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SUMMER 2025
JUNE 1-30



HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA GAZETTE

HISTORIC DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

JUNE

JUNE 4

Franklin Square, Storytime in the Square, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Storytime and crafts in the pavilion. Kids will enjoy books, rhymes and dancing, ending with bubbles and fun crafts. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

JUNE 6

Betsy Ross House, First Friday, 5-8 p.m.: National Flag Week kicks off early on First Friday with renowned artist César Viveros Herrera demonstrating the practice of **cochineal dyeing**, used in the 18th century to dye fabrics vibrant red, like the stripes on our flag! Enjoy after hours tours of the House, too. historicphiladelphia.org

JUNE 8

Independence Seaport Museum, Table Saw Talks, 10-11 a.m.: Coffee and an in-depth discussion about the traditions of wooden boat building along the Delaware River. Skilled shipwrights will lead detailed discussions of current projects in the shop while highlighting methods, materials, and history of the region's vessels. \$10; phillyseaport.org

JUNE 8-14

Betsy Ross House, Flag Fest 2025, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Philadelphia's flag making tradition is highlighted during this National Flag Week celebration, featuring free daily programming and culminating on Saturday, June 14 with flag making workshops, flag history program with Betsy Ross and *Lift Every Voice and Sing: A Flag Day Celebration of American Music* performed by the Philadelphia Heritage Chorale under the direction of Dr. J. Donald Dumpson. For more information, see page 2 or visit historicphiladelphia.org

JUNE 11



First Bank of the United States, BARK Ranger, 5-6 p.m.: Join us for Pawriot Yappy Hour, a pet-focused program in partnership with Independence

National Historical Park to encourage safety and stewardship when visiting

National Park sites with your pets. Meet in the Pemberton House Garden behind the bank. FREE. inht.org/twilight-tours

JUNE 14

Betsy Ross House, Lift Every Voice: A Flag Day Celebration of American Music featuring the Philadelphia Heritage Chorale directed by J. Donald Dumpson, 4-5 p.m.: Flag Fest, the annual celebration of National Flag Week, wraps up with this celebration of American music performed by a renowned choir. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

JUNE 14-15

Museum of the American Revolution, Flag Day & Father's Day Weekend, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Learn about flags from the Revolution era in the museum's new exhibit and enjoy activities and in-gallery talks for the whole family. Free with admission; amrevmuseum.org

JUNE 15



Franklin Square, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.: **Father's Day** – Celebrate dad by playing a round of Philly Mini Golf together. Buy one ticket and get one free. historicphiladelphia.org

JUNE 19

Museum of the American Revolution, Juneteenth, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Explore the continuing struggle for equality for all and join the Museum to celebrate Juneteenth, the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States. Free with admission; amrevmuseum.org

Independence Visitor Center, Juneteenth Craft Market, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Join Art Star and Philadelphia's Black artists for a craft market featuring local Black vendors, artisans, and craft makers. phlvisitorcenter.com



JUNE 20

Independence Mall, Movies on the Mall: Harriet, 5-10 p.m.: Join Independence Historical Trust, Independence Visitor Center, National Park Service, and Liberty Gardens for a special screening of *Harriet*. Family friendly activities begin at 5 p.m. and the film begins at dusk. Free popcorn provided by Liberty Garden for the first 200 guests. phlvisitorcenter.com

JUNE 20-21

Betsy Ross House, Meet the Women of the 18th Century, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.: Philadelphia in the 18th century was a diverse community in which women played many important roles. Meet colonial women from all different backgrounds during this interactive program. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

JUNE 21

Second Bank of the U.S., Yoga at Independence, 9-10 a.m.: Enjoy an outdoor yoga session led by skilled facilitators to encourage alternative uses and community engagement of greenspace in Independence National Historical Park. Meet on the lawn near the Robert Morris statue. FREE. Register at support inht.org/yoga

Independence Seaport Museum, Captain's Corner, 2-3 p.m.: To celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the U.S. Navy and the 130th anniversary of the commissioning of the *USS Olympia*, the curator of the Battleship of New Jersey Museum and Memorial will welcome visitors to the captain's cabin onboard the *Olympia* to discuss the development of battleships and other large warships, including *Olympia*. Phillyseaport.org

JUNE 27-28

Betsy Ross House, Meet the Women of the 18th Century, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.: See June 21-22 for details.



EXPERIENCE A WORLD-CLASS MUSEUM
AND THESE SPECIAL EVENTS IN JUNE

The National Constitution Center will open two new galleries on America’s founding and the separation of powers in time for America’s 250th anniversary in 2026. Construction is currently underway, and some museum experiences may be impacted. The Center is currently offering discounted admission to visitors. Learn more at constitutioncenter.org/coming-soon

FLAG DAY
Saturday, June 14 | 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Celebrate the birthdays of the American flag and the U.S. Army with programs from the National Constitution Center. Learn about the creation of the American flag, participate in flag raising ceremonies, speak with Army veterans, and fold our giant flag!

JUNETEENTH
Thursday, June 19 | 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
FREE ADMISSION

Juneteenth marks our country’s second Independence Day. On June 19, 1865, over two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed and nearly five months after the 13th Amendment was proposed, enslaved people in Texas learned that they were free.

Admission to the Center is free on Juneteenth to celebrate this national holiday and rejoice in the celebration of those who fought to secure freedom for all. Visitors can commemorate this historic event. Explore the Center’s exhibit, *Civil War and Reconstruction: The Battle for Freedom and Equality* and enjoy additional programs highlighting freedom fighters from the Reconstruction era like Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, and more.

WAWA HOAGIE DAY
Thursday, June 26 | 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
FREE ADMISSION

Join Wawa for historic Hoagie Day at the National Constitution Center honoring local heroes and building and serving Wawa Shorti Hoagies. Hoagies will be served free at noon along Arch Street between 5th & 6th streets on Independence Mall.

Guests can enjoy a performance by the Six String Soldiers, along with free admission all day to the Center courtesy of Wawa Hoagie Day.

The National Constitution Center is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. For more information, visit constitutioncenter.org

ONGOING

Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History, The Future Will Follow the Past, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Thurs. – Sun.: Organized by artist Jonathan Horowitz, this exhibit features works by a diverse group of artists and explores racism, antisemitism, women’s and LGBTQ+ rights and more. FREE. theweitzman.org

Independence National Historical Park, Walking Tour, 9:30-10:30 a.m. daily: Get the inside scoop on the founding of our nation as a Park Ranger guides you through some of the most iconic city blocks in America. FREE; meet at the east side of the Liberty Bell center. nps.gov/inde



The Philadelphia Chinese
Lantern Festival is Back!
6-11 p.m. Daily from June 20 – August 31
Franklin Square

Get ready to be amazed as Franklin Square lights up the night! Starting Friday, June 20, stroll through a dazzling world of giant, handcrafted lanterns—some you can even interact with!

This magical outdoor event is fun for all ages and filled with vibrant Chinese culture, from live performances and mouthwatering eats to the stunning Franklin Square Fountain Show.

Perfect for date nights, family outings, or a summer evening with friends. Grab your tickets and learn more at phillychinese.lanternfestival.com



Discover the Stories You Won’t
Find in History Books!

Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Benches bring Philadelphia’s rich past to life—right where history happened! Step into the heart of **Philadelphia’s Historic District** and enjoy free, **3-to-5-minute stories** told by friendly, uniformed storytellers. These award-winning tales are full of fun facts, surprising twists, and unforgettable moments from America’s early days.

Visit all **eight storytelling benches** and become a History Hero! Collect a star at each stop using your Storytelling Flag (just ask your storyteller to get started). When you’ve collected all eight, head to **Franklin Square** for a special certificate and surprise!

Find all bench locations on the map on page 4, or visit historicphiladelphia.org for more info **and make history come alive—one story at a time!**



Flag Fest Returns to
The Betsy Ross House
June 8-14

Step into history and celebrate National Flag Week where it all began! Flag Fest brings the Betsy Ross House to life with a full week of free, family-friendly events, hands-on activities, and patriotic fun—all in the heart of historic Philadelphia.

Don’t Miss These Highlights:

- **First Friday Kickoff Party June 6, 5-8 p.m.** Celebrate after hours in the courtyard with live music and a captivating cochineal dye demonstration by artist César Viveros, using the same centuries-old technique that colored flags in Betsy Ross’s time.
 - **Interactive Flag-Making with Cesar Viveros-Herrera, June 8-12, 1-2:30 p.m.** Join the acclaimed Philly artist in a hands-on workshop to create a traditional 13-star flag, perfect for kids and families!
 - **Meet 18th-Century Flag Makers, June 9-12, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.** Chat with historical interpreters portraying real-life women who stitched early American flags—then try your hand at the craft!
 - **Curator’s Corner, 3-4 p.m. June 10-13,** Explore cultural flag history with local partners like Taller Puertorriqueño and the Mexican Cultural Center.
- Flag Day Grand Finale**
Saturday, June 14
- **10 a.m. –** Patriotic ceremony with the Philadelphia Flag Day Association
 - **12 - 2 p.m. –** *History of the American Flag* family show with Betsy herself
 - **4 p.m. –** *Lift Every Voice* concert by the Philadelphia Heritage Chorale directed by Dr. J. Donald Dumpson

The Betsy Ross House is open daily, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets: \$12 Adults | \$10 Kids /Seniors/Students | Free under 5. Plan your visit at historicphiladelphia.org

Flag Fest is sponsored by a Friend of the Betsy Ross House, the William Penn Foundation and Ministry of Awe.

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The PHLASH is Philly’s big purple bus that takes visitors to all the city’s most iconic locations. With stops at the Independence Visitor Center, Museum of the American Revolution, and Betsy Ross House, the PHLASH takes visitors from Old City across town to the Rocky Steps and back for just \$5 a day. The PHLASH® runs daily every 15 minutes from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets, 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.
historicismh.org

Betsy Ross House (F3)
239 Arch Street
(215) 629-4026 (x500)
Daily 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
10 a.m. – 8 p.m. 6/6
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
Mon. – Sat. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sun.
11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
christchurchphila.org

Christ Church Burial Ground (D3)
5th & Arch streets
(215) 922-1695
Daily 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
christchurchphila.org

Congress Hall (C5)
6th & Chestnut streets
(215) 597-2305
Daily 9:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Programs every 30 minutes
nps.gov/inde

Elfreth’s Alley Museum (F2)
124-126 Elfreth’s Alley
(267) 457-4159
Fri. – Sun. 12-4 p.m.
elfrethsalley.org;
elfrethsalley.org/audio_tour

Federal Reserve Bank Money in Motion Exhibit (B2)
(215) 574-7123
Mon. – Fri. 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
(last admission 4 p.m.)
philadelphiafed.org/education/money-in-motion

Franklin Court Printing Office (E4)
320-322 Market Street
(215) 597-2305
Sat. & Sun. 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
nps.gov/inde

Franklin Square (C1)
6th & Race streets
(215) 629-4026 (x400)
10 a.m. – 10 p.m. thru 6/16;
closes at 3 p.m. 6/17; Philadelphia
Chinese Lantern Festival daily from
6/20 6-11 p.m.
historicphiladelphia.org

Independence Hall (C5)
Chestnut Street between
5th & 6th streets
(215) 597-2305
Daily 9 a.m. – 4:20 p.m.;
Tickets required after 10 a.m.
recreation.gov

Old City Hall (D5)
5th & Chestnut streets
Daily 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
(215) 597-2305
nps.gov/inde

Physick House (E8)
321 South 4th Street
(215)925-7866
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
Sat. 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Sun. 12-3 p.m.
(tours on the hour)
philalandmarks.org

President’s House Site (C4)
555 Market Street
(215) 597-2305
Daily 7 a.m. – 10 p.m.
nps.gov/inde

Science History Institute (E5)
315 Chestnut Street
(215) 925-2222
Wed. – Fri. 12 – 5 p.m.;
Sat. & Sun. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
sciencehistory.org

MUSEUMS

American Philosophical Society Museum (D6)
104 South 5th Street
(215) 440-3400
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)
Enter from Chestnut Street between
3rd and 4th streets
(215) 597-2305
Daily, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
nps.gov/inde

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
(215) 597-2305
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
Sun-Thurs- 10 a.m. -8 p.m.;
Fri- Sa. 10 a.m. – 9 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
historicphiladelphia.org

U.S. Mint (D2)
151 North Independence Mall East
(215) 408-0114
Mon. – Fri. 9 a.m. – 4:30
usmint.gov

VISIT INDEPENDENCE HALL

Each day at Independence Hall begins with an open house from 9 to 9:50 a.m. – no tickets required. If you prefer a guided tour, reserve a ticket at recreation.gov for times between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. A \$1 ticket handling fee applies. For more information, go to nps.gov/inde.





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