

The Concord GRAPEVINE

THE MONTH OF JUNE

June is all about fathers, flags, pride and Juneteeth!



June is a month rich in celebrations and events, from Father's Day and Juneteenth to Pride Month and World Environment Day. It's also known for having the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, with the shortest daylight hours in the Southern Hemisphere. Additionally, June is associated with summer traditions like school ending, camping, and fishing. Here's a more detailed look at June.

June 5 is World Environment Day—a day meant to raise environmental awareness across the globe.

June 11 is this month's Full Moon. It's called the Strawberry Moon because it coincides with the time of year when wild strawberries are ripe and ready for harvest in many parts of North America.

June 14 is Flag Day (U.S.). Be sure to raise the flag! Learn about the U.S. Flag Code, which provides guidelines for displaying the American flag properly.

June 15 is Father's Day this year. Father's Day is a holiday honoring one's father, as well as fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society.

June 19 is Juneteenth (also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day). On this day in 1865, Union General Gordon Granger read the Emancipation Proclamation aloud in Galveston, Texas, effectively liberating enslaved people in the state, which had thus far been beyond control of the Union Army.

June 20 is the summer solstice, which heralds the start of summer in the Northern Hemisphere. It's the day with the most hours of daylight. In the Southern Hemisphere, winter begins at this time.

June 24 brings Midsummer Day, also St. John the Baptist's Feast Day. Traditionally, this was the midpoint of the growing season, halfway between planting and harvesting. It is celebrated in many cultures on the night of June 23, as Midsummer Eve!

June 28 is the anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall Riots—a watershed moment for LGBT rights in the United States.

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1st	Shavot (Begins)
3rd	Shavot (Ends)
5th	World Environment Day
8th	Pentecost
12th	Orlando United Day-Pulse Tragedy
14th	Flag Day
15th	Father's Day
19th	Juneteenth
20th	Summer Solstice

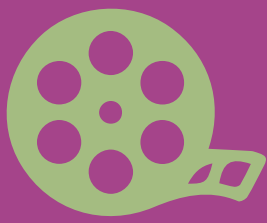
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Movie MADNESS

June 2025 Movie Theatre and Streaming Releases



June 5th The Gardener

Every year, the Prime Minister keeps a secret list of his political enemies to be removed. Serge Shuster, a senior official close to the presidency, finds himself named on the list—meaning he will be assassinated within 48 hours by a team of government hitmen. Condemned to a certain death, Serge, his wife, and his children only have one hope left: their strange gardener, Léo.



June 20th Elio

A space fanatic with an active imagination, Elio's all in for an epic undertaking when he's beamed up to the Communiverse, an interplanetary organization with representatives from galaxies far and wide. When Elio is mistakenly identified as Earth's leader, he must form new bonds with alien lifeforms, navigate a crisis of intergalactic proportions, and somehow discover who and where he is truly meant to be.



June 13th How to Train Your Dragon

On the rugged isle of Berk, where Vikings and dragons have been bitter enemies for generations, Hiccup stands apart. The inventive yet overlooked son of Chief Stoick the Vast, Hiccup defies centuries of tradition when he befriends Toothless, a feared Night Fury dragon. Their unlikely bond reveals the true nature of dragons, challenging the very foundations of Viking society.



June 27th M3GAN 2.0

Two years after the events of M3GAN, Gemma has become an advocate for regulation of AI while trapping a still-active M3GAN in a small, harmless robotic doll. M3GAN's technology has been stolen and used by a defense contractor to create a military robot called AMELIA (autonomous military engagement logistics and infiltration android), who becomes self-aware, turns on her creators, and attempts an AI takeover. Gemma's niece Cady convinces her to rebuild M3GAN with advanced upgrades so she can fight Amelia.



June 20th 28 Years Later

It's been almost three decades since the rage virus escaped a biological weapons laboratory, and now, some have found ways to exist amidst the infected. One such group of survivors lives on a small island connected to the mainland by a single, heavily-defended causeway. When one of the group leaves the island on a mission into the dark heart of the mainland, he discovers secrets, wonders, and horrors that have mutated not only the infected but other survivors as well.



June 27th Stealing Pulp Fiction

A group of enterprising wannabes and their eccentric therapist as they concoct a plot to steal Quentin Tarantino's personal 35mm print of his famous 1994 film from his movie theater, quickly spirals into a chaotic misadventure filled with unexpected twists and mishaps.



Culinary CREATIONS

Recipes for delicious grilled vegetables!

Grilled Zucchini

Ingredients:

- 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 6 small zucchini, sliced lengthwise into 1/4 inch thick strips
- 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

Directions:

Preheat grill for medium heat and lightly oil the grate. Whisk olive oil, sea salt, garlic, rosemary, and black pepper together in a bowl; brush evenly onto zucchini strips. Cook on preheated grill until brown, 5 to 7 minutes per side; transfer to a serving platter. Drizzle balsamic vinegar over zucchini to serve.



Grilled Asparagus

Ingredients:

- 1 pound asparagus, (choose thick spears)
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- Garnish with lemon wedges, if desired
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt

Directions:

Preheat the grill to medium heat, about 350° to 400°F, and brush the grill grates clean. Remove the woody ends of the asparagus by snapping the ends off. If desired, use a knife to trim the ends of the stalks to tidy up the cuts. Discard the ends. Place the asparagus spears in a shallow bowl or on a platter or baking sheet. Drizzle with the olive oil and toss the spears with your hands to coat. Season with kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper and toss again. Place the asparagus across the grill grates perpendicular to the bars. Grill with the lid closed for 6 to 10 minutes or until the spears are tender and crisp. Use tongs to roll the spears for even grill marks. Transfer to a platter and if desired, drizzle with more olive oil and a squeeze of lemon. Can be served warm or at room temperature.



Garlic Oven Roasted Mushrooms

Ingredients:

- 1 pound Mushrooms wiped clean, stems trimmed
- 2 tablespoons Fresh Chives chopped (or 1 teaspoon dried)
- 1 tablespoon Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 1/2 teaspoon Sea Salt
- or any cooking oil
- 1/2 teaspoon Black Pepper
- 2 cloves Garlic minced
- 1/2 teaspoon Garlic Powder

Directions:

Preheat oven to 400°F. Place mushrooms in a mixing bowl with olive oil, garlic, chives, salt, and pepper. Toss gently to coat. Scatter mushrooms on a baking sheet and dust with garlic powder. Bake 10 minutes, or until browned to your liking. Serve warm. Once cooled, refrigerate roasted mushrooms in an airtight container up to 2 days. Reheat or enjoy chilled.



Helpful TIPS

Tips for Apartment Living with Kids

Apartment living can present unique challenges when you have kids. Limited space, noise concerns, and a lack of outdoor play areas are just some obstacles parents may face. However, with some creativity and thoughtful planning, it is possible to make a small apartment living with kids a fun and rewarding experience.

Rotate Children Toys to Cut Down Clutter

Consider keeping a limited number of toys on display and putting the rest away in longer-term storage out of sight. You can rotate toys every few weeks to pique your child's interest. This cuts down on toy clutter, and you may notice your child enjoying more focused, creative play.

Find Your Go-To Items and Stick with Them



Affording larger spaces can be challenging. To make apartment living with a kid easier, here are two go-to items you must have: cube storage bins and large three-drawer rolling carts. From clothes storage to toy management, using these storage options to organize and place items out of sight brings peace of mind.

Invest in Space-Saving Opportunities

Space savers or creators might include wall storage opportunities, loft bedding, and utilizing open space that you already have but might not naturally think of. Using hanging wall storage for books or small toys can reduce floor clutter and offer cute displays of your child's playthings. Older children can create more space and storage by having loft beds. This creates an open floor space that a bed would typically take up.

Use Plastic Door Shoe Racks for Toy Organization

Use a clear plastic over-the-door shoe rack for your child's toy storage. Your child can see where each toy is located, and they can organize their toys in sections. This idea makes an unused closet door space usable. If your closet door is not an option, hang the shoe rack on your child's wall.

Turn Organization into a Game

Gamify picking up and organizing their toys. One way is to have them organize their toys differently each month, and someone must guess the pattern. The key is to bring joy and fun into the space.



Have a Container Dedicated to Your Child's Special Items

Get one small box that will fit under your kid's bed, and let that be their special box. They can fill it with whatever they want, but that's all the space they get – so when they want to add more, they'll get to decide what to take away.

Turn Your Closet into a Work or Play Space

Even the tiniest closet can fit a desk workspace (try a flip-down wall desk), a stool that pushes under the desk, and shelving above to help organize and hold books and craft supplies. Close the space with the closet door or a curtain when not in use to cut down on the clutter in your main living space.

Multifunctional Furniture

Your child's bed is not only a bed but also flips up so you can store their toys underneath. The nightstand has a piece that extends out to make it a table or desk. Choose furniture pieces that provide hidden storage, like storage ottomans to hide toys. Also, use unused storage spaces such as behind doors, under beds, and behind sofas.

Source: <https://www.redfin.com/blog/tips-for-small-apartment-living-with-kids>

Crafty FUN!

How to Make Jellyfish with Cupcake Liners!



You Will Need:

- Cupcake Liners
- Tissue Paper (or ribbons)
- Scissors
- Glue and Duct Tape
- String
- Googly eyes, eye stickers or black marker to draw the eyes

- 1** Start by cutting strips of tissue paper (or ribbons or whatever material you want to use). The more colors the merrier and you can cut them so they are all the same length or make some longer or shorter.
- 2** Glue the strips of paper on the inside of the cupcake liner – not on the walls but on the bottom as this way the jellyfish umbrella will stand out more (and look cuter).
- 3** Flip it over and glue the string on the bottom of the cupcake liner (or on top of the umbrella).
- 4** As a final touch add some googly eyes (or any other kind) to give this sea creature some personality!



Source: <https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/jellyfish-cupcake-liner-crafts/>