

# Be a tourist in your own backyard

## Gear up for summer in Ozaukee County

Summertime is right around the corner. Warmer weather means fun outdoor events and attractions, and Ozaukee County teems with festivals and outdoor concerts during spring and summer. Mark your calendar for some of these County favorites.

### FESTIVALS

Arrrrgh ... what is **Port Pirate Fest**, you ask? It's Wisconsin's only pirate festival, June 7 through June 9 in Port Washington ... a weekend of mayhem and merriment, where there is something for everyone, young and old, and admission is free. Enjoy history and humor, music and munchies, drinks and dancing, shopping and side shows and even sailing on the tall ship Denis Sullivan.

Cedarburg's **Strawberry Festival**, June 22 and June 23, offers an art-filled weekend brimming with this most luscious summer fruit. Enjoy live music, browse and purchase original crafts and artwork from hundreds of artists, sample food from dozens of vendors and enjoy some of the most decadent homegrown strawberries in the area. Don't miss Party in the Park, expanded festival offerings in Cedar Creek Park that include live music, a beer garden, family friendly activities and more.



Pirate Fest



Giro D' Grafton

The **Giro d' Grafton**, held Saturday, June 22, is one of the stops on the popular Tour of America's Dairyland race series. The exciting six-turn Giro d' Grafton course has plenty to offer all racers and spectators. The 0.85 mile criterium runs through downtown Grafton with the start/finish line at the intersection of Beech Street and Wisconsin Avenue amid a massive crowd of fans. Spectators can expect a full day of thrilling races, great food from downtown businesses, live music and big fun.

Suburban Motors Harley-Davidson's **Block Fest** is Saturday, July 13, at its location in Thiensville. Festival goers immerse themselves in HOG heaven with live music, food and drink, vendor booths and more – including, of course, plenty of Harleys and Harley merchandise.



**Port Washington Fish Day**, the "world's largest one-day outdoor fish fry" festival, takes place July 20. The festival kicks off at 8 a.m. with a run/walk, followed by a huge parade at 10 a.m. Festival offerings include an arts and crafts show, a carnival with games and rides, five stages of music and family entertainment, nine fish and chips stands and a huge fireworks finale to end the day.

Gather up the family and head to the **Ozaukee County Fair** July 31 through Aug. 4 at the Ozaukee County Fairgrounds in Cedarburg. This is one of the last free fairs in the Midwest, and offers five days of live music, a full midway, exhibitions, animal shows and judging, opening night fireworks and great fair food and fun. Paid grandstand events like demolition derbies, monster trucks and truck and tractor pulls help keep admission free for everyone.

**Luxembourg Fest**, Aug. 10 and Aug. 11, is

Luxembourg Fest



known as the "World's Largest Luxembourg Family Reunion" and draws thousands of Luxembourg Americans, Luxembourgers, friends of Luxembourg and guests to Belgium Community Park for a weekend of live music, great food and lots of family fun.

### CONCERTS

**Live at the Triangle Summer Concert Series** will be presenting six free shows this summer at Veterans Park in the heart of downtown Saukville. The concerts start at 7 p.m. on scheduled Wednesday evenings and run until 9:30 p.m. Bring your family, friends and lawn chairs; food and beverages will be available for purchase. This season's lineup includes Leroy Airmaster with Little Maddie (June 12); Saddlebrook (June 26); Road Trip (July 10); The Britins (July 24); Solid Cedar (Aug. 7); and Otto Day & The Nites (Aug. 21).

Weekends in Port Washington offer several options for live shows. The downtown **Bandshell at Veteran's Park** offers free concerts most Sunday nights in June and July, where local and regional musicians perform before crowds who are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and coolers to this casual setting. Guests can also enjoy live shows at the outdoor stage at **Newport Shores** restaurant – this family friendly environment right on the shore of Lake Michigan offers open mic night on Thursdays and weekend outdoor concerts starting June 15 and running through Aug. 24.

Cedarburg's acclaimed **Summer Sounds** Friday night concert series starts June 14, and runs through Aug. 16 at Cedar Creek Park. The free outdoor concerts start at 6:30 p.m. and wrap up around 10 p.m. It's a great place to picnic with friends and enjoy outstanding music and food from the many vendors.

**Grafton's Gala in the Park Concert Series** starts Thursday, July 11 and continues through Thursday, August 22. These outdoor concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. and are held in Veteran's Memorial Park in Grafton along the Milwaukee River.

**Celebrate Gathering on the Green's** 25th anniversary July 12 and July 13. This premier outdoor concert experience at Rotary Park in Mequon brings people from all over the upper midwest to Ozaukee County. Tickets for this year's headliners (Lee Brice July 12 and Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo July 13) can be purchased online.

The **Bluegrass at the Village** concert Sunday, Aug. 11, will feature Nightflyer in addition to four other great bands. Enjoy the Nightflyer's contemporary sound with strong traditional bluegrass roots, a little gospel and a touch of blues. The event takes place at the Ozaukee County Pioneer Village in the town of Saukville from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students and free for children 5 and younger.

For more information on these and other special events, visit these Ozaukee County Tourism partners' websites or Facebook pages, or visit [www.ozaukeetourism.com](http://www.ozaukeetourism.com) and follow the Ozaukee County Tourism Facebook page.

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Port Washington Bandshell



Gathering on the Green

