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Be There

In-person events are back in full swing! Here are 10 that are filled with fun, laughter and entertainment — and will help you safely return to normal.



Aug. 18

Having a good time this summer? **GARY MULLEN & THE WORKS** won't stop you now, as the popular Queen cover band recreates the look and sound of the Rock & Roll Hall of Famers during One Night of Queen at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. The 8 p.m. show will feature the rock group's repertoire of rock anthems and iconic melodies—it'll

be sure to rock you! Tickets range from \$35–\$65 and are available at njpac.org.

Aug. 28-29

There's still plenty of time to soak up the season's best at **ORT FARMS' SUMMERFEST AND SUNFLOWER FESTIVAL**. From 10 a.m.–6 p.m., visitors of the 400-acre farm in Long Valley can enjoy a sunflower trail, pony rides, food trucks, craft beer, vendors, live music and more—a perfect last hurrah for the season. Online tickets are \$12.95, \$10.95 for ages 3–12 years. Get your tickets and more details at ortfarms.com.



Sept. 6

Let the kids play and dance while you shop and eat at Riverdale's annual **LABOR DAY STREET FAIR**, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. along Newark Pompton Turnpike. Dozens of vendors, rides, games, food trucks (carnival food!), musicians, local merchants and civic organizations will ensure that there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Admission is FREE. More event details can be found at jcpromotions.info.

Aug. 21

Future firefighters of all ages, friends and family can attend **NORTH JERSEY FIRE FEST** from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. at the Police Athletic League of Parsippany-Troy Hills. The festival will feature new and antique fire equipment as well as fire service vendors. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase. Admission is \$5, FREE for kiddos under the age of 12. Contact event co-sponsor Revolutionary Tactics and Training at 973.214.4305 for event info; visit parsippanypal.org to learn more about the PAL.



Sept. 4

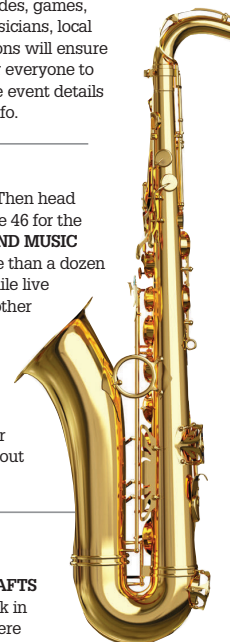
Award-winning jazz vocalist and Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall veteran Celia Berk makes her way to Bloomfield for **MUSIC AT THE MANSION**, 7–9 p.m. at the Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center. Tickets are \$65 and include a full dinner and Berk's performance.

Reserve your spot now at nicoristudios.com.



Sept. 18

Can't get enough food trucks? Then head over to Arlington Plaza on Route 46 for the **PARSIPPANY FOOD TRUCK AND MUSIC FESTIVAL**, 11 a.m.–7 p.m. More than a dozen food trucks will be on hand, while live music, games, craft beers and other vendors provide additional fun. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for ages 4–10 years and FREE for kids 3 and under—proceeds will support local fire and rescue squads. For tickets and more details, check out megabiteevents.com.



Sept. 18-19

THE 37TH ANNUAL ROSE SQUARED FINE ART AND CRAFTS SHOW returns to Anderson Park in Upper Montclair, an exhibit where more than 160 artists show off their works in a variety of mediums such as clay, clothing and glass. Beginning at 10 a.m., visitors can purchase many items for sale, as well as food and refreshments on site. Admission is FREE. For more information, visit rosesquared.com.

Aug. 21-22

Sample New Jersey's best African cuisine at the **NEW JERSEY AFRICAN RESTAURANT WEEK FOOD FESTIVAL** at the Bisrate Gabriel Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church in Newark. From 12–7 p.m. each day, restaurant and clothing vendors, music and more will leave your stomach full, style revamped and smile bright. Tickets start at \$15 and can be purchased at eventbrite.com. For a list of area eateries specializing in African cuisine, visit africanrestaurantweek.com.



Sept. 6

Lace up your sneakers and sign up for the 39th running of the **VERONA LABOR DAY CLASSIC**. The 5K course around Verona is suitable for runners of all ages and abilities; for those looking for an easier activity, the event also includes the 1-Mile Fun Run/Health Walk around Verona Park. Pre-registration for the 5K is \$25 (discounts available for USA Track & Field member; race-day registration is \$300. T-shirts are available for those who register before Aug. 15. Run over to essexrunning.com to get the full scoop.



Aug. 27

Heat things up with your significant other at the **MORRIS COUNTY SCHOOL OF GLASS** in Morristown, which hosts Date Night beginning at 6:30 p.m. Couples will learn to shape 2,100-degree molten glass into a special keepsake such as a flower or a heart. Registration is \$195 per couple, which includes light appetizers and a glass of champagne (21 and older). For more information, visit mcsog.com.



*Editor's note: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, all events are subject to cancellations or changes. Attendees are encouraged to observe local safety guidelines.