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Celebrating July

Blueberries Month

Grilling Month

Independence Day (U.S.)

July 4

Entertainer Johnny Len

2:00 PM, 1350 Building

July 10

Entertainer Jack

2:00 PM, 400 Building

July 17

Wildlife Sanctuary Outing

9:00 AM, All Buildings

July 20

Entertainer Rodger

2:00 PM, 394 Building

July 24

Anything but Conventional

It's the ultimate event for any fan of comics and entertainment, costume parties and celebrity sightings: July 19–23 is 2017's Comic-Con International. This fan convention is the biggest of its kind in the world, and in many ways the fans provide the biggest show. People are encouraged to show up wearing elaborate costumes of their favorite comic book, television, film, or book characters. You'll likely see the Incredible Hulk mingling with Jedi Knights, Harry Potter, and characters from the sitcom *The Big Bang Theory*. This eclectic mix is Comic-Con's signature achievement, bringing fans of all ages and interests together to "geek out" over their favorite popular entertainment.

Self-described "geeks" have been flocking to San Diego for Comic-Con since 1970, when Shel Dorf, Richard Alf, Ken Krueger, Marvin Nelson, Mike Towry, Barry Alphonso, Bob Sourk, and Greg Bear founded the Golden State Comic Book Convention. The original event drew only 300 people, but it was a mecca for all things comic related. Over the years, the scope of the production grew along with the size of the convention crowds. While comic books still take center stage, the convention also features science fiction and fantasy film and television, video games, collectible card games, and cartoons. The spectacle of the convention now draws crowds as large as 167,000.

Attendees don't just come to admire each other's costumes; they attend seminars and panels featuring their favorite writers and artists. Comic book professionals offer hands-on workshops. Scholars present critical studies of the effect of comics on culture. Video game and entertainment companies show sneak previews of upcoming projects, often accompanied by big-name celebrities. Evenings feature awards ceremonies and a masquerade ball. For anyone interested in comic culture, Comic-Con is the event of the year, where attendees go "to see and be seen" in the getups of their favorite characters.

Hot Diggity Dog



Estimates suggest that over seven billion hot dogs are eaten between Memorial Day and Labor Day, with prime hot dog eating taking place

smack dab in the middle of summer. No wonder July has been declared Hot Dog Month.

The hot dog may be more American than apple pie, but its origins are distinctly German and Austrian, hence the names *frankfurter*, after the German city of Frankfurt, and *weiner*, for the Austrian city of Vienna. Immigrant butchers from these two countries made their own sausages, and vendors hawked the meats from carts along busy city sidewalks. When exactly did the term *hot dog* replace *frankfurter* and *weiner*? No one knows for sure. According to some reports, it was common slang for college students to use the term *dog* to describe sausage meat of uncertain origin. It was less than complimentary to call a hot sausage a *hot dog*, but the name stuck.

When exactly did the hot dog become America's iconic food, synonymous with summer, baseball games, and the everyman? Historians look to Coney Island, the so-called "working man's Riviera," for the answer. At the turn of the 20th century, Coney Island had it all: a racetrack, the beach, amusement parks, music, glittering lights... and Nathan Handwerker. A Polish immigrant, Handwerker saved up enough money to open his own hot dog stand. When a newly constructed subway increased traffic to Coney Island, Handwerker was ready to cater to the thousands of visitors with his low-cost hot dogs. His stand, *Nathan's*, sold 50,000 dogs each day and grew into a massive hot dog empire. The hot dog is such an icon of American culinary history that different parts of the country lay claim to unique dogs, but the Chicago dog reigns supreme: an all-beef dog topped with minced raw onion, relish, pickled peppers, a spear of pickle, sliced tomatoes, celery salt, and yellow mustard on a poppy seed bun. This July, no matter how you eat it, take a bite of an American tradition.

July Birthdays

In astrology, those born between July 1–22 are Cancer's Crabs. Kind and protective, Crabs love to nurture others. While they may be emotional, they are never soft. Cancers are tenacious in their pursuit of harmony at home and in the workplace. Those born between July 23–31 are Leo's Lions. Lions are the "kings" of the zodiac: dramatic, ambitious, confident, and hard to resist. Leos are also generous and loyal, putting both their family and friends first.

Resident Birthdays

Agnes L. – July 11

Patrick B. – July 15

Pat K. – July 22

Alice M. – July 31

From the Activity Directors Desk

It is officially summer, and hard to believe the year is already half over with. We are going to the Wildlife Sanctuary on July 20th from 9:00 am until 11:30 am and the Brown County Fair on August 17th. If you would like to attend with your loved one please contact Kassie. Our bus will be full with residents who wish to attend so we are not able to provide a ride for anyone else, but feel free to meet us there.

We are now on Facebook! Please check out our page. It is updated frequently with information about outings, socials, and activities.

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