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Welcome to Historic Philadelphia!

We're glad you're visiting America's Most Historic Square Mile. There's so much to see and experience here this fall. Picking up the *Historic Philadelphia Gazette* is a great start.

PROGRAMS & TOURS

Betsy Ross House:

Meet Betsy Ross 10 a.m.-3 p.m. daily
(Tues.-Sun. in October)

Meet a Colonial 3-5 p.m. Sat. & Sun.

Story Time Sundays with Betsy
11-11:30 a.m. Sun. in October

Free Quaker Meeting House:

Meet a Free Quaker 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wed.-Sun.

Historic Philadelphia Center:

Liberty 360 in the PECO Theater
9 a.m.-9 p.m. daily (Coming in Sept.)

Independence After Hours
5:30 p.m. Fri & Sat (thru 10/23)

Tippler's Tour 5:30 p.m. Thurs. (thru 10/28)

Independence Visitor Center:

Meet a History Maker 11 a.m.-3 p.m. daily

Valley Forge Welcome Center:

Valley Forge Storytelling 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sat. & Sun. (thru 10/24) throughout the Park

Valley Forge After Hours 5 p.m. Sat.
(thru 10/23)



Photo Courtesy of Betsy Ross House



E. Savaria for PCVB



It's still the best summer in history!

Historic Philadelphia, Inc.'s programs and tours continue through Labor Day. So, enjoy the final few days of this extra long summer with...

Storytelling Benches at 13 locations throughout Historic Philadelphia (see map on p. 4 for locations).

Fun at the **Betsy Ross House** with the *Kids' Kitchen* and *Heavens to Betsy* exhibits, History Makers, and, of course, Betsy Ross herself all daily.

Colonial Kids Quest, a kid-friendly whodunit departing from the Historic Philadelphia Center Saturday, September 4 at 11 a.m.

Turmoil & Treason, a debate over independence at 2 p.m. Saturday, September 4 starting at the Historic Philadelphia Center.

Tippler's Tour, a visit to colonial watering holes, for those over 21, departing from the Historic Philadelphia Center Thursday, September 2 at 5:30 p.m. (continues Thursdays thru 10/28).

Independence After Hours, dinner and an evening of adventure at the Pennsylvania State House circa 1776 starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Historic Philadelphia Center September 3 & 4 (continues Fridays & Saturdays thru 10/23).

Valley Forge: Just a few miles outside the city, you'll find this historic treasure with more Storytelling Benches, plus more Adventure Tours: Valley Forge Secrets & Spies Saturday, September 4 at 2 p.m. and Valley Forge After Hours Saturday, September 4 at 6 p.m. (continues Saturdays thru 10/23).

For more information and tickets for all of these great programs and tours, call (215) 629-4026 or visit historicphiladelphia.org

Photo: M. Kennedy for HPI

SPOTLIGHT ON...

LIBERTY 360 IN THE PECO THEATER



Prepare yourself to be wowed! Coming this month to the new PECO Theater in the Historic Philadelphia Center is *Liberty 360*, the first 360-degree, 3D experience ever developed. Be among the first to see this incredible new 12-minute show that immerses viewers in symbols of freedom. Step inside the specially designed, cylindrical theatre, and Benjamin Franklin appears in a groundbreaking 360-degree, 3D show, unlike anything that has been seen before. Dr. Franklin escorts the audience on a journey of discovery and exploration of America's most beloved symbols. This is a one-of-a-kind experience you won't want to miss!

In addition to housing the *Liberty 360* show, the new Historic Philadelphia Center serves as a hub for Historic Philadelphia, Inc.'s attractions and tours. Purchase Adventure Tour tickets, get information about Franklin Square & the Betsy Ross House and shop for unique gift items. *Liberty 360* opens 9/17, with shows running continuously 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Sun.-Thurs. and 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Fri. & Sat. until 10/23. The show will run daily 9 a.m.-7 p.m. from 10/24 through March 2011. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under, as well as for seniors and active military members. For more information, call (215) 629-4026 or visit historicphiladelphia.org.

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Courtesy NCC

To see Independence Hall obtain your FREE, timed ticket at the Independence Visitor Center at 6th and Market Streets. Tickets are given out starting at 8:30 a.m. each day; early arrivals have the greatest choice of times. Allow about 30 min. to go through security at 5th & Chestnut Streets. Express tours are offered on weekends in Sept. from 5 p.m.- 6 p.m.-no tickets required.

Note: Use the restrooms in the Visitor Center or across the street from Old City Hall since there are no restrooms inside the security area.

Security closes at 4:45 p.m. daily; except on Sat. & Sun. in Sept., when it closes at 5:45 p.m.



Courtesy of HPI

Fall Fun!

Don't miss out on all the awesome autumn action! Be among the first to experience *Liberty 360*, in the PECO Theater at the new Historic Philadelphia Center. Visit Franklin Square weekends in October for *Spooky Mini Golf*, our famous *Pumpkin Patch*, the *Trick-or-Treat Trail*, rides on the *Lighting Bolt Express* and more! Special events are 12-3 p.m. Saturdays & Sundays. Check historicphiladelphia.org for the details.

Over at the Betsy Ross House, check out the new exhibit opening Saturday, October 16. *Death Parts United Hearts: Death in the Life of Betsy Ross* is a fascinating look at how death and disease touched lives in Colonial America. For details, visit betsyrosshouse.org or call (215) 686-1252.

NCC Celebrates Constitution Day

September 17, 2010

The signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787 is one of the most important and influential events in American history. The National Constitution Center, 525 Arch Street, celebrates the 223rd anniversary of this remarkable day with a variety of activities. Families can enjoy a full day of activities, from the early morning Preamble Challenge, to a mid-day birthday party and much more. All activities are free with admission to the Center.

Constitution Day Schedule of Events

8:30 a.m.: **223: The Preamble Challenge**
10 a.m.-3 p.m.: **Preamble Printing & Calligraphy Demonstrations**
10 a.m.-4 p.m.: **Constitution Celebration**
11 a.m.: **Naturalization Ceremony**
Noon: **Constitution Birthday Party**
1 p.m.: **American National Tree Induction Ceremony**

For more information about Constitution Day, visit constitutioncenter.org or call (215) 409-6700.

National Park Service

Enjoy Free Fall Programs from the NPS

Make sure your visit includes time for some of these fascinating... and free... programs presented by the National Park Service:

Franklin Court Underground Museum, 2-3 p.m. Sat. & Sun. in Sept.: The British Occupation of Philadelphia – Walking tour explores what the city was like when British forces occupied during the Revolution.

Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank, 1-1:45 p.m. 9/17-9/19 – Illustrated program examines the Constitutional Convention, which George Washington later described as a “miracle at Philadelphia.”

Germantown White House, 1-3 p.m. 9/18 Meet Oney Judge – An actress portrays this enslaved African kept by George Washington, who seized her freedom in 1796 while living in Philadelphia.

Germantown White House, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 10/2: Revolutionary Germantown Festival – To commemorate the Battle of Germantown, meet an actor portraying British Commanding General William Howe.

For more information about the above listed free programs, call (800) 537-7576 or visit nps.gov/inde.



CITY TAVERN

Savor specialties including pepper-pot soup, Martha Washington's chocolate mousse cake, General Washington & Thomas Jefferson's recipes for ale.

Serving lunch, dinner & drinks 7 days a week. Lunch from 11:30 a.m. • Dinner from 4:00 p.m. (Dinner on Sundays 3:00 p.m.)

Located at the Corner of 2nd & Walnut Streets 215-413-1443

“It Takes Two!”

Two entrées for the price of one! When you present this coupon for lunch or dinner. Valid Sunday through Friday

*Only valid with the use of a major credit card. *Discount will be determined as the least expensive entrée. *Children's meals are considered entrées.

Not Valid for prix fixe menus or with any other discounts. Expires October 31, 2010.

HISTORIC SITE & MAP LOCATION

HISTORIC SITES

- ARCH STREET FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE** E3
320 Arch Street - (215) 627-2667
Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sugg. Don. \$2 ♿
- THE ATHENAEUM OF PHILADELPHIA** C7
219 South 6th Street - (215) 925-2688
Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE
- BETSY ROSS HOUSE** F3
239 Arch Street - (215) 686-1252
Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Closed Mon. starting 10/5; Open Columbus Day. Adult \$3 Ch./Stud. \$2 • Audio Guide \$5
- BISHOP WHITE HOUSE** E6
309 Walnut Street - Open-ask about tours at the Independence Visitor Center
- CARPENTERS' HALL** E5
320 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-0167
Tues.-Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Closed Mon. FREE
- CHRIST CHURCH BURIAL GROUND** D3
5th & Arch Streets - (215) 922-1695
Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun. 12-4 p.m.
Admission \$2 • Stud. \$1 • Groups \$10
- CITY TAVERN** F6
138 South 2nd Street - (215) 413-1443
Daily opens at 11:30 a.m. ♿
- CONGRESS HALL** C5
6th & Chestnut Streets - (800) 537-7676
Daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tours every 20 min. FREE ♿
- DECLARATION HOUSE** B4
4 South 7th Street - (800) 537-7676
Wed.-Sun. 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- EDGAR ALLAN POE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE** C4
532 North 7th Street - (215) 597-8780
Wed.-Sun. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE ♿
- ELFRETH'S ALLEY** F2
124-126 Elfreth's Alley - (215) 574-0560
Thur.-Sat. 12-5 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m., Museum:
Adults \$5 • ages 6-18 \$1 • under 6 FREE
- FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF PHILADELPHIA** C2
6th & Arch Streets - (866) 574-3727
Mon.-Fri. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. FREE ♿
- FRANKLIN COURT** E4
314-322 Market Street - (800) 537-7676 ♿
Fragments of Franklin Court:
Wed.-Sun. 12-2 p.m.
Fragments Glass Music:
Sat.-Sun. 12-2:30 p.m. (30 minutes)
Franklin Court Bookstore:
Wed.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Printing Office: Daily 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Museum: Daily 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
U.S. Post Office: Mon.- Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- FRANKLIN SQUARE** C1
6th & Race Streets - thru Labor Day Daily
10 a.m.-9 p.m.; SquareBurger Daily 11 a.m.-8 p.m.;
9/7-9/30 Daily 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; SquareBurger
Daily 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; October: Fri.-Sun. 11 a.m.-
9 p.m. SquareBurger Fri.-Sun. 11 a.m.-8 p.m.;
Mon.-Thur. 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- FREE QUAKER MEETING HOUSE** C3
5th & Arch Streets - (215) 629-5801
Wed.-Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE ♿

GERMANTOWN WHITE HOUSE C5
5448 Germantown Ave. - (215) 597-7130
Wed.-Sun. Noon-4 p.m. Reserve tours and site
information: (215) 596-1748. On days when
site is open to the public: (215) 848-0806

GREAT ESSENTIALS EXHIBIT C5
West Wing of Independence Hall
(800) 537-7676 Daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE ♿

HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA CENTER C5
6th & Chestnut Streets - (215) 629-4026
Sun.-Thurs. 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m.-
9 p.m. 9/17-10/23; 9 a.m.-7 p.m. from 10/24

INDEPENDENCE HALL C5
Chestnut Street between 5th & 6th Streets
(800) 537-7676 - Daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. tickets
required. Weekends in Sept. 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
No tickets required after 5 p.m. Security closes at
4:45 p.m.-weekdays, 5:45 p.m.-weekends (Sept.) ♿

INDEPENDENCE VISITOR CENTER C4
Corner of 6th and Market Streets across
from the Liberty Bell - (800) 537-7676.
Daily 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. through Mon., Sept. 6th;
after Sept. 6th daily 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Junior Ranger Induction Ceremony Sat.-Sun. 4 p.m.
FREE ♿ ♿

KOSCIUSZKO NAT. MEMORIAL E8
301 Pine Street - (215) 597-9618
Wed.-Sun. 12-4 p.m. FREE

LIBERTY 360 D5
6th & Chestnut Streets - (215) 629-4026
OPENING 9/17. Shows run continuously 9 a.m.-
7 p.m. Sun.-Thurs. & 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Fri. & Sat.
9/17-10/23; 9 a.m.-7 p.m. daily from 10/24;
Adult \$7 • Sr./military/Stud. \$6 • 12 & under \$6.

OLD CITY HALL D5
6th & Chestnut Streets - (800) 537-7676
Daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

PHYSICK HOUSE E8
321 South 4th Street - (215) 925-7866
Thurs.-Sat. 12 noon-5 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m.
Last tour at 4 p.m. Gen. \$5 • Stud./Sr. \$4
Groups over 10 \$3 each • Under 6 FREE

PORTRAIT GALLERY AT THE SECOND BANK D5
420 Chestnut Street - (800) 537-7676
Wed.-Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Moses Williams: Cutter
of Profiles Wed.-Sun. 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 pm.
Stories of Struggle- Illustrated Program Wed.-Sun.
at 3 p.m. Lesser Known Stories of Independence
Hall- Illustrated Program Wed.-Sun. 4 p.m.

POWEL HOUSE E7
244 South 3rd Street - (215) 627-0364
Thurs.-Sat. 12 noon-5 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m.
Last tour at 4 p.m. Gen. \$5 • Stud./Sr. \$4
Fam. \$12 • Under 6 FREE ♿

TODD HOUSE E6
4th & Walnut Streets - (800) 537-7676
Open- ask about tours at the Independence
Visitor Center.

MUSEUMS

AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY (APS) MUSEUM D6
104 South 5th Street - (215) 440-3427
Current extended hours (through Sun., Sept. 5th)
Wed. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Thurs. & Sun. 10 a.m.-
4 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Labor
Day- March 1 open Fri.-Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM IN PHILADELPHIA B3
7th & Arch Streets - (215) 574-0380
Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 12-5 p.m.
Adult \$8 • Ch./Sr. \$6 • Stud. \$6 ♿

CHEMICAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION E5
315 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-2222
Daily 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; open until 8 p.m.
first Fri. of each month. 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 MUSEUM H6
211 Columbus Blvd. - (215) 925-5439
Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Adm. \$9, Sr./Stud. \$8 Ch.
\$6 • Under 3 FREE. Sun. 10 a.m.-12 FREE ♿

LIBERTY BELL CENTER C4
526 Market Street - (800) 537-7676
Daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. no tickets required; open 9
a.m.-6 p.m. on weekends in Sept. Please note:
Security closes at 4:55 p.m.-weekdays, 5:55
p.m.-weekends. FREE ♿

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER D3
525 Arch Street - (215) 409-6700
Mon.-Fri. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thur. 5-8 p.m.
w/ \$5 admission; Sat. 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun.
12-5 p.m.; Adult \$12 • Sr. \$11 Ch. 4-12 \$8
Active Mil. & Ch. under 4 FREE ♿ ♿

NATIONAL LIBERTY MUSEUM E5
321 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-2800
Tues.-Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Adult \$7
Sr. \$6 Stud. \$5 • Ch. FREE. Sunday: Free
for individuals and families ♿

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY & CONGREGATION MIKVEH ISRAEL D4
55 North 5th Street - (215) 923-3811
The new National Museum of American Jewish
History opens 11/14/10 on Independence Mall.

NEW HALL MILITARY MUSEUM E5
322 Chestnut Street - (800) 537-7676.
Wed.-Sun. 1-5 p.m. Barnacles & Bullets
Sat.-Sun. at 4 p.m. (15 minutes)

PEMBERTON HOUSE MUSEUM SHOP & BOOKSTORE E5
316 Chestnut Street - (215) 597-8019 Daily
9 a.m.-5 p.m. 15% discount for teachers
with ID or proof of teaching FREE

POLISH AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER MUSEUM E6
308 Walnut Street - (215) 922-1700
Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE

U.S. MINT D3
5th & Arch Streets - (215) 408-0114
Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. FREE

OTHER SITES

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. Sugg. Don.: Ad. \$3 • Stu. \$2 ♿

CONGREGATION MIKVEH ISRAEL D4
44 North 4th Street - (215) 922-5446
Same building & hours as Nat'l Museum of
American Jewish History. FREE
mikvehisrael.org for worship schedule. ♿

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

MIKVEH ISRAEL CEMETERY A7
823 Spruce Streets - (215) 922-5446
FREE Summer Tours 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
(Tues.-Fri., & Sun.) Rest of year - By
appointment 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
appointment.

OLD FIRST REFORMED CHURCH E1
4th & Race Streets - (215) 922-4566
Tours by appointment. FREE ♿

OLD PINE PRESBYTERIAN CH. D8
412 Pine Street - (215) 925-8051 Mon.-Fri.
10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun. - Open for Services;
Closed daily 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. FREE ♿

OLD ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH D1
4th Street at the Ben Franklin Bridge
(215) 627-1838
Tours by appointment. 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 D7
252 South 4th Street - (215) 923-7930
Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Open for Services or
by appointment. FREE

SQUAREBURGER C1
6th & Race Streets - Daily 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

ST. GEORGE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH E1
235 North 4th Street - (215) 925-7788
Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sat. & Sun. groups by
appointment only. FREE

ST. PETER 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 ♿

SERVICES

Language Services

Park maps are available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Russian and Spanish. There is information in several languages about the Liberty Bell and other park sites. See a Ranger or ask at the Visitor Center if you have a specific request.

Accessibility

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, 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).

