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 2026

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING

Be informed. Be prepared. Be secure.



Complete Cybersecurity Awareness Training by June 19!

By the **Office of Innovation and Technology**

The Office of Innovation and Technology is pleased to announce the launch of the 2026 Cybersecurity Awareness Training. This annual training helps strengthen the City's security posture and protect the data, systems, and services we rely on every day.

Last year marked a major milestone for our Citywide Cybersecurity Training Program: for the first time, we exceeded industry benchmarks, achieving a 91% completion rate—up from our historical average of 65%. This accomplishment reflects a strong, shared commitment across departments to prioritizing cybersecurity.

The 2026 training takes about 45 minutes and must be completed by City employees and contractors by **Friday, June 19**.

Participants will stay up to date on today's most relevant cybersecurity risks, including phishing trends, credential security, and best practices to help remain vigilant against evolving threats.

[Access the 2026 Cybersecurity Awareness Training on SmarterU!](#)



Can't access the training?

Email **ISGCSAT@phila.gov**

Note: PPD and DBHIDS employees are exempt from taking this training.

This Month We Recognize:

Juneteenth - June 19, 2026 (CITY CLOSED), LGBTQ+ Pride Month, Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month, Immigrant Heritage Month, and more.

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A Message from the **Executive Director of LGBTQ+ Affairs**

Dear City of Philadelphia Colleagues,

As we recognize Pride Month this June, I want to take a moment to introduce myself and share how honored I am to serve as Philadelphia's Executive Director of LGBTQ+ Affairs.

While I am new to this role, my service to the city dates back to 2017. Throughout my career, I have worked at the intersection of law, advocacy, education, and community engagement, with a focus on supporting vulnerable populations, advancing equity, and creating systems that better serve people. Those experiences shaped how I lead and ultimately made this transition the correct next chapter in my journey.

This role brings together many of the issues that have mattered to me throughout my career: access, belonging, health, safety, visibility, and ensuring people feel connected to their city and the resources available to them.

As I step into this position, my vision for the Office of LGBTQ+ Affairs is one centered on building bridges across communities, departments, sectors, and lived experiences. I believe our work is strongest when it brings people together and creates partnerships that move us forward.

Our focus will include reducing barriers to economic empowerment, advancing public safety, expanding access to healthcare and wellness resources, and ensuring all Philadelphians are connected to the opportunities and support they need to enjoy productive, joyful lives.

Pride Month gives us an opportunity to celebrate the history, resilience, and contributions of LGBTQ+ Philadelphians while recommitting ourselves to the values that make Philadelphia strong: dignity, equity, belonging, and opportunity for all.

Our office will be visible throughout the month of June at events across the city as we engage residents, strengthen partnerships, and celebrate our communities.

Our Pride programming begins on June 5 at noon with the **City's Pride Flag Raising** at City Hall, followed by participation in the **Pride March and Festival** on June 7. We will also recognize **Disability Pride** on June 13, highlighting the importance of ensuring that all members of our community are seen and supported.

On June 20, we are proud to be a part of the planning committee of the **Community Health and Help Expo**, bringing together over 400 organizations, service providers, and community partners from across Philadelphia to connect residents with resources and services. The event is open to everyone and reflects our commitment to health equity, access, and community wellbeing.

Philadelphia has long been a leader in advancing inclusion, and that legacy exists because of people who chose to build a city where everyone has the opportunity to make their dreams realities. I am excited to continue that work alongside colleagues across City government and throughout our communities.

I look forward to meeting many of you in the weeks and months ahead, and thank you for everything you do each day in service to Philadelphia.

With gratitude,

Tito Valdes, Esq.
Executive Director of the Office of LGBTQ+ Affairs





Who is working successphilly?

Mayor's Office and Philadelphia Department of Prisons

We extend our deepest gratitude to the organizations, community leaders, and partners who stepped up to support healthcare workers serving at the Philadelphia Department of Prisons (PDP) during an incredibly difficult time. The affected employees worked for YesCare, the private healthcare contractor responsible for providing medical services within the PDP.

After YesCare filed for bankruptcy, many dedicated healthcare employees went nearly a month without pay. In response, the City quickly organized a food drive on Thursday, May 21 to provide much-needed assistance to these frontline workers and their families.



Special thanks to Caring for Friends, Share Food Program, Sharing Excess, and Philabundance for providing food and essential supplies; to Anton Moore, Executive Director of Public Engagement and Neighborhood Affairs for the City of Philadelphia, for his leadership and advocacy; and to Sysco Food Service, Aramark, Burns Family Neighborhood Markets, and Hospital and Health Care Union District 1199C for their generosity and partnership.

Your compassion, urgency, and commitment to supporting these healthcare workers reflected the very best of Philadelphia. We also thank the Philadelphia Department of Prisons for making the Riverside Correctional Facility gymnasium available on short notice to host this important community effort.



PARKS & REC LAUNCHES IT'S A SUMMER THING 2026!

When schools let out for the summer, young people still need safe, structured, supervised, engaging activities to fill their days.

Welcome to It's A Summer Thing, your line-up of free or low-cost programs and activities that are available to children, youth, teens, and families all summer long.

From the toddler who appreciates a good sprayground to the maturing teenager who needs a summer job, we've got your family covered with **#ItsASummerThing**.

[**It's A Summer Thing
2026 Programs**](#)



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE POLICY AND TRAINING

The City of Philadelphia has launched a comprehensive Microsoft Copilot Chat Training program to help employees use AI tools more effectively and responsibly. The training covers key topics such as Copilot Chat's features, creating better prompts, using AI for everyday tasks, and ensuring safe, guideline-compliant usage.

All staff, whether new or experienced with AI tools, must participate to build practical skills for improved efficiency. Remember, only Microsoft Copilot Chat is approved for City data; commercial tools like ChatGPT are not permitted.

[**Copilot Chat AI
Training**](#)



GET TO KNOW VISION ZERO

Vision Zero Philadelphia is a collaborative effort led by the City of Philadelphia to improve traffic safety on city streets. Member organizations with a variety of backgrounds and expertise work together toward our goal of zero traffic deaths. Our work empowers communities, designs and builds safe streets, promotes safe and healthy modes of transportation, and enacts policies across all sectors and levels of government.

Want to stay updated? Vision Zero publishes a monthly newsletter where you can find the latest news, events, and project updates on visionzerophl.com.

[**Sign up for Vision Zero
newsletter**](#)



LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH TEAMS BACKGROUND

The Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion has created a Teams background for Pride Month featuring trailblazing members of the LGBTQ+ Community who were born and/or live(d) in Philadelphia. The individuals pictured left to right:

- Gloria Casarez
- Charlene Arcila
- Dr. John E. Fryer
- Michael S. Hinson Jr.
- Kiyoshi Kuromiya
- Gladys Bentley
- Flawless Sabrina
- Barbara Gittings

[**Download Pride Month
Teams background**](#)

2026 in Philadelphia



Text CupPHL to 888-777

Keep informed about developing FIFA information from the City with free ReadyPhiladelphia text alerts.

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Get READY for FIFA in Philly!

Residents, businesses, and visitors: Keep informed about developing FIFA World Cup information from the City, including transit & public safety details, with free ReadyPhiladelphia text alerts.

Simply text **CupPHL** to **888-777** to enroll.

Visit the 2026 Resource Hub

The City is working to ensure residents, businesses, and visitors are prepared to experience [Philadelphia's 2026 special events](#) and celebrate America's 250th birthday. On the 2026 Resource Hub page, you'll find helpful resources, major event details, and public safety guides.

We'll keep this page updated regularly with the latest information and resources.

For additional information concerning Philly World Cup safety and event details, [visit OEM's 2026 Fifa World Cup page](#).

FIFA Fan Festival Opens June 11!

Fans eager to get in on the FIFA action can head to the 39-day FIFA Fan Festival, a free event expected to draw thousands.

Although admission is free, anyone planning to attend must register ahead of time through the official [Philadelphia Soccer 2026 host website](#).

Select the date you want to visit, fill out the registration form, and you'll receive digital tickets that must be presented to enter the secured event area.



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The festival will be held at Lemon Hill in East Fairmount Park. You can expect huge screens showing live matches and highlights, a variety of food and drink vendors, and a vendor village where you can shop for local goods. Information for additional ticketed programming at Lemon Hill such as live performances coming soon!



June 6

First American Flag: 1777

Stars, stripes and stitching history! Visit the birthplace of the first American flag and learn the story behind the bold woman who started it all ... Betsy Ross. Red, white and brave!

Where: Betsy Ross House, 239 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA

June 13

First U.S. Army: 1775

Before there was even a country, there were heroes. Philly is where the U.S. Army was born, kicking off a legacy of service, courage and dedication that still stands strong today.

Where: Museum of the American Revolution, 101 S. 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA

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Making It Happen: Upcoming Events!

Skyline Sway: Voguing

Free Library of Philadelphia
June 1, 2026 | 6:30 p.m.
Parkway Central Library, 1901 Vine St

Join the Free Library of Philadelphia's Special Collections and Music Department for a series of free beginner dance classes! The classes will be held in Skyline Room on the 4th Floor of the library. The June 1 class will be voguing taught by Rylee Locker. Classes are brought to you by Urban Movement Arts and Laurel Card Latin Dance. This program is a part of the exhibition celebrating America's 250th, *Philadelphia: For the People*, which will be on display from June 2026 - December 2026 in the 2nd Floor West Gallery of the Parkway Central Library. [**View Skyline Sway: Voguing on the Free Library calendar.**](#)

Join us for Immigration Heritage Month!

Office of Immigrant Affairs
Free Library of Philadelphia
June 3, 2026 | 10 a.m.
Parkway Central Library, 1901 Vine St

Join the Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA) at Parkway Central Library as Philadelphia kicks off Immigrant Heritage Month with a lively, multi-part event celebrating 250 years of immigrant contributions to our city. The program brings together community members, artists, advocates, and civic leaders to explore how immigrant heritage comes to life through art, festivals, parades, and neighborhood traditions. Attendees are welcome to move between sessions throughout the morning and early afternoon. This event is free and open to everyone. [**View Join us for Immigrant Heritage Month on the Free Library calendar.**](#)

Diabetes Management Lunch and Learn

Office of Human Resources
June 3, 2026 | 12 p.m.
Virtual - Teams

All City employees are invited to take part in a virtual Lunch and Learn about Diabetes Care and Management on Wednesday, June 3 from 12 - 1 p.m. The session will be hosted by Teladoc Health and will take place on Microsoft Teams. Prepare to gain valuable information about diabetes care, learn healthy recipes, and more! [**Register for Diabetes Management Lunch and Learn \(June 3\).**](#)

CPOC Oversight Fest: Celebrating 5 Years

Citizens Police Oversight Commission
June 9, 2026 | 4:30 p.m.
Clark Park, 43rd St & Baltimore Ave

This June 9, 2026, the Citizens Police Oversight Commission (CPOC) turns five years old, and we're celebrating the moment in a big way. Join us for CPOC Oversight Fest, a free community celebration at Clark Park in West Philadelphia on Tuesday, June 9 from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. You can expect resource tables, live music, artists, food, and kid-friendly fun. No registration needed! Bring the family, and share this event with your networks! [**View the CPOC Oversight Fest flyer.**](#)

Free Family Fishing with Discovery Pathways

Philadelphia Parks and Recreation
June 10, 2026 | 4 p.m.
Boathouse at FDR Park
1500 Pattison Ave & S Broad

Join [Discovery Pathways](#) to learn and try fishing, right here in South Philly. Fishing is Wednesdays From 4-6:30 p.m. We provide rods, bait, and basic instruction. All ages are welcome. The lakes are clean, and fish include bass, catfish, sunfish/ bluegill, carp, and more. No fishing license or experience is needed. [**View the Friends of FDR Park event calendar**](#)

City of Philadelphia Safety Fair

Risk Management
June 16, 2026 | 10 a.m.
LOVE Park

Mark your calendars for the City of Philadelphia Safety Fair 2026! Join us as we learn how to stay safe at home, at work, and in our communities. We're bringing the energy to Center City with a day full of resources and fun, including free giveaways, safety vendors, biometric and health screenings, and live music. The event will take place at LOVE Park on June 16, 2026, from 10 a.m - 2 p.m. Admission is completely free, so come out and help us keep Philadelphia safe, thriving, and strong!

CEA Learning Series - Accessibility and Inclusion

*Office of Community Empowerment and
Opportunity*
June 17, 2026 | 6 p.m.
Virtual - Zoom

The Civic Engagement Academy (CEA) is a free training program that provides community members with the tools to create lasting positive change. In this training, we'll offer guidance on how organizations can ensure that every unique individual feels welcomed and empowered to participate. [**Register for CEA Learning Series - Accessibility and Inclusion**](#)

Skyline Sway: Latin Dance

Free Library of Philadelphia
July 6, 2026 | 6:30 p.m.
Parkway Central Library, 1901 Vine St

Join the Free Library of Philadelphia's Special Collections and Music Department for a series of free beginner dance classes! The classes will be held in Skyline Room on the 4th Floor of the library. The July 6 class will be Latin Dancing taught by Laurel Card. This program is a part of the exhibition celebrating America's 250th, *Philadelphia: For the People*, which will be on display from June 2026 - December 2026 in the 2nd Floor West Gallery of the Parkway Central Library. [**View Skyline Sway: Latin Dance on the Free Library calendar.**](#)

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Work ResourcePhilly

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STAY CONNECTED. STAY INFORMED.

Whether you're in the office or out in the field, the City of Philadelphia Employee Website is your one-stop destination for the latest news, tools, and updates that matter to YOU including:

- ✔ Benefits & Open Enrollment Info
- ✔ Training Opportunities
- ✔ Resources to Help You Thrive
- ✔ Payroll Access
- ✔ Employee News
- ✔ Share Your Story

GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW CITY EMPLOYEES.

From Water to Parks & Rec, from Licenses & Inspections to Health – we're all on the same team. The Employee Website helps build a stronger, more connected City workforce by sharing stories, spotlighting departments, and celebrating our collective impact.



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[Employee.phila.gov](https://employee.phila.gov)

Employee.phila.gov is a new online resource designed to support City employees. This hub brings together essential information in one easy-to-access location! Need details on benefits, workplace policies, or well-being programs? The hub site has you covered with clear, up-to-date information. The site also provides tools to help you share career opportunities with friends, family, and community members who may be interested in joining the City workforce. [Explore the page!](#)

CITY RESOURCE GROUP MEETINGS

City Resource Groups (CRGs) create employee-led spaces to support diverse communities and allies, helping make the City a more inclusive workplace. CRGs offer networking, leadership opportunities, and skill-building through professional development. Members also collaborate with the Office of DEI to support departmental diversity goals. [Learn more about CRGs](#) or email Brenna.Schmidt@phila.gov to join or get involved.

CITYWIDE IT TRAINING

The Office of Innovation & Technology contracts with several vendors to provide information technology training. This is available on site, hands-on, and interactively to all City Departments. The Order Form and the Course Catalog are posted on the Office of Innovation and Technology Intranet, see Forms and Document Page. Please note that all training requires the approval of both the department's authorized personnel and fiscal agent. [VIEW AVAILABLE COURSES](#)

LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

NEW self-care and mental health resources for employees coping with the impact of COVID-19 are now available on the LMS, in addition to a variety of training and career development resources. Simply visit the Knowledge Base on the LMS for more information on COVID-19 Employee Self-Care. [ACCESS THE LMS](#)

LANGUAGE ACCESS PHILLY

All City departments must have a Language Access Plan (LAP) to ensure residents with non-English language preference (NELP) can access services for free.

Language Access Philly connects departments with interpretation and translation services to support multilingual communities. Need help? Contact your Language Access Coordinator or [visit the Language Access Philly resource page](#).

DISABILITY ACCESS RESOURCES

The City of Philadelphia is committed to making City services accessible to all residents, including people with disabilities. Through policies, programs, and resources, the Office for People with Disabilities works to support inclusion and access. Explore accessible spaces, disability data, systems navigation videos, and key policies. Learn more on [the website](#) and contact the Office for support.

CITY INTRANET

Receive updates and access City resources like central duplication, an updated org chart, and updates on employee benefits and programs! All announcements listed here are also posted to the City's Intranet. Please note, you must be connected to either City Wi-Fi, LAN, or through approved VPN to access. [CHECK IT OUT](#)

SEPTA KEY ADVANTAGE

There's still time to get on board with **SEPTA Key Advantage**. Whether you're already enrolled or thinking about signing up, keep riding with ease. Log in to app.jawntpass.com to register your KeyCard today.

RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT FUND

Resident Engagement Fund: City departments seeking funding to pay residents during community engagement activities can apply through the Resident Engagement Fund, administered by the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer. [LINK HERE](#) or email ResidentComp@phila.gov

READYPHILADELPHIA

Stay connected to the weather forecast and important information from the City, directly to your phone! The city's emergency notification system is now available in 11 languages including American Sign Language. Text READYPHILA to 888777 to receive alerts to your device or sign up with your preferred language by visiting our ReadyPhiladelphia [webpage](#) for phone and text alerts. [SIGN UP FOR ALERTS](#)

CITY COLLEGE FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT

Have you seen the new homepage for the City College for Municipal Employment? [Check it out on phila.gov](#) and explore some of the options and details!

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