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HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA GAZETTE

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It's a Historic Holiday Season

Special events fill the calendar from November 14 through New Year's Eve

Celebrate the holidays in the Historic District! America's Most Historic Square Mile is alive with the sights and sounds of the season, from sparkling lights in Franklin **Square** to creative **window displays** in Old City's unique shops, there is something for everyone to see... and do! The holiday season officially kicks off on Thursday, November 14 when the switch is flipped on Electrical **Spectacle** (see below). The Betsy Ross House hosts the **Old City holiday tree** starting Thursday, December 5 with a tree lighting celebration and the **Old City menorah** is lit amid festivities on Sunday, December 22.

Other holiday highlights include Colonial Chocolate Making at the Betsy Ross House on November 30 and December 31, winter storytelling at the Independence Visitor Center, the always popular **Deck the Alley** holiday hours tours at Elfreth's Alley on December 7 and the spectacular Parade of Lights boat procession, best viewed from the Independence Seaport Museum later that evening.

Winterfest celebrates another season on the Delaware River Waterfront with the Blue Cross RiverRink for skating starting November 29. Delicious food and drinks

are on the menu for when you take a break from the ice. The holiday fun culminates on New Year's Eve. Start the day at Betsy's Birthday Bash, the popular, annual celebration of Betsy Ross' January 1, 1752 birth, then head to Franklin Square and ring in 2020 a bit early with the 6 p.m. **Square Drop**, and stick around for a great view of the Delaware River Waterfront fireworks, followed by a dance party in the Pavilion until 8 p.m. This is just a sampling of the great events planned for the holiday season in Historic Philadelphia. Visit historicphiladelphia.org for a complete schedule.

Franklin Square Holiday Festival Highlights the Season Electrical Spectacle lights up the night

starting November 14

Franklin Square celebrates the magic of the holiday season November 14-December 31 with the return of *The Franklin Square* Holiday Festival featuring Electrical Spectacle presented by PECO. More than 75,000 lights shimmer, dance, and illuminate the Square set to holiday classics, during two alternating shows every 30 minutes, 4:30-8 p.m. Between shows, warm up around the fire pits or inside Ben's Sweets & Treats, which offers comfort foods and warm beverages. The Winter Beer Garden serves local

beers nightly. Weekly events like #FranklinSquareFridays, feature special family-friendly celebrations of the Grinch, Hanukkah, movies like Star Wars and Frozen and more. Jingle and mingle on Santa Saturdays, when the big guy greets visitors by the fountain from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and enjoy **Season**al Sounds on Sundays, with local talent singing holiday favorites. Visit historicphiladelphia.org for a complete schedule. For more information, visit historicphiladelphia.org or call (215) 629-4026.

The Holidays Begin at Independence Visitor Center

When holiday shopping or sightseeing brings you to Historic Philadelphia, make sure to stop in the Independence Visitor Center to purchase tickets to holiday attractions and receive expert advice on how to best enjoy the season. Warm up and enjoy the holiday décor and seasonal programming, including:

- Winter Storytelling, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Nov. 29 & 30; Dec. 19-21 and Dec. 26-28. Huddle around the Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Bench inside the Visitor Center and listen to tales about the cold winter of 1776, like Washington's epic journey across the Delaware River.
- Holiday History Makers, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Nov. 29 & 30; Dec. 26-31. Meet Philadelphia's colonial townsfolk who offer tales, anecdotes and good cheer about living in 18th-century Philadelphia.

For more information, call (800) 537-7676 or visit PHLVisitorCenter.com.

It's the Most Wonderful Time... for a Beer!

Enjoy Cheers & Beers December Thursdays

Celebrate the season with Yuletide Cheers & Beers. It's the winter of 1777, and the British are occupying Philadelphia. A Red Coat solider provides a unique perspective on this tumultuous time as the tour seeks the comfort of hearty snacks and warming drafts at four cozy pubs. The two-hour tour begins at the Betsy Ross House at 5:30 p.m.

Thursdays in December. Tickets go quickly for this popular, holiday event, so reserve a spot by visiting historicphiladelphia.org or calling (215) 629-4026.

Departs from the Betsy Ross House, 239 Arch Street;

Ad. \$50; Sr./Mil./Stud. \$45; (tastings & gratuity included, 21 and over with valid ID only); approx. 2 hours.

Ride the Philly PHLASH®



The Philly PHLASH® Downtown Loop is the most convenient and affordable way for visitors to get around Philadelphia. The route provides access to stops located near must-see holiday attractions throughout the city and in the Historic District.

The PHLASH runs 10 a.m.-6 p.m. every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday through Nov. 17. Daily service resumes for the holiday season beginning Nov. 29 until Dec. 30.

The PHLASH is just \$2 per ride, or \$5 for a One-Day Pass. Passes are available for purchase onboard vehicles with exact cash; online; or at any Visitor Center location. Senior

citizens, children 4 and under, and SEPTA Key and Pass holders always ride free!

For more information, visit RidePhillyPHLASH.com or call (800) 537-7676. Text PHLASH to 333-111 to receive text alerts about service updates.

HISTORIC DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 2-3

Second Bank Portrait Gallery, 3-3:30 p.m. (also Nov. 16-17, 23-24 & 30): The First Americans - Meet a Park Ranger in the Portrait Gallery for this program commemorating Native American History Month. Free. (800) 537-7676, nps.gov/inde

NOVEMBER 29

Franklin Square, 5 p.m.: Santa Arrives in the Square - The holiday season truly gets underway with the arrival of the man of the hour.

Free. (215) 629-4026, historicphiladelphia.org

NOVEMBER 30

Betsy Ross House, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; also Dec. 31: Colonial Chocolate Making

Learn how women played an active role during the Revolution – from making military supplies to choosing "patriotic" beverages like chocolate and coffee, rather than tea. Sponsored by AMERICAN HERITAGE® Chocolate. Free. (215) 629-4026, historicphiladelphia.org

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 1

Second Bank Portrait Gallery, 3-3:30 p.m.

(also Dec. 7-8, 21-22 & 28-29):
Washington Crossing the Delaware
Revisit the events surrounding the famous
Christmas night journey as Washington and his troops crossed the icy river into New Jersey to confront the British forces. Free. (800) 537-7676, nps.gov/inde

DECEMBER 7

Elfreth's Alley, 3-7 p.m.: Deck the Alley Get a rare glimpse into the homes on the nation's oldest residential street when the are decked out in their holiday finery. \$25 adults; \$10 children; \$60 family. Elfrethsalley.org

DECEMBER 14-15

Second Bank Portrait Gallery, 3-3:30 p.m.: Remembering our Early Veterans
To coincide with the annual Army/Navy

game, learn more about the Continental Army and Navy by learning about the struggles of the newly created Armed Forces during the American Revolution. Free. (800) 537-7676, nps.gov/inde

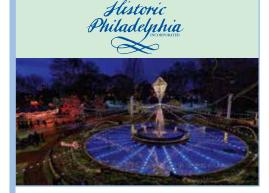
National Museum of American Jewish History, regular site hours: Being ____ at Christmas – Fill in your own blank and join this annual day of family fun. The Museum is open. The galleries are warm. Join us for crafts, story time, live music, and more! All kids \$5. (215) 923-3811, nmajh.org

DECEMBER 31

Betsy Ross House, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.: Betsy's Birthday Bash – This popular event celebrates the January 1, 1752 birth of America's most famous flag maker. Chocolate making demonstrations sponsored by AMERICAN HERITAGE ® Chocolates and, of course, birthday cake (served at 1 p.m.) highlight the event. FREE with admission. (215) 629-4026, historicphiladelphia.org

Franklin Square, 5:30-8:30 p.m.: Kid's New Year's Eve Celebration & Square Drop – Ring in 2020 a little early at this family friendly event complete with a "Square Drop" at 6 p.m. followed by a dance party in the pavilion. Bring a blanket to enjoy a great view of the Penn's Landing 6 p.m. fireworks. Free. (2150 629-4026, historicphiladelphia.org

Independence National Historical Park







NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER



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The Historic Philadelphia Gazette, is a joint venture of Historic Philadelphia, Inc., the National Park Service, the Independence Visitor Center Corporation and the National Constitution Center.

If you have questions, comments or need more information about National Park Service sites or other historical sites in Philadelphia and its countryside, call (800) 537-7676 or visit nps.gov/inde

Historic Philadelphia, Inc. is dedicated to making our nation's history relevant and real through interpretation, interaction and education, strengthening Greater Philadelphia's role as the destination to experience American history. Historic Philadelphia, Inc. oversees the Once Upon A Nation initiative, Betsy Ross House, and Franklin Square.

For more information about HPI, or to make a tax-deductible donation, call (215) 629-4026 or visit historicphiladelphia.org.

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

FEATURED EVENTS

Veterans' Day - Monday, November 11

Join us in recognizing the dedication and sacrifices of the brave people who have answered the Constitution's call to "provide for the common defense." Special events include a wreath laying ceremony, patriotic concerts, visitor "chats" with veterans, and engaging civic education programs. At activity stations, guests can write thank you letters to veterans and make patriotic crafts, including star wreaths and poppy pins.

Free with general admission; free admission for all veterans

Thanksgiving Weekend - November 29-December 1 Enjoy a variety of special programs and activities that highlight the history of Thanksgiving. The interactive "History of Thanksgiving" program explores the origins and importance of this national holiday. At special talk-back discussions led by the Center's education staff, visitors will learn about the Wampanoag people who lived in what is now New England and their culture, as well as the historic meal they shared with European settlers in 1621 and the events leading up to the harvest feast that year. The talk will highlight key people and moments in Native American history, from a constitutional perspective. Free with general admission

Sensory-Friendly Sunday - Sunday, December 8, 12-5 p.m. Experience a variety of programs and learning techniques developed for visitors with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Sensory Processing Disorders, intellectual disabilities, and other neurodevelopmental disabilities into the everyday visitor experience. Free with general admission

Bill of Rights Day - Sunday, December 15, 12-5 p.m. Celebrate the anniversary of the Bill of Rights by viewing a copy of the historic Bill of Rights and learning about the first 10 amendments during interactive games and shows. Visitors can also 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. Free with general admission

Show Your Historic Philadelphia Gazette at the National Constitution Center Box-Office to Receive \$2 OFF Admission

525 Arch Street (One block past the Independence Visitor Center and one block before Franklin Square) See p. 3 for hours of operation. For more information, please visit constitutioncenter.org/calendar.



CITY TAVERN RESTAURANT

Savor specialties including pepperpot soup, Martha Washington's chocolate mousse cake, General Washington & Thomas Jefferson's recipes for ale. Open seven days a week. Daily from 11:30am Located at the corner of 2nd & Walnut Streets. (215) 413-1443

IT TAKES TWO

Two entrées for the price of one!* Valid Sun.-Fri. with the use of a major credit card. Children's entrées will be considered entrées at the time of discount. Not valid Saturdays or holiday weekends and Nov 8-11, 27-29, Dec 23-31, 2019, January 1, 2020. Expires January 15, 2020. Coupon must be presented at time of order. *Discount will be determined as the least expensive entrée.

HISTORIC SITE & MAP LOCATION

PHYSICK HOUSE

HOLIDAY
HOURS

Thanksgiving Day, 11/28/19

Open 11 a.m.-4 p.m.: Liberty Bell Center, Independence Hall

Closed: Independence Visitor Center

Christmas Eve, 12/24/19

Closing at 3 p.m.: Independence Visitor Center - Most attractions close at 3 p.m.; check websites for details

Christmas Day, 12/25/19

Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.: National Museum of American Jewish History

Closed: Independence Visitor Center

New Year's Eve, 12/31/19

Some attractions have shortened hours; check websites for details

Open 8:30 a.m.-6p.m.: Independence Visitor Center

New Year's Day, 1/1/20

Open 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.: Independence Visitor Center

Open 11 a.m.-4 p.m.: Liberty Bell Center, Independence Hall

HISTORIC SITES	
ARCH STREET FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE 320 Arch Street - (215) 627-2667 MonFri. 11 a.m2 p.m.	E3
THE ATHENAEUM OF PHILADELPHIA 219 South 6th Street - (215) 925-2688 MonFri. 9 a.m5 p.m. FREE	C7
BETSY Ross House 239 Arch Street - (215) 629-4026 Daily 10 a.m5 p.m.; TuesSun. in Dec. Ad. \$5; Ch./Sr./Stud./Mil.\$4; Audio Guia (incl. admission): Ad. \$8; Ch./Sr/Stud./Mi	
CARPENTERS' HALL 320 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-0167 <i>10 a.m4 p.m. TuesSun.</i>	E5
CHRIST CHURCH PHILADELPHIA 2nd Street above Market Street (215) 922-1695 MonSat. 10 a.m5 p.m.; Sun. 12:30-5 Ad. \$5; Stud. \$2 Info available in 20 languages.	F4 p.m.;
CHRIST CHURCH BURIAL GROUND 5th & Arch Streets - (215) 922-1695	D3
MonSat. 10 a.m4 p.m.: Sun. 12:30-4 CITY TAVERN 138 South 2nd Street - (215) 413-1443 Lunch from 11:30 a.m. daily; Dinner from 4 p.m. MonSat. & 3 p.m. Sun.;	F6
CONGREGATION MIKVEH ISRAEL 44 North 4th Street - (215) 922-5446 mikvehisrael.org for worship schedule FREE	D4
Congress Hall 6th & Chestnut Streets - (800) 537-767	C5

Daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Entrance at 5th and

Chestnut, through security FREE 5.

599 S 7th Street - (215) 965-7676

DECLARATION HOUSE

Closed

Edgar Allan Poe	
NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE	C4
532 North 7th Street - (215) 597-8780	
FriSun. 9 a.mNoon & 1-5 p.m.	
Elfreth's Alley	F2
124-126 Elfreth's Alley - (215) 574-0560)

FRANKLIN COURT
314-322 Market Street - (800) 537-7676
Fragments of Franklin Court: Closed
U.S. Post Office: Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Printing Office: Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Benjamin Franklin Museum:

(fee); 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; last entrance is at 4:45 p.m.

FRANKLIN SQUARE
6th & Race Streets

Fri.-Sun. 12-5 p.m.

Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 11/1-11/13; Sun.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. & Fri.-Sat. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. 11/13-12/31

FREE QUAKER MEETING HOUSE
5th & Arch Streets - (215) 629-4026
Closed

GLORIA DEI "OLD SWEDES" CHURCH 916 South Swanson Street (215) 389-1513 Tues.-Sun. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; FREE

GREAT ESSENTIALS EXHIBIT

West Wing of Independence Hall
(800) 537-7676

Daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Entrance at 5th and
Chestnut, through security FREE

INDEPENDENCE HALL C. Chestnut Street between 5th & 6th Streets (800) 537-7676

Daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tours offered every 20 minutes, tickets are required; pick up free tickets at the Independence Visitor Center.

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Please note: security screening closes 15

minutes before the building closes for the evening. FREE.

MIKVEH ISRAEL CEMETERY

A7

Mikveh Israel Cemetery 823 Spruce Street - (215) 922-5446 By appt. only

MOTHER BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH C9
419 South 6th Street - (215) 925-0616
Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun. open for services.
Donation suggested. Tours by appt.

OLD CITY HALL
5th & Chestnut Streets - (800) 537-7676
Daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE

OLD FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
4th & Race Streets - (215) 922-4566
Tours by appt. FREE &

OLD PINE STREET CHURCH &
HISTORIC GRAVEYARD
412 Pine Street - (215) 925-8051
Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun. open for
Services; Closed daily 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Tours by reservation; Open to walk through

D1

E6

OLD ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH
4th Street at the Ben Franklin Bridge
(215) 627-1838
Tours by appt. FREE

OLD St. JOSEPH'S CHURCH &
NATIONAL SHRINE
321 Willings Alley - (215) 923-1733
Call for hours & tours. FREE

OLD St. Mary's Church
252 South 4th Street - (215) 923-7930
Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Open for Services or by appt. FREE

Thurs.-Sat. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun. 12-3 p.m.; Ad. \$8; Stud/Sr. \$6; Family \$20 PORTRAIT GALLERY AT THE SECOND BANK D 420 Chestnut Street - (800) 537-7676 Sat. & Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. POWEL HOUSE 244 South 3rd Street - (215) 627-0364 Thurs.-Sat. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun. 12-3 p.m.; Ad. \$8; Sr./Stud. \$6; Family \$20 \(\frac{1}{5} \). St. George's United METHODIST CHURCH 235 North 4th Street - (215) 925-7788 Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Groups by appt. only FREE St. Peter's Episcopal Church 3rd & Pine Streets - (215) 925-5968 Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat. 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun. open until 3 p.m. after services FREE 🕹 THE PRESIDENT'S HOUSE SITE 555 Market Street

321 South 4th Street - (215) 925-7866

MUSEUMS

Daily 7 a.m.-10 p.m. FREE

AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL	
SOCIETY (APS) MUSEUM	D
104 South 5th Street - (215)-440-3442	
ThursSun. 10 a.m5 p.m.	
AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM	

In PHILADELPHIA
7th & Arch Streets - (215) 574-0380
Wed.-Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 12-5 p.m.;
Ad. \$14; Ch. 4-12 \$10; Stud. (w/I.D.) \$10;
Sr. \$10; Members FREE

of PHILADELPHIA
6th & Arch Streets - (866) 574-3727
Mon.-Fri. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. FREE

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK

FIREMAN'S HALL MUSEUM
147 North 2nd Street - (215) 923-1438
Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. FREE L
INDEPENDENCE SEAPORT MUSEUM
H

211 Columbus Blvd. - (215) 413-8655

Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; National Landmark

Historic ships cruiser Olympia and submarine

Becuna: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. (last boarding at
6:15 p.m.) Ad. \$16; Ch./Sr./Stud. \$12;

Child. 2 and under & memb ers FREE

LIBERTY BELL CENTER
526 Market Street - (800) 537-7676
Daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Please note: security screening closes 5 minutes before the building closes for the evening. FREE

MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION E5
101 S. 3rd Street - (215) 253-6731
Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Ad. \$21; Youth (6-17) \$13;
Sr./Stud./Act.Mil/Teach. \$18;
Ch. 6-18 \$12; under 5 free; Members free
NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER
D3

525 Arch Street - (215) 409-6700

Mon.-Sat. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 12-5 p.m.;

Closed 10/27 Ad. \$14.50; Sr. (65+)/Col. Stud.
(w/ID) \$13; Youth (6-18) \$11;

Child. (under 6) FREE &

NATIONAL LIBERTY MUSEUM
321 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-2800
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat.; 12-6 p.m. Sun.
Ad. \$14.50; Sr. (65+) & Coll. Stud. (w/I.D.)
\$13; Youth (6-18) \$11; Ch. (under6)
FREE

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY **D**4 101 South Independence Mall East (215) 923-3811 Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Ad. \$12; Sr./Stud. \$11; Active Mil. with ID/Ch. under 12 FREE New Hall Military Museum E5 320 Chestnut Street - (215) 965-2305 open 11/11/19 only 9 a.m.-5 p.m. POLISH AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER MUSEUM **E6** 308 Walnut Street - (215) 922-1700 Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE SCIENCE HISTORY INSTITUTE **E5** 315 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-2222 Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE THADDEUS KOSCIUSZKO **E8** NATIONAL MEMORIAL 305 Pine St, Philadelphia - (800) 537-7676

OTHER SITES

Closed

Nov. 29 & 30, Dec. 26-30, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

SQUAREBURGER
C1
6th & Race Streets
Opens daily at 11:30 a.m.

U.S. MINT
D2
151 N. Independence Mall East
(215) 408-0112
Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

SERVICES

Language Services Park maps are available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Russian and Spanish. The Visitor Center concierge staff is fluent in nine languages including Spanish, French, German and Italian. Information about the Liberty Bell and other park sites is available in multiple languages. See a NPS Ranger or the Visitor Center staff if you have a specific request.

Accessibility for the hearing impaired, a portable loop system is available inside the Visitor Center, compatible with all telecoil equipped hearing aids, cochlear implants, and induction loop receivers. A receiver with headphones is also available if a hearing aid is not compatible. Curb cuts are at corners on perimeter sidewalks. All major sites have ramps. Photo albums with pictures of 2nd floor exhibits are available. Audio description of exhibits & AV are at Poe and Kosciuszko Houses, NPS Rangers describe exhibits elsewhere. All films are open captioned, with audio description and assisted listening.

assisted listening.
To arrange for American Sign Language services, please contact us at least two weeks in advance. Use the relay service (800-654-5984-TTY) to call (215-597-7130).

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