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FALL / WINTER 2023

SEPTEMBER 11-DECEMBER 31

# HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA GAZETTE

## HISTORIC DISTRICT HAPPENINGS



### Welcome to your first stop for visiting Philadelphia

Make the most of your visit by starting at Independence Visitor Center, 6th & Market streets.

Speak with friendly staff for free trip-planning advice; explore things to do on digital installations; and purchase discounted tickets for local attractions and tours.

After starting here, you'll know what to do, when to go, and how to get there.  
[phlvisitorcenter.com](http://phlvisitorcenter.com)

### SEPTEMBER 11

**Betsy Ross House, 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony, 10-11 a.m.:** The solemn ceremony starts with a march from the Fireman's Hall Museum and continues with remarks from the police and fire commissioners and other dignitaries, a flag folding ceremony and a bell ringing honoring the fallen. [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

### SEPTEMBER 21

**Museum of the American Revolution, 2023 Carl M. Buchholz Memorial Lecture with Akhil Reed Amar, 6 p.m.:** The preeminent constitutional scholar and Yale University professor Akhil Reed Amar will discuss his most recent book, *The Words That Made Us: America's Constitutional Conversation, 1760-1840*, which provides a history of the American Constitution's formative decades. Ticket prices vary, [amrevmuseum.org/events/](http://amrevmuseum.org/events/)

### SEPTEMBER 26

**Carpenters' Hall, Arriving, Staying, Leaving: The Idea of Home, 5:30-7:30 p.m.:** Nationally-acclaimed author Drew Philp and renowned performer and artist John Jabroe host this interactive experience centered on the role of individuals in preservation, community revitalization and urban sustainability. Tickets are \$15. [carpentershall.org/events](http://carpentershall.org/events)

### OCTOBER 6

**Betsy Ross House, First Friday Movie Night Under the Stars & Stripes, 6:30 p.m.:** Get into the spooky spirit of the season with a showing of the 1968 classic, *Night of the Living Dead*. Movie begins at dusk; come early for after-hours, spooky house tours. BYOB and snacks and make a night of it in the courtyard. \$8, advance purchase recommended, [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

**Christ Church, First Friday Fall Makers Market, 3-7 p.m.:** Join local vendors on Church Street between 2nd and American streets for a celebration of all things local and handmade! Free. [christchurchphila.org](http://christchurchphila.org)

### OCTOBER 8

**Christ Church, Neighborhood House Play Festival: The Final Chapter, 7 p.m.:** Audience favorites from this summer's one-act festival will be performed. Pay-what-you-wish. [christchurchphila.org](http://christchurchphila.org)

### OCTOBER 13-14

**Betsy Ross House, Spooky Twilight Tour, 6-9 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays through 10/28:** Take a trip back in time to Philadelphia in the 1700s to learn about the city's gruesome history of infection and inoculation. Hear true, macabre tales about bloodletting, small pox, yellow fever, and other gross experiences. Then, head into the House for a spooky, shadowy tour. Tours run every half hour from 6 to 9 p.m. Timed tickets are \$12 and must be purchased in advance at [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org). Add Spooky Mini Golf (see page 2) for two at Franklin Square and make a night of it with a Spooky Twosome for just \$25.

### OCTOBER 20-21

**Betsy Ross House, Spooky Twilight Tour,** See October 13-14 for complete details.

### OCTOBER 27-28

**Betsy Ross House, Spooky Twilight Tour,** See October 13-14 for complete details.

### OCTOBER 28-29

**Museum of the American Revolution, Occupied Philadelphia 2023, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.:** Activities recreate the dark days of the British occupation of the fall of 1777. Enjoy guided walking tours, special programming, and family-friendly activities exploring what life was like in the city while British forces controlled it. Meet costumed historical interpreters portraying soldiers, civilians, and spies on the outdoor plaza. Complete a spy challenge to collect information on the British Army and watch street theater vignettes that bring to life dramatic moments from 1777. Some activities are free; others included with admission. [amrevmuseum.org](http://amrevmuseum.org)

### NOVEMBER 12

**Museum of the American Revolution, Relaxed Experience Morning at the Museum, 9-10:30 a.m.:** A sensory-friendly way to experience the museum. Interact with replica objects and stop by Revolution Place's family-friendly discovery center, staffed by with accessibility-trained guides. Free with advance registration by contacting [education@amrevmuseum.org](mailto:education@amrevmuseum.org)



### NOVEMBER 29

**Betsy Ross House, Old City Holiday Tree Lighting, 6 p.m.:** The courtyard hosts musical and dance performances and a stunning holiday tree. Look out for a very special guest to arrive via fire truck to help with the lighting. [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

### DECEMBER 10

**Betsy Ross House, Community Menorah Lighting, 4-5 p.m.:** In partnership with Old City Jewish Arts Center, celebrate Hanukkah with a traditional menorah lighting ceremony. Festivities will include holiday favorites like latkes and jelly donuts. Children can take home a menorah and some Hanukkah gelt while supplies last. Free. [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

### DECEMBER 13

**Christ Church, Holiday Pop-Up Market, 3-7 p.m.:** Shop local this holiday season with unique items from area crafters. [christchurchphila.org](http://christchurchphila.org)

### DECEMBER 26-31

**African American Museum in Philadelphia, Kwanzaa Celebration:** Celebrate Kwanzaa, an African American holiday, rooted in African harvest traditions that uplift principles of family, community, and culture. AAMP will host a series of special programs, events, and family-friendly activities that recognize and honor the seven principles of Kwanzaa, also known as Nguzo Saba. [aampmuseum.org](http://aampmuseum.org)

### DECEMBER 31

**Betsy Ross House, Betsy's Birthday Bash, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.:** Celebrate the famous flag maker's January 1, 1752 birth with a day of activities, stories with Betsy, herself, and, of course, cake! Free with admission. [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

**Franklin Square, Kids' New Year's Eve Countdown & Square Drop, 4-9 p.m.:** The most family-friendly celebration in town begins with music and crafts before the Square Drop at 6 p.m. Free. [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

## ONGOING EVENTS

**Carpenters' Hall, A Toast to History: Behind the Scenes at Carpenters' Hall, 4-5:30 p.m.:** Each Tuesday and Thursday through December 21 experience a private, after-hours tour of the Hall, including the second-floor library which is usually off limits and a special exhibit. Finish with questions and a whiskey tasting to toast the continued good health of visitors, the Carpenters' Company and the importance of history. Each guest will also receive a copy of "Meeting Place of History." Tickets are \$45 at [airbnb.com/experiences/3267170](http://airbnb.com/experiences/3267170).

**Christ Church Burial Ground, After Hours Evening Tour: Yellow Fever 1793, 5 p.m. Fridays in September:** In 1793, 5,000 Philadelphians perished from Yellow Fever. Hear the stories of the heroes and victims of that fateful year. This tour runs 45 minutes. Tickets are \$10. [christchurchphila.org](http://christchurchphila.org)



## EVENTS CALENDAR *continued*



### Franklin Square Celebrates Every Season

Philadelphia's favorite play space is the best place for family fun no matter the season. A full lineup of fall and winter events for the whole family are planned now through December. From pumpkins to Santa and everything in between, make memories in Franklin Square.

#### Fall Events in the Square:

**Spooky Mini Golf, October 1 – 31, 6 - 9 p.m.** – Philly Mini Golf is transformed into spooky fun for the season with fog, lights, music, and surprises. (\$15 adults, \$12 children). Advance tickets are available online at [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org).

**Pumpkin Patch, October 21, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.** – Pick a pumpkin out of the Pumpkin Patch and decorate it to take home, FREE for children 10 and under. Advance tickets are available at [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org); capacity is limited.

**Trick-or-Treat Street, October 28, 12 - 2 p.m.** – The annual Trick-or-Treat Street in Franklin Square is all about fun. Children can follow the path in Franklin Square to special houses along the way to receive a treat. FREE for children 10 and under. Advance tickets, which are recommended, are available at [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org); capacity is limited.

**Franklin Square Fountain Show, through October 31, with daily performances every 30 minutes from 12 p.m. until closing** – FREE. Enjoy free choreographed “performances” set to a selection of popular songs. In between the shows, the Fountain is colored to complement the fall atmosphere in the Square.



#### Winter Events in the Square:

**Winter in Franklin Square featuring the Electrical Spectacle Holiday Light Show presented by PECO, from November 16, 5-9 p.m. daily** – Experience the magic of the holiday and celebrate traditions new and old at Winter in Franklin Square:

- Dazzle in the lights of the **Electrical Spectacle Light Show presented by PECO**. Hundreds of thousands of lights shimmer and dance to a soundtrack of seasonal classics every half hour.

- The mini golf course becomes **Chilly Philly Mini Golf**, adorned with lights and wintry characters (\$15 adults; \$12 children) for golfers putting through the 18 holes.

- Try **street curling!** Grab some friends and take turns sliding “stones” across the curling surface in this iceless version of the popular Olympic sport. Up to eight players can book 30-minute sessions for just \$40.

- Grab a drink – spiked or warm or both – and a bite and warm up by the fire pits at **Ben's Sweets & Treats and the Winter Beer Garden**

- Check the complete schedule for holiday events including visits from **Santa, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa celebrations** and more.

Advance tickets, which are recommended, are available at [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org); capacity is limited. See page 3 for hours of operation.

### Ride the Philly PHLASH

The Philly PHLASH® Downtown Loop is a visitor-friendly public transit service that runs on weekends through December 24 and provides access to 19 stops located near must-see attractions, from Penn's Landing to Fairmount Park and will take you from sightseeing to holiday shopping, no parking required! **From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday**, 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 four and 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:

#### SEPTEMBER 13

##### National First Amendment Summit,

**4-8 p.m.:** A discussion on the increasing threats to freedom of expression and to celebrate the opening of the Center's new First Amendment gallery. Keynote conversation with free-speech advocate Salman Rushdie and Suzanne Nossell, CEO of PEN America will be followed by a series of panels with leading First Amendment thinkers. Free.

#### SEPTEMBER 17

##### 236th Anniversary of the Signing of the Constitution with Free Admission,

**10 a.m. – 5 p.m.:** On September 17, 1787, the Founders signed the most influential document in American history, the U.S. Constitution. The Museum commemorates this historic event 236 years later with free admission and special programs including a flag raising ceremony, Preamble reading, scholar talks, trivia games, exhibit tours, and more! Free.

#### SEPTEMBER 18

##### Constitution Day Celebration with Free Admission, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.:

The Museum celebrates the opening of its newest gallery, *The First Amendment*, with a series of programs and events highlighting the history and meaning of the amendment. Free admission is courtesy of PECO.

##### The National Constitution Center is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

Check out the newest gallery, The First Amendment, offering a fresh perspective on how the First Amendment affects Americans today. Admission is \$19 for adults; \$15 youth (6-18), seniors (65+) and veterans. For more information visit [constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org).



### Celebrate Milestones at the Betsy Ross House

The iconic home of America's most famous flag maker celebrates two milestones with special events this fall. It was 250 years ago, in 1773, that a young John Ross and Elizabeth Griscom eloped across the river to New Jersey. That same year they founded a business that would soon become popular with Philadelphia's colonial elite and go down in history when Betsy agreed to sew a now-famous flag after George Washington visited her shop.

### Help the House commemorate these milestones with special events:

**Sip & Stitch, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays, September 14, October 19, & November 9:** BYOB and a needlework project and stitch along with Betsy. Each session will feature a guest speaker and a beginner-friendly project. Sip & Stitch is free. Register in advance at [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

#### Tipsy History: A Love Story, Friday, November 3:

Guests will hear a love story for the ages when they meet a young Betsy Ross just after her elopement with husband John. The program continues in the House with a special, love-themed tour and a handcrafted cocktail.

**Tours run at 5:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.** and last about 75 minutes. Tickets are \$25 in advance at [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

#### The Betsy Ross House is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.:

Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$8 for children, students, seniors and military. Visit [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org) for more information.



## HISTORIC SITES

### Arch Street Friends

#### Meeting House (E3)

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

### Betsy Ross House (F3)

239 Arch Street  
(215) 629-4026  
Daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. thru 11/30;  
closed Tuesdays in December (closed  
Thanksgiving; 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Christmas Eve; closed Christmas)  
[historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

### Carpenters' Hall (E5)

320 Chestnut Street  
(215) 925-0167  
Daily 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.;  
(closed Thanksgiving & Christmas)  
[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.; (closed  
Thanksgiving & Christmas)  
[christchurchphila.org](http://christchurchphila.org)

### Congress Hall (C5)

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

### Declaration House (B4)

599 South 7th Street  
(800) 537-7676  
Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
[nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)

### 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. thru 10/29  
[elfrethsalley.org](http://elfrethsalley.org);  
[elfrethsalley.org/audio-tour](http://elfrethsalley.org/audio-tour)

### Franklin Court (E4)

314-322 Market Street  
(800) 537-7676  
Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; printing office  
10 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. - 8 p.m. thru 9/30;  
10 a.m. - 9 p.m. 10/1-10/31; 10 a.m. - 5  
p.m. 11/1-11/15; 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
11/16-12/31 (closes 8 p.m. 12/24 &  
12/31; closed Thanksgiving & Christmas)  
[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. thru 11/30; weekends  
only 12/2-12/17; closed 12/17-12/31  
[philalandmarks.org](http://philalandmarks.org)

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

420 Chestnut Street  
(800) 537-7676  
Fri. - Sun. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[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. thru 11/30; weekends only  
12/2-12/17; closed 12/17-12/31  
[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 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(215) 309-0401  
[faithandliberty.org](http://faithandliberty.org)

### Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia (C2)

6th & Arch streets  
(866) 574-3727  
Mon. - Fri. 8:30 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  
(267) 703-2270  
Mon-Thurs 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.,  
Fri. 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.,  
Sat 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.,  
Sun 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
[moiphilly.com](http://moiphilly.com)

### National Constitution Center (D3)

525 Arch Street  
(215) 409-6700  
Wed. - Sun. 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  
Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[phlvisitorcenter.com](http://phlvisitorcenter.com)

### SquareBurger (C1)

Franklin Square, 6th & Race streets  
Thurs. - Sun. 12 p.m. - one hour prior  
to park closing  
[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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