cold-blooded perspectives! Join naturalists and conservation partner Herps Alive Foundation as they shed light on these mysterious critters. Meet rare reptiles up close, explore wild habitats with naturalist guides and engage in interactive games. Miniature steam train rides will be offered courtesy of the Lake Shore Live Steamers from 1-3 p.m. weather permitting. Free admission.



**Farmfest** July 12, 2025 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

#### Lake Metroparks Farmpark

Celebrate summer! This event is your chance to enjoy Farmpark's best programs and demonstrations for FREE!

Learn all about Farmpark's daily activities, enjoy cooking demonstrations, wagon rides through the park and learn how to create your own backyard flock. If you have an interest in bees, antique tractors, or spinning your own wool, you can discover the clubs that call Farmpark home and meet with members to learn more.

Enjoy a variety of food trucks (fees apply) and pony rides for \$6.

## **Summer Reading launches** May 30 at Mentor Library

Readers of all ages - kids, teens and, yes, adults - can win spectacular prizes during Summer Reading at Mentor Public Library. Sign up at any MPL branch starting May 30.

Once they've registered, kids (those entering sixth grade or younger) will earn a raffle ticket for every hour they read or are read to. The more they read, the better chance they have to win one of the library's prizes.

Children can also earn fun rewards along the way. If they reach the 10-hour mark, they can vote for which library employee will get slimed after Summer Reading concludes. Also, kids who read at least 20 hours during Summer Reading will earn a golden ticket and a chance to win \$50 gift cards.

Additionally, kids will receive a bonus prize by completing the Summer Fun Bingo Challenge on the back of their reading logs.

Meanwhile, teens (those entering seventh grade and older) and adults can sign up for summer reading in person at the library, online at mentorpl.beanstack.org, or by using



Sue Durante uses unconventional tools to make supersized bubbles during a program at Mentor Public Library.

the Beanstack app. Then they can use Beanstack to record what they read. They'll receive an entry into one of the library's prize raffles for every book they read, audiobook they listen to, or challenge they complete.

Summer Reading launches with a visit from Sue Durante—also known as The Bubble Lady—at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 31, at Mentor Public Library's Main Branch. The last day to earn raffle tickets is Saturday, July 26.

~Photo courtesy of Mentor Public Library

### The Funny Bus is back!

Comedy tours of Downtown Cleveland and surrounding neighborhoods

Winter's snow has melted and the warm, summer sun is back in the Cleveland skies, which means it's time to have some fun! Cleveland's favorite rolling comedy show is back as well and it's geared up to offer you laughs and more fun than your belly can handle.

Recently voted "Most Original Comedy Concept" and "Best of Cleveland," the bright red, open-air Funny Bus offers a 90-minute tour of downtown and the surrounding neighborhoods. More than a standard sight-seeing tour, the most unique aspect of the Funny Bus is the hosts who are local comedians dedicated to entertaining guests.

The comedians mix humor, music, games and dancing to provide a high-energy interactive experience. Guests may also bring their own beer and wine in sealed containers.

Opened in 2021, the touring company operates two buses and offers public tours or private events for groups as large as 72 guests.

This summer, in addition to the



regularly scheduled public tours from Thursday through Sunday, the Funny Bus will be adding public tours on Wednesday nights. Tickets for the public tours are only \$31, which includes tax.

Private events are becoming more and more popular too. They are great for corporate outings, customer appreciation events, birthdays, bachelorette parties, family reunions, or anytime you want to get a group of friends together for a great time.

Private tours are offered any day of the week throughout the year.

For more information and to purchase tickets on the Funny Bus, visit the website at www.funnybus. net/cleveland or contact by phone at 216-404-7786.

# Meaningful summer fun for kids and adults

Presented by Cleveland nonprofit organization, Values-in-Action Foundation, the Kindland movement is bringing together communities, businesses, organizations, and schools by recognizing and sharing the acts of kindness around us to inspire a ground swell of positivity and goodness.

Kindland's "Summer of Kindness Challenge" provides families and individuals with a variety of positive activities—big and small—to do throughout the summer months with the goal to make Ohio the kindest place in the nation. The Kindland movement relies on the power of the people to do, recognize, report, and share the acts of kindness happening around us every day.

For each act of kindness completed on the challenge board, participants will receive an entry into the Summer of Kindness prize raffle. Completed challenge boards must be received by Friday, August 22 per the submission instructions on the board. Save the challenge board and get started at www.BeKindland.com



or tear off the back page of this issue and get started now.

#### **About Values-in-Action**

Started in 1994 as Project Love, Values-in-Action has been providing social-emotional and character education programs to schools in northeast Ohio for 30 years. Through student workshops and seminars, the organization has trained over 1,300,000 students and 5,300 educators to lead with kindness, caring and respect.



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If you haven't been to Kalahari recently you will also want to check out their expanded outdoor waterpark experience.

#### Kalahari adds new restaurants and indoor waterslide

Kalahari Resorts & Conventions has announced an investment of \$10.5M to bring new amenities to its Sandusky location. Updates to the resort include two new restaurants, a lobby renovation, and a new waterslide experience.

"2025 marks our 20th anniversary at Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio," said Brian Shanle, resort general manager. "We have been incredibly blessed to have welcomed millions of amazing, loyal guests over two decades and are thrilled to continue to bring new experiences and amenities to

enhance the Kalahari experience for years to come."

Guests will enjoy the addition of two new dining options. MACS is a fast-casual restaurant serving handcrafted macaroni and cheese and other comfort food favorites, and Cinco Niños is a modern Mexican restaurant & tequila bar. MACS offers a variety of unique macaroni and cheeses, such as the jalapeño popper MAC, loaded baked potato MAC and buffalo chicken MAC.

Cinco Niños offers Mexican favorites including quesadillas,

enchiladas, fajitas, and tacos. The restaurant also features a full-service bar, offering signature tequila and mezcal drinks.

The renovation also includes the addition of a new indoor waterpark experience, named the "Dawn Breaker." The only one of its kind in northeastern Ohio, this exhilarating two-person slide features a heart-pounding "boomerang" effect, as riders wind through the night to the dawn of a new day, chasing an African sunrise.

Visit www.KalahariResorts.com for more info.





"Daddy!"

What did E.T.'s mom say when he got home from vacation?
Where on Earth have you been?

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Lakeside Chautauqua is a hidden gem tucked away on the Marblehead Peninsula just an hour west of Cleveland. It's the perfect family destination for a weeklong vacation, weekend getaway or day trip to Lake Erie.

Within the one-square-mile historic community, you'll find hundreds of unique Victorian cottages, a concert auditorium, an arts center, a historic waterfront hotel, a movie theater and much more.

#### **Recreation & wellness**

The perfect setting for recreation and wellness along Lake Erie, Lakeside offers sailing, kayaking, paddleboarding, miniature golf, shuffleboard, basketball, sand volleyball, pickleball and tennis. It also features several parks and playgrounds, a pool, splash park and lake swimming.

#### **Accommodations**

A variety of unique and charming accommodations complete the experience – from the historic Hotel Lakeside and Fountain Inn to weekly



cottage rentals, a campground and bed & breakfasts. View available accommodations at lakesideohio. com/stav.

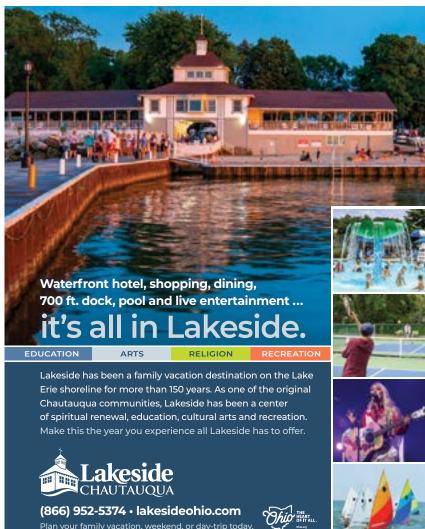
#### **Summer entertainment & events**

Lakeside hosts an impressive list of family-friendly entertainers, keynote speakers and memorable events. To view the full schedule of events visit lakesideohio.com/calendar.

#### Admission & parking

Lakeside requires guests and residents to purchase a Chautauqua Pass and Auto Pass to enter the grounds during the summer programming season, May 23-September 1, 2025. Depending on the length of your stay, choose from a variety of Chautauqua Passes.

Visit lakesideohio.com or call 419-798-4461 for more information.





### **Mentor Rocks with Five for Fighting** and Vertical Horizon

Alt-rock hitmaker Five for Fighting and special guest Vertical Horizon will appear at the Mentor Civic Amphitheater Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 7 p.m. as a part of the Mentor Rocks summer concert series.

Five for Fighting (aka John Ondrasik) is best known for his mega-hit "Superman (It's Not Easy)." The singer/songwriter has penned major hits, including the chart-topping "100 Years," "The Riddle," "Chances," "World," and "Easy Tonight," which have earned over one billion streams and place him as a top-10 Hot Adult Contemporary artist for the 2000s. His music has also been featured in more than 350 films, television shows, and commercials.

Vertical Horizon experienced meteoric success in 1999 with "Everything You Want", selling over two million copies. The title song captured the #1 spot on Billboard's Hot 100 and Adult Top 40 charts, and went on to become the most played single of 2000.

Mentor Rocks is an all-ages event which promotes a festival-like atmo-



Five for Fighting

sphere each week.

In addition to great music, attendees can enjoy a great selection of food from area vendors as well as an assortment of beers, seltzers, and wines for those 21 and over. Grounds open at 5 p.m. Food and beverage service begins at 5 p.m. The venue features lawn seating, so bring your own blankets or chairs. Outside food is permitted although outside alcohol is not. Coolers will be checked.

Admission and parking are free of charge thanks to the generous support of Mentor Rocks sponsors.

Learn more at www.mentorrocks.



# Then it must be the Funny Bus!



# St. Gabriel Summer Festival returns for 37th year of family fun

June 5–8, 2025 Featuring a grand prize raffle drawing of \$21,500

As the summer season begins to bloom, so too does one of northeast Ohio's most beloved traditions—the St. Gabriel Summer Festival. Now in its 37th year, the festival returns June 5–8, bringing with it four unforgettable days of fun, food, games, and community spirit.

Hosted by the Catholic Community of St. Gabriel, the festival is a cherished tradition that welcomes families and friends from across the tri-county area. From thrilling rides and live music to homemade delicacies and exciting raffles and games, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Highlights of this year's festival include:

- Enhanced safety protocols in coordination with the Lake County Sheriff's Department, including increased surveillance, admission gates requiring minors to be accompanied by an adult, bag checks, and a ban on masks.
- Midway rides and games for all ages
- Live entertainment every evening featuring



popular northeast Ohio bands

- Casino try your luck each evening
- A delicious variety of food: homemade pierogis, cabbage rolls, fresh-cut fries, roasted corn, burgers, gyros, ice cream, and more
- Family fun: face painting, kids' games, and all-day ride passes available
- Raffle drawings with a \$21,500 grand prize can be purchased online

"The Festival is more than just an event—it's a homecoming for many, a tradition of joy, and a way to celebrate the spirit of God's love in our community," said Fr. Fred Pausche, pastor.

Whether you're a longtime attendee or a firsttime guest, you'll find a warm welcome and an abundance of summer fun at St. Gabriel's 37th Annual Summer Festival!

For more information, full entertainment schedule, or to purchase raffle tickets online, visit www.st-gabriel.org.

# Summer of Innovation series at Great Lakes Science Center

Great Lakes Science Center (GLSC) will celebrate the progress driving northeast Ohio's future with its new Summer of Innovation series, providing handson STEM learning experiences and a chance to meet STEM professionals from regional forward-thinking companies.

Jobs that require knowledge and skills in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) are among the fastest growing employment sectors, and informal science education has proven to be particularly effective at engaging diverse audiences to develop interest in STEM careers.

Four Summer of Innovation days, scheduled throughout the summer, will introduce guests to the wide variety of the region's STEM career opportunities. Each day focuses on a different theme and includes industry partners and GLSC staff engaging guests in a range of activities. Summer of Innovation days will be held from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. focused on the following industry fields:

June 14 – Construction

July 19 - Technology

August 9 – Sustainability

September 13 - Aerospace

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# 2025 Lake County Fair to have tons of fun!

The 170th edition of Lake County Fair will run July 22–July 27, 2025 at the county fairgrounds on Mentor Avenue in Painesville Township.

The 2025 fair will be packed with fun for the whole family and will feature all the favorite traditions and more. Two demo derbies will headline the week's entertainment line-up and regular favorites like motocross racing, a truck and tractor pull, KOI side-by-side dirt track drag racing, and the dirt night motor mayhem will all return. Great music along with the Sky Circus Cleveland Variety Show and All-American Pig Racing and two kiddie tractor pulls will highlight this year's free ongrounds acts.

The fair starts on Tuesday, July 22 with Veterans Day. There will be free admission to all until 3 p.m. and veterans will be admitted free all day. Harness racing will take place on this day only with a noon post time and will feature both colts and fillies. You won't want to miss the opening day parade starting at 6 p.m. Tuesday night's demo derby will feature



Dirt Night Motor Mayhem

school buses.

Wednesday is Family Day. Families of four or more will be admitted for \$8 each including ride privileges.

Thursday is Kids Day with free admission for ages 14 and under when accompanied by an adult. There will be free activities, games, and prizes for ages 12 and under at the main grandstand beginning at 1 p.m. Ride wristbands are available for \$8.

Friday is Seniors Day with age 60 and over free until 3 p.m. with a free boxed lunch while they last and other activities entertainment tent.

For a complete schedule of events with times, ticket prices and more information, visit the fair's website at www.lakecountyfair.org.



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# Are you properly insured for summer fun?

The temperature is rising and the sun is shining. Before you put the boat on the lake or get the ATVs out of storage, check with your insurance agent to make sure they are properly protected. Use these tips to review your coverage to make sure you and your family are insured for the increased risks that come with outdoor activities.

#### **Boats**

Small boats may be covered by your homeowner's policy, but coverage for liability risk is limited. Insurers generally provide liability insurance on small sailboats and powerboats with small motors. However, a boat of any significant size will be excluded from your homeowner's policy for both property and liability coverage. If you own a large boat, ask your insurance agent about a separate policy that covers physical damage to the boat and any liability that might result from its use.

Personal watercrafts such as jet skis, will also likely require a separate insurance policy. Again, you might be able to purchase this policy from your homeowner's insurer or you might wish to use an insurer that specializes in boat insurance. You might also want to consider purchasing an umbrella policy to provide liability coverage above what your boat policy offers. Talk with your insurance agent or company about your options.

Questions to ask your agent before putting your boat or personal watercraft in the water:

- Does my policy have adequate liability limits?
- Are there special discounts for taking safety courses?
- Who does the policy cover to operate the boat or personal watercraft?
- Is the liability of towing skiers or persons on tubes covered by my policy?

#### **ATVs**

All-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are also not covered by standard automobile insurance policies; however, your homeowner's policy might partially cover your liability on an ATV. Ask your insurance agent or company if this coverage is enough to protect you and your family. You might want to consider a separate ATV policy to make sure you are properly insured.

Questions to ask your insurance agent or company:

- Are there age restrictions on who may operate the ATV?
- Does my policy cover friends or family who are operating the ATV?
- Is there a discount for taking an operator safety course or for riding with a helmet?

#### Pools and trampolines

Be sure to ask if your homeowner's policy specifies any safety measures you are required to install, such as a certain height fence or locked gate. Some companies might not insure your property if you have a trampoline, or they might have policy exclusions for any liability related to trampoline injuries. Be sure to understand exactly what damages and injuries your homeowner's policy covers before you allow anyone on the trampoline.

An insurance company can deny coverage or cancel your policy if you do not follow the policy safety guidelines or do not inform the company when you install a pool or purchase a trampoline. Check with your insurance agent or company for rates and safety guidelines before making your purchase.

You may also want to consider purchasing an umbrella policy to provide liability coverage above what your homeowner's policy offers.

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# **Wade Oval Wednesdays**

June 18-August 20, 2025 • 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Family-friendly fun awaits you this summer at Wade Oval in University Circle. Enjoy ten unforgettable Wednesday nights of live music, food, dancing, roaming entertainment and more—all for FREE! Bring a picnic or purchase delicious treats from vendors on-site. Select museums are open late on Wednesdays.

#### 2025 Headliner Lineup

June 18 - The Stix Quintet (NEO-Soul/Funk/R&B)

June 25 - Apostle Jones (Soul/Covers)

• LGBTQ Pride Night

July 2 - Carlos Jones (+) (Reggae)

July 9 - The Michael Weber Show (Rock & Roll)

July 16 - Follow the Sun (Covers)

• Disability Pride Night

July 23 - Cream Camino (Hard Rock)

July 30 - Raquel and the Wildflowers (Country Rock)

August 6 - Son Gitano (Latin Fusion Orchestra)

International Night in partnership with the Cleveland Cultural Gardens

August 13 - The Band With No Name (Jazz)

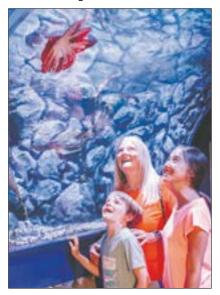
August 20 - The Unit eXperience Project (Jazz/Funk)

## Father's Day weekend at **Greater Cleveland Aquarium**

Add a splash of wonder to Dad's day. Greater Cleveland Aquarium is "shell-abrating" special caregivers with parenting-themed trivia, celebratory pins, extended hours and discounted 50% off admission for dads/stepdads/foster dads/grandpas on Father's Day Weekend (Saturday & Sunday, June 14 & 15, 2025, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.).

Father's Day Weekend activities are included with general admission (\$0-\$19.95 per person).

Greater Cleveland Aquarium is also offering everyone the opportunity to swap the more traditional mugs and ties for the gift of a year's worth of undersea adventures with a 10% discount on any level of Greater Cleveland Aquarium annual pass, June 7–15 (with code 25DAD10). In addition to unlimited daily return admission for the family, membership perks include free parking while visiting, exclusive programming and discounted and free events, as well as



gift shop and birthday party savings. \*Cannot be combined with other

Greater Cleveland Aquarium is located at the Flats West Bank, 2000 Sycamore Street, Cleveland. Call 216-862-8803 or visit them online at greaterclevelandaquarium.com.



#### **JUNE 2025**

### Mentor Rocks Summer Concert Series

Tuesdays, June 3–August 26 7–9 pm Mentor Civic Amphitheater 8600 Munson Rd, Mentor

8600 Munson Rd, Mentor www.mentorrocks.info

An all-ages event which promotes a festival-like atmosphere each week. In addition to great music, attendees can enjoy a great selection of food and refreshments from the area's best food trucks. Free admission. See ad on page 3 for full schedule.

#### **Painesville Concerts In The Park**

Wednesdays, June 4–July 30
6–8 pm
Painesville Square
www.painesville.com/recreation
Bring a lawn chair, blanket or
your own picnic and enjoy the
sounds of summer every Wednesday. Each week features live music from a local band starting at
6:00 p.m. Always free and open
to all. Outside food allowed.
(See ad on page 8 for schedule.)

#### St. Gabriel Summer Festival

Thursday, June 5 • 6–10 pm
Friday, June 6 • 6–11 pm
Saturday, June 7 • 1–11 pm
Sunday, June 8 • 1–8 pm
9925 Johnnycake Ridge Road
Concord Township
www.st-gabriel.org/
summer-festival.html
Live music, delicious food,
\$21,500 raffle, games, rides, balloon artists, face painters, roaming princess and casino. See ad on page 6 for full schedule.

#### Art by the Falls

Saturday, June 7 • 10 am–7 pm Sunday, June 8 • 10 am–4 pm Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field 41324 S. Woodland Road Chagrin Falls www.valleyartcenter.org

This juried fine art and contemporary craft festival draws 160+ artists from across the country.

Featuring live music, kids' activities, culinary offerings, free trolley to town, art raffle, community art and unique photo ops. Free admission and parking.

#### 2025 Walk to Remember

Sponsored by
Hospice of the Western Reserve
Sunday, June 8 • 8 am
Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
www.hospicewr.org/WTR

The Walk to Remember is more than just a walk, it's a chance to honor loved ones, celebrate life, and support Hospice of the Western Reserve's essential programs. Form a team by inviting your family and friends to walk with you. Registration fee is \$30 and includes all-day Zoo admission + commemorative keepsake.

# Concord Summer Concert Series

Thursdays, June 12–July 31
6:30–8:30 pm
Town Hall Gazebo
7229 Ravenna Road, Concord
www.concordtwp.com
Each week local bands will play

different genres of music. Food truck each week. See website for band listings.

#### **Kirtland Strawberry Festival**

Thursday, June 12 • 5–10 pm
Friday, June 13 • 3–11 pm
Saturday, June 14 • noon–11 pm
Kirtland Schools
9150 Chillicothe Road, Kirtland
www.kirtlandkiwanis.org
Rides, entertainment including
a DJ and local bands, lemonade,
food court, kiddie land entertainment, a dunk tank, contests, and
more. Free admission.

# Parade The Circle and Circle Village

Saturday, June 14 • 10 am–4pm University Circle, Cleveland 216-791-3900

www.universitycircle.org
The parade, which begins at
noon at the north entrance of the
Cleveland Museum of Art, fills
Wade Oval with colorful costumes,
puppets, masks, and more created
by local individuals and groups.

The festivities begin at 10 a.m. with Circle Village. Visitors are invited to immerse themselves in interactive activities offered by esteemed institutions such as The Cleveland Orchestra, Cleveland



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#### Parade The Circle cont'd

Botanical Garden, and The Music Settlement. Attendees can also enjoy culinary delights from local vendors and listen to live music. Free admission.

#### **Lake County Pride**

Saturday, June 14 • 11 am–5 pm Lake County History Center 415 Riverside Drive, Painesville 440-296-9443

www.lgbtlakecounty.org/pride Enjoy vendors, balloon twisting, face painting, a petting zoo, food trucks and more on the lawn of the Lake County History Center!

#### **Nights Out In The Parks**

440-286-9516

www.geaugaparkdistrict.org Bring your own blankets, lawn chairs and refreshments and enjoy free outdoor music and movies. No registration needed. Free admission.

#### Music

All shows 7–8:30 pm Big Creek Park Amphitheater

> Saturday, June 21 The New Barleycorn

Saturday, July 19 Tom Todd's Trip to Buffettville (Jimmy Buffett Tribute)

> Saturday, August 16 Big North Band

#### Movies

All shows 6–10 pm Observatory Park

Saturday, June 14 – Finding Nemo Saturday, July 26 – Men in Black

#### Cleveland Juneteenth Freedom Fest

Saturday, June 14 • 11 am–8 pm Mall C, Downtown Cleveland St. Clair Avenue

This family-friendly celebration will feature main stage performances by Karamu House, the country's oldest Black producing theatre, along with live music, DJs and other entertainment. Be sure to check out the Vendor Village spotlighting Black businesses and entrepreneurs, Famly Fun + Games zone, the mouthwatering eats available on Soul Food Row, interactive art demonstrations, more food trucks and beverage concessions. Free admission.



#### **Rocket Day**

Tuesday, June 17 • 1–3 pm International Women's Air & Space Museum (Inside Burke Lakefront Airport) 1501 N. Marginal Road, Cleveland 216-623-1111

www.iwasm.org

The team at the museum and our dedicated volunteers have been hard at work creating a safe and engaging program. Learn about the physics behind rocket and jet propulsion!

Registration is required. Adults are required to stay to accompany their children during the sessions. \$4 per person.

#### Wade Oval Wednesdays

June 18–Aug. 20 • 5:30–8:30 pm University Circle, Cleveland Free concert, food trucks, vendors, theme nights, and activities. (See page 14 for details)

#### **Pasta Dinner**

Thur., June 19 • 4:30–6:45 pm Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine 21281 Chardon Road, Euclid 216-481-8232

www.srstrinity.com

Pasta, meatballs, salad, bread & butter, coffee or tea. Tickets: \$15 per person.

#### **Ohio Viking Festival**

Friday, June 20 • 4–10 pm Saturday, June 21 • 10 am–6 pm Sunday, June 20 • 10 am–6 pm Lake County Fairgrounds Painesville Twp.

www.ohiovikingfestival.com Gather your clan and prepare for an unforgettable journey back in time! The Ohio Viking Festival returns, bringing epic battles, mesmerizing entertainment, authentic Viking villages, and the best mead this side of Valhalla, artisan vendors, delicious food, and thrilling entertainment. Tickets: \$16.81 for adults 13+; \$8.82 for children 6–12, free for 5 and under. Prices include fees and taxes.

# Wildwood Fine Arts & Wine Festival

Saturday, June 21 • noon–5 pm Wildwood Cultural Center 7645 Little Mountain Rd., Mentor 440-974-5735

www.cityofmentor.com
This outdoor event features
over 65 gallery-style booths filled
with vendors from every medium

# FAMILY FUN GUIDE

#### Wildwood Arts Fest cont'd

of fine art, fine craft and specialty foods lining the wooded estate grounds. Savor a glass of wine from several local wineries! Musical entertainment and food trucks round out the day's festivities. \$2 admission at the door.

#### **Nassau Astronomy Night**

Saturday, June 21 • 9–11 pm Observatory Park 10610 Clay Street, Montville www.geaugaparkdistrict.org Stop in to discover this awesome facility and join members of the Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society taking in the wonders of the night sky using our restored telescope! A limited number of people will be permitted inside the building at a time, which may result in a wait to enter. Canceled if cloudy; check website or social media for notice. No registration required. Free admission.

#### Fam Jam

Saturday, June 28 • 10 am-2 pm Rock & Roll Hall of Fame 1100 Rock & Roll Blvd., Cleveland 216-781-ROCK (7625) rockhall.com/event/fam-jam-2025 Family-friendly activities, live performances, and community partners. Special features include a music/dance performance by Mr. Jeff, balloon twisting with Flower Clown, and bubbles with Bubble Wanda. There will also be an instrument collection for the Center for Arts Inspired Learning and Hungry for Music, to support local music education programs.

#### **JULY 2025**

#### **Fairport Mardi Gras**

Saturday, July 5 • 5–11 pm
Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park
301 Huntington Beach
Enjoy a vibrant parade, entertainment and vendors, and a spectacular fireworks display.

# St. John Vianney Parish Summer Festival

Friday, July 11 • 6–11 pm Saturday, July 12 • 5–11 pm Sunday, July 13 • 3–9 pm 7575 Bellflower Road, Mentor 440-255-0600 www.sjvmentor.org

www.sjvmentor.org
Food pavilion, rubber duck
races, kids' games and activities,

grand prize raffle of \$15,000, polka mass Saturday, basket raffle, live music, air conditioned Monte Carlo. Free admission and parking.

#### **Farmfest**

Saturday, July 12 • 9 am–5 pm Lake Metroparks Farmpark 8800 Euclid Chardon Rd., Kirtland 440-256-2122

> www.lakemetroparks.com Free admission!

Learn all about Farmpark's daily activities, enjoy cooking demonstrations, wagon rides through the park and learn how to create your own backyard flock. If you have an interest in bees, antique tractors, or spinning your own wool, you can discover the clubs that call Farmpark home and meet with members to learn more.

Enjoy a variety of food trucks (fees apply) and pony rides for \$6.

# Music in the Valley Folk & Wine Festival

July 12 & 13 • 10 am–4 pm Hale Farm & Village 2686 Oak Hill Road, Bath 330-666-3711 www.halefarm.org

This weekend celebration showcases the history and evolution of folk music, featuring live performances throughout this historic site. Enjoy the rich blend of music, local food history, historical demonstrations, and Ohio wine tastings, all set against the beautiful backdrop of Hale Farm. Admission fee applies.

#### **Uncorked: Cleveland Wine Fest**

Saturday, July 12 • 7–11 pm Great Lakes Science Center 601 Erieside Avenue, Cleveland uncorkedwinefestivals.com Sip & savor over 100 wines & bubblies from across the globe. Plus enjoy favorite local food trucks, full after-hours access to the museum, science demos, interactive exhibits and more!

Early admission (\$80) is at 7 pm and includes an extra hour of tasting and museum access with bonus wine selections. General admission (\$65) is at 8 pm. Both tickets include all wine tasting with food sold separately.





Saturday, May 31 at 11am - Summer Reading Kick-off Wonderful World of Bubbles at the Main Library

June 2 - July 31 Kid's Coloring Contest at the Main Library

Fridays June - August, 10am-4pm - Finger Paint Fridays at the Headlands Branch

Fridays in June & July at 11am Funday Fridays at the Lake Branch

Mondays in June & July at 12pm Masterpiece Mondays at the Main Library

Visit www.mentorpl.org for our full schedule of events for children, teens, and adults!

Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch 5642 Andrews Rd. (440) 257-2512 Main Library 8215 Mentor Ave. (440) 255-8811 The HUB 6477 Center St. (440) 205-6011 Headlands Branch 4669 Corduroy Rd. (440) 257-2000



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#### Painesville Party in the Park

Fri., July 18 • noon–midnight Sat., July 19 • noon–midnight Sun., July 20 • noon–midnight Veterans Park, Painesville PainesvilleImprovement.com

Ohio's largest free music festival with 30 musical acts. Featuring upand-coming local acts, award-winning Cleveland musicians and national touring acts from all reaches of the U.S., plus entertainment for the kids, good food, and cold beverages.

# Immaculate Conception Oktoberfest

Friday, July 18 • 5–11 pm Saturday, July 19 • 4–11 pm Sunday, July 20 • noon–10 pm 37932 Euclid Avenue, Willoughby 440-942-4500

Live music, great parish foods, kids inflatables, Chinese auction, Monte Carlo and much more.

# 34th Annual Willoughby Arts Fest

Saturday, July 19 • 10 am–5 pm Historic Downtown Willoughby 440-942-1632

www.willoughbyartsfest.com
The streets will be lined with
over 125 juried artists. Live music
will be provided at the Gazebo in
Pointe Park. Specialty food trucks
and vendors will be spread out
throughout the festival or dine at
restaurants located in downtown
Willoughby. A children's area
gives kids of all ages a chance to
have a hands-on experience with
art.

#### **Lake County Fair**

July 22-27

Lake County Fairgrounds 1301 Mentor Ave., Painesville Twp. 440-354-3339

www.lakecountyfair.org General admission is \$10. (See page 11 for more info.)



Check www.TodaysFamilyMagazine.com for more events, info and updates.

Have a safe and happy summer!



#### **Hobo Day**

(Model Trains Flea Market)
Saturday, July 26 • 10 am–3pm
Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street, Painesville
216-470-5780
painesvillerailroadmuseum.org
Food and refreshments available for a small donation, costume contest, live music, rail fanning and model trains. Free admission.

# St. Justin Martyr Parish Festival

Sunday, July 27 • noon–10 pm Wickliffe Italian-American Club 29717 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe 440-946-1177

www.StJustin.net

Featuring games and prize tent, music, great parish foods, car cruise, basket raffle, side boards, wheels, face painting, adult beverages and fun for all.

#### **AUGUST 2025**

#### Twilight at the Zoo

Fri., August 1 • 7–11:55 pm Cleveland Metroparks Zoo 3900 Wildlife Way, Cleveland www.ClevelandZooSociety.org Spotlights local bands playing pop, rock, dance, swing, country and blues. Admission for all partygoers includes cover charge, small bites, complimentary beer, wine and soda. 21 & over.

General admission: 7 pm-midnight. Tickets are \$130.

#### Vintage Ohio

August 1–2 • noon–9 pm Lake Metroparks Farmpark 8800 Euclid Chardon Rd., Kirtland 440-466-4417

www.visitvintageohio.com Sample Ohio wines, food, cooking school demonstrations, two stages of live music, artisans, shopping, carry-out store, children's entertainment & more. Tickets: \$39 advance, \$45 at gate.

# Cleveland Puerto Rican Parade and Cultural Festival

August 2–3 • noon–10 pm
Parade: August 3 • 11 am–noon
MetroHealth Main Campus
Medical Center - QUAD PARK
www.puertoricanparade.org
International music artists and
groups, local food vendors and
artisans, health & wellness screening, more. Free admission.

#### **Chardon Arts Festival**

Sunday, August 3 • 10 am–5 pm Historic Chardon Square 100 Short Ct. St., Chardon 440-285-8686

www.chardonsquareassociation. org/events/arts-festival

Free to attend and will feature over 100 artists providing an opportunity for a day of shopping and dining in a park-like setting. A selection of food vendors will be at the show, along with a few restaurants on the Square for your dining pleasure. While on the Square, enjoy shopping in a variety of shops and boutiques that will also be open. Free admission and parking.

#### The Fest

Sunday, August 3 • noon–10 pm Center for Pastoral Leadership 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe 216-202-3040 www.thefest.us

Featuring an incredible lineup of talented Christian artists and bands. Bring your lawn chairs and picnic baskets, food vendors will be on-site offering delicious refreshments to keep you energized throughout the day.



### **Save The Dates!**

# Little Italy Feast of the Assumption

August 14–17 Mayfield Road, Cleveland

#### **Cleveland Garlic Festival**

August 23–24 Historic Shaker Square, Cleveland

#### 79th One World Day Festival

August 24 Cleveland Cultural Gardens

#### **Great Geauga County Fair**

August 28—September 1 Geauga County Fairgrounds

#### Waterloo Arts Fest

September 13 Waterloo Arts/Entertainment District

#### Chalk Festival

September 20–21 Cleveland Museum of Art

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Scan our QR code to learn more about our upcoming Open Houses where you can meet our caseworkers and ask questions!

**Lake County Department of Job and Family Services** 



# **SUMMER FUN FOR KIDS + ADULTS!**

- Use this sheet as your Summer of Kindness Challenge board
- Do and mark off as many acts of kindness that you can before August 22nd. Keep this form!
- Visit BeKindland.com by August 22<sup>nd</sup> to submit your entry
- For each act of kindness you complete, you'll be entered into a raffle to win tickets, gift cards, and more!

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Your Name:

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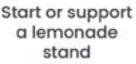
Do an act of

kindness of your

choice:

Write in what you did!

Write a thank you note to a police officer or fire fighter





Make something for someone who is sick or recovering

Have a device

free day







Start a gratitude jar

(write down what you are grateful for each day)



Enjoy a game night with friends or family



Donate to a Food Bank



Pick up trash at a park



Write a thank you note to a Healthcare Hero





Lend a helping hand to an elderly neighbor or family member



Paint and decorate a rock with a positive message

leave it somewhere for



Visit a family-owned business and restaurant



Do an act of kindness of your choice:

Write in what you did!

Support the American Red Cross

(Donate, give blood, or send a thank you)



American Red Cross



Support your local animal shelter