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SUMMER 2023



JUNE 11 – SEPTEMBER 4

# HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA GAZETTE

## HISTORIC DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

### JUNE 11-17

**Betsy Ross House, Flag Fest, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.:** Philadelphia's flag making tradition is highlighted during this weeklong celebration featuring free programming, a Flag Day Naturalization Ceremony, and culminating with Stars & Stripes Saturday. For the complete schedule of events, visit [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)



### JUNE 14

**Museum of the American Revolution, Flag Day Celebration, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.:** On June 14, 1777, Congress passed the first Flag Act, adopting the 13-star flag as the official flag of the new United States. Join the Museum on Flag Day, June 14, to learn about flags of "all kinds of colours" from the Revolutionary era with activities and in-gallery talks for the whole family. [amrevmuseum.org/events](http://amrevmuseum.org/events)

### JUNE 17

**Christ Church, Juneteenth Story Time with Harriet Tubman, 2 p.m.:** Be transported back in time by a historical interpreter portraying the famous abolitionist. FREE. [christchurchphila.org](http://christchurchphila.org)

### JUNE 17-19

**Museum of the American Revolution, Juneteenth Weekend, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.:** Explore the continuing struggle for equality for all and join the Museum to celebrate Juneteenth, the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States. The date commemorates the day in 1865 when the abolition of slavery reached the deepest parts of the former Confederacy in Texas. [amrevmuseum.org/events](http://amrevmuseum.org/events)

### JUNE 18

**Betsy Ross House, Juneteenth Concert, 3 p.m.:** The Philadelphia Heritage Chorale, led by Dr. Donald J. Dumpson, leads an inspired afternoon of vocal music borne of the African Diaspora, from solemn slave songs to jubilant and uplifting gospel singing, the concert captures significant moments in history. FREE. [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

### JUNE 24

**National Liberty Museum, Drop-In Artist-Led Workshop: From Zine to Screen, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.:** The National Liberty Museum partners with Carpenters' Hall for this event. Short for "magazine," zines are made by cutting, collaging, writing, scanning, finding, and creating images, words, and textures. Add a poem, story, call to action, or letter to a friend. Scan zines in the print studio and add them to a "digital quilt." Materials will be provided, but participants may bring items to personalize their zines. FREE with admission. [libertymuseum.org/events](http://libertymuseum.org/events)

### JUNE 30-JULY 4

**Museum of the American Revolution, Fourth of July Weekend, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.:** The museum celebrates Independence Day with special activities, costumed interpretation, and crafts for all ages to discover the American Revolution and its ongoing relevance. Explore what freedom means to you throughout the weekend and contribute to a collaborative art installation on the Museum's outdoor plaza. [amrevmuseum.org/events](http://amrevmuseum.org/events)



the map on p. 4 or visit [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org) for locations, which include Independence Visitor Center, the Betsy Ross House and Franklin Square. During your visit, you'll also meet History Makers, some famous and not-so-famous folks from Philadelphia's past. See their moving interpretation of the Declaration of Independence behind Independence Hall at 3:45 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Visit [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org) for details.

### JULY 3

**Christ Church, Signers' Day, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.:** A holiday to honor and celebrate the seven signers buried here, kids history hunt too! Included with admission. [christchurchphila.org](http://christchurchphila.org)

### Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History, Independence Day Delight, 10 a.m.:

Celebrate 4th of July with spectacular family activities and entertainment for all ages! From top to bottom, the Museum will be jam packed with performances and activities for members and visitors of all ages. The Museum is FREE & OPEN daily from June 29-July 9. [theweitzman.org](http://theweitzman.org)

**Carpenters' Hall, Reopening Celebration & Exhibit Unveiling, 10-11 a.m.:** Carpenters' Hall welcomes visitors for the first time since it underwent renovations in April 2022, unveiling its inaugural exhibit, Artifacts & Architecture, featuring antiquities uncovered during the 2022 renovations to the property. The exhibit pairs artifacts unearthed on-site with the work of local architectural photographer Kat Kendon. The event includes historical re-enactors, guest speakers, and a ribbon cutting. [carpentershall.org](http://carpentershall.org)

## Experience the Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival

**From June 21 – August 13** Franklin Square will shine bright with awe-inspiring, interactive, larger-than-life lanterns! Enjoy a complete festival experience featuring live performances, delicious food and drinks, and the Franklin Square Fountain Show. For information and tickets, [phillychineselanternfestival.org](http://phillychineselanternfestival.org)

## Hear Historic Tales & Meet History Makers

Visit all six of the award-winning Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Benches, **11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays until Labor Day**, to hear riveting tales of our nation's history in the places they actually happened! Free, short three-to five-minute stories entertain while sharing the secrets from history you didn't learn in school. See



## ONGOING EVENTS

**Christ Church Burial Ground, After Hours Tours, 5 p.m. every Friday through August:** Evening tours of the burial ground highlight the stories of those buried there. Themes change monthly. \$15 in advance or at the gate. [christchurchphila.org/events](http://christchurchphila.org/events)

**Take the Official Historic Philadelphia Tour** Step back in time with a Historic Philadelphia History Maker for an authentic experience, rich with historical content and first-person narrative on this one-hour loop through America's most historic square mile. The tour begins at the Independence Visitor Center. Walk-ups are welcome. For schedule and ticket information, visit [phlvisitorcenter.com](http://phlvisitorcenter.com) or stop by the Visitor Center's information desk.



**Franklin Square, Philly Mini Golf, Parx Liberty Carousel & More, 10 a.m. daily:** Visit Philadelphia's favorite play space and putt through famous local landmarks at Center City's only mini-golf course. Take a spin on a dragon, a zebra, a lion or one of Philly's hometown hero horses. Don't miss the Franklin Square Fountain Show featuring spectacular dancing water effects choreographed to music and the award-winning playground. Save room for lunch at SquareBurger and the legendary, original Cake Shake. Attractions ticketed. Visit [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org) for complete operating hours.



**Tour the Betsy Ross House & Meet Betsy Herself 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Daily:** No visit to Historic Philadelphia is complete without a stop at the home of America's most famous flag maker. From Tuesday to Sunday, the day starts with Betsy and her Colonial friends raising the flag in the courtyard. Meet Betsy' and hear her fascinating life story and on Fridays through Sundays starting June 23, **Meet The Women of the 18th Century.** This interactive program highlights the diverse population of 18th century and shares the untold stories of colonial women. Bring all your questions! Admission is \$10 for adults; \$8 seniors/students/military. Find out more at [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)



**JULY 6**  
**Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History, Secret Chord Concerts Live: Zoe & Cloyd, 6 p.m.:** A live recording session and album launch by this duo with a rich musical heritage in klezmer and bluegrass genres. [theweitzman.org](http://theweitzman.org)

**JULY 7**  
**Betsy Ross House, First Friday Movie Night Under the Stars & Stripes, dusk:** Take an after-hours tour of the House and then grab a seat in the courtyard to enjoy a kitschy film. You are invited to BYOB and snacks. Advance ticket purchase is recommended, [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

**JULY 11**  
**Betsy Ross House, Children's Naturalization Ceremony, 10-11 a.m.:** Thirteen children from countries around the world become U.S. citizens during this moving, annual event. [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

**JULY 31**  
**Franklin Square, Birthday Celebration:** Help celebrate the 17th birthday of Philadelphia's favorite play space! Birthday cake, free, carousel rides and fun family activities highlight the day. [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org).

**AUGUST 3**  
**Christ Church, Thirsty Thursday Beer Tour, 5 p.m.:** Learn about the Founders and their connections to Philadelphia's beer history. \$15 in advance or at the gate. [christchurchphila.org/events](http://christchurchphila.org/events)

**AUGUST 4**  
**Betsy Ross House, First Friday Movie Night Under the Stars & Stripes, dusk:** Take an after-hours tour of the House and then grab a seat in the courtyard to enjoy a kitschy film. You are invited to BYOB and snacks. Advance ticket purchase is recommended, [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

**AUGUST 26**  
**Christ Church, Neighborhood House Play Festival, 8 p.m.:** Second annual event features dance, improv, music, drama, comedy and more. FREE. [neighborhood-house.com](http://neighborhood-house.com)

**SEPTEMBER 1**  
**Betsy Ross House, First Friday Movie Night Under the Stars & Stripes, dusk:** Take an after-hours tour of the House and then grab a seat in the courtyard to enjoy a kitschy film. You are invited to BYOB and snacks. Advance ticket purchase is recommended, [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

**SEPTEMBER 2-4**  
**Museum of the American Revolution, Labor Day Weekend Celebration, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.:** Explore our Black Founders special exhibit, participate in family-friendly activities and crafts, and more as we wrap up A Revolutionary Summer. Children 12 years old and younger will receive free Museum admission throughout the holiday weekend (available for in-Museum purchase only). [amrevmuseum.org/events](http://amrevmuseum.org/events)



### Ride the Philly PHLASH

The Philly PHLASH® Downtown Loop is a visitor-friendly public transit service providing access to 19 stops located near must-see attractions, from Penn's Landing to Fairmount Park from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. PHLASH is the most affordable way to get around, at just \$2 per ride, \$5 for a One-Day Pass, and \$9 for a Two-Day Pass (available for two consecutive days as an online-exclusive deal). Children 4 & under, seniors, and SEPTA Key and Pass holders always ride free! Visit [phlvisitorcenter.com](http://phlvisitorcenter.com) to purchase tickets in advance. Find PHLASH on your smartphone or mobile device for service alerts and transit updates [ridephillyphlash.com](http://ridephillyphlash.com)



## NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

### Experience a world-class museum and these special events:

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, Flag Day

Celebrate the birthdays of the American flag and the U.S. Army! Learn about the creation of the American flag, participate in flag raising ceremonies, speak with Army veterans, and fold our giant flag!

#### MONDAY, JUNE 19, Juneteenth

FREE admission on June 19, in recognition of Juneteenth. The annual commemoration of the end of slavery in America in 1865, includes special tours of the Center's exhibit, *Civil War and Reconstruction: The Battle for Freedom and Equality*, the first exhibit in America devoted to exploring how constitutional clashes over slavery set the stage for the Civil War, and how the nation transformed the Constitution after the war to more fully embrace the Declaration of Independence's promise of liberty and equality. Additional programs highlight figures from the Reconstruction era like Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, and more.

#### JUNE 28 – JULY 4, Independence Week

An array of patriotic festivities surround Independence Day, exploring the history of the Declaration of Independence and how the definition of "We the People" has expanded since Thomas Jefferson penned the famous words "...all men are created equal..." in 1776.

Visit [constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org) for more event information, special museum hours, and free admission days.



## HISTORIC SITES

### Arch Street Friends Meeting House (E3)

320 Arch Street  
(215) 627-2667  
Thurs.-Sun. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
[historicasmh.org](http://historicasmh.org)

### Betsy Ross House (F3)

239 Arch Street  
(215) 629-4026  
Daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

### Carpenters' Hall (E5)

320 Chestnut Street  
(215) 925-0167  
Reopening July 3  
[carpentershall.org](http://carpentershall.org)

### Christ Church Philadelphia (F4)

2nd Street above Market Street  
(215) 922-1695  
Daily 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[christchurchphila.org](http://christchurchphila.org)

### Christ Church Burial Ground (D3)

5th & Arch streets  
(215) 922-1695  
Daily 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[christchurchphila.org](http://christchurchphila.org)

### Congress Hall (C5)

6th & Chestnut streets  
(800) 537-7676  
Daily 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.  
[nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)

### Declaration House (B4)

599 South 7th Street  
(800) 537-7676  
CLOSED

### Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site (C4)

532 N. 7th Street  
(800) 537-7576  
Fri.-Sun.9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1-5 p.m.  
[nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)

### Elfreth's Alley Museum (F2)

124-126 Elfreth's Alley  
(215) 574-0560  
Fri. - Sun. 12-4 p.m.  
[elfrethsalley.org](http://elfrethsalley.org);  
[elfrethsalley.org/audio tour](http://elfrethsalley.org/audio%20tour)

### Franklin Court (E4)

314-322 Market Street  
(800) 537-7676  
Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)

### Franklin Square (C1)

6th & Race streets  
(215) 629-4026  
Daily 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. thru 6/19;  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 6/19-08/23;  
10 a.m. - 10 p.m. 8/24-9/3  
[historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

### Free Quaker Meeting House (C3)

5th & Arch streets  
(215) 629-4026  
Sat. & Sun. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
[nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)

### Independence Hall (C5)

Chestnut Street between  
5th & 6th streets  
(800) 537-7676  
Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Free timed tickets required  
[nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)

### Old City Hall (D5)

5th & Chestnut streets  
Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(800) 537-7676  
[nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)

### Physick House (E8)

321 South 4th Street  
(215)925-7866  
Thurs. - Sat. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.;  
Sun. 12-3 p.m.  
[philalandmarks.org](http://philalandmarks.org)

### Portrait Gallery at the Second Bank (D5)

420 Chestnut Street  
(800) 537-7676  
Closed  
[nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde) for updates

### Powel House (E7)

244 South 3rd Street  
(215) 627-0364  
Thurs. - Sat. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.;  
Sun. 12-3 p.m.  
[philalandmarks.org](http://philalandmarks.org)

### President's House Site (E8)

555 Market Street  
(800) 537-7676  
Daily 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
[nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)

## MUSEUMS

### American Philosophical Society Museum (D6)

104 South 5th Street  
(215) 440-3442  
Thurs. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[amphilsoc.org](http://amphilsoc.org)

### African American Museum in Philadelphia (B3)

7th & Arch streets  
(215) 574-0380  
Thurs. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[aampmuseum.org](http://aampmuseum.org)

### Faith & Liberty Discovery Center (D4)

101 N. Independence Mall East  
Mon-Sat 10 am -5 pm  
[faithandliberty.org](http://faithandliberty.org)

### Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia (C2)

6th & Arch streets  
(866)574-3727  
Mon. - Fri. 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
[philadelphiafed.org](http://philadelphiafed.org)

### Fireman's Hall Museum (F2)

147 North 2nd Street  
(215) 923-1438  
Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
[firemanshallmuseum.org](http://firemanshallmuseum.org)

### Independence Seaport Museum (H6)

211 Columbus Blvd.  
(215)413-8655  
Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
[phillyseaport.org](http://phillyseaport.org)

### Liberty Bell Center (C4)

526 Market Street  
(800) 537-7676  
Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)

### Museum of the American Revolution (E5)

101 South 3rd Street  
(215)253-6731  
Daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[amrevmuseum.org](http://amrevmuseum.org)

### Museum of Illusions (D4)

401 Market Street Mon-Thurs  
10 am - 8 pm Fri. 10 am-10 pm  
Sat 9am -10 pm Sun 9 am -8 pm  
[moiphilly.com](http://moiphilly.com)

### National Constitution Center (D3)

525 Arch Street  
(215) 409-6700  
Daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org)

### National Liberty Museum (E5)

321 Chestnut Street  
(215) 925-2800  
Thurs. - Mon. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[libertymuseum.org](http://libertymuseum.org)

### Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History (D4)

101 South Independence Mall East  
(215) 923-3811  
Thurs. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[theweitzman.org](http://theweitzman.org)

## OTHER SITES

### Independence Visitor Center (C4)

6th & Market streets  
(800) 537-7676  
Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. (until 7 p.m. Sat. & Sun.) thru 6/18; daily 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. from 6/19; (July 1 - 3, open until 9 p.m. for access to public restrooms during "Freedom Week" concerts on Independence Mall.) Visit [phlvisitorcenter.com](http://phlvisitorcenter.com) for updates on operating hours and other Visitor Center locations. [phlvisitorcenter.com](http://phlvisitorcenter.com)

### SquareBurger (C1)

Franklin Square, 6th & Race streets  
(215)629-4026  
Daily 11:30 a.m.  
[historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

### U.S. Mint (D2)

151 North Independence Mall East  
(215) 408-0114  
Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
[usmint.gov](http://usmint.gov)

## Get Your Free Independence Hall Ticket

Admission to Independence Hall is by timed-entry tour only. Timed tickets must be reserved in advance online at [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov), or by phone at (877) 444-6777. Tickets are free, but there is a non-refundable processing fee of \$1 per ticket. Up to nine tickets can be reserved per account. Tickets can be printed or displayed on a mobile device. Please arrive 30 minutes before scheduled tour time to go through security screening.





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