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AUG/SEPT 2024

AUG 1 - SEPT 30, 2024

HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA GAZETTE

HISTORIC DISTRICT HAPPENINGS



Delaware River Festival



USS Olympia



Franklin Square

AUGUST 1 & 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 acid-wash 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

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 *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



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