

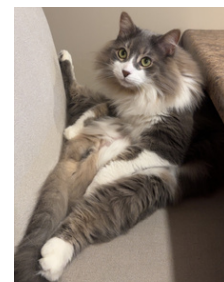
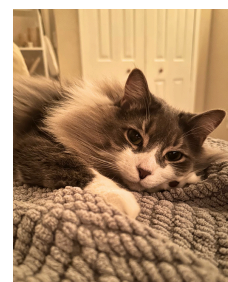


monthly U.P.D.A.T.E.



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A little late, but still within the first 10 days of the month, plus following a vacation? I'll take it! This month I won a giveaway for a weekend in Deep Creek, had my bestie Sav come to town for a last minute visit, had a lot of beauty/relaxation treatments & of course had some family time. Still knocking out restaurants on my 2025 Restaurant Check-List - I hit 2 in March! See my updated list [HERE](#). Also we are pivoting the "U" in U.P.D.A.T.E. from useful tip to underrated spot! I only had so many useful tips LOL.



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WHAT IS THE MONTHLY U.P.D.A.T.E.?

U- Underrated Spot: A place that I think doesn't get enough hype among Yinzers
P- Playing: Shows or music that have been stuck on play
D- Dining: Restaurants, coffee shops, etc. I visited & loved
A- Activity: Something fun I did that maybe social media didn't see
T- Travel: Recap of where I have been/what I've been planning
E- Everyday Ritual: Something I've been adding to my daily routine

UNDERRATED SPOT Welcome to the reinvented segment, underrated spot! The goal of this section is to highlight a local business or local area that is underrated. The first highlighted spot should come as no surprise if you follow me on Instagram, [Urbanä Boutique in Oakmont!](#) As one of the only boutiques in the area that carries sizes small through 3X, I am a frequent customer. The owner Änna is truly a genuine, body positive hype girl. Her collection at the boutique doesn't just follow along with the "here today, gone tomorrow" trends, but encourages everyone to embrace their own style. From evening wear, to winter jackets, to basic tanks, to flirty blouses & more, Urbanä is the spot. Read more about my love for Urbanä [HERE!](#)



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PLAYING I finally bit the bullet & subscribed to Apple TV+ for one reason & one reason only - Severance. I heard it was good when it first came out, but when season 2 was released, I got FOMO with the innie & outie talk. It is def a slower moving show that requires your full attention, no passive watching will work here. I think I like it so much because it is truly unlike anything else. It's not the classic sitcom, murder mystery, or other wash rinse repeat plot. It challenges you to put yourself in the shoes of both the innie & the outie which I love.

DINING With 2 female chefs at the helm, Lillith is the highlight of my March dining. I have had my eye on Lillith for a while, as it joined the restaurant scene in Pittsburgh in the fall of 2023. I won't lie - I was a bit intimidated by the menu & pricing. I kept thinking that I needed to wait for a special occasion to dine here. WOW, was I wrong. I originally had dinner plans for their Galentines event with a friend who raves & raves about Lillith, but ended up getting sick & had to cancel. Fast forward to March & we approached the meal as a shareable, family-style moment. This is definitely a seafood heavy spot with their coastal flair vibe. We enjoyed oysters, tuna tartare, shrimp aguachile, fancy lobster rolls, Japanese sweet potato, the skate wing entree & finished with their seasonal baked Alaska dessert. With 2 of us we didn't come close to finishing it LOL. It was phenomenal though & the price tag before tip was under \$70 each!



ACTIVITY Within 4 days I went to the Crankdat EDM show at Stage AE, a Desi Banks comedy show at the Byham & Madama Butterfly, an opera at the Benedum. Talk about a woman of the various performance arts ?? I love a live performance of any kind & it worked out magically that somehow between Sav & I, all three events were free! Shoutout to the connects that made it possible.

TRAVEL March didn't start out with any travel plans since my sister & I had our Disney trip the first week of April, but the Instagram gods had other plans. I won an Instagram giveaway for a weekend away at the Morningside Lodge in Deep Creek to be redeemed the last weekend in March! I gathered together 3 couples & myself for a chill weekend away. We had a game night with meats & cheeses from Penn Mac, morning coffee in the hot tub, an afternoon hiking at Swallow Falls Canyon Trail, s'mores by the fire pit & relaxation. Since the property we stayed at was close to the main resort, we were nearby a newer restaurant, Firewater! Cocktails, wine, great views & tasty bites were had. Deep Creek is such a great spot for an easy weekend getaway from Pittsburgh.



EVERYDAY RITUAL Something I've really found joy in lately is making my morning coffee. I realized I was acting OUT OF CONTROL with the amount of coffees I was going out to get during the week so I have reined it in. My 2 current faves are the viral Teddy Graham latte (honey, brown sugar & cinnamon) & a latte with cold foam made from the Chobani White Chocolate Raspberry Creamer. Nespresso truly makes lattes a breeze.

