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JUNE 2024



JUNE 1 - 30, 2024

HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA GAZETTE

HISTORIC DISTRICT HAPPENINGS



Welcome to your first stop
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After starting here, you'll know what to do, where to go and how to get there!
phlvisitorcenter.com

JUNE 7

Franklin Square, Yoga in the Square, 10-11 am.: Bring your mat for Kundalini yoga near the pavilion. All experience levels are welcome. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org



Christ Church, Steeple & Skyline Tour, 5 p.m.:

Walk up 110 stairs to the top of Christ Church Neighborhood House for the best exterior view's of the church's famous steeple and all of Old City Philadelphia. Tour runs approximately 20 minutes. \$15 adults; \$10 youth. christchurchphila.org

Betsy Ross House, First Friday Movie Night Under the Stars & Stripes, 6 p.m.:

Enjoy an after-hours tour of the House along with a movie in the courtyard under the stars. This month's feature is *The Killer Shrews* (1959). BYOB and snacks and make an evening of it! Tickets are \$8; advance purchase is recommended. historicphiladelphia.org

African American Museum in Philadelphia, Black Music Honors Watch Party, Time TBD:

Get together to watch the awards ceremony that celebrates artists and musicians who have influenced and made significant contributions to American music. FREE. aampmuseum.org

JUNE 8

Christ Church Steeple & Skyline Tour, 5 p.m.: See June 7 for details.

JUNE 9-15



Betsy Ross House, Flag Fest 2024, 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 15 with a rousing concert featuring patriotic favorites performed by the Philadelphia Heritage Chorale under the direction of Dr. J. Donald Dumpson. For a complete schedule of events, historicphiladelphia.org

JUNE 12

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 14

Betsy Ross House, Flag Day Celebration, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Kick-off Flag Day with an interactive flag raising with Betsy Ross, herself. Meet the Flag Makers of the Defense Logistics Agency who hand-stitch Presidential flags right here in Philadelphia. At 1 p.m., help welcome 13 new citizens during a moving naturalization ceremony. A concert of patriotic favorites performed by the U.S. Army Brass Quintet follows the ceremony. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

Franklin Square, Yoga in the Square, 10-11 am.: Bring your mat for Kundalini yoga near the pavilion. All experience levels are welcome. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

National Constitution Center, 11 a.m.: Stripes & Stars Festival - Flag Day



and U.S. Army Birthday: Following a moving 50-star flag raising ceremony on the Center's lawn, troops past and present will join a patriotic parade down Independence Mall. FREE. nps.gov/inde

Independence Mall, 12 p.m.: Stripes & Stars Festival Skydive: Witness a spectacular skydive demonstration by the Team Fastrax Professional Skydiving Team in honor of Flag Day. FREE and weather permitting. nps.gov/inde

JUNE 15

Betsy Ross House, An American Music Celebration featuring the Philadelphia Heritage Chorale directed by J. Donald Dumpson, 3 p.m.: Flag Fest, the annual celebration of National Flag Week, wraps up with a rousing concert of toe-tapping American favorites. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

JUNE 19

African American Museum in Philadelphia, Juneteenth Block Party & Free Admission Day, 12-5 p.m.: Celebrate with a marketplace, food vendors, live performances and free museum admission. FREE. aampmuseum.org/calendar

JUNE 21

Franklin Square, Yoga in the Square, 10-11 am.: Bring your mat for Kundalini yoga near the pavilion. All experience levels are welcome. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

JUNE 21-22

Betsy Ross House, Meet the Women of the Betsy Ross House, 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 26

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 28

Franklin Square, Yoga in the Square, 10-11 am.: Bring your mat for Kundalini yoga near the pavilion. All experience levels are welcome. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

JUNE 28-29

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

JUNE 29-30

National Liberty Museum, NLM Celebrates: Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Activities marking the Independence Day season include a community art-making experience, interactive button making, a photo booth and more. Included with admission. libertymuseum.org

National Constitution Center, Red, White & Blue To-Do Decorating Party, 10 a.m. - 5p.m.: Visit the Constitution Center and other Decoration Stations in the Historic District to join in the creation of festive float displays that will be part of the first-ever Red, White and Blue To-Do Pomp & Parade on July 2. FREE. To locate other Decoration Stations and learn more about the inaugural, daylong celebration, phlvisitorcenter.com/red-white-blue-to-do-philadelphia-pa

18th Century Garden, Colonial Kids Quest, 11:30 a.m. Fridays & Saturdays: A copy of the Declaration is missing! Fun puppets guide the action and kids of all ages are invited to help find it. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org



Christ Church Burial Ground, Who’s Your Daddy, 5 p.m. Fridays: Think you know the Founding Fathers? Find out when you take this after-hours tour. \$10. christchurchphila.org

Federal Reserve Bank, Money in Motion, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.: Learn all about the Federal Reserve System, U.S. central banking history and money in this self-guided tour. FREE. philadelphiafed.org/education/money-in-motion

Historic District Various Locations, Once Upon A Nation Storytelling, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. June 7 & 8, then Tuesday through Saturday: Hear riveting stories of our nation’s history in the places where they actually happened! Visit all eight benches to be entertained with short tales sharing little-known secrets from history. See map on p. 4 for bench locations. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

Independence Hall. Declaration Reading, 4 p.m. June 7 & 8, then Tuesday through Saturday: A rousing reading of the stirring words of the Declaration each day in the shadow of Independence Hall. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

Independence National Historical Park, Twilight Tours, Daily: This free walking tour hosted by Independence Historical Trust, takes you along the park’s cobblestone paths while knowledgeable guides share stories about the events that shaped our nation. FREE. Tours are approximately 60 minutes; for time and meeting location, visit inht.org/twilight-tours

Independence Visitor Center, Connections: Walking Tour, 9:30-10:15 a.m. & 10:30-11:15 a.m.: How does the American Revolution connect with your life today? Join a Park Ranger to explore America’s history through the diverse people who founded a new nation. Each of the two tours is unique and designed for all ages. FREE; meet outside on the east side of the Center. nps.gov/inde

Liberty Bell Center, History Hang Out, 2:30-3:15 p.m. & 3:30-4:15 p.m.: Take a break and hang out with a park ranger for a deep dive into one of the many fascinating stories of Independence National Historical Park. FREE. nps.gov/inde

National Liberty Museum, Pay-What-You-Wish Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Each Wednesday through July the Museum celebrates summer with this special offer. Explore the galleries, engage with the exhibitions, and immerse yourself in the transformative power of art. Every contribution supports the mission to connect, educate, and inspire people to explore and advance the complex practice of liberty. Pay-what-you-wish. libertymuseum.org

Signers’ Garden, Kids’ Colonial Muster, 2 p.m. & 3 p.m. June 7 & 8, then Tuesday through Saturday: The Continental Army is looking for a few good kids! Learn to march and drill and find out from a Revolutionary War soldier what life was like with Washington’s troops. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org



Experience the Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival, June 20 – August 18. Franklin Square will shine bright with awe-inspiring, interactive, larger-than-life lanterns! Enjoy a complete festival experience featuring live performances, delicious food and drinks, and the Franklin Square Fountain Show daily from 6-11 p.m. For information and tickets, phillychineselanternfestival.com



Once Upon A Nation Programming Brings History to Life This Summer Season. Once Upon A Nation’s fun, interactive programs will transport you back in time this summer with free, family-friendly entertainment all over Historic Philadelphia!

- Hear the tales the history books forgot at eight Storytelling Benches scattered throughout Historic Philadelphia.
- Help find a missing copy of the Declaration of Independence during Colonial Kids’ Quest.
- March with George Washington’s Continental Army and find out what a soldier’s life was like when you join the Military Muster.
- End the day in the shadow of Independence Hall with a moving interpretation of the iconic words of the Declaration.

See details in the Ongoing section and check the map for the locations of Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Benches or visit historicphiladelphia.org for more information.




PHLASH® Your Ride to Philly’s Iconic Attractions
The PHILLY PHLASH® 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 all-day 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. The PHLASH® runs daily every 15 minutes from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Bus** schedule and real time tracking **available** at RidePhillyPHLASH.com




Visit the National Constitution Center this Summer
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.

Featured programming in June includes:

Pride Month, Saturday, June 1 - Sunday, June 30
Learn about how members of the LGBTQ+ community in the U.S. have fought for inclusion by exercising their First Amendment rights and battling the courts throughout history. Meet some famous figures in our exhibits, come to our make-and-take craft station, and learn how you, too, can fight for change!

Flag Day, Friday, June 14
Celebrate the birthdays of the American flag and the U.S. Army!

Learn about the creation of the American flag, participate in flag raising ceremonies, speak with Army veterans, and help fold our giant flag! Additional events will take place throughout the day at neighboring sites in Philadelphia’s Historic District.

Juneteenth, Wednesday, June 19, FREE ADMISSION
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. Commemorate this historic event with special tours of the Center’s exhibit, *Civil War and Reconstruction: The Battle for Freedom and Equality*, the first permanent exhibit in America devoted to exploring how constitutional clashes over slavery set the stage for the Civil War and how the nation transformed the Constitution after the war to fully embrace the Declaration of Independence’s promise of liberty and equality. Additional programs highlight freedom fighters from the Reconstruction era like Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, and more.

Wawa Hoagie Day, Thursday, June 27, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
FREE ADMISSION, Wawa’s annual Hoagie Day® tradition returns!

Enjoy free admission, courtesy of Wawa, along with an array of patriotic festivities including special scholarly talks, the interactive Independence Day show, and American flag history and etiquette workshops, as well as create Colonial-era arts and crafts.

Independence Week Celebrations, Thursday, June 27 – Thursday, July 4 FREE ADMISSION ON SELECT DAYS AND TIMES, Explore the history of the Declaration of Independence and how the definition of “We the People” has expanded since Thomas Jefferson penned the famous words “...all men are created equal...” in 1776. Check out the interactive Independence Day show and American Flag History and Etiquette workshops, create Colonial-era arts and crafts and stop by the Revolutionary War encampment on the front lawn. Attend special scholarly talks that explore the expanded understanding of Independence Day.

The National Constitution Center will observe the following hours and pricing from Thursday, June 27 to Thursday, July 4:

- **June 27: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.;** Free admission, courtesy of Wawa
- **June 28-July 1: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.;** Standard admission rates
- **July 2-July 3: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.;** Standard admission rates
- **July 4: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.;** Free admission in honor of Independence Day

Regular hours and admission rates will resume on Fri., July 5.

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
Daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
historicphiladelphia.org

Carpenters’ Hall (E5)

320 Chestnut Street
(215) 925-0167
Tues.-Sun. 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.
elfrethsalley.org;
[elfrethsalley.org/audio tour](http://elfrethsalley.org/audio%20tour)

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

Franklin Court (E4)

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)

6th & Race streets
(215) 629-4026
Daily 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. 6/1-6/16;
Daily 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. 6/19-6/30;
Closes at 7 p.m. 6/17 & 3 p.m. 6/18;
Philadelphia Chinese Lantern
Festival daily from 6/20 6-11 p.m.
historicphiladelphia.org

Free Quaker Meeting House (C3)

5th & Arch streets
(215) 629-4026
Hours: Sat. & Sun. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
nps.gov/inde

Independence Hall (C5)

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

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

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
Thurs. – Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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
12-5 p.m.
historicphiladelphia.org

U.S. Mint (D2)

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

Get Your Free Independence Hall Ticket

Admission to Independence Hall is by timed-entry tour only. Timed tickets must be reserved in advance online at recreation.gov, or by phone at (877) 444-6777. Tickets are free, but there is a non-refundable processing fee of \$1 per ticket. Tickets can be printed or displayed on a mobile device. Please arrive 30 minutes before scheduled tour time to go through security screening.





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