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Washington Crossing the Delaware by Emanuel Leutze, MMA-NYC, 1851

# HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA GAZETTE

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## Franklin Square Holiday Festival Highlights the Season

#### Electrical Spectacle lights up the night starting November 10

Franklin Square celebrates the magic of the holiday season November 10 - December 31 with the return of The Franklin Square Holiday Festival featuring Electrical Spectacle presented by PECO. More than 50,000 lights shimmer, dance, and illuminate the Square to a soundtrack of holiday classics, during two shows 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 beverage and other holiday favorites. Kids of all ages will love the homemade fudge and gingerbread houses among the sweet delights. For grown-ups, the Winter Beer Garden serves local beers Fridays

HISTORIC DISTRICT

through Sundays and other selected days.

Don't miss special events like #FranklinSquareFridays, Santa Saturdays and Seasonal Sounds on Sundays. See the Historic Happenings section for all the details.

Don't miss weekly events like #FranklinSquareFridays, special family-friendly nights celebrating The Nutcracker, movies like Star Wars and Frozen and more. Santa Saturday and Seasonal 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.

HAPPENINGS

#### **NOVEMBER**

NOVEMBER 5-6

Second Bank of the U.S., 3-3:30 p.m.: The First Americans – Ranger-led program commemorates Native American History Month. Free. (800) 537-7676, nps.gov/inde

NOVEMBER 10 Franklin Square, 5-8 p.m.: Taste of the Holiday

**Season** – Celebrate the opening Night of the Franklin Square Holiday Festival with tastes of everything to come this season. Free. (215) 629-4026, historicphiladelphia.org NOVEMBER 12-13

Second Bank of the U.S., 3-3:30 p.m.: Small but Feisty: The birth of the U.S. Marine Corps Learn about the founding the Marines, right here in Philadelphia.

Free. (800) 537-7676, nps.gov/inde NOVEMBER 19-20

Second Bank of the U.S., 3-3:30 p.m.: The First **Americans** – Ranger-led program commemorates Native American History Month.

Free. (800) 537-7676, nps.gov/inde **NOVEMBER 25** 

Franklin Square, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: Santa Arrives in the Square – Welcome Santa back to the Square for the holiday season. Pose for a photo and give him your holiday wish list.

Free. (215) 629-4026, historicphiladelphia.org **NOVEMBER 26** 

Franklin Square, 4-5 p.m.: Milk & Cookies with Santa Enjoy cookies and milk with Santa as he tells some of his favorite stories in the indoor, heated Pavilion. \$10; tickets available at historicphiladelphia.org or by calling (215) 629-4026

Franklin Square, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: Jingle & Mingle with Santa - Keep an eye out for Santa near the fountain double checking his naughty and nice lists and posing for photos.

Free. (215) 629-4026, historicphiladelphia.org Betsy Ross House, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.: 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 NOVEMBER 26-27

Second Bank of the U.S., 3-3:30 p.m.: The First **Americans** – Ranger-led program commemorates Native American History Month. Free. (800) 537-7676, nps.gov/inde

#### **DECEMBER**

Franklin Square, 4-5 p.m. Saturdays thru 12/17: Milk & Cookies with Santa – See Nov. 26 for details

Franklin Square, Sat. tbru 12/175:30-7:30 p.m.: **Jingle & Mingle with Santa** – See Nov. 26 for

#### **DECEMBER 3**

Elfreth's Alley, 3-7 p.m.: Deck the Alley

A unique chance to see inside these beautiful private homes 'decked out' for the holidays. Tickets are \$25. A family ticket is offered for \$70. (215) 574-0560, elfrethsalley.org **DECEMBER 3-4** 

Second Bank of the U.S., 3-3:30 p.m.:

Washington Crossing the Delaware – Revisit the events surrounding the famous Christmas Eve journey as Washington and his troops crossed the icy river in New Jersey to confront the British forces

Free. (800) 537-7676, nps.gov/inde



### Special Holiday Hours for Philly PHLASH

The Philly PHLASH Downtown Bus Loop is the most convenient and affordable way to get around Philadelphia this holiday season. With service to 22 stops between Penn's Landing and the Please Touch Museum, the PHLASH provides access to the city's must-see holiday attractions and shopping districts.

The PHLASH runs every 15 minutes from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., every Friday Sunday, through November 20.

Daily service for the holiday season runs Friday, November 25 through Sunday, December 31 (No service on Thanksgiving or Christmas Day).

Passes are available onboard with exact change, at the Independence Visitor Center, or online, for just \$2 per ride or \$5 for an all-day pass. Seniors, children 4 and under, and SEPTA Pass holders ride free!

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

#### Start Your Holiday Season at the Independence Visitor Center

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

- Winter Storytelling, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Nov. 25 & 26; every Thurs.-Sat. in December; Daily, Dec. 26 31. Huddle around the Storytelling Bench and listen to tales about the cold winter of 1776, like Washington's epic journey across the Delaware River.
- Colonial Carolers, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Nov. 25 & 26; every Thurs.-Sat. in December; Daily, Dec. 26-31. Sing along to your holiday favorites and pose with the Carolers for a perfect holiday card
- Holiday History Makers, 11 a.m-5 p.m., Nov. 25-27; Daily, Dec. 26-31. Meet Philadelphia's colonial townsfolk who offer tales, anecdotes and good cheer about living in 18th-Century

Independence Visitor Center is located at 6th and Market Streets, across from the Liberty Bell. It is the exclusive location to pick up free, timed tickets to tour Independence Hall, purchase tickets to local attractions and tours, and receive free trip-planning advice.

Call (800) 537-7676 or visit phlvisitorcenter.com.

### HISTORIC DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

#### **DECEMBER**

DECEMBER 10

Independence Seaport Museum, 5:30 p.m.: Parade of Lights – This lighted boat parade features Philadelphia's working port with vessels decked out in festive decorations and lights. Before the parade, visitors can spend the day inside the museum for family-friendly holiday activities and entertainment. Free with admission.

(215) 413-8655, phillyseaport.org DECEMBER 10-11

Second Bank of the U.S., 3-3:30 p.m.: **Washington Crossing the Delaware** See Dec. 3-4 for description.

**DECEMBER 25** 

National Museum of American Jewish History, 10 a.m-5 p.m.: Being \_ **Christmas** – Snowy. Jewish. Happy. Buddhist. Family. Generous. Caring. Fill in your own blank and join this annual day of fun. (215) 923-3811, nmajb.org

**DECEMBER 31** 

Betsy Ross House, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.: Betsy's Birthday Bash – Celebrate the 265th birthday of America's most famous flagmaker with daylong family fun and, of course, cake at 1 p.m.! Free.

(215) 686-1252, historicphiladelphia.org Independence Visitor Center, 3-3:30 p.m.:

**Washington Crossing the Delaware** See Dec. 3-4 for description.

Free. (800) 537-7676, nps.gov/inde Franklin Square, 6 p.m.: Kids' New

Year's Countdown & Square Drop Kids of all ages are invited to count down to 2017. Stick around to view the Penn's Landing fireworks and enjoy a dance party in the Pavilion. Free.

(215) 629-4026, historicphiladelphia.org

#### **ONGOING**

**Meet Betsy Ross** 

Betsy Ross House, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Meet America's most famous flagmaker as she plies her trade in the country's only working 18th century upholstery shop. Free with admission.

(215) 686-1252, historicphiladelphia.org

#### **The Patriot Church**

Christ Church, regular site bours

Visit the church attended by many of the Founding Fathers including George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and Absalom Jones. The 20-minute guided tour features the religious, architectural, and political significance of one of the enduring institutions of Philadelphia. Suggested donation: \$3 adults; \$2 children.

(215) 922-1695, christchurchphila.org

The Ales of the Revolution City Tavern, 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. daily

Sample ale recipes by George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and Alexander Hamilton. Colonial shrub is available for the children. (215) 413-1443, citytavern.com

Tippler's Tour: Yuletide Cheers & Beers departs from Independence Visitor Center, 5:30 p.m. Thursdays, Nov. 17; Dec. 8, 15, 22 & 29 This popular tour of Colonial & modern day watering holes takes on a holiday flair with a look at Colonial yuletide celebrations. Tour lasts approx. 2 and a half hours and meets at the visitor Services desk. Reservations recommended. \$45; \$40 seniors/students/military. Must be 21 with valid ID. (215) 629-4026, historicphiladelphia.org

#### NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

#### **VISIT \* LEARN \* DEBATE**

#### FEATURED PROGRAMMING

**Election Day** – Tuesday, November 8 School's out on Election Day and the National Constitution Center is the place to be. Come dressed as a U.S. President and help us set the record for the most presidential portrayers in one place at one time. Additional activities include patriotic concerts, "presidential" face painting, craft activities, trivia games, and more. Arrive in costume or with an "I voted" sticker to receive \$5 all-access admission.

Free admission to Headed to the White House with

general admission purchase.

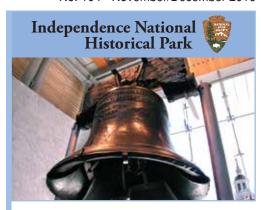
https://constitutioncenter.org/calendar/election-day

Veterans Day - Friday, November 11 - Recognize
and celebrate the dedication and sacrifices of the brave men and women who have answered the Constitution's call to "provide for the common defense" with \$5 admission courtesy of Macy's. http://constitutioncenter.org/calendar/veterans-day Bill of Rights Day - Thursday, December 15 Celebrate the 225th anniversary of the Bill of Rights. Take part in our live game shows and enjoy a special tour of Signers' Hall with \$5 admission courtesy of Macy's. http://constitutioncenter.org/calendar/-bill-of-rights-day-with-admission

#### **FEATURED EXHIBITS**

Headed to the White House - Now through Dec. 31 Experience the only exhibit where you can go from candidate to president in just one visit. Admission Ad. \$17.50; Ch. (4-12) \$11. Visit constitutioncenter.org/whitehouse; 525 Arch Street For more information about the National Constitution Center or any of its programs, call (215) 409-6700 or visit constitutioncenter.org.

Show your Historic Philadelphia Gazette at the **National Constitution Center Box Office to** receive free admission to Headed to the White House with general admission purchase!











Savor specialties including pepperpot soup, Martha Washington's chocolate mousse cake, General Washington & Thomas Jefferson's recipes for ale. Open seven days a week. Serving lunch & dinner daily from 11:30 a.m. Dinner from 4 p.m. (Sundays from 3 p.m.). Located at the corner of 2nd & Walnut Streets, (215) 413-1443.

#### IT TAKES TWO

Two entrées for the price of one!\* Valid Sunday through Friday for lunch & dinner! Only valid with the use of a major credit card, not valid for special menus or restaurant holiday, beverage tax & gratuity are not included. \*Discount will be determined as the least expensive entrée, children's meals are considered entrées. Valid: Sunday through Friday only. Not valid November 23-26, Dec 24, 25, 31, 2016 January 1, 2017. Expires January 13, 2017. Coupon must be presented at time of order.

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## **HISTORIC SITE & MAP LOCATION**

#### **HOLIDAY HOURS**

Thanksgiving Day, 11/24/16 Liberty Bell Center & Independence Hall, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Betsy Ross House, National Constitution Center, & Independence Visitor Center, all closed Christmas Eve, 12/24/16 All National Park Service sites, National Museum of American

Jewish History & National Constitution Center, all close at 3 p.m. Independence Visitor Center,

Betsy Ross House & Franklin

Square, both close at 3 p.m.

8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

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Jewish History, *Open* All National Park Service, *closed* Betsy Ross House & Franklin Square, both closed Independence Visitor Center, closed

Christmas Day, 12/25/16

National Museum of American

New Year's Day, 1/1/17 Independence Hall & Liberty Bell Center, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Independence Visitor Center, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Betsy Ross House & National Constitution Center, both closed

#### **HISTORIC SITES**

ARCH STREET FRIENDS **MEETING HOUSE** 320 Arch Street - (215) 627-2667

Tue.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sugg. Don. \$2 👆 THE ATHENAEUM

OF PHILADELPHIA 219 South 6th Street - (215) 925-2688 Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE

**BETSY ROSS HOUSE** 

239 Arch Street - (215) 629-4026 Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Closed Mondays in December; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 12/24 Ad. \$5; Ch./Sr./Stud./Mil.\$4; Audio Guide (includes admission): Ad. \$7; Ch./Sr/Stud./Mil. \$6

CARPENTERS' HALL

**E**5 320 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-0167 Tue.-Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE

CHRIST CHURCH PHILADELPHIA F4

2nd Street above Market Street (215) 922-1695 Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m.; Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day Info available in 20 languages.

CHRIST CHURCH BURIAL GROUND

Sugg. Don.: Ad. \$3; Stud. \$2 &

5th & Arch Streets - (215) 922-1695 Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun. 12-4 p.m.; Closed in December; Ch. 6-16 \$1; Ad. \$2; \$15 groups up to 10; Guided tour Ch. \$3; Ad. \$7; \$30 groups up to 10

CITY TAVERN 138 South 2nd Street - (215) 413-1443

Daily from 11:30 a.m. 😽 CONGREGATION MIKVEH ISRAEL D4

44 North 4th Street - (215) 922-5446 mikvehisrael.org for worship schedule FREE 😓

CONGRESS HALL 6th & Chestnut Streets - (800) 537-7676 Daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE 🕏

EDGAR ALLAN POE

NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE 532 North 7th Street - (215) 597-8780 Fri.-Sun. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

ELFRETH'S ALLEY 124-126 Elfreth's Alley - (215) 574-0560 -

12-5 p.m. Fri.-Sun.; Guided tours \$5 FRANKLIN COURT

314-322 Market Street - (800) 537-7676 Courtyard 9 a.m.-Dusk; 👆

Printing Office: Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m. U.S. Post Office: Mon.-Sat. 9 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 Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. from 11/12; FREE QUAKER MEETING HOUSE V C3 5th & Arch Streets - (215) 629-4026

Meet a History Maker GLORIA DEI "OLD SWEDES" CHURCH

Sat. & Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

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. FREE &

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

Tours offered every every 20 minutes, tickets are required; pick up free tickets at the Independence Visitor Center. Please note: security screening closes 15 minutes before the building closes for the evening. FREE 🕹

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 FREE 🕹

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 **E6** 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

PHYSICK HOUSE 321 South 4th Street - (215) 925-7866 Tours on the hour 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; \$8 Ad.; \$6 Stud/Sr.; \$20 Family

PORTRAIT GALLERY AT THE SECOND BANK

420 Chestnut Street - (800) 537-7676 Sat. & Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

**POWEL HOUSE** 

244 South 3rd Street - (215) 627-0364 Tours on the hour 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; \$8 Ad.; \$6 Stud/Sr.; \$20 Family 👆

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 E8 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 Daily 7 a.m.-10 p.m. FREE

#### MUSEUMS

AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY (APS) MUSEUM 104 South 5th Street - (215)-440-3442 Thurs.-Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM IN PHILADELPHIA 7th & Arch Streets - (215) 574-0380

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thur.-Sat.; 12-5 p.m. Sun.; Ad. \$14; Ch. 4-12 \$10; Stud. (w/I.D.) \$10; Sr. \$10; Free to Members 👆 CHEMICAL HERITAGE FOUND. E5

315 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-2222 Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK

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

FIREMAN'S HALL MUSEUM F2 147 North 2nd Street - (215) 923-1438 Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. FREE

INDEPENDENCE SEAPORT

211 Columbus Blvd. - (215) 413-8655 Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m.;

Olympia & Becuna open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Ad. \$16; Ch./Sr./Stud. \$12; FREE children 2 and under & members 👆

LIBERTY BELL CENTER C4 526 Market Street - (800) 537-7676 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Security screening closes 5 minutes before the building closes for the evening FREE 👆

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

525 Arch Street - (215) 409-6700 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon. through Sat.; Sun. 12-5 p.m.; 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. 11/25; 9:30 am.-3 p.m. 12/24 & 12/31; Ad. \$14.50; Sr. (65+); Stud. w/ID & 13-18 \$13; Ch. 4-12 \$8; Active Mil. & Ch. under 3 FREE; Ł 斉

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NATIONAL LIBERTY MUSEUM **E**5 321 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-2800 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat.; 12-6 p.m. Sun. Ad. \$7; Sr. \$6; Stud. \$5; Ch. FREE 🔥 😽 NATIONAL MUSEUM OF

AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY

101 South Independence Mall East (215) 923-3811 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues.-Fri.; 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sat. & Sun.; Wed. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Ad. \$12; Sr./Stud. \$11; Active Mil. with

ID/Ch. under 12 FREE NEW HALL MILITARY MUSEUM 320 Chestnut Street - (800) 537-7676

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Veterans' Day 11/11 ONLY PHILADELPHIA HISTORY MUSEUM B5 15 S. 7th Street - (215) 685-4830

Tues.-Sat. 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Ad. \$10; Sr. \$8; Stud. & 13-18 \$6; Ch. 12 & under & active military free; Family Pack \$20

POLISH AMERICAN

CULTURAL CENTER MUSEUM **E**6 308 Walnut Street - (215) 922-1700 Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE

#### OTHER SITES

INDEPENDENCE VISITOR CENTER

Corner of 6th and Market Streets across from the Liberty Bell - (800) 537-7676

Daily 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. 12/26-12/30; FREE 🔥 😽

SQUAREBURGER 6th & Race Streets Sun. - Thurs. 4-8 p.m. & Fri. &

Sat. 4-9 p.m. Nov. 12-Dec. 31 U.S. MINT 151 N. Independence Mall East (215) 408-0114,

Mon.-Fri. 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.
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).