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AUG/SEPT 2024



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# HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA GAZETTE

# HISTORIC DISTRICT HAPPENINGS



#### AUGUST1&2

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

#### AUGUST 2

Betsy Ross House, First Friday Movie
Night Under the Stars & Stripes, 7:45 p.m.:
Admission includes an after-hours tour of the
Betsy Ross House along with a showing of *The*Invisible Boy (1957) in the courtyard, under
the stars. Bring snacks and the beverage of your
choice and make an evening of it! Seating is
limited, so arrive early ... grab a bottle of wine
and a pizza and enjoy an al fresco night under
the Stars & Stripes. \$8 in advance or at the gate.
historicphiladelphia.org

#### **AUGUST 3**

Independence Seaport Museum, Olympia CON, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Join the museum, Nerd Mall, and Origin of Play on the decks of Olympia for a day where gaming enthusiasts, anime lovers, and collectors unite for an unforgettable experience filled with cutting-edge video game tournaments, thrilling anime & cosplay, amazing vendors, and so much more. FREE with admission. phillyseaport.org/events

#### **AUGUST** 7

Franklin Square, Storytime in the Square, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and dancing and end with bubbles and fun crafts. All kids and their caretakers are welcome. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History, Tribe 12 x The Weitzman Sunset Music Sessions, 6-9 p.m.: A great evening of food, drinks and tunes. Unwind, spend time with friends and enjoy live music. Must be 21 or older; \$10. theweitzman.org/events

#### **AUGUST 9**

Independence Seaport Museum, Olympia
After Hours: Speakeasy Night, 6-9 p.m.: Step
back in time for a 1920s speakeasy and climb
aboard the oldest floating steel warship in the
world. Speakeasy evenings feature live music,
games, drinks and mocktails, snacks, and the
chance to learn what serving in the U.S. Navy
during prohibition looked like. Thematic dress is

welcome but not required. Tickets are \$35 and include one drink. Must be 21 years of age or older to attend. *phillyseaport.org/events* 

#### AUGUST 17

Independence Seaport Museum, Captain's Corner, 2-3 p.m.: Author K. A. Nelson is the guest for this monthly event. He will talk about his new book, Killing Shore, which tells the story of Nazi Germany's U-Boat campaign in U.S. waters, right along the Jersey Shore. \$15 per person includes self-guided tour of the ship. phillyseaport.org/events

### **AUGUST 21**

Franklin Square, Storytime in the Square, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.: See August 7 for details.

#### **AUGUST 23**



Independence Seaport Museum, Olympia After Hours: '90s Night, 6-9 p.m.: Break out the acidwash jeans, butterfly clips, and flannel...

the '90s are back and in full swing aboard the *Olympia*. Climb aboard for a night that includes themed cocktails and mocktails, the greatest hits from the decade, and special '90s trivia. Thematic dress is welcome but not required. Tickets are \$35 and include one drink. Must be 21 years of age or older to attend. *phillyseaport.org/events* 

#### **AUGUST 31**

Independence Seaport Museum, Seaport Storytime, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Geared towards younger children, this monthly event features fun and educational activities related to the museum's exhibits. Free with admission. phillyseaport.org/calendar

#### SEPTEMBER 4

Franklin Square, Storytime in the Square, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.: See August 7 for details.

#### SEPTEMBER 5

Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History, Tribe 12 x The Weitzman Sunset Music Sessions Closing Night, 6-9 p.m.: The summer season wraps up with one last evening of food, drinks, and live music. Must be 21 or older; \$10. theweitzman.org/events

#### SEPTEMBER 5 & 6

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

#### SEPTEMBER 8

Franklin Square, Grandparents' Day, 10 a.m.

- **8 p.m.:** Treat your grandparents to a ride on the Parx Liberty Carousel. Buy one ticket and get one free. *historicphiladelphia.org* 

#### **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. For more information, historicphiladelphia.org

#### SEPTEMBER 14

Franklin Square, Franklin Square Play Day, 12 – 2 p.m.: Free crafts and games, giant bubbles, music, fitness, fun and play for children with entertainer, YoYo. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

Independence Seaport Museum, Captain's Corner, 2-3 p.m.: This month's installment features a conversation with Paul Cora about Winston Churchill's remarkable, but lesser-known, service to Britain during World War I. \$15 includes self-guided tour. phillyseaport.org/events

#### ${\bf SEPTEMBER\,18}$

Franklin Square, Storytime in the Square, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.: See August 7 for details.

#### SEPTEMBER 24

Christ Church, Author Talk & Book Signing, 6 p.m.: Hear from Bob Fishman, author of Edward Duffield: Philadelphia Clockmaker, Citizen, Gentleman, 1730-1803. Duffield was a prominent figure in colonial Philadelphia, who served two terms as Christ Church warden. Come early to enjoy drinks and snacks. Pay-what-you-wish. christchurchphila.org/events

#### SEPTEMBER 28

#### Penn's Landing, Delaware River Festival, 10 a.m.

- 4 p.m.: A day of family-friendly fun, educational activities, and water-centered learning to the Camden and Philadelphia waterfronts. With ferry rides, museum visits, pedal boats, face painting, a scavenger hunt, crafts, and so much more, there's something for everyone! Pay-as-you-go. delawareriverfest.org

Betsy Ross House, Lafayette Celebration, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.: It was 200 years ago when the Marquis de Lafayette returned to the U.S. for his "Farewell Tour," on the 50th anniversary of the nation's founding. The last living general from the Revolutionary War, Lafayette drew large crowds and was hailed as a hero. Visitors will meet Lafayette and hear stories about his life and contributions to independence during this celebration. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

Franklin Square, Franklin Square Play Day, 12 – 2 p.m.: Free crafts and games, giant bubbles, music, fitness, fun and play for children with entertainer, YoYo. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org



18th Century Garden, Colonial Kids Quest, 11:30 a.m. Fridays & Saturdays through August 31: 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

Betsy Ross House, Flag Raising, 10 a.m. daily through September 2: Begin your day in Historic Philadelphia with Betsy Ross at a raising of the 13 Star Flag in the House's courtyard. It's top secret, though! Raising the Stars & Stripes is a traitorous act in 1777. Betsy will tell you all about it, but only if you promise to keep your lips sealed! FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

Betsy Ross House, Meet the Women of the 18th Century, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Fri. – Sun. through Sept. 1; Saturdays from Sept. 7: Meet women representing the diverse population of colonial Philadelphia. Learn about their lives and the era they lived in by hearing their true, interactive stories! FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

Federal Reserve Bank, Money in Motion, 9:30 a.m. – 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/money-in-motion

Franklin Square, Tai Chi in the Square, 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Tues., Thurs. & Sat.: All are welcome to join the Franklin
Square Tai Chi Group. The club meets next to the Fountain
in the center of the Square, or in the Pavilion on chilly or wet
days. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

Franklin Square, Yoga in the Square, 10 – 11 a.m.
Fridays through Aug. 30: Bring a yoga mat for outdoor
Kundalini Yoga. All experience levels are welcome. FREE.
historicphiladelphia.org

Historic Philadelphia, Once Upon A Nation Storytelling, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday through August 31; and September 1-2: Located throughout Philadelphia's Historic District, this award-winning program features specially-trained storytellers telling riveting tales of our nation's history in the places where they actually happened. Free, short 3-to-5-minute stories share the secrets of Philadelphia's and America's history. Ask for a Storytelling Flag and visit all eight benches to earn a special surprise in Franklin Square. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

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Independence Hall. Declaration Reading, 4 p.m.

Tuesday to Saturday through Aug. 31: 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 through Sept. 8: 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 p.m. from
the Liberty Vell viewing window. FREE.inht.org/twilighttours.

Independence Visitor Center, Official Historic Philadelphia Walking Tour, 11:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. Saturdays through Aug. 31: Step back in time as you

Saturdays through Aug. 31: 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 at the Visitor Center or online at *phlvisitorcenter.com* 

Signers' Garden, Kids' Colonial Muster, 2 p.m. & 3 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday through August 31: 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



#### Final Days to Experience the Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival in Franklin Square

Time is running out to experience this can't-miss, aweinspiring event featuring dozens of massive, intricate, handcrafted, illuminated lanterns! Through Sunday, August 18 enjoy a complete festival experience, featuring live performances, delicious food and drinks, and the Franklin Square Fountain Show, daily from 6-11 p.m. For information and tickets, *phillychineselanternfestival.com* 



#### Once Upon A Nation Programming Brings History to Life Through Labor Day

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 riveting stories of our nation's history in the places where they actually happened! Visit all eight
   Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Benches to be entertained with short tales sharing little-known secrets from history, 11 a.m. 4 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday through August 31; and September 1 2. See map on p. 4 for bench locations.
- Help find a missing copy of the Declaration of Independence during Colonial Kids' Quest 11:30 a.m.
   Fridays and Saturdays through August 31.
- March with George Washington's Continental Army and find out what a soldier's life was like when you join the Colonial Muster, 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday through August 31.
- End the day in the shadow of Independence Hall
  with a moving interpretation of the iconic words of
  the Declaration of Independence, 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.
  Tuesday to Saturday through August 31.

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.



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.

#### Sensory-Friendly Day

Sunday, August  $25 \mid 10 \text{ a.m.} - 5 \text{ p.m.}$ 

Join the National Constitution Center for its Sensory-Friendly Days, 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.

#### Constitution Day Celebration with Free Admission Tuesday, September 17 | 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

In September 1787, the Founders signed the most influential document in American history, the U.S. Constitution. Every year, the National Constitution Center hosts the best Constitution Day celebration in the country. The Center's annual Constitution Day celebration takes place on Tuesday, September 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. with FREE admission courtesy of PECO.

#### 2024 Liberty Medal Honoring Ken Burns Tuesday, September 24 | 6:30 p.m.

The National Constitution Center will award its 36th annual Liberty Medal to America's storyteller, Ken Burns, for illuminating the nation's greatest triumphs and tragedies and inspiring all of us to learn about the principles at the heart of the American idea.

The National Constitution Center is open 10 a.m.

- 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. For more information, visit constitution center.org.



#### PHLASH® Your Ride to Philly's Iconic Attractions through Labor Day

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 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 phlvisitorcenter.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. through September 2 nd Friday through Sunday beginning Friday, September 6. Full schedule and real time tracking at *RidePhillyPHLASH.com* 

# HISTORIC SITES

#### Arch Street Friends Meeting House (E3)

320 Arch Street (215) 627-2667 Wed.-Sun. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. historicasmh.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. – 9 p.m. 8/19 to 9/2;
10 a.m. – 7 p.m. 9/3-9/30
Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival daily 6-11 p.m. through 8/18
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. through 9/1
Wed.-Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. from 9/4
Museum Store: Daily 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)

usmint.gov

151 North Independence Mall East (215) 408-0114 Mon. – Sat. 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

# 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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