

*****To help avoid heat-related issues, those attending Wawa Welcome America events should remember too follow these Safety Tips: <https://welcomeamerica.com/guides/safety-tips/>**

There are also many indoor, air-conditioned events visitors can enjoy.***



MEDIA ALERT!

SUNDAY, JULY 1 *WAWA WELCOME AMERICA* FREE FESTIVAL EVENTS: FREE MUSEUM DAY, ORANGETHEORY FREEDOM FIT FEST, GOSPEL ON INDEPENDENCE, PHILLY @ THE MOVIES, AND SAND SCULPTURE SPECTACULAR

- WHAT:** Sand Sculpture Spectacular (display)
- WHEN:** **9:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.**
- WHERE:** The Rotunda at The Shoppes at Liberty Place
1625 Chestnut St.
- MEDIA CONTACT:** April McPhatter
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- TV PARKING:** On street, Chestnut or Market Streets, between 16th and 17th Streets, in curb lane.

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- WHAT:** Free Museum Day at Philadelphia Museum of Art
Part of Wawa Welcome America's Museum Week, The Philadelphia Museum of Art extends an invite to pay what you wish; no tickets required. The Philadelphia Museum of Art brings the arts to life, inspiring

visitors -through scholarly study and creative play- to discover the spirit of imagination that lies in everyone

WHEN: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

WHERE: Philadelphia Museum of Art
2600 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy, Philadelphia, PA 19130

MEDIA

CONTACT: Marcia Birbilis
mlbirbilis@philamuseum.org
215-684-7865

TV PARKING: In street curbside lane in front of museum, or up on patio entering from Art Museum's west entrance.

WHAT: Free Museum Day at Barnes Foundation presented by PECO
Part of Wawa Welcome America's Museum Week, The Barnes Foundation will open their doors for free; no tickets required. The Barnes Foundation is home to one of the finest collections of impressionist, post-impressionist and early modernist paintings in the world- including works by Renoir, Cezanne, Matisse, Picasso- plus important African sculpture and Pennsylvania German furniture and decorative arts.

WHEN: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

WHERE: Barnes Foundation
2025 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy, Philadelphia, PA 19130

MEDIA

CONTACT: Deirdre Maher
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215-278-7162

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TV PARKING: Barnes has an outdoor parking lot, 2025 Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

WHAT: Free Museum Day at the African American Museum
Part of Wawa Welcome America's Museum Week, The African American Museum Barnes will open their doors for free; no tickets required. The African American Museum in Philadelphia is the first institution built by a major United States city to house and interpret the life and work of African Americans. Experience the richness and vibrancy of African American heritage and culture come alive in four magnificent exhibition galleries filled with exciting history and fascinating art.

WHEN: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

WHERE: African American Museum
701 Arch St, Philadelphia, PA 19106

MEDIA

CONTACT: Ivan Henderson
ihenderson@aampmuseum.org
215-574-0380 x223

TV PARKING: On 7th Street near Arch.

WHAT: Free Museum Day at Fort Mifflin
Part of Wawa Welcome America's Museum Week, Fort Mifflin welcomes guests for free; no tickets required. Journey through the Declaration of Independence at Fort Mifflin, a site that defended Philadelphia against the greatest bombardment of the American Revolution. Participate in the flag raising ceremony, then stay to enjoy guided tours, blacksmithing and heritage craft demonstrations plus hands-on living historic activities, uniform, weapon and cannon demonstrations.

WHEN: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

WHERE: Fort Mifflin
1 Fort Mifflin Rd, Philadelphia, PA 19153

MEDIA

CONTACT: Beth Beatty
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609-314-5567

TV PARKING: Outside of facility, Hog Island Rd.

WHAT: Free Museum Morning at One Liberty Observation Deck
Part of Wawa Welcome America's Museum Week, the One Liberty Observation Deck will open their doors for free; no tickets required. Discover all the attractions in Philadelphia right from the Philadelphia skyline at the One Liberty Observation Deck.

WHEN: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

WHERE: One Liberty Observation Deck
1650 Market St #5700, Philadelphia, PA 19103

MEDIA

CONTACT: Jessica Blank
jessica@phillyfromthetop.com

TV PARKING: South side of Market St., between 17th & 16th streets

WHAT: Orangetheory Freedom Fit Fest
Fitness enthusiasts of all levels are welcome to row, run or ride with free Orangetheory Fitness inspired activities at the steps at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Activities include scenic runs, rowing challenges and pop-up classes followed by a free showing of *Rocky*, part of Philly @ the Movies presented by St. Christopher Hospital and Hahnemann University Hospital. Guests can also enjoy an outdoor beer garden with bites from local food trucks throughout the day. Supported by the U.S. Army. Visit

welcomeamerica.com for full schedule and weather-related updates.
Sunday, July 1 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

WHEN: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

WHERE: Art Museum Steps
2600 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy, Philadelphia, PA 19130

MEDIA

CONTACT: Kellianne Nicholas
kellianne@welcomeamerica.com
215-760-2377

TV PARKING: None officially (TV media parks in street curbside in front of museum, or up on patio entering from Art Museum's west entrance.)

WHAT: Free Museum Day at Free Library of Philadelphia Rare Books
Part of Wawa Welcome America's Museum Week, the Free Library Rare Books will open their doors for free, but tickets are suggested due to the limited capacity of the Free Library. Check out the Rare Book Department's latest exhibition—**In Our Nature: Flora and Fauna of the Americas**—to see historic texts and stunning illustrations about the natural world that demonstrate humans' relationships with native and introduced species.

Reserve your tickets here:
<https://libwww.freelibrary.org/locations/parkway-central-library>

WHEN: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

WHERE: Free Library of Philadelphia (Parkway Central Library)
1901 Vine St, Philadelphia, PA 19103

MEDIA

CONTACT: Sandy Horrocks
horrockss@freelibrary.org
267-455-7373

TV PARKING: On street in front of Vine Street or on 19th or 20th streets next to library.

WHAT: Gospel on Independence
Gospel on Independence, supported by Wells Fargo and media partner *The Philadelphia Tribune*, will send a message of love through song with performances by more than 150 singers and praise dancers from throughout the tri-state area, including the dynamic singing preachers “The Four Tenors,” for a hand-clapping and foot stomping soulful good time. *Mayor Scheduled to attend 7 p.m.*

WHEN: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

WHERE: Independence Hall
520 Chestnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19106

MEDIA

CONTACT: Kellianne Nicholas
kellianne@welcomeamerica.com
215-760-2377

MEDIA AREA: Media riser in media section on the north side of the 500 block of Chestnut St. Media check-in located inside the enclosed media area. Distance (the throw) from the media platform to the main stage in front of Independence Hall is about 125 feet. Bring long lens.

TV PARKING: 5th Street, between Chestnut and Market streets, (closest to Market, north of Ludlow; between Ludlow and Market on either side of street).

WHAT: Philly @ the Movies – Rocky presented by St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children and Hahnemann University Hospital
Enjoy *Rocky* on the very steps that made Mr. Stallone famous as part of Wawa Welcome America’s movie series! Before the movie, attendees can take part in a Rock look-alike contest for a chance to win 2 up-front tickets to the Wawa Welcome America Fireworks and Concert featuring Pitbull. for free; no tickets required. This event is free; no tickets required.

WHEN: 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. (9 p.m. movie showing)

WHERE: Art Museum Steps
2600 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy, Philadelphia, PA 19130

MEDIA

CONTACT: Kellianne Nicholas
kellianne@welcomeamerica.com
215-760-2377

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WHAT: Brews & Views
Guests over age 21 can enjoy drinks on the Skyline Terrace and take in spectacular views of the city at the Parkway Central Library's rooftop beer garden series!

WHEN: **5 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

WHERE: Skyline Terrace at Free Library of Philadelphia
1901 Vine Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

MEDIA

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TV PARKING: On street in front of Vine Street or on 19th or 20th streets next to library

About Wawa Welcome America

Wawa Welcome America is a seven-day festival taking place Thursday, June 28 through Wednesday, July 4 that celebrates American history, education and Philadelphia. The 2018 festival will encompass 50 free, all-ages, patriotic events in Center City, the Historic District, in Philadelphia's diverse neighborhoods and Valley Forge. The festival concludes with 12 hours of non-stop commemorations and celebrations on July 4th. The theme of this year's *Wawa Welcome America* is "Welcoming the World with Love."

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