# PHILADELPHIA

Welcomes the Democratic National Convention

**Destination Guide for Delegates** 

## PHILLY 101

Welcome to the birthplace of America, DNC delegates!

We know your agenda is full, but we hope you find time to experience the exciting city you're in. Here's a short list of Philly basics worth taking the time to see and do:

- 1. EXPLORE OUR HISTORY Philadelphia is the birthplace of the United States and the country's first World Heritage City. Pick up free, timed tickets for Independence Hall, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, at the Independence Visitor Center (just a block away); then tour the building where the Declaration of Independence was adopted and the U.S. Constitution was debated, drafted and signed. Across the street at the Liberty Bell Center, admire the mighty cracked icon that served as a symbol of freedom for abolitionists. Before, during and after your visit, enjoy Historic Philadelphia's unusual tours, eminent restaurants, independent boutiques, hip taprooms and green spaces. Between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Streets and Market & Chestnut Streets, nps.gov/inde, visitphilly.com/historic
- EAT OUR FOOD Cheesesteaks, soft pretzels, water ice, Amish goodies and loads of other yummy delights await at the historic Reading Terminal Market. It's a one-stop shop for ethnic eats and Philly classics. 12<sup>th</sup> & Arch Streets, readingterminalmarket.org
- 3. ENJOY OUR AMAZING ART (& RUN OUR STEPS) Designed after Paris's Champs-Élysées, the Benjamin Franklin Parkway boasts some of the city's most renowned cultural institutions, outdoor art and beautiful gardens: the Barnes Foundation, packed with impressionist, post-impressionist and early modern art, as well as African art; the Rodin Museum, housing one of the most significant collections of the master's works outside of Paris; and the must-Instagram Swann Memorial Fountain. The Philadelphia Museum of Art crowns the thoroughfare and houses a masterful collection of 200,000 pieces. And those steps they're the ones that Sylvester Stallone/Rocky ran. Go ahead; you know you want to. Benjamin Franklin Parkway between 18<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Streets
- 4. BE SURPRISED While you're here, explore. That quaint coffee shop you just discovered may be ranked as one of the country's best. Same with that cozy pub, elegant boutique, public work of art, gleaming bistro, quirky noodle bar—you get the idea.

# **NEAR THE CONVENTION CENTER**

The Pennsylvania Convention Center is right in the middle of Philadelphia's Center City, with plenty to see and do nearby.

- PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMY OF THE FINE ARTS America's first art museum and school of fine arts; unparalleled collection of American art housed in two buildings, plus Lenfest Plaza. 128 N. Broad Street, pafa.org
- FRANKLIN SQUARE One of city planner William Penn's five original city parks, with a fountain, a carousel, trees, mini-golf and a burger stand. Race Street between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets, historicphiladelphia.org
- READING TERMINAL MARKET Ethnic eats, fun souvenirs, Pennsylvania Dutch specialties and local favorites, including Tommy DiNic's roast pork sandwich. 12<sup>th</sup> & Arch Streets, readingterminalmarket.org
- **CHINATOWN** A colorful Friendship Gate (10<sup>th</sup> and Arch Streets), along with restaurants and shops that represent Hong Kong, Canton, Fujian, northern Sichuan, Taiwan and more. Vine to Arch Streets between 9<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Streets
- TOP SHOPPING Macy's and Century 21 on Market Street, plus indie boutiques along 13<sup>th</sup> Street. BONUS: All clothing and shoe purchases are tax-free in Pennsylvania. Macy's, 1300 Market Street, macys.com; Century 21, 821 Market Street, c21stores.com



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#### QUICK CULTURAL OUTINGS

Philadelphia is packed with art, history, parks, culture—so many things to do. During your limited leisure time, follow these suggestions for one-hour outings.

- ONE LIBERTY OBSERVATION DECK Bird's-eye view of the city from 57 floors up. One Liberty Place, 1650 Market Street, phillyfromthetop.com
- EASTERN STATE PENITENTIARY Colossal old prison-turned-museum with a Steve Buscemi-narrated tour. Must-dos for a quick trip: Al Capone's cell, solitary confinement and Prisons Today exhibit. 2027 Fairmount Avenue, easternstate.org
- RODIN MUSEUM One of the most significant collections of works by Auguste Rodin outside of Paris. Highlights: *The Thinker*, *The Gates of Hell* and *Eternal Springtime*. 2151 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, rodinmuseum.org
- PHILADELPHIA'S MAGIC GARDENS Mosaic wonderland of ceramic tiles, mirrors, glass and found objects. 1020 South Street, phillymagicgardens.org
- THE ROSENBACH OF THE FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA Literary antiques and treasures, packed into a stately townhouse on a quiet street. 2008-2010 Delancey Place, rosenbach.org
- CHRIST CHURCH & BURIAL GROUND Where George Washington and many Founding Fathers and Mothers worshipped and where Ben and Deborah Franklin are buried. Church, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between Market & Arch Streets; Burial Ground, Arch Street between 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Streets, christchurchphila.org
- ONCE UPON A NATION STORYTELLING BENCHES Little-known tales from our nation's history, told from 13 spots throughout Historic Philadelphia. Maps at Independence Visitor Center, 6<sup>th</sup> & Market Streets, historicphiladelphia.org
- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MUSEUM Featuring artifacts, computer animations and interactive displays that explore Franklin's life and character. 317 Chestnut Street, nps.gov/inde

## **SIGNATURE PHOTO OPS**

Seeking the perfect photo of your visit? Here are some iconic Philly spots to snap memorable shots, selfies included.

- INDEPENDENCE HALL Best from the grassy lawn, from inside the Liberty Bell Center or from the iconic XOXO structure next to the Independence Visitor Center. Between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Streets and Chestnut & Market Streets, nps.gov/inde
- 2. BROAD STREET (AVENUE OF THE ARTS) Standing on the median strip in the center of the street, both north and south of City Hall, topped by William Penn; especially pretty when clock is illuminated in yellow at night. Broad Street from Vine to Spruce Streets
- 3. LOVE STATUE Robert Indiana's internationally recognizable word sculpture, temporarily located at Dilworth Park. 15<sup>th</sup> & Market Streets
- RITTENHOUSE SQUARE Historic square filled with greenery, walkways, sculpture, artful events, lots of people. 18th & Walnut Streets
- 5. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PARKWAY & SKYLINE Taken from the Philadelphia Museum of Art steps, known as the Rocky steps to fans of the famed film. 26<sup>th</sup> Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway, philamuseum.org
- 6. BOATHOUSE ROW Late 19<sup>th</sup>-century architectural jewels along Kelly Drive that light up at night. Best photographed from Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, on the other side of the Schuylkill River or from behind the Philadelphia Museum of Art. boathouserow.org







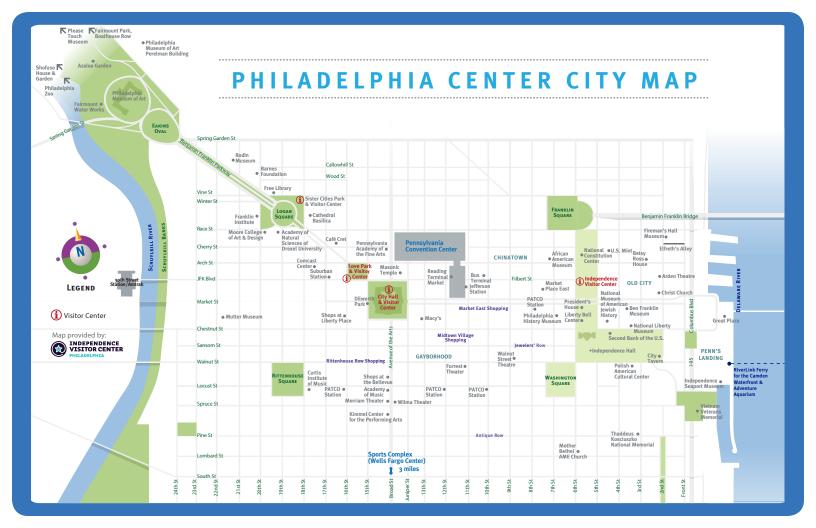


#### **GETTING AROUND**

There are plenty of easy ways to get around town. Choose your mode of transportation based on your time, stamina and budget.

- ON FOOT Stretching 2.2 square miles between the Delaware River on the east and the Schuylkill River on the west, Center City is easy to navigate, thanks to William Penn's 300-year-old grid plan. Tree-named streets run east-west and intersect numbered streets, which run north-south. In the middle of Center City, what would be 14<sup>th</sup> Street, is Broad Street, also known as the Avenue of the Arts.
- PHLASH DOWNTOWN LOOP Free to credentialed DNC delegates, this purple bus serves more than 20 key attractions in Center City, and is adding a six-stop PoliticalFest loop for the convention week. phillyphlash.com
- SEPTA The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) runs bus, subway, train and trolley service throughout the region, including an Airport Rail Line. There are two subway lines: The Market-Frankford Line (or "EI") runs east-west; the Broad Street Line runs north-south, all the way to the Wells Fargo Center. septa.org
- TAXIS, UBER & LYFT Flag down a taxi on any street corner, or reserve a private car through Uber or Lyft apps. uber.com, lyft.com
- INDEGO Rent a three-speed, adjustable-seat bike from one of more than 100 stations around town. rideindego.com





#### **RESTAURANT ROWS**

There should be a convention just for Philly's food. Although fantastic eats grace every corner of the city, these streets have an extra-high concentration of yum.

- 13<sup>TH</sup> STREET Flavors galore, including American fare at Bud & Marilyn's, crafty vegan plates at Charlie was a sinner, modern Mexican at Lolita and El Vez, inventive izakaya creations at Double Knot and more. Between Chestnut & Locust Streets
- EAST PASSYUNK AVENUE One of the "10 Best Foodie Streets in America," according to Food & Wine magazine. On the to-taste list: classic Italian at Le Virtu, delish dim sum at Bing Bing, Scandinavian interpretations at Noord, pristine French cuisine at Laurel and Will and amazing pizza at Gennaro's Tomato Pie and Brigantessa. Between McKean & Dickinson Streets
- FRANKFORD AVENUE Adding to the cool factor of the Fishtown neighborhood: destination-worthy coffeehouse/bar/distillery La Colombe, German beer garden Frankford Hall, barbecue haven Fette Sau, taco joint Heffe and restaurant/ butcher Kensington Quarters. Between Girard Avenue & Marlborough Street
- RITTENHOUSE SQUARE Offering casually elegant French classics at Parc and Rouge; meat- and dairy-free deliciousness at HipCityVeg and VStreet; delectable burgers and cocktails at Village Whiskey; foodie-favored menus at a.kitchen, DanDan, Suga, Abe Fisher, Oyster House and more. Between 17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Streets and Chestnut & Locust Streets



## LATE-NIGHT EATS & DRINKS

Because when the convention ends each night, you might be hungry, thirsty—and in the mood to explore some more.

#### 24 Hours:

- LITTLE PETE'S Cash-only diner serving all of the classics at all hours. 219 S.  $17^{\rm th}$  Street
- PAT'S KING OF STEAKS and GENO'S STEAKS Philly's signature sandwich served 24/7 in South Philly. 9th Street & E. Passyunk Avenue, patskingofsteaks.com, genosteaks.com

#### After Midnight:

- MCGILLIN'S OLDE ALE HOUSE Offering pitchers of beer and, just for the DNC, patriotic food and drink at Philadelphia's oldest continuously operating pub. 1310 Drury Street, mcgillins.com
- THE DANDELION Handsome Brit-inspired pub serving up Pimm's Cups, Welsh rarebit and fish and chips. 124 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, thedandelionpub.com
- TRIA Wine, cheese and beer bar with multiple locations.1137 Spruce Street, 123 S. 18th Street, 2005 Walnut Street, 2227 Pine Street, triaphilly.com
- **INSOMNIA COOKIES** Warm cookies delivered—to your hotel, even. Various locations, insomniacookies.com



# **POLITICAL SITES**

Philadelphia's iconic historic sites are rooted in the political process—and provide a fitting backdrop to the DNC.

- **CARPENTERS' HALL** Site of the First Continental Congress of 1774, a contentious meeting of 56 delegates from 12 colonies (Georgia declined). 320 Chestnut Street, carpentershall.org
- CONGRESS HALL Hosted debating representatives and senators of the fledgling nation. 6<sup>th</sup> & Chestnut Streets, nps.gov/inde
- INDEPENDENCE HALL The building where courageous colonists pledged "our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor," declared independence and later shaped a never-before-seen form of government. 520 Chestnut Street, nps.gov/inde
- THE PRESIDENT'S HOUSE Open-air memorial to the enslaved people who served George and Martha Washington while the couple resided at this address. 6<sup>th</sup> & Market Streets, nps.gov/inde
- SECOND BANK OF THE U.S. Alexander Hamilton's sequel to the nearby First Bank; just reopened to the public in May 2016. 420 Chestnut Street, nps.gov/inde
- NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER Only institution in America where people of all perspectives can debate, celebrate and educate themselves about the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the U.S. Constitution.
  525 Arch Street, constitutioncenter.org



## FREE IN PHILLY

On a budget? No worries: Philadelphia is full of freebies.

- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN NATIONAL MEMORIAL Massive sculpture dominating the free-to-enter rotunda of The Franklin Institute, with an hourly, 3.5-minute, multimedia show. 222 N. 20<sup>th</sup> Street, fi.edu
- INDEPENDENCE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK America's most historic square mile, which is all about freedom—and (almost) all free. Between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Streets and Market & Chestnut Streets, nps.gov/inde
- MACY'S WANAMAKER ORGAN Recitals six days a week (Monday through Saturday) on the store's massive pipe organ, the largest playable instrument in the world. 1300 Market Street, wanamakerorgan.com
- NATIONAL LIBERTY MUSEUM Gratis entrance gallery with contemporary glass art and a replica of the Liberty Bell—that you can touch and ring. 321 Chestnut Street, libertymuseum.org
- NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY Free ground-floor gallery brings to life the history of Jews in America.
  101 S. Independence Mall East, nmajh.org
- U.S. MINT The world's largest coin factory, where coins have been continuously produced since 1792. 151 N. Independence Mall East, usmint.gov
- COMCAST EXPERIENCE VIDEO WALL The world's largest four-millimeter LED screen, on display 6 a.m. to midnight. 1701 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, themarketandshopsatcomcastcenter.com



# **GET OUTDOORS**

Summertime, and the livin' is...hot. Here are cool, green places to take a morning walk, relax midday or chill out anytime.

- DILWORTH PARK Fountains, trees, colorful seating and an all-day cafe on City Hall's west side. 15<sup>th</sup> & Market Streets, dilworthpark.org
- FAIRMOUNT PARK Massive urban park, including Belmont Plateau, Wissahickon Creek, Forbidden Drive and thousands of verdant acres. myphillypark.org
- SCHUYLKILL BANKS Waterside path stretching from the South Street Bridge at 2<sup>th</sup> and South Streets, with access at 24<sup>th</sup> Street (Walnut and Chestnut Streets) and 25<sup>th</sup> Street (Locust Street) to the Philadelphia Museum of Art, past Boathouse Row, along Kelly Drive – a great place for a bike ride or run. schuylkillbanks.org
- SISTER CITIES PARK Big trees, a pebble-bottomed pond, run-through fountains and a convenient cafe along the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.
  210 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, sistercitiespark.org
- SPRUCE STREET HARBOR PARK Delaware River Waterfront oasis, featuring dozens of hammocks, floating barges, a boardwalk arcade, a beer garden and food vendors. Columbus Boulevard & Spruce Street, delawareriverwaterfront.com
- BLUE CROSS RIVERRINK SUMMERFEST Another Penn's Landing hotspot that's home to games, great fare, craft beer, mini-golf and the city's only outdoor roller rink. Columbus Boulevard between Market & Walnut Streets, delawareriverwaterfront.com



# **HAPPENING WHILE YOU'RE HERE**

These special exhibitions and events might not be here next time you're in town, so be sure to catch them during convention week.

- EQUALITY FORUM The nation's oldest LGBT rights summit, complete with historic marker dedications, panels, awards and icons of the movement. July 25-28. equalityforum.com
- THE SCIENCE BEHIND PIXAR How Woody, Sulley, and WALL•E come to life. Through September 5, 2016. The Franklin Institute, 222 N. 20th Street, fi.edu
- HAPPINESS, LIBERTY AND LIFE? Subtitled American Art and Politics, an exhibit on humor, protest and portraiture in politics from the 18<sup>th</sup> century until today. Through September 18, 2016. Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, 128 N. Broad Street, pafa.org
- CREATIVE AFRICA Showcasing African art, from centuries-old bronzes to modern fashion. Through September 25, 2016. Philadelphia Museum of Art's Perelman Building, 2525 Pennsylvania Avenue, philamuseum.org
- PHS POP UP GARDEN AT THE RAIL PARK Enlivening a much-discussed, to-be-revamped abandoned elevated rail line with food, beer, landscaping and programming. Through September 30, 2016. phlonline.org
- THE GOLDEN AGE OF KING MIDAS World-premiere exhibit of rare art and artifacts excavated at the ancient city of Gordion. Through November 27, 2016. Penn Museum, 3260 South Street, penn.museum
- DINOSAURS UNEARTHED Life-size re-creations of *T. rex* and friends. Also on view: coprolite (dino dung). Through January 16, 2017. The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, ansp.org



#### POLITICALFEST

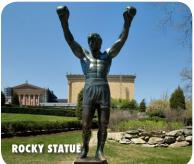
Seven Philly attractions are hosting all-age exhibits about politics, government and history—just for the DNC, **July 22-27**. Good news! It's free for credentialed convention attendees.

- NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER Headed to the White House: following the footsteps of presidential candidates and voters from campaign trails to the Oval Office. Political Theater: featuring feuds, trivia, interviews and panel discussions. Outside, C-SPAN's "Campaign 2016" bus. 525 Arch Street, constitutioncenter.org
- PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER Interactive Politics and You!: Air Force One fuselage, an Oval Office replica and Future Leaders Zone, with political fun and games for kids. 1101 Arch Street, Hall F, paconvention.com
- NATIONAL LIBERTY MUSEUM First Families: White House china dating to George Washington, First Ladies' dresses, First Family photos and programs by the Rendell Center for Civic Engagement. 321 Chestnut Street, libertymuseum.org
- PHILADELPHIA HISTORY MUSEUM AT THE ATWATER KENT Philadelphia & the Presidency: city-specific presidential history, including a "whistle-stop" photo op. 15 S. 7th Street, philadelphiahistory.org
- THE LIBRARY COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA Franklin's 1731 creation, displaying a life mask of George Washington, death mask of Abraham Lincoln, presidential locks of hair, exhibits on women and African-Americans in U.S. politics. 1314 Locust Street, librarycompany.org
- HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA Founding Documents: the earliest surviving version of the U.S. Constitution, a Declaration of Independence with a misprint and John Dickinson's draft of the Articles of Confederation.
  1300 Locust Street, hsp.org
- HERITAGE CENTER AT THE UNION LEAGUE Political Conventions in Philadelphia, exploring 11 previous national conventions held in Philly from 1848 to 2000. 140 S. Broad Street, ulheritagecenter.org



INDEPENDENCE HALL

#### NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER





# **DONKEYS AROUND TOWN**

After a quick walk around town, you'll see that donkeys are everywhere—57 of them, in fact, each painted by a Philadelphia artist to represent a participating convention delegation. Welcome to the Donkeys Around Town exhibit!

Artists from Philadelphia's renowned Mural Arts Program and locally based artist resource Art Jawn collaborated on the exhibition, which represents all 50 states, five U.S. territories, Washington, DC and Democrats abroad.

You'll spot the 250-pound fiberglass statues in front of attractions, cheesesteak shops—places you'll want to visit anyway. Download Scavify, a scavenger hunt-based app, to have fun finding them all. Or, visit **phIdnc.com** to see their locations. Whenever, however you snap a donkey, be sure to post your photo with #DonkeysAroundTown.

#### **MORE DNC FUN**

Philadelphia freedom? Yes, please. The whole city is celebrating this convention. Join in.

- PHILLY FEAST, UNITED WE EAT A diverse lineup of food trucks, live music, local vendors and American history everywhere you look. Monday, July 25, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> & Arch Streets
- WATCH PARTIES The convention broadcast live at bars, restaurants and more venues around town each night, culminating on July 25-28. phldnc.com
- CENTER CITY SIPS Philly's biggest, most popular happy hour, beginning at 5 p.m. in Dilworth Park, Comcast Plaza and Centre Square and then onto dozens of nearby bars and restaurants. Wednesday, July 27, 5-7 p.m. centercityphila.org/sips
- #DNCDEALS Exclusive deals on food, drinks, clothing, souvenirs and more, found on Twitter and Instagram. #DNCDeals

# **REASONS TO COME BACK**

DNC didn't leave you enough time for Philly's historic fun, taproom scene, acclaimed dining or amazing culture? Come back. Here are just some of the reasons:

- PHILLY ITSELF The history, the food, the beer, the art, the music, the parks... and the list goes on. visitphilly.com
- OUTFEST The country's biggest National Coming Out Day event, taking place in the Gayborhood with a giant LGBT block party. October 9, 2016. phillygaypride.org
- PAINT THE REVOLUTION: MEXICAN MODERNISM, 1910-1950 The most comprehensive retrospective of 20<sup>th</sup>-century Mexican art in the U.S. in seven decades. October 25, 2016-January 8, 2017. Philadelphia Museum of Art, 26<sup>th</sup> Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway, philamuseum.org
- A LONGWOOD GARDENS CHRISTMAS Thousands of poinsettias, towering Christmas trees, fragrant flowers, 500,000 lights and dancing fountains. November 24, 2016-January 8, 2017. Longwood Gardens, 1001 Longwood Road, Kennett Square, longwoodgardens.org
- MUMMERS PARADE A day-long parade featuring sequined strutters and strummers. January 1, 2017. Broad Street, mummersmuseum.com
- **PHS PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW** Annual garden celebration that's the oldest and largest indoor show of its kind. **March 11-19, 2017.** Pennsylvania Convention Center, 1101 Arch Street, theflowershow.com
- **PHILLY BEER WEEK** Ten-day festival of suds honoring Philly's heritage as the nation's onetime beer-brewing-est city. **June 2017.** phillybeerweek.org
- **ODUNDE FESTIVAL** A celebration of African-American heritage, featuring dancing, music, food, drink and a 100-vendor African Marketplace. **June 2017.** South Street, odundefestival.org
- WAWA WLECOME AMERICA A week of free, patriotic happenings, including concerts, movies and fireworks galore. July 2017. welcomeamerica.com

# VISITOR RESOURCES

Looking for more information? Check out these resources for your current visit, or plan your next trip to Philadelphia.

- VISITPHILLY.COM Official visitor website for the Philadelphia region, covering exhibits and events, must-see Philadelphia attractions, tours and transportation
- UWISHUNU.COM Insider blog focusing on what to do today, tomorrow and this weekend
- DISCOVERPHL.COM/OVG Downloadable guide to the city; also available in the Apple iTunes store (search PHL Visitors Guide)
- PHLVISITORCENTER.COM Official website for the Independence Visitor Center in Historic Philadelphia
- PHLDNC.COM Everything you need to know from the Democratic National Convention Host Committee
- DNC 2016 APP Download for help navigating the city and real-time updates on DNC scheduling and events

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