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With rising prices for food, fuel and airfares, often it's the entertainment budget that gets squeezed. And now, even that special night of theater falls in step with the trend: Some Broadway shows have announced they'll be charging \$25 extra for aisle seats.

But if you want a life worth living, you need rest, relaxation and fun. Here's a collection of Long Island leisure-time events — and, yes, we've got theater, too — that for the most part (some venues require a parking fee or ask for donations) won't cost you a dime.

Theater

WHAT The Long Island Shakespeare Festival
WHERE Bayard Cutting Arboretum, Oakdale
WHEN 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
PHONE 631-451-4163
WEB lishakes.org

Bring beach chairs or blankets, and a picnic dinner to enjoy this open-air, abridged rendition of the Bard's "The Twelfth Night."

ALSO Eisenhower Park's "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" at 7:30 p.m. Friday (516-572-0700, www.nassaucountyny.gov).

R&R that's
F&F (fun and,
mostly, free)



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The last polo match of the summer at Bethpage State Park will be played Sunday.

Outdoors

WHAT Fitness With Fido
WHERE Village Green, Main Street and Mill Road, Westhampton Beach
WHEN 9 a.m. Saturdays through the end of September.
PHONE 631-288-0591, ext. 113
WEB bideawee.org

It's easy to get lazy in the heat of summer, but as long as the temperatures are below 80 degrees on Saturday mornings, Bideawee in Westhampton Beach will be leading these people-pooch perambulations. Bosco must be leashed; bring water for both of you.

ALSO Polo's not only for the rich, so bring your blankets and chairs and watch the last match of the summer at Bethpage State Park, Sunday at 3 p.m. (516-249-0701).

Poetry

WHAT Beach Chair Poetry Series
WHERE Rogers Mansion, 17 Meeting House Lane, Southampton
WHEN 5 p.m. Sunday
PHONE 631-283-2494
WEB southamptonhistoricalmuseum.org

As the late summer day cools to

evening and fireflies begin to dance, unfold your beach chair and gather for readings by poets including George Wallace, Thaddeus O'Neil, Celeste Gainey and Ellen de'Pazzi.

ALSO Poets in Port, held the last Friday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Caffè Portofino (249 Main St., Northport, www.northportarts.org/events.html).

Art

WHAT "Solar Bamboo Columns"
WHERE Fair Meadow Park, Pulaski Road and Park Avenue, Huntington
WHEN 24 / 7 through September