

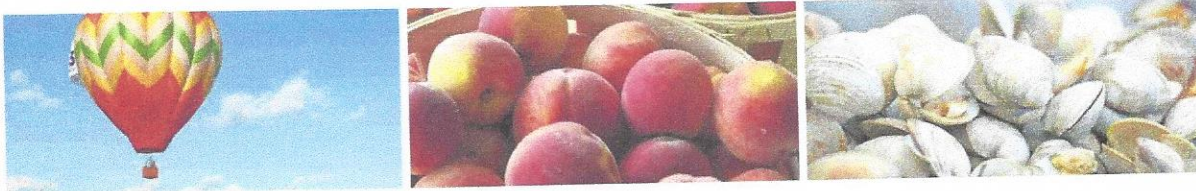
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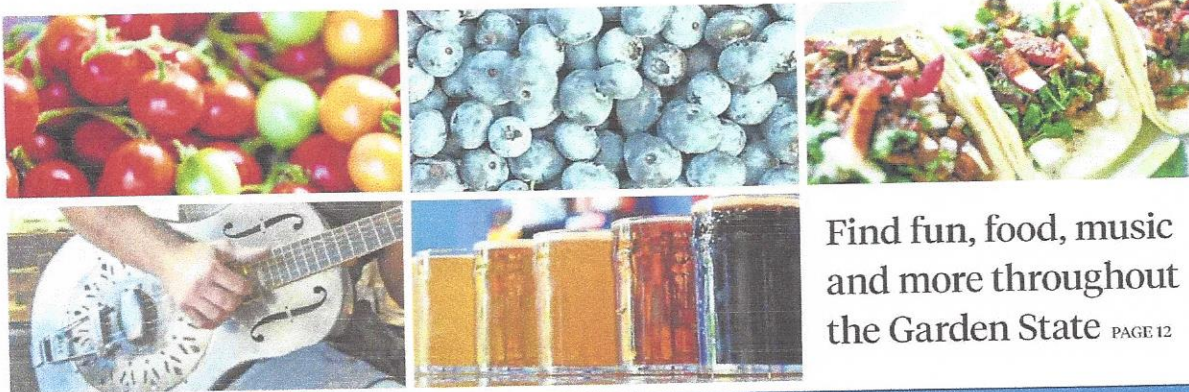
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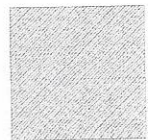


SUMMER FESTIVALS



Find fun, food, music and more throughout the Garden State PAGE 12

<p>STATE THEATRE NEW JERSEY 19 LIVINGSTON AVE. NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J.</p> <p>BUY NOW SEATS ARE SELLING FAST! STNJ.ORG 732-246-SHOW (7469)</p>	<p>Dave Mason & Steve Cropper Rock & Soul Rewe</p> <p>Featuring Members of Traffic Booker T. & the M.G.s / The Blues Brothers</p>  <p>JULY 18</p>	<p>APPLEFEST 2018</p> <p>Vanilla Fudge Rick Derringer Mitch Ryder & The Detroit Wheels Badfinger featuring Joey Molland</p>  <p>JULY 26</p>	<p>4U A SYMPHONIC CELEBRATION OF PRINCE</p>  <p>SEPT 5</p>	<p>ITZHAK PERLMAN</p>  <p>SEPT 16</p>
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SUMMER FUN

Get out and have a good time

Festivals — up and down the state — offer food, music, fireworks and more

Amy Kuperinsky For The Star-Ledger

Summer is in full swing and Jersey's festival calendar is laden with events dedicated to food, music and community fun. Maybe you want to pick some blueberries or sample some peaches — two of the Garden State's bountiful fruits. Or take a ride in a hot air balloon overlooking summer greenery. How about a bite of barbecue or Swedish pancakes? Maybe you'd rather eat your weight in seafood, tacos or Jersey tomatoes. There's a festival for that. Survey our list of summer festivals below to help plan your weekends, day trips and other outings this season.

July

Saturday: Bound Brook Food Truck Festival

The Bound Brook Food Truck Festival comes to Billian Park, with music, food and beer. Visitors are asked to bring a canned or boxed item for donation to the food pantry

Saturday and Sunday: Blueberry festival

Alstede Farms in Chester hosts its blueberry festival for two weekends, with pick-your-own berries, pony rides, wagon train rides, bounce house and corn kingdom; alstedefarms.com

Saturday and Sunday: Maplewoodstock

Maplewoodstock returns to Memorial Park in Maplewood, with performances from Josh Ritter & the Royal City Band, Third World, Danielia Cotton and the Suffers. There will also be food and art vendors, and a kids' zone; maplewoodstock.com

Saturday and Sunday: Surf & Turf Seafood Festival

Dig into lobster rolls and crab cakes at Monmouth Park's Surf & Turf Seafood Festival in Oceanport; monmouthpark.com

Through Sunday: Black Potatoe Music Festival

The 22nd Black Potatoe Music Festival will be at the Red Mill Museum in Clinton, with acts including Nanani & Sarina,

Olivia Frances, Willy Porter, Loretta Hagen, the Matt Angus Thing and Ellis Paul; blackpotatoe.com

Through Sunday: Fakefest
Fakefest, the Golden Nugget Atlantic City's celebration of cover bands on the casino's deck (Huron Avenue and Brigantine Boulevard), returns for its 19th year, with the B Street Band, Free Fallin', Wanted DOA, Best of the Eagles, NY Finest, Completely Unchained, Kashmir and Tuesday's Gone; goldennugget.com

Through Sunday: New Jersey State Barbecue Championship and Anglesea Blues Festival

You can get your fill of barbecue brisket, chicken, ribs and pork at the New Jersey State Barbecue Championship, which accompanies the Anglesea Blues Festival in Wildwood's Anglesea district. There will be barbecue demonstrations, live music and awards for best barbecue; njbbq.com

Through Monday: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Festival

Billed as the longest running Italian festival in the country, the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Festival at Mt. Carmel Lane in Hammonton is back for its 143rd year. There will be live entertainment, a beer garden, food stand and fireworks at 10 p.m. on July 16 after the feast day procession; mountcarmel-society.org/feast-week

July 27 to 29: QuickChek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning

At the 36th QuickChek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning at Solberg Airport in Readington, an 85-foot-tall Queen's Guard hot air balloon will take flight on July 27, inspired by the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. There will be a total of 100 hot air balloons floating in the sky twice a day at the festival, as well as live music; balloonfestival.com

July 27 to 29: Visionary Tattoo Arts Festival

The ninth Visionary Tattoo Arts Festival will be at Asbury Park's Convention Hall, with tattoo artists including Felix Vayner, Tim Senecal, Moses and Philly Steve. There will be tattoo contests, a Miss Asbury Park Pinup Contest, sideshow acts, burlesque and suspension performances; njtattoofest.com

July 27 to 29: Xponential Music Festival

WXPN's Xponential Music Festival, at BB&T Pavilion and Wiggins Park in Camden, celebrates its 25th anniversary, with Saturday headliners David Byrne and Sylvan Esso, and Sunday acts the War on Drugs, Sturgill Simpson, Preservation Hall Jazz Band and Fantastic Negrito. Other performers include the Blind Boys of Alabama, Femi Kuti and the Positive Force and M.A.K.U. Soundsystem; xpnfest.org

July 28: Soulsational Festival, Bayville

Bayville's Soulsational Festival is back at Veterans Park for its eighth year, with live music on two stages, crafters, vendors, free yoga, vegetarian and organic food, food trucks, beer and a kids' village; soulsational.info

July 28 to Aug. 4: Hot Air Balloon Festival at Warren County Farmers' Fair

Want to ascend into the summer skies without boarding an airplane? The Hot Air Balloon Festival, at the Warren County Farmers' Fair in Phillipsburg, offers hot air balloon launches, hot air balloon rides (\$205 or \$195 on weekdays) and tethered rides; balloonfestnj.com



July 27-29: Readington; July 28-Aug. 4: Phillipsburg