

# Go. See. Do.



**The Maryland Renaissance Festival**  
Aug. 29-30; Sept. 5-7, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27; Oct. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25. 10 AM-7 PM. Revel Grove in Crownsville, Md. Step back in time to the days of Henry VIII and be entertained by villagers and courtiers as they put on musical and theatrical performances in Revel Grove. Festival goers will also find a free juggling school, over 130 craft shops, food and drink stands and much more. \$18/adults ages 16-61; \$15/seniors 62+; \$8/children ages 7-15; free/children ages 6 and under. 800-296-7304, [www.rennfest.com](http://www.rennfest.com). Credit: The Maryland Renaissance Festival.

## Capitol Riverfront BID Best of the '80s Outdoor Movies

Thursday nights, 8:45 PM. Tingey Plaza, 100 Tingey St. SE, behind the US Department of Transportation building. Bring a blanket, pack a picnic and catch one of the following classic '80s films: Aug. 6, "Big"; Aug. 13, "Back to the Future" and slap bracelet giveaway night; Aug. 20, "Ghostbusters" and '80s candy giveaway night. Get there early and participate in the Wii dueling karaoke before all movies. Rain cancellations announced by 6:30 PM. Free. [www.capitolriverfront.org](http://www.capitolriverfront.org).





## 2009 Irish Festival

Aug. 8, noon-7 PM. Waterfront Park, Alexandria, Va. No need to wait for St. Patrick's Day to celebrate the rich culture of Ireland – break out the green and head to the annual Irish Festival in Alexandria for some Irish art and crafts, Irish American food, cold refreshments, Irish dance and more entertainment. Free, held rain or shine. 1A Prince St., Alexandria, Va. 703-883-4686, [www.ballyshanners.org](http://www.ballyshanners.org).

## Tomato Festivals

Aug. 22, 9 AM-noon, H Street FRESHFARM Market, 625 H St. NE; Aug. 27, 3-7 PM, Penn Quarter Market, Eighth St. NW between D and E streets. They're pink, yellow, orange, purple, green, streaked, pleated and squat with names like Mr. Stripy and Nebraska Wedding. Come celebrate the diversity of our great tomato nation and taste and compare heirloom varieties for free. Recipe demonstrations at 10:30 AM Aug. 22; 4 PM, Aug. 27. Free. 202-362-8889, [www.freshfarmmarket.org](http://www.freshfarmmarket.org). Credit: Courtesy of FRESHFARM Markets.



## The DC Big Flea

Aug 1, 9 AM-6 PM; Aug. 2, 11 AM-5 PM. Dulles Expo Center. This two-day shopping extravaganza for bargain hunters features some 1,100 exhibits from dealers in 30 states, including this Romito figurine of Jackie Robinson (pictured) sliding into home plate from Back In The Day Collectibles, Silver Spring, Md. Admission is \$10 for both days. 4368 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly, Va. 757-430-4735, [www.damoreproductions.com](http://www.damoreproductions.com).