

Be a tourist in your own backyard

September offers a cornucopia of fall-oriented events in Ozaukee County

As the weather starts to cool down and the kids head back to school, Ozaukee County offers an abundance of reasons to stay close to home this September.

Aug. 31 to Sept. 2, the free Paramount Music Festival celebrates the more-than 100 years of great jazz, blues and gospel music Paramount Records produced from its humble studios in Grafton.



Paramount Music Festival

This festival provides three days of live music, food and family fun with local, regional and national musicians celebrating the history of Paramount Records along Lake Michigan in Port Washington's Veterans Memorial Park.

Fall is a great time to hop on your Harley and explore the rural Ozaukee County roads that take you from town to town. In honor of Harley-Davidson's 115th anniversary, Suburban Motors Harley-Davidson in Thiensville will host a Labor Day weekend street party with live music, vendors, demo rides and more.



See Suburban Motors Harley-Davidson them on Facebook for details.

Beer lovers, get out your steins and head to the Upper Lake Park Beer Garden in Port Washington. The beer garden is open Saturdays, run by and benefitting nonprofit organizations. Always a fun time, **Sept. 1** benefits the Kiwanis and **Sept. 8** benefits United Way of Northern Ozaukee.

For more information on the month's calendar, visit their Facebook page.



Upper Lake Park Beer Garden

Sept. 8, the Taste of Mequon offers a variety of food prepared by local restaurants, music from local entertainers and artwork crafted by local artists. This free family-friendly event also offers children's activities. That evening, head north to Belgium for the Luxembourg Beer Garden and enjoy an evening of music,



Taste of Mequon

food, fun and great Luxembourg beer. Visit the Luxembourg American Cultural Center while you're in town – admission to both locations is free.

Fans of Harry Potter won't want to miss Harry Potter at the Village, a full day of Potter-related events at Pioneer Village in Saukville. Activities for the whole family include a costume parade, house sorting station, wand decorating, trivia, a Quidditch match (Marquette vs. UW-Madison) and



Harry Potter at the Village



more.

For admission information and more, visit www.ochs.co.ozaukee.wi.us/events.

Cedarburg draws visitors from all over for Wine & Harvest Festival, a fun celebration of the fall harvest **Sept. 15 and Sept. 16**. This art-oriented festival

offers hundreds of art vendors, great festival foods, locally produced wares at the marketplace, local wine and beer, live music, pumpkin painting and carving, the hilarious Giant Pumpkin Regatta across Cedar Creek, a Giant Pumpkin weigh-off, grape stomping and more. This year is the #CedarburgLoves Fun Run/Walk, a fun 5K to benefit Wine & Harvest Festival and Cedarburg Parks & Recreation. The run begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15, with the start and finish at Cedar Creek Park.

Register by Sept. 1.

For information visit www.cedarburgfestival.org.

Mel's Charities, a local organization dedicated to holding fun events for good causes, will hold its Mel's Family Fun Run/Walk Saturday, Sept. 29 and their 20th Annual Mel's Pig Roast fundraiser



Mel's Fun Run/Pig Roast



Sept. 30 at Cedars III in Cedarburg to benefit nonprofit organizations throughout the county. For more information, visit www.melscharities.org.

With fall almost in full swing, there are so many delicious and healthy foods in season and available at local farmers markets, including apples, tomatoes, squash, pumpkins, peppers and, of course, sweet corn. Visit thriving farmers markets in Thiensville on Tuesdays, Fredonia on Wednesdays, Grafton on Thursdays, Cedarburg on Fridays, Port Washington on Saturdays and Saukville on Sundays for these and other locally grown and made products.

Mark your calendars for more great events coming up in October, such as the Fall into Grafton Festival, Autumn at the Village in Saukville, the Pumpkin Cross Bike Race in Grafton, the Covered Bridge Art Studio Tour, Oktoberfest in Cedarburg, Fall Fiesta Craft Fair in Newburg, pumpkin walks and more.

For information on all these activities and more, pick up a copy of the Ozaukee County Tourism Guide available at area chambers and visitor centers, visit www.ozaukee tourism.com and follow the Ozaukee County Tourism Facebook page. On behalf of the Ozaukee County Tourism Council, thank you for helping to make Ozaukee County a wonderful place for all to live, work and visit.



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Wine & Harvest Festival



Cedarburg Makers & Growers Market