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# HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA GAZETTE

## 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](http://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 recommended, [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.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. FREE. [carpentershall.org](http://carpentershall.org)



**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](http://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 courtyard 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](http://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, 6 & 8 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 26:** 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-themed 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](http://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-as-you-go. [phlvisitorcenter.com](http://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](http://historicphiladelphia.org) and capacity is limited; no walk-up tickets. [historicphiladelphia.org](http://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](http://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

**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 [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org); capacity is limited. [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

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

### OCTOBER 26

**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](http://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, Bark-or-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. [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.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. Pay-as-you-go. [phlvisitorcenter.com](http://phlvisitorcenter.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](http://theweitzman.org) for details.

### NOVEMBER 21

**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](http://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](http://weitzman.org) for details.





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