

The month of June is packed with cultural holidays and special days of recognition. In addition to Pride month, June is also Caribbean-American Heritage month with days in-between like Juneteenth, Father's Day and Philippine Independence Day. In this edition of NYC Lifestyle, we've collected events happening around town this weekend and through the end of June.

# Caribbean-American Heritage Month

In celebration of Caribbean-American Heritage Month, Prospect Park Alliance has teamed up with a group of organizations to put on events all month. This Sunday, take a morning hike with I AM caribBEING, then spend the afternoon learning about Steelpan and Calypso music at the Tribute to Rhythm Section workshop.

## Father's Day Grand Bazaar Pop-Up

Grand Bazaar on the Upper West Side invites you to their annual <u>Father's Day Popup</u> on June 19. This week's vendors include new and vintage menswear, rare finds, and home goods. Head over to find the perfect gift or plan a special day with dad to browse the unique shops and fill up on treats together at the artisanal food court.

### Jamrock Jerk

Founded by a small team in 2016, Jamrock Jerk is the first legal street cart in New York City designed for traditional on-site smoking for Jamaican Jerk cuisine. Today, Jamrock is a food cart legend and moves to different locations during the week. Plan your visit ahead of time to be the first in line when they open.

### **Fishing Charters**

Fishing charters allow you to enjoy the open water and fishing without having to worry about captaining the ship and packing up all your gear. Fishing Booker is an easy way to schedule a day trip for some quality time with dad on the water. Most charters also provide cleaning services as well, so your fish is ready for the grill when you get home.



### Philippine Independence Day Fundraiser

In honor of Philippine Independence Day, farm-to-table restaurant <u>Oxalis</u> will host a benefit dinner to support Chefs for Impact, a non-profit group that promotes food education and sustainable eating. The dinner will take place on June 15 in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, where guest chefs Nico Russell and Kristina Ramos will offer a five-course Filipino American dining experience. Be sure to <u>purchase tickets</u> in advance.

#### 13th Annual Juneteenth NYC Festival

The 13th Annual Juneteenth NYC Festival kicks off virtually on Friday, June 17, followed by an inperson festival in Linden Park on June 18, and a concert in Prospect Park on June 19. You can expect live performances from Renée Neufville, workshops and lectures, and a variety of local, Black-owned restaurants keeping guests full and satisfied.

## Philippine Independence Ball

The <u>Philippine Independence Ball</u> returns on Saturday, June 11, hosted by the Philippine Independence Day Council, best known for putting together the biggest parade outside the Philippines! Following in the spirit of the Philippine Independence Day Parade, you can expect dancing, entertainment, and more at this celebration. The ball will take place at <u>Da Mikelle Palazzo</u> in Woodside, Queens.

#### **Juneteenth Unityfest**

Under the K Bridge Park, a public greenspace beneath the Kosciuszko Bridge in Greenpoint, is the venue for this year's <u>Juneteenth Unityfest Block Party</u>. Set to launch Sunday, June 19, block party entertainment will include live DJs and performances, food vendors, and a very unique view of the New York City skyline. Click here for more <u>Juneteenth Unityfest events</u>.

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