COUNTDOWN IS ON TO THE BIGGEST & BEST PICKLESBURGH YET!

AWARD-WINNING FESTIVAL DOUBLES UP FOR 2019

60+ FOOD, DRINK, AND MERCHANDISE VENDORS OFFERING INVENTIVE & LIP PUCKERING PLEASURES - TWICE AS MANY AS LAST YEAR

FREE FUN FOR EVERYONE WITH 26 LOCAL BANDS, KIDS ACTIVITIES, AND DIY DEMOS

FESTIVAL-FAVORITE PICKLE JUICE DRINKING CONTEST EXPANDS TO ALL 3 DAYS

Downtown Picklesburgh, PA – The countdown to Picklesburgh 2019 is on, and it promises to be bigger and better than ever for its fifth year. The must-visit destination for all things pickled was voted the #1 Specialty Food Festival in America in the latest USA Today reader’s poll and is doubling in size with even more to be pickled about! Presented by Kraft Heinz and produced by the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership (PDP), Picklesburgh is a culinary and cultural celebration that goes beyond the dill pickle that is so beloved by the Pittsburgh region. With its signature giant Heinz pickle balloon floating above the Roberto Clemente Bridge, the festival will be open Friday, July 26 and Saturday July 27, from noon – 10:00 p.m., and Sunday, July 28 from noon to 6:00 p.m. with free admission.

Picklesburgh will be twice as big this year, spanning from the Roberto Clemente Bridge to the riverside lanes of Ft. Duquesne Boulevard between Stanwix and 7th Streets, in order to better accommodate the enthusiastic crowds it attracts. This expansion allows for more vendors with larger booths to provide better access to a wider range of creative, quirky, and handcrafted pickle products. New seating and table areas will make it easier to enjoy the diverse selection of ready-to-eat and drink offerings from some of the most respected local restaurants, as well as from pickle purveyors from as far away as New York City.

The fun at Picklesburgh extends beyond the dill-ectable products and foods. The farm-to-table movement has been one factor in the rising popularity of DIY canning, and festival goers can explore the surprisingly varied world of home pickling with informative how-to lessons at the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Demo area. Children, meanwhile, can create their own souvenir arts & craft projects in the Li’l Gherkins KidsPlay area. Plus, dozens of the area’s most talented musicians will perform on the Jim Shorkey Auto main stage, which is moving to Ft. Duquesne Blvd with adjacent riverside seating. Then, visitors will have twice as many opportunities to cheer on combatants seeking to be crowned the new Mayor of Picklesburgh in the fiercely-fought Pickle Juice Drinking Contest, presented by Pittsburgh Pickle Company.

“We were honored to be chosen as USA Today’s #1 Specialty Food Festival and the spotlight it shines on our beautiful city,” Jeremy Waldrup, president and CEO of the Picklesburgh Downtown Partnership commented. “As a signature event for the state of Pennsylvania, Picklesburgh attracts tourists from near and far and is an exceptional way to highlight all of what downtown Pittsburgh has to offer as a destination including food, fun, and of course, pickles!”
A Foodie’s Pickle Paradise

The quirky spirit of Picklesburgh is reflected in creative culinary creations from chefs, farmers, and picklers who hail from across the region and beyond, some traveling hundreds of miles to participate in what has become the premiere pickle event in the country. Both pickle fanatics and the pickle curious can relish everything from small-batch pickled vegetables and chef-driven house-cured ingredients to unexpected combinations like the first-ever chocolate covered pickle Oreo and new pickle cheeseburger pierogis. And, of course, there will be plenty of non-pickled options for those who aren’t as eager to pucker their palates.

To quench your thirst, Picklesburgh is bringing back a greatly increased supply of several pickle inspired libations such as Wigle Whiskey’s Eau de Pickle whiskey, which won a 2019 National Innovation Award from the American Craft Spirits Association. Additionally, more quantities will be available of the limited edition pickle beers from Southern Tier Brewing and Great Lake Brewery that sold out last year on the first day of the festival.

View a full listing of this year’s vendors below.

Music, Merch, and KidsPlay

Beyond the pickled food and drink, there is still plenty more to see and do at Picklesburgh. Pickle themed merchandise includes playful pickle apparel, accessories, jewelry, and home décor. As part of the PDP’s Downtown Sound initiative, more than 25 local bands from across the musical spectrum will perform on the event’s main stage, presented by Jim Shorkey Auto. A full stage lineup and schedule will be announced in mid-July. For some creative pickle-themed arts & crafts, children will want to stop by the “Li’l Gherkins Kidsplay” area, which operates until 7:00pm on Friday and Saturday, and 6:00pm on Sunday when the festival comes to a close.

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Demo Tent

Home canning and pickling is increasingly popular and easy, and Picklesburgh will once again include a Demo Area presented by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette that includes simple how-to lessons by chefs, vendors, and experts like Pittsburgh-Post Gazette food writer Gretchen McKay. Demonstrations will be presented all three days of the festival and will feature a broad range of DIY recipes ranging from the simple home pickling of traditional favorites like cucumbers, dilly beans, kimchi, and watermelon rinds, to creating fruit shrubs for creative cocktailing.

No-Holds-Barred Pickle Juice Drinking Contest

Think you can drink a quart of pickle juice fastest without spilling – and keep it down? You could be the next Mayor of Picklesburgh and walk away with a $500 grand prize! This year’s hotly contested Pickle Juice Drinking Contest is presented by the Pittsburgh Pickle Company and will be expanded to twice as many preliminary rounds on both Friday and Saturday culminating in a championship round on Sunday, hosted by the team from YaJagoff! Podcast. Advance registration will open shortly, with sign-up information to be announced on the PDP’s Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram profiles. Advanced registration is encouraged, although there are typically also a limited number of competition slots available prior to each preliminary round, with sign-up drawings on site for each available space.

About Picklesburgh

Established in 2015, Picklesburgh is brought to you by the Pittsburgh Picklesburgh Downtown Partnership (PDP), a non-profit organization that develops and implements innovative programs, economic development initiatives, and provides transportation advocacy to enhance the Downtown neighborhood. Events include some of Pittsburgh’s most successful and imaginative events such as Comcast Light Up Night, the Market Square Farmers Market, Night Markets, Yoga in the Square, and the Peoples Gas Holiday Market.
DILL-IGHTFULLY PREPARED FOOD & DRINKS
Cocktails are available starting at 4:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 12:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Allegheny City Farms – small batch, artisanal pepper products and hot sauce, plus pulled pork sliders featuring Pittsburgh Pickle Co. pickles

Aunt Carol’s Gourmet Dips – ready-to-eat pickles and assorted pickled veggies served with gourmet dips in a variety of flavors

Bae Bae’s Kitchen – all natural, Korean-inspired cuisine including Grandma’s kimchi and dumplings

Beef Jerky Outlet – dill pickle-flavored prime rib jerky

BRGR – gourmet burgers, pickled toppings, fried pickles, and a Pickleback cocktail

Brine Brothers – premium, all-natural pickle juice in three flavors, plus pickle slushies

Chocolate Moonshine Co. – gourmet fudge including dill pickle, peanut butter pickle swirl, pickle-back whiskey and spicy pickle flavors, plus Belgian chocolate covered pickles-on-a-stick, candied pickles-on-a-stick, and candied pickle lollipops

Choppin’ Block BBQ – chef-driven BBQ including brisket and pulled pork with house-pickled vegetables, scotch pickled eggs baked in a sausage crust, and a pickled berry Moscow Mule cocktail

Cooq de Ville – pickle-brined fried chicken sandwiches with house-made pickles, pickled summer vegetables and pickled green tomato jam, plus kale & faro bowls with pickled vegetables, green tomatoes, and pickled jalapeño dressing

DiAnoia’s Eatery – porchetta on house-made focaccia bread with giardiniera and pickled hot peppers plus fried pickled mozzarella with pickled pepper marinara sauce

Ekernally Yours Gourmet Popcorn – fresh-popped popcorn in a variety of gourmet seasonings and flavors made from scratch, including dill pickle, hot pickle, and bread & butter pickle

Fabulous Homemade Cookies – cookies and cupcakes from scratch including peanut butter pickle, molasses pickle pepper, Old World sauerkraut brownie, and new pickled pizzelle

Fudge Farm – chocolate and pickle fudge, plus vanilla cupcakes topped with scrumptious pickle buttercream

Gosia’s Pierogies – family recipe dumplings that marry buttery mashed potatoes with swirls of dill pickle, sauerkraut, and new this year, a pickle cheeseburger pierogi

Grandpa Joe’s Candy Shop – locally-brewed pickle soda, plus the first-ever chocolate covered pickle Oreo, pickle saltwater taffy, and pickle cotton candy

I’Dill Pickle – bacon-wrapped fried pickles, brie cheese stuffed pickles, “dog in a dill” hot dogs, and frozen limeade with a pickle twist from the team at the Pittsburgh Irish Festival

Ki Pollo – authentic kimchi-brined Korean fried chicken sandwiches, saucy wings and nuggets, plus traditional Korean pickled vegetable side dishes

KingView Mead – pickled watermelon rind & strawberry mead along with pickled-ginger mango hard cider

LaScola’s Italian Ice & Custard – homemade Italian ices and frozen custards including lemon-basil dill pickle ice and frozen sweet pickled beet custard

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Le’s Oriental – popular pickle eggrolls, kimchi, grilled pickles & vegetables on a stick, mac & cheese eggrolls, and fresh-squeezed lemonades

Millie’s Homemade Ice Cream – Downtown’s favorite homemade ice cream shop offering special Picklesburgh flavors, including dill pickle, pickled strawberry-mascarpone, and pickled peach pie

Patti’s Pastries – jumbo gourmet cupcakes featuring four pickled flavors, including Dillicious (a dill pickle inspiration), chocolate covered sweet pickle made with dark beer and sauerkraut, and the peanut butter big dill

Pickle Me Pete – fried Pickle on a Stickle, plus fresh Brooklyn-barrel cured pickled featuring ginormous English cucumber pickles in a variety of flavors, including the ridiculously spicy pickle

Pickled Chef – a huge variety of farm-fresh preserves and pickles, as well as the famous Picklesburgh Grilled Cheese with your choice of dill relish, kimchi, or bacon with apple maple bourbon jam

Pittsburgh Pickle Company – pickled nachos piled high with queso and a plethora of pickled veggies, the Cinn-A-Pickle Parfait with vanilla pudding topped with a cinn-a-pickle, plus jarred pickles and “Briney Mary” Bloody Mary mix from this family-owned producer of fine pickled products

Pittsburgh Sandwich Society – fresh local ingredients go into every Pittsburgh hot pickle, Pittsburgh egg roll, and Pittsburgh hot pickle-brined fried chicken sandwich

Pretzel Revolution – stuffed pretzels made fresh onsite, plus pickled chicken, pickled cheese dogs, baby dill & cheese, and other stuffed snacks

Sienna Mercato – dill pickle chips with crack sauce and fried cornmeal crispies, pickled chicken salad sandwich, artisan pickled pasta salad, plus pickled lemonade (with vodka) and a pickled Pimm’s Cup

Simon’s Food Concessions – get your festival food fix with classics such as yummy fried pickle chips and pickle dogs, or try something really different: pickle funnel cake!

Spirit – wood-fired thin crust pizzas made to order with eclectic toppings including pickled endive, pickled fennel, and bourbon pickled hearts of palm, plus mojitos with pickled rhubarb, gin & juice with pickled carrot, and a Paloma with pickled Fresno peppers

Stuff’d Pierogi Bar – perfect pierogis stuffed with pickle dip and deep fried, potato stuffed pierogis topped with pickled cabbage, and buffalo chicken stuffed pierogis

Superior Motors – renowned chef Kevin Sousa serves up his Pickles-burger, featuring house-cured pickled green tomatoes and pickled onions, plus pickled corn on the cob dipped in savory sprinkles and a pickled watermelon cocktail

takō – smoked pork tacos with pickled red onion, pickled jalapeno crème and hous-made giardiniera, plus nachos with pickled jalapeño chile con queso, giardiniera, and pickled tomatillo salsa along with street corn with pickled jalapeño

The Warren & Penn Cove Eatery – dill pickle salmon sushi, yellowtail poke bowl with grapefruit and pickled fennel, Chicago-style corn dog with onions, sweet pickle relish, pickled sport peppers, pickled watermelon margaritas, Picklesburgh Old Fashioned, pickled orange spritz, and a pickled Fred Collins cocktail

PICKLED MERCHANDISE, SOUVENIRS, & GIFTS

Blissed Out Design – Locally-designed pickle and Pittsburgh-themed drink coasters, ornaments, pins, keychains, wine stoppers, and other gifts

The Brinery @ Two Acre Farm – Pickl’d Up Pouches in four flavors, including Bloody Mary, Minty Mojito, Sweet Garlic Herb & Wine, and Earthy Roasted Garlic Stout, plus whole pickles including maple bourbon and smokey habanero, pickled smokehouse BBQ sauce, and pickled honey Sriracha hot sauce

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Byler’s Relish House – small-batch pickled vegetables, relish, jam, jelly, fruit butters, and salsa created using open kettle processing and traditional family recipes (Friday & Saturday only)

Cleveland Pickle – hand-packed gourmet flavored pickles, including spicy garlic, sweet and spicy, ginger, and lavender

Conover Organic Farm – small batch, organically grown pickled specialties including Picklesburgh-exclusive dill pickle cashews, pickle Sriracha relish, ghost dill pickles, fermented garlic honey and kimchi, plus all the classics

Country Hammer Moonshine – a limited distillery specializing in flavored moonshine, including dill pickle, orange dreamsicle, and salted caramel

Dina Colada Enterprises – henna tattoos, face and body painting, body and hair glitter

Epic Pickles – hand-crafted, small batch pickles and pickled veggies from this Cleveland producer, including kosher dills, garlic dills, spicy dills, fennel carrots, spicy okra, and asparagus

Just My Art – jewelry designs that are all pickle-centric, including pickle emoji magnets, pickle emoji ornaments, pickle jar necklaces, and pickle charms

Kilhaney’s Pickles – a variety of unique styles of pickled offerings, including pineapple bread and butter, sweet pickled eggs with beets, and mango jalapeño pickles

Lina Bags – hand-made cell phone bags and coin purses featuring fun and funky pickle-themed prints

Linda Barnicott Art & Gifts – beloved for enchanting portraits of Pittsburgh’s most iconic subjects, Linda’s latest work immortalizes how “Pittsburgh Parties at Picklesburgh!” including special gifts in collaboration with Wendell August Forge featuring this new classic image

McLaughlin Distillery – small-batch craft distillery featuring three varieties of pickled moonshine

Miller’s Mustard – a local favorite, Miller’s unleashes pickled pepper flavor in three wonderful mustards, mild, hot, and habanero

Neighborgoods – a one-stop-shop for witty and unique gifts, featuring pickle-themed dish towels, baby onesies, tote bags, and greeting cards

Olive Tap – specialty vinegars set these pickles apart, including pickles-on-a-stick made with Lambrusco vinegar, plus bottles of specialty vinegars to elevate your home pickling game

Paul Family Farms – a 150-year-old family farm offering maple pickled onions, bourbon-barrel-aged maple syrup, maple jalapeño salt, and maple ginger green tea

Pickles & Roses – organic cotton pickle dresses, pickle jogger pants, shorts, and pickle t’s for women, men, and kids

Pittsburgh Pottery – handmade Yinzer pottery, including pickle mugs, “Jeet Yet?” pickle plates, pickle ornaments and magnets, and more

PSquare Scents – soy ribbon wick candles, including Dill Pickle and Pickled Bacon, pickle incense, plus pickle-shaped soaps and bath bombs

Randy’s Pickles – all natural, hand-crafted pickles from Cleveland, including unique Grilled Pickles in a Jar

Rust Belt Pepper Co. – roasted Mediterranean pepper relish from a traditional family recipe from the country of Macedonia
Tommy’s Old Fashion Jerky – premium quality jerky including wild dill pickle, bacon maple, and roasted garlic flavors

Too Hot Mamas – a variety of naturally-preserved pepper products, such as pickled peppers, sweet & spicy pickles, zesty zucchini relish, hot strawberry butter, and poppin’ pepper jam

Uncle Bunk's – award-winning pickles and condiments based on old Appalachian recipes, such as 14-day sweet pickles, zucchini bread & butter pickles, mustard relish, and rustic pepper sauce, all made one small batch at a time

Wigle Whiskey – created especially for Picklesburgh, don’t miss locally-distilled Eau de Pickle, winner of a 2019 National Innovation Award from the American Craft Spirits Association as a “truly remarkable spirit” along with two specialty cocktails: “The Big Dill,” featuring Eau de Pickle and Threadbare Cider House Pickle Brine, and the “Briney Mary”

About the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership (PDP) is a dynamic, nonprofit organization comprised of business and community leaders, property owners, civic organizations, foundations and residents who provide energy, vision and advocacy for Downtown Pittsburgh. Working collaboratively with its partners, the PDP strives to create a positive Downtown experience for residents, workers and visitors alike. The PDP’s strategic initiatives include clean and safe services, transportation, and economic development and advocacy. For more information, visit www.DowntownPittsburgh.com, follow us on Twitter and Instagram, and “like” us on Facebook.

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