

[Click here](#) for the 2019 Wawa Welcome America brochure, listing all of the festival events.

**** To help avoid heat-related issues, those attending Wawa Welcome America events should remember to follow these [Safety Tips](#).

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

Text “America” to 888-777 for updated event information and helpful tips!



MEDIA ALERT

MONDAY, JULY 1

WAWA WELCOME AMERICA FREE FESTIVAL EVENTS:

**Free Museums •• PECO Go 4th & Learn at Penn Park •• Chase Presents:
Philly @ the Movies: Invincible Powered By NRG •• Photo Pop Philly: Sweet
Paradise At The Bourse •• Citywide Reading •• The United States Army Field
Band & Wawa Welcome America Waterfront Fireworks ••
Philadelphia International Airport Photo Exhibit**

WHAT:

Free Museum Day at Museum at the American Revolution

For the first time ever during Wawa Welcome America Free Museum & Attraction Series, the Museum of the American Revolution invites you to explore the founding story of the United States. From the signing of the Declaration of Independence to the creation of the American Republic, explore the ideas, events, and legacies of America’s revolutionary beginnings. Free admission includes access to the limited-run, special exhibit “A New Constellation: A Collection of Historic 13-Star Flags,” which is on view through July 21. Tickets for the “Washington’s War Tent” show will be available for \$5 on-site at the Museum’s box office on a first come, first-serve basis. Ticketing information can be found [here](#).

WHEN:

Monday, July 1, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: 101 S. 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

MEDIA

CONTACT: Alex McKechnie amckechnie@amrevmuseum.org
Office: 267-579-3538 Mobile: 401-651-7550

TV PARKING: West side of 5th Street, between Market and Arch streets.??

WHAT: **Free Museum Day at Independence Seaport Museum**

Join the Wawa Welcome America Free Museum & Attraction Series at the Independence Seaport Museum. Dive into the new *River Alive!* exhibit that brings the wildlife, science, and wonder of the Delaware River up close. Raise the sails on the pirate ship Diligence and submerge yourself in hands-on exhibits, the Workshop on the Water, Citizen Science Lab, and MakerSpace, plus one of the largest maritime art and artifact collections in North America. For ticketing, please click [here](#).

*Please note while the Museum's building is free, to visit the National Historic Landmark ships, Cruiser Olympia and Submarine Becuna there is an \$8.00 per person charge. Additionally, to paddle on Paddle Penn's Landing there is an \$8.00 per person fee per 30 minutes.

WHEN: **Monday, July 1, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

WHERE: 211 S. Columbus Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19106

MEDIA

CONTACT: Emily Charles (Maven Communications for Independence Seaport Museum), echarles@mavenagency.com 215-589-7183

TV PARKING: Designated media parking has not been secured for this event.

WHAT: **Photo Pop Philly: Sweet Paradise at The Bourse**

This unique pop-up experience will make you feel like you are in a sweet paradise as you strike a pose with your friends and family at this Instagram-worthy exhibit. It is open all summer long, but you can pop in during these exclusive opportunities for FREE! Free admission is only offered from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on a first come first serve basis. Tickets can be purchased for the rest of the day.

WHEN: **Monday, July 1, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

WHERE: The Bourse, 111 S. Independence Mall E, Philadelphia, PA 19106

MEDIA

CONTACT: Kate Marlys, Philly PR Girl
kate@phillyprgirl.com 267-930-8733

TV PARKING: Designated media parking has not been secured for this event.

WHAT: **PECO Go 4th & Learn at Penn Park**
Calling all kids! Join us for a fun, educational day filled with interactive games and activities that celebrate healthy living, fitness, culture and the arts, along with a free book giveaway. City Representative Sheila Hess will present remarks and read to children in the late morning.

WHEN: **Monday, July 1, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Penn Park at University of Pennsylvania, 30th & Lower Walnut Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19104

MEDIA

CONTACT: Kellianne DeBlase, Welcome America, VP of Marketing & Event Branding, press@welcomeamerica.com 215-760-2377

TV PARKING: TV trucks can park in the University of Pennsylvania Tennis Center parking lot, located at 240 S. 31st Street. Entrance to the lot is located on Jones Way, off of Lower Walnut and 31st Streets.

Penn Park Parking lot, 3100 Lower Walnut Street

WHAT: **Citywide Reading**
Hundreds of free books, courtesy of Books in Homes USA, will be distributed during citywide guest reading events at select branches of the Free Library of Philadelphia. Notable Philadelphians, including Mayor Jim Kenney will read to children for an entertaining, fun-filled afternoon. A special thanks to PECO for helping make these community events possible, and to the Free Library of Philadelphia for hosting. And thanks to our partners at the Office of Arts, Culture & the Creative Economy.

WHEN: **Monday, July 1, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Whitman Library - 200 Snyder Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19148
Haddington Library - 446 N 65th St., Philadelphia, PA 19151
Lawncrest Library - 6098 Rising Sun Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111
Logan Library - 1333 Wagner Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19141

***Please note, media is only invited to Haddington Library.**

MEDIA

CONTACT: Kaitlyn Foti, PR Manager, Free Library of Philadelphia
FotiK@freelibrary.org

TV PARKING: Designated media parking has not been secured for this event and varies by location.

WHAT: **Philly @ the Movies presented by Chase:**

Invincible

Powered by NRG

Celebrate Franklin Field's 125th Anniversary with the fan favorite *Invincible*, which pays tribute to Philadelphia Eagle and local hero, Vince Papale. Participate in activities on the field where scenes of the movie were filmed. Sign the commemorative 125th anniversary display. Demonstrate your football skills by kicking a field goal or participating in a football-throwing clinic. Test your football and movie knowledge with trivia hosted by Bobby Mansure. Guests can enjoy complimentary popcorn and blanket courtesy of Chase (while supplies lasts) and tasty treats from Tastykake. Additional movie snacks will be available for purchase. The movie will begin at 7:00 p.m. This event is in partnership with the Philadelphia Film Society. Movie rated PG. City Representative Sheila Hess will attend and do an introduction.

WHEN: Franklin Field at University of Pennsylvania, 33rd & Spruce Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19104

WHERE: **Monday, July 1, 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

MEDIA

CONTACT: Chas Dorman, Associate Director of Athletic Communications / Director of Social Media, University of Pennsylvania, dorman@upenn.edu

Kellianne DeBlase, Welcome America, VP of Marketing & Event Branding, press@welcomeamerica.com 215-760-2377

TV PARKING: TV trucks can park along Franklin Field on 33rd Street.

WHAT: **The United States Army Field Band & Wawa Welcome America Waterfront Fireworks**

Join the U.S. Army Field Band for a musical celebration of American independence in the city where it all began. Come early to enjoy music by DJ Cutmaster while scaling up the U.S. Army rock climbing wall and participating in interactive activities with the U.S. Army and other sponsors. Join in the dance party with Philly's own, Jerry Blavat. Valerie

Knight from iHeart Radio's 106.1 The Breeze will host the celebration featuring special guest the Honorable Patrick J. Murphy, former acting Secretary of the U.S. Army and former U.S. Congressman.

The U.S. Army Field Band will debut "Let Freedom Ring," a musical and visual celebration to honor Independence Day at 8 p.m. Recall the historic fight for liberty as authentic fifes and drums march out "Yankee Doodle." Feel the power of American music as the Concert Band performs one of the most iconic symphonic works of all time, the Finale from Aaron Copland's "Symphony No. 3." Join Army Field Band Soldiers as they honor the Greatest Generation and mark the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day landing at Normandy. The program comes to a dramatic conclusion as the Concert Band and Soldiers' Chorus perform "Testament of Freedom," based on the writings of Thomas Jefferson. The evening concludes with a breathtaking fireworks finale choreographed to a soundtrack featuring Great American Orators. Fireworks are presented by *Comcast NBCUniversal, Delaware River Waterfront Corporation, and Pyrotecnico*. Mayor Jim Kenney and City Representative Sheila Hess are expected to attend.

WHEN: **Monday, July 1, 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Great Plaza at Penn's Landing, 101 S. Columbus Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19106

MEDIA CONTACT: Kellianne DeBlase, Welcome America, VP of Marketing & Event Branding, press@welcomeamerica.com 215-760-2377

MSG Brian T. Sacawa, The U.S. Army Field Band, Public Affairs, Brian.t.sacawa.mil@mail.mil 301-310-8133

Almaz D. Crowe, DRWC, Director of Communications & Marketing acrowe@drwc.org 267-269-0184

TV PARKING: Parking Lot at Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest on Columbus Boulevard at Market Street

WHAT: **Philadelphia International Airport Photo Exhibit:**
Philadelphia, A Global Medical HUB since the 1700s
Check out the Philadelphia International Airport's *Philadelphia, A Global Medical HUB since the 1700s* exhibition. This photo exhibit highlights the region's globally renowned medical community throughout history and is in partnership with Philadelphia International Medicine. Available in Terminal A-East to ticketed passengers.

WHEN: Now- June 2020

WHERE: Philadelphia International Airport, 8000 Essington Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19153

MEDIA CONTACT: art.airport@phl.org

TV PARKING: Designated media parking has not been secured for this event. PHL has a protocol for media access and parking, and will send out own media advisory.

About Wawa Welcome America

Wawa Welcome America is a six-day festival taking place Saturday, June 29 through Thursday, July 4 that celebrates American history, education, and Philadelphia. The 2019 festival will encompass 50 free, all-ages, patriotic events in Center City, the Historic District, and in Philadelphia’s diverse neighborhoods. The festival concludes with 12 hours of non-stop commemorations and celebrations on July 4th. The theme of this year’s *Wawa Welcome America* festival is “Celebrate With Us.”

For more information, visit WelcomeAmerica.com. Join the conversation at:

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- Twitter – [Twitter.com/July4thPhilly](https://twitter.com/July4thPhilly)
- Instagram – [Instagram.com/July4thPhilly](https://www.instagram.com/July4thPhilly)

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