

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

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

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

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



MEDIA ALERT!

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

***WAWA WELCOME AMERICA* FREE FESTIVAL EVENTS:**

Free Museums •• The Philly Ice Cream Scoop •• Philadelphia International Airport Photo Exhibit •• United States Army Band “Pershing’s Own” Concert & Wawa Welcome America Waterfront Fireworks

WHAT: **Free Museum Day at Christ Church**
Part of Wawa Welcome America’s Free Museum & Attraction Series, the Christ Church extends an invitation for guests to tour the sanctuary for free. The Christ Church, cited as “the finest specimen of Colonial architecture standing,” hosted the Continental Congresses and counted Benjamin Rush, Benjamin Franklin, and Betsy Ross among its members during the Revolutionary Era.

WHEN: **Saturday, June 29, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

WHERE: 20 N. American Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

MEDIA CONTACT: Barbara Hogue, Executive Director
bhogue@christchurchphila.com
215-922-1695 ext. 29

TV PARKING: In front of church or alley.

WHAT: **Free Museum Day at Free Library of Philadelphia Rare Book Department**
Part of Wawa Welcome America's Free Museum & Attraction Series, the Free Library of Philadelphia invites people to explore the Rare Book Department's latest exhibition, *Our 5 Senses*. The Rare Book department provides access to historically important books, manuscripts, and works of art from 3,000 BC to today. Pre-registration is required. Register [here](#).

WHEN: **Saturday, June 29, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

WHERE: 1901 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104

MEDIA CONTACT: Kaitlyn Foti
fotik@freelibrary.org
215-814-3520

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

WHAT: **The Philly Ice Cream Scoop**
Kick off the Welcome America festivities at the Philly Ice Cream Scoop, the largest ice cream festival in the country, at the world-renowned, 126-year-old Reading Terminal Market. Fourteen of the region's best ice cream artisans including Sweet Charlie's, Franklin Fountain, Weckerly's Ice Cream, and many more join forces with dozens of the Market's own merchants to offer ice cream specials galore. Join ice cream eating contests, games, activities, and demonstrations throughout the day while enjoying live music and other entertainment! It's an event too cool to miss! Admission to the event and all activities are free; ice cream is pay-as-you-go.

WHEN: **Saturday, June 29, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Reading Terminal Market, 12th & Filbert Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19107

MEDIA CONTACT: Sarah Levitsky, Reading Terminal Market, Marketing Director
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TV PARKING: On street on Arch or Filbert Streets.

WHAT: **United States Army Band “Pershing’s Own” Concert & Wawa Welcome America Waterfront Fireworks**
Get into the Independence Day spirit early with a patriotic, all-star concert to kick off the week performed by the United States Army Band “Pershing’s Own.” The band provides music in support of the leadership of the United States of America and includes all branches of government, Department of Defense, Department of the Army, and the U.S. Army Military District of Washington. **City Representative Sheila Hess will present welcome remarks before the concert.** Following the performance, watch a thrilling fireworks display, choreographed to a rousing soundtrack over the Delaware River Waterfront. *Fireworks presented by Comcast NBCUniversal, Delaware River Waterfront Corporation, and Pyrotecnico.*

WHEN: **Saturday, June 29, 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

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

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press@welcomeamerica.com 215-760-2377

TV PARKING: Parking Lot at Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest on Columbus Boulevard at Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

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

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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.”

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