

June 2019

Harmony Hall



Celebrating June

Beautiful in Your Skin Month

Soul Food Month

Lemonade Days

June 1–9

World Bicycle Day

June 3

Banana Split Days

June 7–8

Roller Coaster Day

June 13

Father's Day

June 16

World Music Day

June 21

Social Media Day

June 30

The Magnificent Abyss

June is World Ocean Month, a time to celebrate everything in and under the sea. What would our world be without the ocean? The ocean produces over half of the air we breathe. Covering 70% of the planet's surface, the ocean's currents distribute heat all around the globe, regulating both the world's climate and weather patterns. And although 95% of the ocean remains unexplored, it is home to over two million different species, including the largest animal ever known to have existed on Earth.

The blue whale, capable of growing to almost 100 feet long and weighing in at 190 tons, is larger by far than any dinosaur that ever walked the earth. This massive creature relies on one of the ocean's smallest animals for its chief food source. The blue whale eats krill, those tiny two-inch-long, shrimp-like crustaceans that swarm by the tens of thousands. That the world's largest animal should rely on one of the smallest should not come as a surprise, for this is just another example of Earth's great symbiosis. Whether on land or in the sea, all organisms are interdependent on each other for their survival.

The vast diversity of life in our oceans is astounding. Large and charismatic animals such as whales, sharks, dolphins, rays, walruses, and seals get the lion's share of attention. Tourist hotspots such as reefs, beaches, and lagoons along the coasts draw visitors. But the mystery of the ocean lies in its vast depths. Humans are most familiar with the upper ocean, perhaps the top 500 feet. What is astounding is that the average depth of the ocean is over 13,000 feet deep. That's as high as the peaks of the Rocky Mountains! So what mysteries lie at those unplumbed depths? Scientists have discovered sea anemones and upside-down swimming fish under ice sheets, coral reefs off Greenland, and new species of shrimp and sponges near underwater sea vents. Who is to say that mermaids do not exist, given the fact that so many parts of the ocean have been unexplored?



Music Appreciation

June 5: Music Appreciation with David: Georg Frideric Handel: Italian Secular Cantatas.

June 12: Music Appreciation with Mike Aleksandr Glazunov; Symphony No. 1

June 19: Music Appreciation with David: "Three Tapleaux Symphoniques & Bacchanale from "Samson et Dalila."

June 26: Music Appreciation with Mike: Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy; Piano Concerto No. 1

Opera

June 7: Jules Massenet's "Thais

June 14: Richard Wagner's "Der Fliegende Hollander

June 21: Jake Heggie's "Moby Dick

June 28: Georges Bizet's "Les Pecheurs de Perles"

In the Name of the Father

Fathers, thank mothers for the creation of Father's Day. It was a woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by her widower father, who lobbied to create a father's equivalent to Mother's Day. Dodd took her cause to churches, shopkeepers, the YMCA, and local government officials until finally, on June 19, 1910, Washington state celebrated the first Father's Day. Over the years, the holiday gained traction, and in 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged all states to adopt Father's Day as a holiday. But this was not without controversy. Throughout the 1920s and '30s, groups attempted to squash both Mother's and Father's Day. They argued instead for one holiday, Parents' Day, for, as one advocate said, "both parents should be loved and respected together." It wasn't until 1972 that Richard Nixon, in the middle of his presidential re-election campaign, signed a proclamation making Father's Day a federally recognized holiday—58 years after Mother's Day was made official.

June Upcoming Events

June 1st St. John's Sing-A-Long – 2:30pm Lobby

June 7th Q&A with Debbie, Danny and Terry – 10:30am 2nd Floor

June 15th River Hill High School - 11:00am Lobby

June 16th Father's Day Buffet – 11:00 to 1:00pm Carmella's
Father's Day Entertainment – 2:00pm Lobby

June 20th Just Bead It – 10:30am Lobby
Resident Trip to Live! Casino – 10:30am Lobby

June 26th Dr. Lazris Talk – 10:00am 2nd Floor

June 27th Annual Luau Food – 11:00am Courtyard
Luau Entertainment – 1:00pm Courtyard

Religious Services & Events:

Tuesdays & Thursdays: Rosary Communion Service - Located in the Parlor at 3:00pm

Sundays: Catholic Communion Service- Parlor at 9:00am

4th Wednesdays: Catholic Mass Services at 2:30- Located in the Parlor

Sundays: Grace Christian Church - Located on 3rd Floor at 11:00am

2nd Sundays: St. John's Baptist Church at 2:30pm - Located on 3rd Floor

2nd and 4th Fridays: Jewish Services with Rabbi Baron at 11:00am - Located in the Parlor

On our updated website you can find the month's activity calendar, newsletter, and movie listings!

www.lorienhealth.com/locations/harmony-hall

Health Concerns

For Questions regarding Audiology, Dental, Eye Care and Podiatry services – please call HEALTHDRIVE AT (888) 964-6681, Option 3. If you want to sign up for any of these services contact Claro or Gimly at ext. 4026/4032.

Thank You

Please do not hesitate to call the Recreation Office at 410-531-6000 x 4022, and we will be happy to sign you up for the events you wish to attend.

Stars and Stripes Forever

Wave the flag proudly on June 14, which is Flag Day in the United States. In the midst of the American Revolutionary War, the colonists had no flag to unify them. Regiments flew their own unique flags to identify their colony or their group. In June of 1775, the Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia to create a Continental Army. It was then that they created the first American flag of 13 alternating red and white stripes with a Union Jack in the corner. Unfortunately, this flag looked too similar to the British flag, and General George Washington was quick to ask for the design of a new symbol. So on June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress designed a new flag consisting of 13 alternating red and white stripes, with a circle of 13 white stars on a field of blue—the birth of the Stars and Stripes. It seems that the idea of a circle of stars on a field of blue was a popular one, for on June 29, 1985, the European Communities adopted a blue flag with a circle of 12 yellow stars as their banner for a unified Europe.

Transportation Trips

1st Monday – Walmart

2nd Monday – Target

3rd Monday – The Dollar Store

**4th Monday – The Mall in Columbia
10:30am to 12:30pm**

Giant

Tuesday at 2pm (1 hour)

Friday at 11:15am (1/2 hour)

- Recreational trips are subject to time changes and cancellations when deemed necessary by Transportation
- If you need to schedule a transportation appointment, ask the Front Desk for more information

Something to Smile About



To humans, a smile is a universal sign of happiness and friendship. So don't be afraid to show your pearly whites this month, because June is Smile Month.

Throughout most of the animal world, the baring of teeth is often a sign of threat or aggression. Baboons, for example, are known to bare their teeth in shows of force. Some primates, though, bare their teeth as a show of submissiveness. Biologists believe that this behavior may be where the story of the human smile begins.

Humans are the only species that uses the smile, in various forms, to demonstrate happiness. Even visually impaired children who have never seen a smile show the same kinds of smiles that sighted people do. This tells us that smiling is something preprogrammed into humans. This behavior is not learned but instinctual.

Biologists speculate that amongst primates, because teeth are still used for biting, to bare them is naturally an aggressive warning of an impending bite. Humans, however, have evolved other means of aggression that have nothing to do with teeth. Teeth, instead, have become associated with laughing and eating, both of which are incredibly powerful forms of social bonding. In fact, anthropologist and evolutionary psychologist Robin Dunbar asserts that laughter has taken the place of grooming as one of our primary means of social bonding. By this measure, laughter and showing our teeth may be one of the most powerful social cues we humans have in our social arsenal.

We smile when we are happy, but can forcing ourselves to smile make us feel happy even when we are not? Neurologists have discovered that the physical act of smiling triggers chemical reactions in the brain that boost our moods, lower stress, and even strengthen our immune systems. So don't just smile during the month of June; do it all year round!

June Birthdays

In astrology, those born June 1–20 are Gemini's Twins. Twins seem to have two personalities and can blend into any situation. They have an energetic and fun-loving side that is the life of the party, but also a deep and emotional side that needs love and nurturing. Those born June 21–30 are the Crabs of Cancer. Guided by their hearts, Crabs are emotional and nurturing. They create deep bonds and comfortable homes and are always willing to welcome people into their circle.

Marilyn Monroe (actress) – June 1, 1926
Josephine Baker (entertainer) – June 3, 1906
Tom Jones (singer) – June 7, 1940
Frank Lloyd Wright (architect) – June 8, 1867
Harriet Beecher Stowe (author) – June 14, 1811
Igor Stravinsky (composer) – June 17, 1882
Lionel Ritchie (singer) – June 20, 1950
Octavia Butler (writer) – June 22, 1947
Pearl S. Buck (writer) – June 26, 1892
John Elway (quarterback) – June 28, 1960

A Bunch of Hot Air



Hot Air Balloon Day, on June 5, celebrates the incredible achievement of the Montgolfier brothers. On this day in 1783, the brothers demonstrated the first unmanned flight of a hot air balloon in the skies above their hometown of Annonay, France. The balloon itself was constructed of taffeta, fabric, and paper. It may seem amazing that it lifted off the ground at all considering that it weighed in at over 500 pounds. But fly it did, reaching a tremendous height of 6,000 feet. The Montgolfier brothers knew their invention was a wonder, and they decided to take it to Paris for a demonstration in front of King Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette. The balloon was still unmanned, but no less marvelous for its historic flying of a rooster, duck, and sheep before a crowd of 130,000 Parisians. The miracle of flight had, at last, moved from imagination to reality.