

Saturday,  
**June  
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In Philadelphia's Historic District

**FREE events and activities celebrating Independence Day!**

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First Bank of the United States, Open 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Visitors are invited to take a brief tour of the interior of the building and learn about future plans to reopen the First Bank of the United States. Come discover the Philadelphia story of Alexander Hamilton!

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Steps from the Liberty Bell, the museum's eight renovated galleries spotlight artifacts and artwork from a collection of more than 100,000 items. Visitors are encouraged to explore the Museum's large walk-able map of Philadelphia. Admission is Pay-What-You-Wish.

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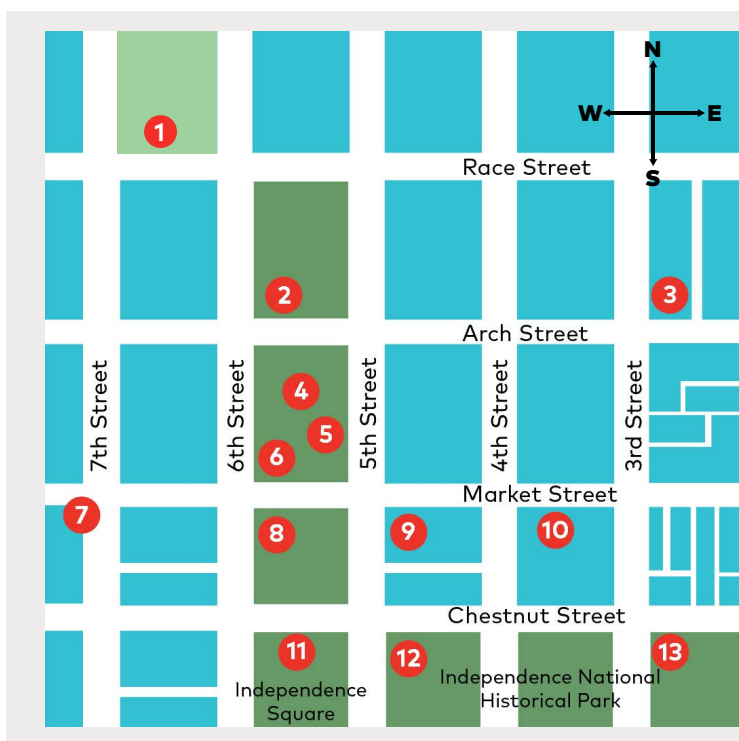
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Delaware River Waterfront, 9:30 – 10:00 p.m.

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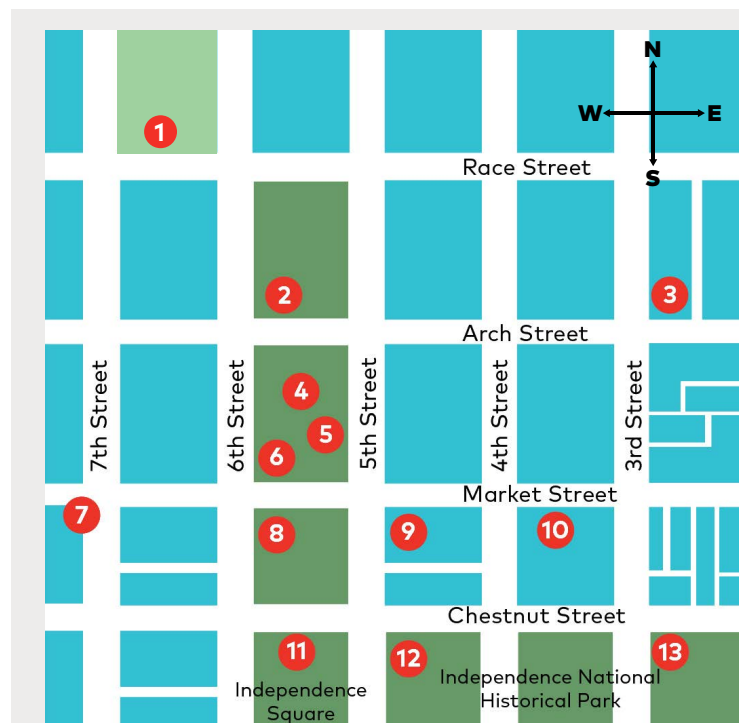
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### Gospel on Independence

Independence Mall, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

These performances will make you get up out of your seat to clap and stomp along with the riveting and soulful voices will that take the stage. Come for the music and leave filled with the feeling of joy and love that gospel music is rooted in.



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## Storytime in the Square

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Librarian Margaret Bernardi of the Independence Branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia reads free stories to children in the Franklin Square Pavilion.

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Now in its fourth year, Philadelphia's Historic District Block Party creates a casual, relaxed feeling reminiscent of a block party on "Main Street Americana." Thousands of attendees gather to enjoy three stages of music, food trucks, local artisans and vendors, and fun activities for all ages.

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Behind Independence Hall, 3:45 p.m.

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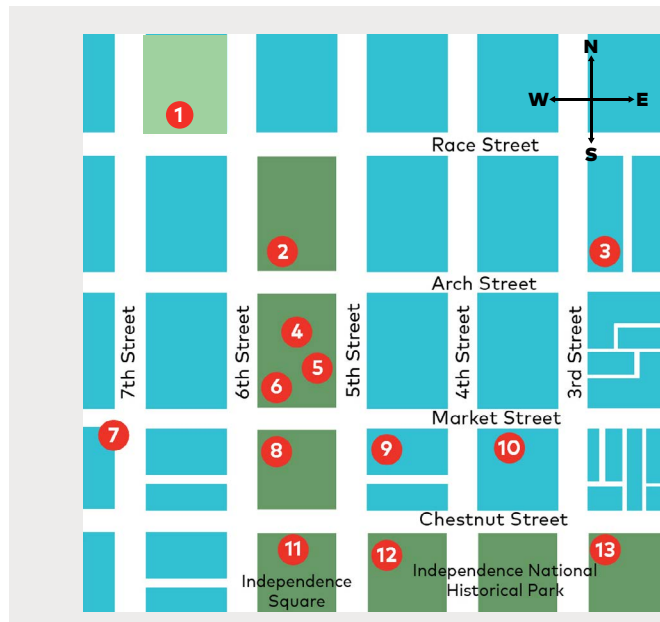
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**Open 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Celebrate Independence Day and deepen your understanding of how our nation's leaders made history, influenced society, and impacted the American Jewish community. See an original letter written by George Washington to the Jewish Community of Newport, Rhode Island; paint your own American flag; and enjoy interactive spotlight talks, story times, and Independence Day arts and crafts projects.

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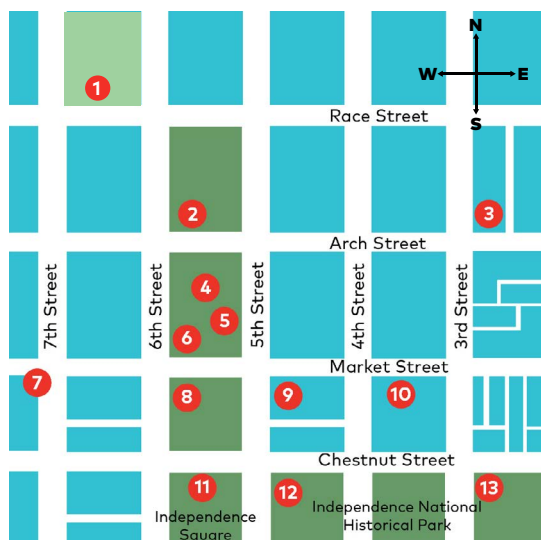
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As the premier Independence Day Parade in the Nation, this parade is the only Independence Day Parade to process in front of where our Nation was born 242 years ago. This parade is quite unique as it is a moving display of the "Canvas of America," featuring a wide range of Americans parading in celebration of our Nation's birthday!

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### 7th Annual Birthday Party at Independence Visitor

Independence Visitor Center, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

A spectacular five-tier cake will be decorated and 2,500 cupcakes displayed in the shape of an American flag. Betsy Ross will lead the crowd in singing "Happy Birthday" accompanied by a fife and drum and cut the cake to celebrate. Be sure to stop by right after the parade!

### Summer Sounds in the Historic District

Betsy Ross House Courtyard, 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m.

See the Old City Sax Quartet perform during the day at the Betsy Ross House. The performance is part of Visit Philadelphia's Summer Sounds in the Historic District series.

### Flaghouse Chapter NSDAR's Children's Naturalization Ceremony

Betsy Ross House, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Join us at the Betsy Ross House as thirteen newly naturalized American children take the Oath of Allegiance in this traditional patriotic event on our great nation's birthday.

### Junior Ranger Induction Ceremony

Independence Visitor Center Ranger Desk, 4:00 – 4:15 p.m.

Get "sworn in" as Junior Rangers after completing a booklet.

### Twilight Tours of Independence National Historical Park

Independence Visitor Center Ranger Desk, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy an introduction to Independence National Historical Park.

### Patriotic Pipes

Christ Church Sanctuary, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Come hear the new Christ Church pipe organ in "Patriotic Pipes," a free, family friendly concert of classic patriotic songs performed by Christ Church Music Director Parker Kitterman and his colleague Wesley Parrott.

### Must See Attractions

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| 1. Franklin Square              | 9. National Museum of American Jewish History |
| 2. National Constitution Center | 10. Ben Franklin Museum                       |
| 3. Betsy Ross House             | 11. Independence Hall                         |
| 4. Marquee Tent                 | 12. Signers' Garden                           |
| 5. Independence Mall Café       | 13. Museum of the American Revolution         |
| 6. Independence Visitor Center  |   |
| 7. Declaration House            |   |
| 8. Liberty Bell Center          |   |

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