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APRIL 1 - MAY 31, 2024

# 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.

Get your free, timed tickets to Independence Hall, 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, where to go and how to get there!  
[phlvisitorcenter.com](http://phlvisitorcenter.com)

### APRIL 1

**Christ Church Burial Ground Opening Day, 11 a.m.:** The well-known resting place of many famous founders opens for the season. Tickets for guided tours are \$10 for adults; \$5 for youth. Self-guided tours are also offered. [christchurchphila.org](http://christchurchphila.org)

### APRIL 1-7

**Museum of the American Revolution, March Into Spring Break, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.:** Explore what life was like during the Revolutionary War with the new *Witness to Revolution: The Unlikely Travels of Washington's Tent* special exhibition, neighborhood walking tours, family-friendly crafts, in-gallery talks and more for guests of all ages. Included with admission. [amrevmuseum.org](http://amrevmuseum.org)

### APRIL 3

**Franklin Square, Storytime in the Square, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.:** Storytime and crafts in the pavilion. Kids will enjoy books, rhymes and dancing, ending with bubbles and fun crafts. Free. [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

### APRIL 5

**Science History Institute, First Friday: A Celestial Celebration, 5-7 p.m.:** Embark on a cosmic journey into the mesmerizing realms of astronomy and space and the captivating history of cosmic understanding. Plus, get a pair of solar eclipse glasses for viewing the total solar eclipse April 8. Free. [sciencehistory.org](http://sciencehistory.org)

**Franklin Square, Yoga in the Square, 10-11 a.m.:** Bring your mat for Kundalini yoga near the pavilion. All experience levels are welcome. Free. [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

**Christ Church Burial Ground, Death & Taxes, 5 p.m.:** This after-hours, Franklin-themed tour visits the graves of Franklin's family and friends, weaving in tales about Franklin and his famous sayings. Tickets are \$15. [christchurchphila.org](http://christchurchphila.org)

### APRIL 10

**Science History Institute, Othmer Library After Hours, 6-8 p.m.:** Celebrate National Library Week with exhibits, activities and experiences exploring the role herbs, plants and flowers have played in the history of science and medicine. Check out rarely-seen treasures from the collection, get a temporary tattoo, enjoy light refreshments and more. Free. Register at [sciencehistory.org](http://sciencehistory.org)

### APRIL 12

**Franklin Square, Yoga in the Square, 10-11 a.m.:** Bring your mat for Kundalini yoga near the pavilion. All experience levels are welcome. Free. [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

**Christ Church Burial Ground, Death & Taxes, 5 p.m.:** See April 5 for details.

### APRIL 15

**Christ Church Burial Ground, Death & Taxes, 5 p.m.:** A special Tax Day event. See April 5 for details.

### APRIL 17

**Franklin Square, Storytime in the Square, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.:** Storytime and crafts in the pavilion. Kids will enjoy books, rhymes and dancing, ending with bubbles and fun crafts. Free. [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

### APRIL 19

**Franklin Square, Yoga in the Square, 10-11 a.m.:** Bring your mat for Kundalini yoga near the pavilion. All experience levels are welcome. Free. [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

**Christ Church Burial Ground, Death & Taxes, 5 p.m.:** See April 5 for details.

### APRIL 20

**Benjamin Franklin Museum, Fee-Free Day, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.:** Celebrate the first day of National Park Week with free admission for all to the museum which features artifacts, computer animations, and interactive displays about the life and character of Benjamin Franklin. Free. [nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)

**Franklin Square, Earth Day Celebration, 12-2 p.m.:** Fun for the whole family craft activities and more celebrating the 54th annual Earth Day. Free. [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

### APRIL 26

**Franklin Square, Yoga in the Square, 10-11 a.m.:** Bring your mat for Kundalini yoga near the pavilion. All experience levels are welcome. Free. [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

**Christ Church Burial Ground, Death & Taxes, 5 p.m.:** See April 5 for details.

### APRIL 27

**Carpenters' Hall, Historic Trades & Crafts Fair, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.:** Daylong, interactive event exploring trades critical to the construction of colonial Philadelphia. This session focuses on blacksmithing and features expert tradespersons demonstrating 18th century tools and techniques. Continues Saturdays through 5/18. Free. [carpentershall.org](http://carpentershall.org)



### APRIL 28

**Franklin Square, Bark in the Park, 12-2 p.m.:** Bring your best friend for fun, four-legged activities. Free. [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

### MAY 1

**Franklin Square, Storytime in the Square, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.:** Storytime and crafts in the pavilion. Kids will enjoy books, rhymes and dancing, ending with bubbles and fun crafts. Free. [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)



Spring in Franklin Square

## EVENTS CALENDAR *continued*

### MAY 3

**Franklin Square, Yoga in the Square, 10-11 a.m.:** Bring your mat for Kundalini yoga near the pavilion. All experience levels are welcome. Free. [historicphiladelphia.org](https://historicphiladelphia.org)

**Science History Institute, First Friday: Poisons & Panaceas, 5-7 p.m.:** Step into the shadows of medicine and mystery at the grand opening of this chilling new exhibit that unveils the hidden history of 19th century botanical cures and uncovers tales of ancient remedies and mysterious concoctions. Free. [sciencehistory.org](https://sciencehistory.org)

### MAY 4

**Carpenters' Hall, Historic Trades & Crafts Fair, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.:** Daylong, interactive event exploring trades critical to the construction of colonial Philadelphia. This session focuses on masonry and features expert tradespersons demonstrating 18th century tools and techniques. Continues Saturdays through 5/18. Free. [carpentershall.org](https://carpentershall.org)

### MAY 10

**Franklin Square, Yoga in the Square, 10-11 a.m.:** Bring your mat for Kundalini yoga near the pavilion. All experience levels are welcome. Free. [historicphiladelphia.org](https://historicphiladelphia.org)

### MAY 11

**Betsy Ross House, A Crafternoon with Wilson & Claypoole, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.:** Participate in an afternoon of sewing guided by Betsy Ross Claypoole and her daughter and business partner, Clarissa Claypoole Wilson during this special Mother's Day event. Sew a lavender sachet and then step into Betsy's shop for a hands-on sewing lesson with Betsy, herself! It will be an ideal day for multiple generations to visit the Betsy Ross House together for this unique experience. Tickets are \$20 and include a tour of the House. Timed tickets at [historicphiladelphia.org](https://historicphiladelphia.org) or purchase on site.

**Carpenters' Hall, Historic Trades & Crafts Fair, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.:** Daylong, interactive event exploring trades critical to the construction of colonial Philadelphia. This session focuses on carpentry and features expert tradespersons demonstrating 18th century tools and techniques. Continues Saturdays through 5/18. Free. [carpentershall.org](https://carpentershall.org)

**Franklin Square, National Mini Golf Day, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.:** Buy one ticket for Philly Mini Golf and get one free all day. Tickets are \$13 for adults/\$11 for children 12 and under. [historicphiladelphia.org](https://historicphiladelphia.org)

**Franklin Square, May Play Day, 12-2 p.m.:** Come out for fun crafts and "active-ities" led by fan-favorite, Yoyo. Free. [historicphiladelphia.org](https://historicphiladelphia.org)

### MAY 15

**Franklin Square, Storytime in the Square, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.:** Storytime and crafts in the pavilion. Kids will enjoy books, rhymes and dancing, ending with bubbles and fun crafts. Free. [historicphiladelphia.org](https://historicphiladelphia.org)

### MAY 17

**Franklin Square, Yoga in the Square, 10-11 a.m.:** Bring your mat for Kundalini yoga near the pavilion. All experience levels are welcome. Free. [historicphiladelphia.org](https://historicphiladelphia.org)

### MAY 18

**Carpenters' Hall, Historic Trades & Crafts Fair, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.:** Daylong, interactive event exploring trades critical to the construction of colonial Philadelphia. This session focuses on a variety of trades including tin smithing, basketweaving, broom making, leatherwork, stained glass work, plastering and stone carving and features expert tradespersons demonstrating 18th century tools and techniques. Free. [carpentershall.org](https://carpentershall.org)

### MAY 24

**Franklin Square, Yoga in the Square, 10-11 a.m.:** Bring your mat for Kundalini yoga near them, pavilion. All experience levels are welcome. Free. [historicphiladelphia.org](https://historicphiladelphia.org)

### MAY 25-27

**Betsy Ross House, Flag Raising, 10 a.m.:** Start your day at the home of America's most famous flag maker for a secret ceremony. Betsy will reveal fascinating details about the first flag and raise the Stars & Stripes in the courtyard. Free. [historicphiladelphia.org](https://historicphiladelphia.org)

**Franklin Square, May Play Day, 12-2 p.m.:** Come out for fun crafts and "active-ities" led by fan-favorite, Yoyo. Free. [historicphiladelphia.org](https://historicphiladelphia.org)

### MAY 27

**Christ Church Burial Ground, Memorial Day Celebration, 1 p.m.:** Commemorate the day with this free event at the final resting place of many distinguished veterans. Free. [christchurchphila.org](https://christchurchphila.org)

### MAY 29

**Franklin Square, Storytime in the Square, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.:** Storytime and crafts in the pavilion. Kids will enjoy books, rhymes and dancing, ending with bubbles and fun crafts. Free. [historicphiladelphia.org](https://historicphiladelphia.org)

**Christ Church, Farmers Market Opening Day, 3-6 p.m.:** The market promotes and cultivates community, local agriculture, and economic empowerment just one block away from the site of Philadelphia's original 18th-century farmers market on High (now Market) Street. [christchurchphila.org](https://christchurchphila.org)

## ONGOING



**African American Museum in Philadelphia, Imprint: Dox Thrash, Black Life & American Culture, regular site hours:** Be among the first to see this new exhibition featuring the work of this renowned, African-American artist, whose work captured everyday scenes and stirring portraits of Philadelphia and beyond. Free with admission; [aampmuseum.org](https://aampmuseum.org)

**Betsy Ross House, Meet Betsy, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.:** Meet America's most famous flag maker as she works in her upholstery shop and ask all your questions about her interesting life and exciting times. Included with admission; Note: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 5/25-27 [historicphiladelphia.org](https://historicphiladelphia.org)

**Franklin Square, Fountain Show, every half hour daily from 4/15:** The 185 year-old Rendell Family Fountain dazzles with a spectacular choreographed show. Lights and water dance majestically to your favorite songs. Free. [historicphiladelphia.org](https://historicphiladelphia.org)

**Museum of the American Revolution, Witness to Revolution: The Unlikely Travels of Washington's Tent, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily:** The crown jewel of the Museum's collection, General George Washington's headquarters tent is highlighted in this new exhibit that follows the relic's journey through history and brings together inspiring works of art, rare documents and significant historical objects. Exhibit runs through Jan. 5, 2025. Included with admission. [amrevmuseum.org](https://amrevmuseum.org)



**Free Quaker Meeting House, Meet a History Maker, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.:** On weekends starting April 6, you'll meet a History Maker from Colonial Philadelphia's Free Quaker community. Free. [historicphiladelphia.org](https://historicphiladelphia.org)

## Once Upon A Nation Returns Memorial Day Weekend

**Historic Philadelphia comes to life starting Memorial Day weekend when Once Upon A Nation Storytellers and History Makers return.** Visit some or all of the eight storytelling benches to hear riveting tales of our nation's history that the history books forgot. Free, short and interactive stories entertain while sharing the secrets you didn't learn in school. During your visit, you'll also encounter History Makers, some famous and not-so-famous folks from Philadelphia's past. Ask them all about their lives and times! Visit [historicphiladelphia.org](https://historicphiladelphia.org) for all eight bench locations, which include Independence Visitor Center, the Betsy Ross House and Franklin Square.



## NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Experience a world-class museum and these special events:

### APRIL 21

**Sensory-Friendly Day, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.:** An accessible learning experience for people of all abilities and their families. Visitors with sensory-processing challenges can experience the museum in a secure and comfortable environment that includes modified programming and emotionally safe spaces with sensory objects, comfortable seating, and cool blue lighting. Sensory-Friendly Days are made possible thanks to TD Bank and their commitment to connecting communities and breaking down barriers. For more information, [constitutioncenter.org/calendar/sensory-friendly-day-2024](https://constitutioncenter.org/calendar/sensory-friendly-day-2024)

### MAY 25-27

**Memorial Day Weekend Celebration, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.:** All weekend long, the Center honors Memorial Day by taking a closer look at famous memorials and monuments, and uncovering the complexities of how a nation remembers. In addition to access to all the exhibits and artifacts, programming includes flag ceremonies, discussions on U.S. memorials through history and across the country, family-friendly workshops and lectures, as well as crafts for learners of all ages. Free admission all weekend is made possible through the generous support of Citizen Travelers, the nonpartisan civic engagement initiative of Travelers.

**The National Constitution Center is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.** Admission is \$19 for adults; \$15 for seniors, college students, and youth (6-18). Children 5 and under and active military are free. For more information, visit [constitutioncenter.org](https://constitutioncenter.org)

## HISTORIC SITES

### Arch Street Friends Meeting House (E3)

320 Arch Street  
(215) 627-2667  
Wed.-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.  
[historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

### Carpenters' Hall (E5)

320 Chestnut Street  
(215) 925-0167  
Tues.-Sun. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
[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  
CLOSED in March;  
Daily 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. from 4/1  
[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  
Wed. - Fri. 12-4 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. - 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. from 4/19  
[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  
Thurs. - Sun. 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. - 7 p.m. All hours are  
weather permitting  
[historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

### Free Quaker Meeting House (C3)

5th & Arch streets  
(215) 629-4026  
Hours: 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  
Thurs. - Sun. 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. (tours on the hour)  
[philalandmarks.org](http://philalandmarks.org)

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

420 Chestnut Street  
(800) 537-7676  
Fri. & Sat. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)

### Powel House (E7)

244 South 3rd Street  
(215) 627-0364  
Thurs. - Sat. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.;  
Sun. 12-3 p.m. (tours on the hour)  
[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)

### Science History Institute (E5)

315 Chestnut Street  
(215) 925-2222  
Wed. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[sciencehistory.org](http://sciencehistory.org)

## 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  
(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.co](http://moiphilly.co)

### 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  
(215)629-4026  
12-7 p.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.

From Left: National Constitution Center, Christ Church, Museum of the American Revolution





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