

*****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!

MONDAY, JULY 2 *WAWA WELCOME AMERICA* FREE FESTIVAL EVENTS: FREE MUSEUM DAY, PECO GO 4TH AND LEARN, PHILLY @ THE MOVIES, BROADWAY PHILADELPHIA ON INDEPENDENCE, RED WHITE & BLUE HAPPY HOURS, 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.

WHAT: Free Museum Day at the Mutter Museum
Eighteen of Philadelphia's museums and cultural institutions will open their doors free of charge (or an optional pay what you wish) during *Wawa Welcome America*...more museums than before! Courtesy of each museum and institution. America's Finest Museum of Medical History, The Mutter Museum helps the public appreciate the mysteries and beauty

of the human body while understanding the history of diagnosis and treatment of disease. Exhibits include slides of Einstein's Brain, the jaw tumor of former President Grover Cleveland, and the Benjamin Rush Medicinal Plant Garden. Admission is pay what you wish. No tickets required.

WHEN: **Monday, July 2 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

WHERE: Mutter Museum
3001, 19 S 22nd St, Philadelphia, PA 19103

MEDIA

CONTACT: Daniel Corti
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215-399-2026

Gillian Ladley
215-399-2340

TV PARKING: 21st Street behind museum (access from 21 St., between Market and Chestnut Streets. Contact Jillian Lively a 215-399-2340 for further assistance onsite.

WHAT: Free Museum Day at the Philadelphia Museum of Art
Eighteen of Philadelphia's museums and cultural institutions will open their doors free of charge (or an optional pay what you wish) during *Wawa Welcome America*...more museums than before! Courtesy of each museum and institution. The Philadelphia Museum of Art is your Museum. We welcome you to experience this season's exciting exhibitions, events, and activities. Connect with art in surprising, lively, new, and memorable ways. Admission is pay what you wish. No ticket required.

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

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

MEDIA

CONTACT: Marcia Birbilis - Senior Marketing Manager
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215-684-7865

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: PECO Go 4th & Learn
Wawa Welcome America makes summer learning fun with Go 4th& Learn's fun educational interactive activities. Programming includes African American culture and history, arts and crafts and a book giveaway from Books in Homes USA.

WHEN: **10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

WHERE: Uncle Bobbie's Coffee & Books
5445 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19144

MEDIA

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

TV PARKING: On street on Germantown Avenue

WHAT: Philly @ the Movies - Pitch Perfect
Beat the heat and enjoy a free family-friendly movie screening of Pitch Perfect inside at Xfinity Live! This is part of Philly @ the Movies series presented by St. Christopher Hospital and Hahnemann University Hospital. The series features films compliments of NBC10 and Telemundo62. Free parking available in Sports Complex G Lot. Must download free ticket at <https://welcomeamerica.com/event/philly-the-movies-pitch-perfect/>.

WHEN: 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

WHERE: Xfinity Live!
1100 Pattison Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19148

MEDIA

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TV PARKING: On-site free parking available.

WHAT: Broadway Philadelphia on Independence
Kimmel Center's Broadway Philadelphia on Independence will delight audiences with song selections from the 2018-2019 Broadway Philadelphia season featuring performances from some of Broadway's hottest shows coming to Philadelphia including *Charlie & The Chocolate Factory*; *Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical*; *RENT*; *Anastasia*; *CATS*; and *Beautiful – The Carole King Musical*. Supported by media partner *The Philadelphia Gay News*.

WHEN: 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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

MEDIA

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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: Red, White & Blue Happy Hours
Guests over age 21 can indulge in tasty food, crafty cocktails and dynamic entertainment at the return of Red, White & Blue Happy Hours. Each happy hour will give away 2 upfront tickets to July 4th Concert starring Pitbull and featuring Philly POPS BIG Band, Heather Headley and Viva Mas.

WHEN: 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

WHERE: Moshulu Philadelphia - 401 S. Columbus Blvd, Philadelphia PA 19106

Founding Farmers (Valley Forge) - 255 Main Street, King of Prussia, PA 19046

Cube Libre - 10 S. 2nd St, Philadelphia PA 19106

Sofitel Liberte Blue - 120 S. 17th St, Philadelphia PA 19103

MEDIA

CONTACT: Kellianne Nicholas
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TV PARKING: Parking has not been arranged through the festival. Please contact the venues directly for media parking.

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

CONTACT: Nina Scimenes
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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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