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JULY 2024

JULY 1 - 31, 2024



HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA GAZETTE

HISTORIC DISTRICT HAPPENINGS



JULY 1

National Liberty Museum, NLM Celebrates: Wawa Welcome America Free Museum Day, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Experience the Museum's new exhibit plus special activities marking the Independence Day season as part of the Wawa Welcome America celebration. FREE. libertymuseum.org

JULY 1-4

Museum of the American Revolution, Independence Week, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Celebrate Independence Day all week long with special activities, costumed interpretation, live theatrical performances, crafts and more to explore what freedom means to you and discover the American Revolution's ongoing relevance over Fourth of July week. Free with admission. amrevmuseum.org

JULY 1-7

National Liberty Museum, NLM Celebrates: Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Activities marking the Independence Day season include a community art-making experience, interactive button making, a photo booth and more. Included with admission. libertymuseum.org

JULY 2

Red, White, & Blue To-Do, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.: A vibrant display of patriotic celebration, this new event brings together museums, historic sites and local businesses in America's most historic square mile to honor our nation's founding. Enjoy festooned décor, concerts, games, extended attraction hours, restaurant specials and much more!

9-11 a.m.: The fun begins with flag raisings, site openings and **Children's Naturalization Ceremony** at the **Betsy Ross House**

11 a.m.: **Red, White, & Blue To-Do Pomp & Parade** kicks off at the National Constitution Center

2-5 p.m.: **Musical performances** at four locations throughout the Historic District

4-7 p.m.: **Extended hours and special events** at various historic sites and **food and drink specials** throughout Old City

For a complete schedule of events and all the details, pick up the Special Edition of The Historic Philadelphia Gazette or visit phlvisitorcenter.com

JULY 3

Independence Mall, Concert on the Mall, 6 p.m.: Grab your blankets or chairs and celebrate Independence Day with a free concert. FREE. nps.gov/inde

JULY 4

Independence Square, Celebration of Freedom Ceremony, 10 a.m.: Celebrate July 4th and observe the evolving history of America's freedom through remarks by a variety of guest speakers and a reading of the Declaration of Independence. FREE. nps.gov/inde

Betsy Ross House, Patriotic Pet Fashion Show, 10:30 a.m.: Pets of all kinds, decked out in their patriotic finest, parade in the courtyard to celebrate Independence Day. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

Historic District to City Hall, Salute to America Independence Day Parade, 11 a.m.: Wawa Welcome America invites you to break out your red, white & blue as groups from around the country and world meet in the birthplace of the nation for a grand celebration of American culture, diversity and 248 years of history. The parade kicks off at 2nd & Market streets and travels west to City Hall. FREE. july4thphilly.com

Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History, 4th of July Family Day, 11 a.m. – 4p.m.: Join the parade watch party from the museum's second-floor windows, make crafts, sing and dance with *Khalil Munir & Two of a Kind* and enjoy a scavenger hunt. FREE. weitzman.org

JULY 5

Pay-What-You-Wish Day, Hill-Physick House, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Tour this stunning, four-story Federal townhouse, built by a wealthy merchant and later owned by a famous physician of his time. Donation. philalandmarks.com

Christ Church, Steeple & Skyline Tour, 5 p.m.: Walk up 110 stairs to the top of Christ Church Neighborhood House for the best exterior views of the church's famous steeple and all of Old City Philadelphia. Tour runs approximately 20 minutes. \$15 adults; \$10 youth. christchurchphila.org

JULY 6

Pay-What-You-Wish Day, Powel House, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Tour this historic home built in 1765 and considered one of the finest examples of Georgian architecture in the United States. Donation. philalandmarks.com

Christ Church Steeple & Skyline Tour, 5 p.m.: See July 5 for details

JULY 8

Independence Square, First Public Reading of the Declaration of Independence, 11:45 a.m.: Join the crowd to hear a commemorative reading of the Declaration of Independence by a park ranger portraying Colonel John Nixon. Snag a free copy of the Declaration and cheer or jeer as colonists did on July 8, 1776, when Colonel Nixon first read the document publicly in the State House yard, now Independence Square. FREE. nps.gov/inde

JULY 12

Independence Seaport Museum, Olympia After Hours: Speakeasy Night, 6-9 p.m.: Step onto the *Olympia* and back in time for a 1920s speakeasy aboard the oldest floating steel warship in the world. Enjoy live music, games, themed cocktails and mocktails, snacks and learn what it was like to serve in the Navy during prohibition. Guests are welcome to dress in-theme; tickets are \$35 and include one drink. Must be 21 or older to attend. phillyseaport.org

JULY 14

Christ Church, Summer Evening Garden Service, 6 p.m.: Participate in an outdoor, summer service in the picturesque North Garden. Pets are welcome! FREE. christchurch.org

JULY 15

Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Money Lab, 1:30–2:30 p.m.: Learn about the many features of U.S. currency and other aspects of our nation's money. Interactive program for children and adults runs continuously. FREE. philadelphiafed.org/education/money-in-motion

JULY 20

African American Museum in Philadelphia, Dox Thrash Panel Discussion, 5:30-7 p.m.: Explore the life and artistic legacy of this influential Black artist who is the subject of the museum's current exhibit, *Imprint: Dox Thrash, Black Life & American Culture*. FREE. aampmuseum.org/calendar



JULY 26

Independence Seaport Museum, Olympia After Hours: Sci-Fi Night, 6-9 p.m.: Come dressed as your favorite character of the realm and enjoy themed cocktails and mocktails on the decks of the oldest floating steel warship in the world as you enjoy music and the great views of the Delaware River. Dressing in theme is welcome but not required. Tickets are \$35 and include your first drink. Must be 21 or older to attend. phillyseaport.org

JULY 27

Independence Seaport Museum, Captain's Corner, 2-3 p.m.: Explore the storied history of Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the US Pacific Fleet in WWII. Learn about his rise through the ranks to the most coveted role in Naval history and how he welded together a team of soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines to defeat the Japanese empire. \$15 includes self-guided tour of the ship. phillyseaport.org

ONGOING



18th Century Garden, Colonial Kids Quest, 11:30 a.m. Fridays & Saturdays: A copy of the Declaration is missing! Fun puppets guide the action and kids of all ages are invited to help find it. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

Federal Reserve Bank, Money in Motion, 9:30 - 4:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.: Learn all about the Federal Reserve System, U.S. central banking history and money in this self-guided tour. FREE. philadelphiafed.org/education

Historic District Various Locations, Once Upon A Nation Storytelling, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday: Hear riveting stories of our nation's history in the places where they actually happened! Visit all eight benches to be entertained with short tales sharing little-known secrets from history. See map on p. 4 for bench locations. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

Independence Hall, Declaration Reading, 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday: A rousing reading of the stirring words of the Declaration each day in the shadow of Independence Hall. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

Independence National Historical Park, Twilight Tours, 6 p.m. Daily: This free walking tour hosted by Independence Historical Trust, takes you along the park's cobblestone paths while knowledgeable guides share stories about the events that shaped our nation. Tours are approximately 60 minutes and leave at 6 pm from the Liberty Vell viewing window. FREE. inht.org/twilight-tours.

Independence Visitor Center, Official Historic Philadelphia Walking Tour, 11:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. Saturdays: Step back in time as you loop through America's most historic square mile meeting people from the past and learning about Philadelphia's rich Colonial history. Your Colonial guide will highlight the President's House, Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell and more. \$18 for adults; \$9 children 12 and under. Buy tickets in person or in advance at phvisitorcenter.com/official-historic-philadelphia-walking-tour

National Liberty Museum, Pay-What-You-Wish Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Each Wednesday through July the Museum celebrates summer with this special offer. Explore the galleries, engage with the exhibitions, and immerse yourself in the transformative power of art. Every contribution supports the mission to connect, educate, and inspire people to explore and advance the complex practice of liberty. Pay-what-you-wish. libertymuseum.org

Signers' Garden, Kids' Colonial Muster, 2 p.m. & 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday: The Continental Army is looking for a few good kids! Learn to march and drill and find out from a Revolutionary War soldier what life was like with Washington's troops. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

HIGHLIGHTS



Experience the Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival Through August 18, 6 - 11 p.m. daily.

Franklin Square shines bright this summer 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.

Once Upon A Nation Programming Brings History to Life This Summer Season.

Once Upon A Nation's fun, interactive programs will transport you back in time this summer with free, family-friendly entertainment all over Historic Philadelphia!

- Hear the tales the history books forgot at **eight Storytelling Benches** scattered throughout Historic Philadelphia.
- Help find a missing copy of the Declaration of Independence during **Colonial Kids' Quest**.
- March with George Washington's Continental Army and find out what a soldier's life was like when you join the **Colonial Muster**.
- End the day in the shadow of Independence Hall with a **moving interpretation of the iconic words of the Declaration**.

See details in the Ongoing section and check the map for the locations of Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Benches or visit historicphiladelphia.org for more information.

PHLASH® Your Ride to Philly's Iconic Attractions.



The PHILLY PHLASH® is a visitor-friendly public transport service with stops near all the city's must-see attractions, including Historic District hot spots like the Liberty Bell Center, Museum of the American Revolution and, new this year, the Betsy Ross House. It's an easy way to explore the whole city, including Center City favorites like Reading Terminal and the Philadelphia Art Museum.

Tickets are just \$2 per ride; \$5 for a one-day pass; and \$12 for an all-day family pass. Tickets may be purchased online at phvisitorcenter.com, at any Philadelphia Visitor Center location or on board with exact change.

The PHLASH® runs daily every 15 minutes from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Full schedule and real time tracking at RidePhillyPHLASH.com



NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Visit the National Constitution Center This Summer

This world-class museum dedicated to the U.S. Constitution is a must-see on any visit to Historic Philadelphia. Through interactive exhibits rare artifacts, and live theater, it brings the Constitution to life for visitors of all ages. July is a busy month at the museum. See below for a sampling:

Independence Week Celebrations
Thursday, June 27 - Thursday, July 4
Free Admission on Select Days and Times

Visit the Center for patriotic festivities celebrating 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. Attend the interactive Independence Day show and American flag history and etiquette workshops, as well as create Colonial-era arts and crafts and stop by the Revolutionary War encampment on the front lawn. Special scholarly talks that explore the expanded understanding of Independence Day are also on the schedule.

Revolutionary War Encampment
July 2 - 4, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
National Constitution Center Front Lawn

Join Revolutionary War reenactors as you step into a re-created military encampment. Stop by the medical tent to visit the surgeon, meet 18th-century artisans and learn more about their trades, and see Continental Army soldiers march and drill on the grounds. You can even practice being with a wooden musket and find out if a soldiers' life is for you! Presented in partnership with the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment to present the annual encampment.

Red, White, & Blue To-Do
July 2 | 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

John Adams declared that July 2 should be a day of "pomp and parade" from one end of the continent to the other. The Red, White, & Blue To-Do will take place throughout America's most historic square mile with the Pomp & Parade, festooned decor, concerts, games, extended visitation hours at area historic attractions, restaurant specials, and much more. See details in Historic Happenings and in the Historic Philadelphia Gazette Red, White, & Blue To-Do Special Edition.

Disability Pride Month
Friday, July 5 - Wednesday, July 31

Learn how members of the disabled community in the U.S. used the First Amendment to secure their rights. Explore the stories of disability activists, uncover the history of disability in the United States, and visit our make-and-take craft stations to learn how you, too, can fight for change!

Sensory-Friendly Day
Sunday, July 28 | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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.

The National Constitution Center is open **10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday**. For more information, including details about free admission days in July, visit 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

Betsy Ross House (F3)

239 Arch Street
(215) 629-4026
Daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
historicphiladelphia.org

Carpenters' Hall (E5)

320 Chestnut Street
(215) 925-0167
Tues.-Sun. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
carpentershall.org

Christ Church Philadelphia (F4)

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

Christ Church Burial Ground (D3)

5th & Arch streets
(215) 922-1695
Daily 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
christchurchphila.org

Congress Hall (C5)

6th & Chestnut streets
(800) 537-7676
Daily 9 a.m.- 4:40 p.m.
nps.gov/inde

Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site (C4)

532 N. 7th Street
(800) 537-7676
See website for hours
nps.gov/edal

Elfreth's Alley Museum (F2)

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

Federal Reserve Bank Money in Motion Exhibit

(866) 574-7123
Mon. - Fri. 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 pm.
(last admission 4 p.m.)
philadelphiafed.org/education/money-in-motion

Franklin Court (E4)

314-322 Market Street
(800) 537-7676
Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Printing Office
Thurs. - Mon. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
nps.gov/inde

Franklin Square (C1)

6th & Race streets
(215) 629-4026
Daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Philadelphia Chinese Lantern
Festival daily 6-11 p.m.
historicphiladelphia.org

Free Quaker Meeting House (C3)

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

Independence Hall (C5)

Chestnut Street between 5th & 6th streets
(800) 537-7676
Daily 9 a.m. - 4:40 p.m.
(security screening opens 8:30 a.m.)
Free timed tickets required
nps.gov/inde

Old City Hall (D5)

5th & Chestnut streets
Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
(800) 537-7676
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

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

President's House Site (E8)

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

Science History Institute (E5)

315 Chestnut Street
(215) 925-2222
Wed. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
sciencehistory.org

Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial (E8)

301 Pine Street
Sat. & Sun. 12 - 4 p.m.
(800) 537-7676
nps.gov/thko

MUSEUMS

American Philosophical Society Museum (D6)

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

African American Museum in Philadelphia (B3)

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

Benjamin Franklin Museum in Franklin Court (E4)

Daily, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
nps.gov/inde

Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia (C2)

6th & Arch streets
(866)574-3727
Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
philadelphiafed.org

Fireman's Hall Museum (F2)

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

Independence Seaport Museum (H6)

211 Columbus Blvd.
(215)413-8655
Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
phillyseaport.org

Liberty Bell Center (C4)

526 Market Street
(800) 537-7676
Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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

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

National Constitution Center (D3)

525 Arch Street
(215) 409-6700
Wed. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
constitutioncenter.org

National Liberty Museum (E5)

321 Chestnut Street
(215) 925-2800
Thurs. - Mon. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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

OTHER SITES

Independence Visitor Center (C4)

6th & Market streets
(800) 537-7676
Daily 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
phlvisitorcenter.com

SquareBurger (C1)

Franklin Square, 6th & Race streets
(215) 629-4026
Daily 12-5 p.m.
historicphiladelphia.org

U.S. Mint (D2)

151 North Independence Mall East
(215) 408-0114
Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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, or by phone at (877) 444-6777. Tickets are free, but there is a non-refundable processing fee of \$1 per ticket. 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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