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How to finish your summer bucket list



A Rail Explorer ride stops in front of the Mount Hope Bridge. PROVIDED BY JOHN JOVEN

Savor the best of the season in its last unofficial weekend

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It's Labor Day weekend and the unofficial end of summer. Sure, there are still a couple of weeks left until the calendar officially recognizes the change to fall, but with summer vacations mostly now a thing of the past, it leaves one last weekend to savor the best of the season.

Rather than focus on specific events, here are some ideas to help you check off the summer bucket list and make the most of the three-day weekend.

A picnic on the beach

Grab the beach chairs and blankets and plan for a later arrival at the beach. Hit the market earlier in the day and pack all your favorites, or stop somewhere like Sweet Berry Farm, Ash Mart

Deli or even your favorite clam shack and then hit the sand. With crowds already thinning out, some town beaches have cut back on operating hours, meaning free parking – but also fewer amenities – making access a little bit easier.

If the sand isn't your thing, head to Brenton Point State Park or any of Newport County's waterfront parks to

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Trump announces firing of Fed governor

President's authority to remove Cook questioned

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President Donald Trump's announcement that he's firing Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook is an unprecedented move that could lead to a long legal battle as the president looks to shape the balance of the central bank's seven-member board in his favor.

The Aug. 25 move raises more questions about the Fed board's independence, a president's involvement in monetary policy and credibility in U.S. investments.

"I have determined that there is sufficient cause to remove you from your position," Trump wrote in a letter to Cook shared on Truth Social, pointing to accusations that Cook made false statements on mortgage agreements.

Cook said Aug. 26 the president lacked the basis and the authority to oust her from the board of the central bank.

Her firing comes amid Trump's monthslong efforts to influence the central bank's rate-cut decisions. Trump had previously focused on pressuring Fed Chair Jerome Powell to lower rates through name-calling and termination threats, although the president has since walked back threats to remove the Fed chair.

Cook, in a statement released by her lawyer, said of Trump that "no causes exist under the law, and he has no authority" to remove her from the job she was appointed to by former President Joe Biden in 2022.

"I will continue to carry out my duties to help the American economy," she said in a statement emailed to USA TODAY.

Cook's attorney, Abbe Lowell, said Trump has "no authority" to remove Cook, and that the president's attempt "lacks any factual or legal basis."

"We will be filing a lawsuit challenging this illegal action," Lowell said.

The Federal Reserve Act of 1913 says a president can only fire a Fed governor "for cause." A member of Trump's

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Judge's ruling requires hearing for Abrego Garcia

Lawyers file suit challenging deportation

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USA TODAY

Lawyers for Maryland resident Kilmar Abrego Garcia and prosecutors seeking to expel him from the country faced a deadline Aug. 26 to provide a federal judge with a timeline for hearings on the widely watched case.

District Judge Paula Xinis ruled Aug. 25 that the government cannot deport Abrego Garcia for a second time until she holds a hearing on a lawsuit chal-

lenging his deportation. Xinis stressed that the government was "absolutely forbidden at this juncture" from removing Abrego Garcia from the United States.

It has been a whirlwind few days for Abrego Garcia, who has spent more than five months in detention, including time at a notorious prison in his native El Salvador. On Aug. 22, he was released from criminal custody in Tennessee and returned to his home in Beltsville, Maryland.

On Aug. 25, he was detained again after reporting to an Immigration and

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Kilmar Abrego Garcia and his wife, Jennifer Vasquez Sura, attend a prayer vigil before he enters a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement field office in Baltimore on Aug. 25. ANNA MONEYMAKER/GETTY IMAGES

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