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HISTORIC DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

OCTOBER 4

Christ Church Burial Ground, After Hours Tour: Madmen & Medicine, 5 p.m. Fridays in October: Tour the graves of notable and revolutionary physicians buried here and hear stories of Yellow Fever, medical inventions and more. Tour runs about 45 minutes. For tickets, christchurchphila.org/events

Betsy Ross House, First Friday Movie Night Under the Stars & Stripes, 5:30 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 ${\bf recommended}, {\it historic phila del phia.org}$

OCTOBER 4 & 5

Carpenters' Hall, Building Independence, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. Sat. & Sun. through October 27: Short performances explore the First Continental Congress through the eyes of the delegates, their families and every day, 18th century Philadelphians. Program is presented in partnership with the City and County of Philadelphia and Historic Philadelphia, Inc.



Christ Church, Steeple & Skyline Tour, 5 p.m.: Climb to the top of the church's Neighborhood House for an extraordinary exterior view of the church. You'll learn about the colonial steeple from construction to present day. Tour runs about 20 minutes; \$15 adults; \$5 children 12 and under. christchurchphila.org/events

OCTOBER 5

Betsy Ross House, Bloodletting & Burials, 6 p.m. & 8 p.m. Saturdays in October:

Travel back to 1760 Philadelphia and learn about the city's gruesome history of infection and inoculation. Meet at Betsy's grave in the House's courtvard and uncover macabre tales about bloodletting, smallpox, yellow fever and other gross experiences. And, they are all true! Along the way, meet people who lived through the ghastly 18th century and discover why Philadelphia was an infectious place to be! Tour lasts approx. one hour and is not recommended for young children. Tickets are \$20 in advance at 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 \$30.

OCTOBER 11

Christ Church Burial Ground, After Hours Tour: Madmen & Medicine, 5 p.m. Fridays in **October:** See October 4 for complete details.

OCTOBER 11 & 12

Carpenters' Hall, Building Independence, $11\,a.m., 1\,p.m.\,\&\,3\,p.m.\,Sat.\,\&\,Sun.\,through$ October 27: See October 4 & 5 for complete details.

OCTOBER 12

Betsy Ross House, Bloodletting & Burials, ${\bf 6\&8\,p.m.\,Saturdays\,through\,\,Oct.\,26:}\,\,\mathit{See}$ $October\,5\,for\,complete\,details.$

OCTOBER 18

Christ Church Burial Ground, After Hours Tour: Madmen & Medicine, 5 p.m. Fridays in October: See October 4 for complete details.

Independence Visitor Center, Movie on the Mall, 5 p.m.: Catch a historical, Halloween $the med\ movie\ on\ Independence\ Mall.\ Before\ the$ movie starts, enjoy 18th century games, arts and crafts and grab pay-as-you-go refreshments from the Liberty Beer Garden. The event is presented in partnership with Independence Historic Trust and the National Park Service. FREE. phlvisitorcenter.com

OCTOBER 18 & 19

Carpenters' Hall, Building Independence, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. Sat. & Sun. through October 27: See October 4 & 5 for complete details.

OCTOBER 19

Independence Visitor Center, Oktoberfest Market. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.: Experience the best of Philadelphia's local artisans curated by Art Star and enjoy fall flavors at Liberty Garden. Pay-asyou-go. phlvisitorcenter.com

Franklin Square, Pumpkin Patch, 11 a.m. -1 p.m.: Pick a pumpkin to decorate and take home. FREE for children 10 and under.. Advance reservations are required at historicphiladelphia. org and capacity is limited; no walk-up tickets. historicphiladelphia.org

Independence Visitor Center, Halloween in the Historic District, 1-3 p.m.: Get your $costume\ and\ join\ the\ fun!\ Stop\ by\ the\ Visitor$ Center to pick up a map of participating locations and a trick-or-treat bag and then visit dozens of museums, attractions and businesses for tons of treats! Plus, enjoy fall crafts, make a scary historic mask and more. FREE. phlvisitorcenter.com

Betsy Ross House, Bloodletting & Burials, 6 & 8 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 26: See $October\,5\,for\,complete\,details.$

OCTOBER 25

Christ Church Burial Ground, After Hours Tour: Madmen & Medicine, 5 p.m. Fridays in October: See October 4 for complete details.

OCTOBER 26

 ${\bf Franklin\, Square, Trick-or-Treat\, Street,}$ 12 - 2 p.m.: Follow the path to special houses along the way to receive a treat. Plus, enjoy free games, giant bubbles, music, and more with entertainer, YoYo. FREE for children 10 and

under. Advance reservations are recommended at historic philadelphia.org; capacity is limited. historic phila del phia.org

Betsy Ross House, Bloodletting & Burials, 6 & 8 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 26: See October 5 for complete details.

OCTOBER 26

 ${\bf Independence\, Seaport\, Museum, Spooky}$ Seaport Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.: It's getting spooky at the Seaport! Visit for a full day of Halloween fun fit for any ghost or ghoul. Plenty of activities are planned, including spooky story time, face painting and more. FREE with admission. phillyseaport.org

OCTOBER 26 & 27

Carpenters' Hall, Building Independence, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. Sat. & Sun. through October 27: See October 4 & 5 for complete details.

OCTOBER 27



Franklin Square, Barkor-Treat Trail, 12-2 p.m.: Celebrate with a favorite canine for this pup-tastic Halloween event. Dogs are encouraged to dress in costume, follow a trail of treats, and collect helpful information for their owners. Enjoy music, photo

opportunities, and a place to play and run in the Square. (Giveaways while supplies last.) FREE. historic phila del phia.org

NOVEMBER 2 & 3

Independence Visitor Center, El Dia De Los Muertos Market, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.: Celebrate "Day of the Dead" with Mexican-American artist, crafters and vendors set up around an El Dia de Los Muertos altar in the Center's north end, plus enjoy traditional music, crafts and refreshments. ${\bf Pay-as-you-go.}~{\it phlvisitor center.com}$

NOVEMBER 14-24

Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History, Fall Film Fest, times vary: Philadelphia Jewish Film and Media brings 10 days of innovative and moving films to the museum's campus. See theweitzman.org for details.

NOVEMBER 21

 ${\bf Franklin\, Square, Electrical\, Spectacle}$ Lighting, 5 p.m.: Join Ben Franklin and other stars of the season for the annual debut of the Electrical Spectacle presented by PECO and the kick off of Winter in Franklin Square. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History, Stand Up Comedy: Women at the Weitzman, time TBD: Stand-up comedian, actor, podcaster, television writer, author, producer, and activist Judy Gold performs. See the weitzman.org for details.

DECEMBER 1

Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History, Hanukkah Market, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.: The second annual holiday shopping event, hosted by the museum store, features favorite vendors and food by Jewish chefs. Pay-as-you-go.

DECEMBER 4

Betsy Ross House, Old City Tree Lighting, 6 p.m.: Kick off the holidays with this annual celebration featuring musical and dance performances followed by the lighting of the holiday tree in the courtyard, featuring both Betsy Ross and Santa! FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

DECEMBER 7

Independence Seaport Museum, Winter on the Waterfront, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.: The holidays are in full sail! Spend the day making Seaport Snowflakes to take home, plus Gingerbread Boats in the Seaport Boat Shop and don't miss your chance to take a family photo aboard the Olympia, the oldest floating steel warship in the world! FREE with admission. phillyseaport.org

DECEMBER 19

Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History, Eight Crazy Nights Film Screening, time TBD: "Put on your yarmulke, here comes Hanukkah..." It's time to "latke and vodka" with Adam Sandler's Hanukkah musical extravaganza! Join Philadelphia Jewish Film and Media at the Khyber Pass Pub for drinks, latkes, and laughter galore with this animated classic. Enjoy a FREE drink and latkes while you laugh along. Must be 21 or older. theweitzman.org

DECEMBER 25

Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History, Being ____ at Christmas. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.: This signature event held annually on Christmas day is an inclusive day of family fun featuring music, crafts, movies and community. FREE.

DECEMBER 30

Betsy Ross House, Menorah Lighting, 4 p.m.: This popular annual Hanukkah celebration in partnership with the Old City Jewish Arts Center features the lighting of a giant menorah. followed by traditional holiday activities and treats. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

DECEMBER 31

The 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

Franklin Square, Kid's New Year's Eve Countdown & Square Drop. 6-8 p.m.: The most family-friendly celebration in town begins with music and crafts before the Square Drop from atop SquareBurger at 6 p.m. Free. historicphiladelphia.org

ONGOING



African American Museum in Philadelphia, Shared Vision: Portraits from the CCH Pounder-Koné: This new exhibit is composed of 40 works in a range of media by both world-renowned and emerging artists that share the breadth and depth of the African Diaspora through notions of beauty,

identity, autonomy and power. Exhibit runs through March 2, 2025; free with admission. aampmuseum.org

Betsy Ross House, Meet the Women of the 18th Century, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturdays in October: Meet women representing the diverse population of Colonial Philadelphia

at the Betsy Ross House! Learn about their lives and the era they lived in by hearing their true, interactive stories! FREE. historicphiladelphia.org Christ Church, Farmers Market, 3-6 p.m. Wednesdays

through November 27: Just one block from the site of Philadelphia's original 18th century farmers market on High (now Market) Street, this market continues the tradition with unique items from local purveyors. Pas-as-you-go. christchurchphila.org/events

Franklin Square, Spooky Mini Golf, 6-9 p.m. daily through October 31: The course is transformed for the season with fog, spooky music, lights and surprises. Tickets are \$15 for a dults and $\,$ $$12 \, {
m for \, children}$. historic phila del phia.org

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



- 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). Advanced timed tickets are required available online at historicphiladelphia.org.
- Pumpkin Patch, October 19, 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 reservations are required at historic philadelphia.org and capacity is limited. Walk-up tickets are not available.
- Trick-or-Treat Street, October 26, 12 2 p.m.: The annual Trick-or-Treat Street in Franklin Square is all about fun. Children can follow the path through Franklin Square to special houses along the way to receive a treat. Plus, enjoy free games, giant bubbles, music, fitness fun, and play for children with entertainer, YoYo. FREE for children 10 and under. Advance reservations are recommended at historicphiladelphia.org and 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 in Franklin Square featuring the Electrical Spectacle Light Show presented by PECO, November 21 - **February 23, 2025:** Experience the magic of the holiday and celebrate traditions new and old. Dazzle in the lights of the Electrical Spectacle Light Show, gather around fire pits to warm up with hot beverages and seasonal food favorites. Some events during the season include

- Franklin Square Street Curling: The popular Olympic team sport adapted for an urban park! A 30-minute session for up to eight players is \$40.
- Chilly Philly Mini Golf: Lights, festive tunes and largerthan-life wintertime friends transform the course.
- Santa in the Square: There will be plenty of chances to see the man of the season in the Square. From Jingle & Mingle with Santa from 5-7 p.m. November 29-30 and Saturdays. December 7, 14 & 21, and **Santa Paws** on December 14 for furry friends, to the ticketed ${\bf Brunch\ with\ Santa}$ from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday, December 21.
- Other special holiday events include **Philadelphia Dance** Academy performing scenes from The Nutcracker from 5-7 p.m. November 24, **Kwanzaa** celebration December 29 and Hanukkah fun on December 30.



For more information about fall and winter events in Franklin Square, visit *historicphiladelphia.org*. See page 3 for hours of



NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

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, October 6 | 10 a.m. - 5 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.

November 9-November 11

In honor of Veterans Day, the National Constitution Center recognizes the dedication and sacrifices of the brave people who have answered the Constitution's call to "provide for the common defense." Programs at the museum include a wreath laying ceremony, letter writing stations, veterans chats, and more Museum admission is free for military veterans Saturday. November 9 - Monday, November 11.

Thanksgiving Weekend Programs
Friday, November 29-Sunday, December 1

Over Thanksgiving weekend, the National Constitution Center marks the holiday with a variety of special programs and activities Explore the history of this national holiday and learn about the Wampanoag people who lived in what is now New England, as well as the historic meal they shared with European settlers in 1621 and the events leading up to the harvest feast that year. Note: The National Constitution Center is closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28.

Bill of Rights Day Sunday, December 15, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

In December 1791, the states ratified the first 10 amendments to the Constitution—the Bill of Rights. Every year, the National Constitution Center hosts a celebration to honor the liberties enshrined in these amendments. Visitors can view a copy of the historic Bill of Rights, learn about the first 10 amendments through interactive games and shows, and take a special tour of Signers' Hall to learn about the history of the Bill of Rights and why it was left out of the original U.S. Constitution. Join us after regular museum hours for a special Bill of Rights Trivia Night. Admission on Bill of Rights Day is FREE.

The National Constitution Center is open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. The Center is closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. For more information, visit constitution center. org.

NOTE: Holiday hours may vary. Please consult websites when planning your visit.



YOUR RIDE TO PHILLY'S ICONIC ATTRACTIONS THIS FALL AND WINTER!

The $\textbf{PHILLY PHLASH}^\text{\tiny{(8)}}$ 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 Philadelphia, including must-visit destinations like Reading Terminal and the Philadelphia Art Museum.

Tickets are just \$2 per ride; \$5 for a day pass; and \$12 for an allday family pass for a family of four. Purchase tickets online at RidePhillyPHLASH.com, at any Philadelphia Visitor Center location, or on board with exact change.

This fall, the PHLASH® runs Friday through Sunday with service every 15 minutes from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bus schedule and real time tracking available at RidePhillyPHLASH.com

No PHLASH service on Christmas Day.

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. through Nov. 30; Wed. – Mon. 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in Dec.; closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day. historicphiladelphia.org

Carpenters' Hall (E5)

320 Chestnut Street (215) 925-0167 Tuesday - Sunday 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. elfreths all ey. 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

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)

Franklin Court (E4)

6th & Race streets (215) 629-4026 Daily 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. 10/1-10/31; daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 11/1-11/20; 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. 12/1-1/1. Closing 8 p.m. 12/24 & 12/31; closed Thanksgiving & Christmas day. historic phila del phia.org

Free Quaker Meeting House (C3)

5th & Arch streets (215) 629-4026 CLOSED nps.gov/inde

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

Independence Hall (C5)

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

NOTE: Holiday hours may vary, Please consult websites when planning your visit

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 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday 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 12 p.m. to closing of Franklin Square; see hours above historic phila del phia.org

U.S. Mint (D2)

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

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