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August 3, 2026



The Mobile Energy Center Brings Energy Assistance to Your Neighborhood!

By the **Office of Sustainability**

Philadelphia has seen record heat this summer, and staying cool has pushed utility costs higher for many households. As more residents face this challenge, access to information about ways to cut costs and save energy are more important than ever.

The Mobile Energy Center, launched by the Energy Coordinating Agency (ECA) in partnership with the Office of Sustainability (OOS), brings energy-assistance services directly to residents. This electric van operates as a fully functional mobile office, making it easier for **income-qualified Philadelphians** to access support such as:

- Utility grant applications
- Enrollment in assistance programs
- Energy-saving education
- Housing stability resources

Philadelphia already has a strong network of Neighborhood Energy Centers offering these services, but transportation challenges, limited mobility, and busy schedules can make access difficult. The Mobile Energy Center—funded primarily through the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant awarded to OOS—helps bridge that gap by meeting residents where they are and expanding access to essential services that keep homes safe, efficient, and affordable.

Please share this resource—along with ECA's Neighborhood Energy Centers—with your networks so more Philadelphians can get the support they need during this exceptionally hot year.



The Office of Sustainability is working to address the effects of climate change in Philadelphia.

Learn more about the programs designed to prepare the city for extreme heat and build heat resilience.

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Calling All City Employees!

Join us at 1776 Seconds: Philadelphia Illuminated Community Celebration

By **Creative Philadelphia**

What a summer it has been! Throughout June and July, [Creative Philadelphia](#) has traveled across the city, listening to stories, celebrating neighborhoods, and connecting with communities across all 10 Philadelphia City Council districts as part of the Philadelphia 250 initiative.



Now it's time to celebrate together. Join us for an unforgettable evening on **Tuesday, August 4** at City Hall's North Apron (outside) as the faces, voices, and stories collected throughout the summer are projected across the iconic façade of City Hall in a first-of-its-kind public presentation.

Starting at 6pm, enjoy live performances, food, local vendors, and 1776 Seconds signature beverages. Together, we will celebrate the artists, neighborhoods, and community members who helped bring this project to life and make Philadelphia extraordinary.

Please note: To provide a safe viewing experience, streets on the north side of City Hall will close beginning at 6pm, including JFK Boulevard between East and West Market Streets and North Broad Street from City Hall to Arch Street. If weather requires a rain date, the event and associated street closures will take place on Wednesday, August 5, beginning at 6pm.

This event is free, and all are welcome! [Register for 1776: Philadelphia Illuminated Community Celebration.](#)



[Download and share the 1776 Seconds: Philadelphia Illuminated event flyer!](#)

Submit a Selfie for City Selfie Week!

By the **Office of the Chief Administrative Officer**

This year, the City of Philadelphia is launching **City Selfie Day**, a weeklong celebration of the people who keep Philadelphia running. City Selfie Day is part of the broader [City Hall Selfie Day](#) movement led by ELGL (Engaging Local Government Leaders), an annual initiative that celebrates public service. While communities across the country will participate in the nationwide celebration, the City of Philadelphia is expanding the tradition by inviting employees to celebrate all week long.

From **August 10 - August 14**, City employees are encouraged to show their pride in public service by taking a selfie at work. Whether you're in front of a City building, out in the field, serving residents, or working behind the scenes, we want to showcase the people who make a difference every day.

Participation is easy. Take a photo during the week and share it on social media using [#CitySelfieDayPHL](#) or email it to ohr.comms@phila.gov. Your photo may be featured on the City's social media channels and employee newsletter as we celebrate the many faces of public service across Philadelphia.



Don't want to take a selfie? Gather your coworkers for a **team photo** and share with ohr.comms@phila.gov!

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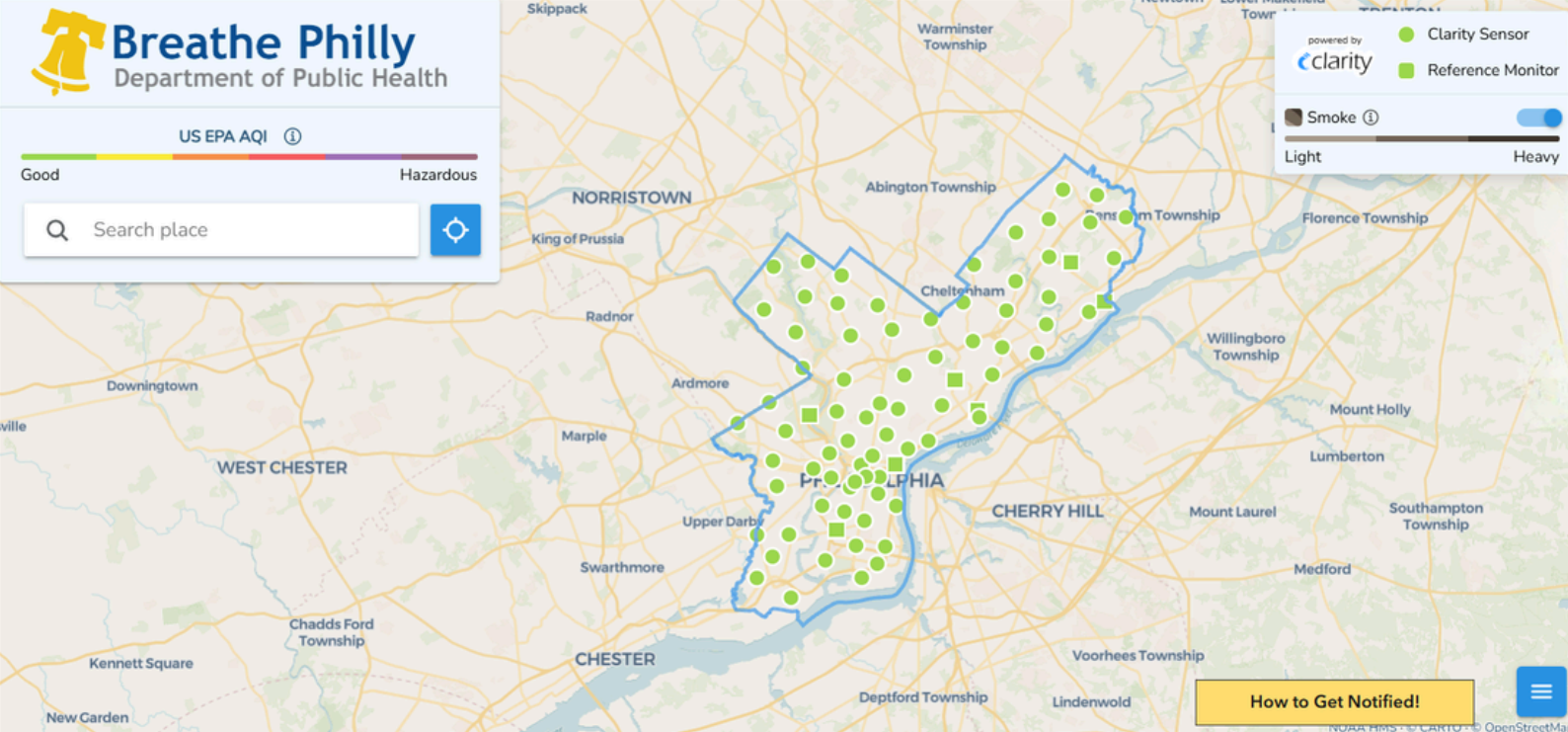
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Who is working *successphilly*?

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

This year, the Philadelphia Department of Public Health launched **Breathe Philly**—a project that expands Philadelphia’s air monitoring capabilities and improves community access to air quality data. There are more than 75 Breathe Philly sensors across the city that measure two common air pollutants in real time—particulate matter and nitrogen dioxide. This data is displayed on the [Breathe Philly dashboard](#), an online resource that allows residents to view current air quality where they live, work, or play.

Recent events highlighted the importance of this new resource. From July 16–18, the City was under an Air Quality Alert for particulate matter due to wildfire smoke blowing south from Canada. During this event, residents were able to use the Breathe Philly dashboard to check nearby air quality monitors and view health recommendations for their area, underscoring the ways changing environmental conditions make accessible air quality information more essential than ever.

Residents can search their address on the Breathe Philly dashboard to find the closest air quality monitor and view conditions in real time. The dashboard provides pollutant information, trends, historic data, and alerts—making it a one-stop resource for staying informed and making decisions that support personal and community health.



Breathe Philly is not only a tool for emergency situations! **Learn more** about how Breathe Philly is helping improve health and quality of life in all neighborhoods.



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Philly 250: Celebrating Our Past, Building Our Future - Then and Now

By the **Office of the Chief Administrative Officer**

As we continue to celebrate Philly250, we're taking a moment to recognize the dedicated City workforce that has helped shape and sustain Philadelphia throughout its history. We're excited to introduce Philly250: Celebrating Our Past, Building Our Future - Then and Now, a monthly feature running through December that will highlight City departments and employees, past and present.

By looking back at those who laid the foundation and celebrating those who continue the work today, this series showcases the evolution, commitment, and integrity that have kept Philadelphia moving forward for generations.



The Free Library of Philadelphia opened its first location in City Hall in 1894. In 1927, Parkway Central Library opened its doors on Logan Square, where it continues to serve as the central hub of a citywide system of 54 library locations.

Today the library welcomes more than 950,000 visitors each year and provides far more than just books. From free programs and community events to educational resources and services for all ages, every branch provides opportunities to learn, connect, and grow. [Visit freelibrary.org](https://freelibrary.org) to discover what is available at your local library!

pictured: (L) Librarian at Parkway Central Library in 1966, (R) Staff cataloguing materials at Parkway Central Library in 2025.

Celebrating Our Past, Building Our Future - Historical Photo Exhibit



Join us at the **Municipal Services Building's Thomas Paine Plaza** on **August 5** from **11am - 12:30pm** for a citywide tribute to the public servants who have built, sustained, and strengthened Philadelphia across generations — and a celebration of the continued service that carries our city forward today. Photos will be exhibited for staff to view.



APPLICATIONS OPEN: FALL 2026 CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Construction Management Program (CMP) prepares employees for a variety of careers in the public works field. It is not a trades-oriented program, but teaches the skills necessary to organize the complex construction process.

Successful completion of this certificate will be accepted in lieu of experience for promotional civil service exams: Construction Projects Technician 1, Construction Projects Technician 2, Construction Projects Technician 3, Highway Construction Inspector 1, Construction Trades Inspector.

You must be a City of Philadelphia employee with permanent status to enroll in this program. Employees must possess either a high school diploma or equivalent. Contact Michael.Pham@phila.gov or William.Delaney@phila.gov for more information. Applications due **August 28!**

[View the Fall 2026 CMP
booklet](#)



PHILACOR: DELIVERING QUALITY, SUPPORTING SECOND CHANCES

Looking for quality products and services while making a meaningful impact? PhilaCor provides City agencies with cost-effective office furniture, printing, culinary services, embroidered apparel, and more—all produced through vocational training programs operated by the Philadelphia Department of Prisons.

Every purchase helps incarcerated individuals gain valuable, job-ready skills that support successful reentry after release while delivering reliable products and services to City departments. Explore the 2026 PhilaCor Catalog, and discover how you can support this program!

[View the 2026 PhilaCor
Catalog](#)



GIVE BACK TO PHILLY SCHOOLS WITH OPERATION CLEAN START

The 2026 collection period for Operation Clean Start runs **through August 31**, and we invite all City employees to join us in making a difference for students, teachers, and school communities by donating much-needed classroom supplies. This year's priority collection items include:

- Paper Towels
- Kleenex Tissues
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer

If you would like to host a donation box in your office or want to know additional ways to get involved, please email Jennifer.Hall@phila.gov.

[Share the Operation
Clean Start flyer](#)



REGISTER FOR THE PHDC ANNUAL HOUSING FAIR

The PHDC Annual Housing Fair, sponsored by Independence Blue Cross, will take place on **Saturday, September 26** at Temple University's Aramark Student Training and Recreation (STAR) Complex from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This event is your destination for all things housing, offering resources for current homeowners, first-time homebuyers, renters, and landlords who are interested in learning more about homeownership, home maintenance, eviction diversion, development opportunities, and other resources.

[Register for PHDC
Annual Housing Fair](#)

Making It Happen: Upcoming Events!

Chair Yoga with Lindsey

Free Library of Philadelphia
August 3, 2026 | 5:45 p.m.
Charles Santore Library, 932 S 7th St

Chair Yoga is a form of yoga that uses a chair as the main prop versus a traditional mat. This makes the practice more accessible to those that have trouble putting pressure on the knees and wrists, and is suitable for all levels and ages. The program will be taught by Lindsey Gill, a certified yoga teacher with 4 years of experience teaching in the Philadelphia area. Please wear comfortable clothing and be prepared to have fun and try something new! **[View Chair Yoga with Lindsey on the Free Library calendar.](#)**

Workplace Reproductive Freedom Initiative - Webinar 2

Councilmember Nina Ahmad
August 5, 2026 | 12 p.m.
Virtual - Zoom

Join Councilmember Nina Ahmad to learn about Philadelphia's new workplace accommodations and protection law for employees experiencing severe symptoms of menopause, perimenopause, and menstruation. This is the second webinar in the Workplace Reproductive Freedom Initiative and will take a deeper dive into reasonable workplace accommodations and best practices for employers and employees. **[Register for the Workplace Reproductive Freedom Initiative on Wednesday, August 5 at noon.](#)**

Siempre Salsa - Salsa & Bachata Party

Philadelphia Parks and Recreation
August 7, 2026 | 7 p.m.
LOVE Park

Siempre Salsa Philly presents their 9th year at Love Park hosting their beloved Salsa and Bachata Dance Party! Come by Love Park every Friday night all summer through the end of September for DJs and special live band nights featuring your favorite Latin sounds to get you up and starting your weekend off right. Event is from 7 - 10 p.m. No registration needed. On August 7, there will be a special live performance by Tino Serrano Y Su Orquestra!

Nicetown-Tioga Back-to-School Festival and Resource Fair

Office of Community Empowerment and Opportunity
August 13, 2026 | 5 p.m.
Williams Moore Reed Memorial Park
3600 N 11th St

Join City and community partners at the 12th annual Nicetown-Tioga Back-to-School Festival and Resource Fair at Williams Moore Reed Memorial Park on Thursday, August 13 from 5-8pm. You can expect free school supplies, food, and connection to City and community resources. Bring the family for an evening of fun games and activities in the park. **[Download and share the Nicetown-Tioga Back-to-School Festival and Resource Fair flyer!](#)**

Women's Health Lunch & Learn

Office of Human Resources
August 19, 2026 | 12 p.m.
Virtual - Teams

Join the Office of Human Resources Benefits Department and Active Health for a virtual lunch and learn all about women's health. Learn about specific risk factors, common conditions, and health needs for women. To join, simply **[click the Teams meeting link on Wednesday, August 19 at noon.](#)**

Laughing Through It: A Night of Healing and Humor

DBHIDS
September 2, 2026 | 6 p.m.
WHYY, 150 N 6th St

This is an intentional evening of comedy, connection, and community healing. Rooted in the belief that humor is a powerful tool for resilience, this event brings together diverse voices and perspectives to create a shared space of joy. DBHIDS' Engaging Men of Color unit presents this experience with the understanding that humor and storytelling are more than entertainment — they are time-honored tools of emotional processing, resistance, and resilience within communities of color. For men navigating generational trauma, systemic barriers, and unspoken grief, comedy becomes a powerful gateway to vulnerability, connection, and healing. All are welcome. **[Register for Laughing Through It: A Night of Healing and Humor.](#)**

Citywide Healing Space - Virtual Wellness Series

DBHIDS
September 17, 2026 | 10 a.m.
Virtual - Zoom

All City employees are invited to take part in the 2026 Citywide Healing Space - Virtual Wellness Series. These virtual sessions, brought to you by the Office of Human Resources in partnership with the Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services (DBHIDS), provide an opportunity to discuss anxieties and concerns related to our changing environment in a supportive and respectful setting. This employee wellness-focused safe space is designed to meet participants where they are in their healing journey and encourage connection, mutual support, and shared strength during challenging times. The next session will be held on Thursday, September 17, from noon to 1 p.m. To join the Citywide Healing Space, click the Zoom link at meeting time: **bit.ly/DBHIDSHealingSpace** (Meeting passcode: 123456).

2026 Park Friends Movie Nights

Philadelphia Parks and Recreation
Various dates & times
Various locations

Looking for free outdoor movies in Philadelphia? More than 20 Philly parks will host **[free movie nights](#)** this summer and fall, featuring family-friendly favorites like "Zootopia 2," "Hoppers," "Goat," and more. These outdoor screenings are organized by Philadelphia's Park Friends Groups with support from Philadelphia Parks & Recreation and Fairmount Park Conservancy, bringing free family entertainment to neighborhoods across the city. Bring a blanket, pack your favorite snacks, and join us at dusk for a movie under the stars. Check with your **[local Park Friends Group](#)** for the latest updates and any schedule changes.

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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 Resources

[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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