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Loud sounds have hidden health risks



When using power tools, lawn equipment or other machinery, wear properly fitted earplugs or earmuffs from the start, rather than waiting until the noise becomes uncomfortable. PHOTOS BY GETTY IMAGES

Noise pollution a serious but often forgotten hazard

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The human body is remarkably good at getting used to the environment around it. You’ve probably experienced this if you’ve ever gone to a matinee and emerged from the dark theater into sunshine. Your eyes sting, so you squint and shield your face until they adjust to the bright sunlight. • In the same way, the body can grow accustomed to constant noise. With repeated exposure to traffic, leaf blowers, construction, loud music, crowded restaurants, fitness classes and sporting events, you can become accustomed to loud environments. Over time, what once seemed unusually loud may barely register.

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Hearing damage is only part of the story. Noise acts as a stressor, activating the autonomic nervous and endocrine systems and affecting heart rate, blood pressure and other physiological processes.

IL tallies \$13M boost off ‘blackout’ plate sales

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Indiana’s Bureau of Motor Vehicles has sold more than 380,000 “black-out” license plates in the year since the minimalist design launched — generating \$12.9 million toward a five-year modernization plan for the agency, the governor’s office announced Monday. The blackout plates feature white numerals and letters on an all-black background. The number of plates sold includes registration renewals, such as when a driver buys a new vehicle and moves the registration and plates from their previous ride to their new set of wheels. That leaves about 314,000 blackout plates on the road, BMV spokesman Greg Dunn said. The optional design adds \$45 to initial registration and annual renewal fees.

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ON THE MENU

3rd Bucceto’s to open downtown

Aver’s competes in national contest

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Some changes are coming to downtown restaurants. As reported last week, Hoosier Hanks closed both its Bloomington locations. The downtown site, formerly The Owlery, is transforming into a new restaurant — one already known in Bloomington. Bucceto’s is opening its third restaurant at 118 E. Sixth St. on the north side of the courthouse square. Adam Cornett, general manager for Bucceto’s, said they signed a lease for the space a couple weeks ago. Now they are determining what needs to be done before they open, serving pizza, pasta and more. “We never thought we’d be able to

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