

{TOP 10} *Family Events for July*

Learn, play and explore this summer with these events in and around the Baltimore area

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THROUGHOUT THE MONTH

FREDERICK ROAD FRIDAYS

Downtown Catonsville is delivering summer fun every first Friday throughout the summer at 15 Mellor Ave. from 6-8 p.m. Shop, dine and enjoy block party-style family-friendly musical entertainment.

Free | catonsville.org/frederick-road-fridays



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JULY 3



STAR-SPANGLED SPECTACULAR

Oregon Ridge Park will light up with pre-holiday fireworks at 8 p.m. Grab the family for a picnic before the show and enjoy food trucks, BYOB, spoken word and music from the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and its youth orchestras.

Tickets are \$15-\$25; parking is included. | my.bsomusic.org

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JULY 4

TOWSON 4 ON 4TH FOUR-MILE RUN AND 1776 FAMILY AND KIDS' FUN RUN

This annual celebration begins with 4 miles on the Fourth of July—or a 1776-foot family-fun run—beginning at the Towson courthouse at 8:15 a.m. Run (or walk) past the parade route, relax and watch the floats go by when the parade starts at 10:30 a.m.

\$15 for the kids' and family-fun run; \$30 for the 4-mile run | towsonparade.com



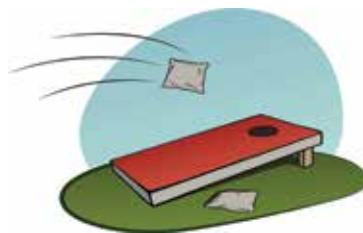
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CHERRY HILL ARTS & MUSIC WATERFRONT FESTIVAL

The Youth Resiliency Institute and Cherry Hill Community Coalition present their sixth annual alcohol-free festival with music, art and fireworks on the waterfront at Middle Branch Park in Cherry Hill. The hybrid in-person and virtual event from 1-9:30 p.m. celebrates the bicentennial of Harriet Tubman's birth.

Free | cherryhillfest.com/home

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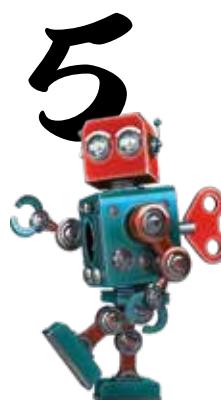
JULY 15

FAMILY SUMMER BASH

Grab the kiddos after work on Friday for an evening of food and fun at the Carroll County Sports Complex. Enjoy field games for kids and adults; all-ages activities, including corn hole, a dunk tank and an obstacle course; and a beer and wine garden for adults 21 and older. 4-9 p.m., rain or shine.

Tickets are \$10-\$12; children ages 2 and younger are free.

carrollcountymd.gov



JULY 15 & 17

"TOY STORY" IN CONCERT

The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra presents the beloved film about toys coming to life that first won our hearts in the 1990s. Watch as Buzz and Woody go to infinity and beyond with a live orchestra. 8 p.m., Friday, July 15, and 3 p.m., Sunday, July 17 at the Meyerhoff; 3 p.m., Saturday, July 16, at the Strathmore.

Tickets are \$17.50-\$75. | my.bsomusic.org



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JULY 16

FAIRY HOUSE CONTEST

Unleash your creativity by making a fairy house and entering it in the Fairy House Contest at Clark's Elioak Farm in Ellicott City. Participants may enter their creations in three categories of house projects among four different age groups. More information is available on the farm's website.

clarklandfarm.com

JULY 20

MY CHILD WAS DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM. NOW WHAT?

A new diagnosis can be scary, but with the right tools and resources, parents don't have to go on the journey alone. This online seminar from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Signature Behavioral Health in Windsor Mill is a good place to start.

Free; donations encouraged
pathfindersforautism.org



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JULY 24

SENSORY-FRIENDLY SUNDAYS: RIVER ROMP

Every other month, the Robinson Nature Center in Howard County offers a special outdoor program for families with sensory-processing differences, autism spectrum disorder and developmental disabilities.

From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., kids can enjoy self-paced activities, scavenger hunts, crafts and games.

Tickets are \$3-\$5; admission is free for members and children younger than 3. | howardcountymd.gov/recreation-parks/robinson-nature-center

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JULY 25-26

BALTIMORE MERMAID CAMP

Swim like a mermaid at Rocky Point Beach in Essex. Mermaids (and mermen) ages 8-15 who know some water basics will swim in their own take-home fin and learn self- and environmental care from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Younger swimmers still get a half-day with crafts, education and a beach photoshoot.

The cost of this camp ranges from \$125 to \$250.
mermaidtasha.com/mermaid-camp

Keep COVID-19 Out of Your Summer Plans



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FREE Vaccines & Testing Available at Baltimore Medical System's Community Vaccination Sites

Summer camps, family gatherings, vacations, and more can't happen if you or a loved one have COVID-19. Baltimore Medical System is offering the FREE Pfizer vaccine at our community vaccination clinics for individuals who are 5 years or older, are currently not ill with COVID-19, and have guardian consent if between the ages of 5 and 17. Patients who are 18 or older are eligible to receive their boosters after 5 months of their last dose but must bring their vaccination card.



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