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## **A Sundry Feast of History, Intrigue and Adventure in June with DOORS OPEN Pittsburgh**

PITTSBURGH, May 27, 2022 – DOORS OPEN Pittsburgh continues its tour season in June with an array of themes, including the light-based public art of downtown Pittsburgh, and a behind-the-scenes visit with the Pittsburgh Bomb Squad and excursions to several City neighborhoods. These tours welcome people of all ages who are curious to learn and experience more about Pittsburgh’s art, architecture, cultural heritage and things that make Pittsburgh unique.

The first weekend alone in June features a bustling tour schedule with four excursions to choose from. Burgeoning history buffs are encouraged to check out *Roots of Pittsburgh* on June 4, led by acclaimed storyteller Alan Irvine. Alan will fill in the missing details regarding legendary Pittsburgh lore that’s been passed from generation to generation about what our city was like in its early days.

Just up the Allegheny River, also on June 4, tour guide David Rotenstein will take guests around Herr’s Island, otherwise known as Washington’s Landing, to highlight the island’s industrial past during his *Fancy Smells of Herr’s Island* tour.

For the artsy folks, check out the Cultural District as you’ve never seen it before on the *Uncovering the Cultural District* guided walking tour, offered both June 4 and June 5.

And to close out the weekend, enjoy a Sunday evening stroll on June 5 to take in *Light-Based Public Art: Downtown* with Rachel Klipa. You’ve walked or driven by these art installations several times, but do you know: who the artist is? ...what their inspiration was? ...what the fitting of the piece involved?

“Summer is the perfect time to get out of the house and explore your own city,” said Bonnie Baxter, Founder and Executive Director of DOORS OPEN Pittsburgh. “The rain has (hopefully) let up, the kids are out of school, and there is so much you’ve probably been meaning to explore and check out around town.”

On Saturday, June 11, DOORS OPEN Pittsburgh hosts its second opportunity to get an insider look at the work of the Pittsburgh Bomb Squad during the *Red or Blue Wire: Click, Click, BOOM!* tour. Guests will have the opportunity to learn more about the tactical gear these high-risk jobs require and see disarmed devices that have been confiscated and are now used for training.

On Sunday, June 12, get another dose of Pittsburgh history focusing on renowned hometown people and places during *Oakland's Walk of Fame* tour with Sue Flaherty.

Looking for something mid-week? Pop over to the East End for *The Edgewood Idea: Victorian Elegance and Community Institutions*, an evening tour of Edgewood Borough scheduled for Thursday, June 16.

The last weekend in June offers two additional opportunities to explore Pittsburgh neighborhoods in-depth. On June 25, JaQuay Carter will lead *Historic Hazelwood: A Tour of Pittsburgh's Melting Pot*. JaQuay is the founder of the Greater Hazelwood Historical Society and Cultural Center, and spent much of his childhood in Hazelwood.

The architecture and cultural history of another East End neighborhood, Highland Park, will be highlighted on Sunday, June 26, during Jay Steele's *Walking Tour of Highland Park: A Residential Historic District*.

All tours require pre-registration, which closes at 5 pm the day prior to the tour. Please visit <https://doorsopenpgh.org/> for more information.

Guided Walking Tours are typically 90 to 120 minutes. Ticket prices vary from \$15-\$30. For more information: <https://doorsopenpgh.org/guided-walking-tours-2/>

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DOORS OPEN Pittsburgh, a nonprofit 501(c)3, is best known for presenting its large-scale, open-house event downtown each October that celebrates our city's heritage and architecture by providing the opportunity to explore a diverse collection of buildings, often with behind-the-scenes access.

Since its inception in 2016, DOORS OPEN Pittsburgh has expanded to include: Neighborhood Events, Guided Walking Tours, Insider Tours, Virtual Storytelling, and Bus Tours, and has hosted over 20,000 tour-goers to date. We are supported, in part, by a generous grant from PA Department of Community and Economic Development/The Pennsylvania Tourism Office/ visitPA.com

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