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July 20, 2026



Philadelphia
City Commissioners

#PHILLYVOTES

You're Invited!
**BETWEEN
THE
BALLOTS**

SUMMER VOTER ENGAGEMENT SERIES



Join Us for Between the Ballots - Philly Votes Summer Series!

By the **City Commissioners' Office**

The City Commissioners' Office is proud to present Between the Ballots, a free, community-centered Summer Engagement Series bringing civic energy to neighborhoods across the city.

Running from July 23 through August 28, this series features 10 events at our [Satellite Election Offices \(SEOs\)](#) to connect, educate, and empower Philadelphia voters. Expect community resources, music, food, games, and swag giveaways!

Please share this event series with your friends and neighbors. For more helpful resources for Philadelphia voters, visit vote.phila.gov.

Our first Between the Ballots events are right around the corner! All events are 4 - 6 p.m.

**THU
JULY 23**

4th District Satellite Office

5610 Lancaster Ave, Unit 400, 19131

**TUE
JULY 28**

3rd District Satellite Office

4029 Market St, 19104

**THU
JULY 30**

8th District Satellite Office

5301 Chew Ave, 19138



Download the Between the Ballots flyer
for the remaining event dates and locations!

This Month We Recognize:

Independence Day - July 4, 2026, Disability Pride Month, National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, Social Wellness Month, Park and Recreation Month, and more.

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Recognizing **Disability Pride Month**

Disability Pride Month is a celebration of strength, resilience, and the unique contributions that people with disabilities make to our neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, and communities every day. It reminds us that every person has value, every voice deserves to be heard, and every individual should have the opportunity to live, work, and thrive without barriers. As we celebrate this month, let us renew our commitment to building a Philadelphia where accessibility, inclusion, and belonging are woven into everything we do. Together, we can create a city where differences are embraced and every person is empowered to thrive.

Adrienne Moore

Executive Director | Office for People with Disabilities

• **Tag It**

The Office for People with Disabilities has launched *Tag It*, a program that provides identification tags for people who use mobility devices. These tags are filled out with personal identifying information and attached to the device so that the mobility device can be quickly reconnected with its owner if it is ever lost or left behind. To learn more or request tags, contact the Office for People with Disabilities at (215) 686-2798.

[Download and share the Tag It flyer!](#)



• **Sensory Lending Library**

The Sensory Lending Library is now open to all City departments. Reserve sensory bags and/or the sensory mobile station for your events and meetings. To learn more or to reserve these sensory tools for your event, please email Khalia.Jackson@phila.gov.



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Calling All City Employees!

Apply for SPARK Innovation Academy by July 29!

By the **Office of Innovation and Technology**

The Office of Innovation and Technology is excited to announce the second SPARK Innovation Academy course: Transformative Technology for Civic Engagement.

Developed in partnership with Jefferson University, this 10-week program is designed to help City employees build the digital skills needed to innovate, collaborate, and better serve Philadelphia residents.

Participants will explore topics including:

- Social media strategy and digital engagement
- Generative AI tools and responsible use
- Concept mapping and design thinking
- Collaboration and productivity platforms



Applications for the next cohort are due on **Wednesday, July 29 at 5 p.m.**

Apply for SPARK Innovation Academy - Transformative Technology for Civic Engagement!



Want to learn more?

Register for the virtual information session on **Wednesday, July 22 at 3 p.m.**

Give back to Philly schools with Operation Clean Start!

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

We're excited to announce the return of Operation Clean Start, the City of Philadelphia's collection drive supporting Community Schools across Philadelphia.

The 2026 collection period 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

Download the Operation Clean Start 2026 flyer!

Need collection boxes?

The School District of Philadelphia has generously agreed to donate collection boxes for departments and offices that would like to host a donation site. If your office needs collection boxes, please contact **Jennifer.Hall@phila.gov**.



For all questions or additional ways to get involved, please reach out to **caoculture@phila.gov** or **Jennifer.Hall@phila.gov**

Visit the City's MY Market East storefront for a limited time!

By the **Department of Planning and Development**

Visit the City's MY Market East storefront to share your vision for the future of this street. Open until **July 31!**

Where: 930 Market Street

When: Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, 12 - 6 p.m.

Cost: FREE

MY Market East is a City-operated storefront where anyone can drop in to see new and archival displays, models, and photos, talk one-on-one with a city planner, and share their vision for the future of Market East.

Mayor Cherelle L. Parker launched the Market East Revival in November 2025 by establishing the Market East Advisory Group, and the Advisory Group is now advancing the action steps needed to bring that vision to life.

Visit marketeastrevival.com to learn more!



Register for the PHDC Annual Housing Fair!

By the **Department of Planning and Development** and **Philadelphia Housing Development Corporation (PHDC)**

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.

You can meet mortgage lenders, City-funded housing counselors, realtors, insurance agents, contractors, homebuilders, representatives from various City of Philadelphia departments, legal services organizations, and other professionals in the housing industry.



Register for the PHDC Annual Housing Fair!

↓ [Download the PHDC Annual Housing Fair flyer.](#)

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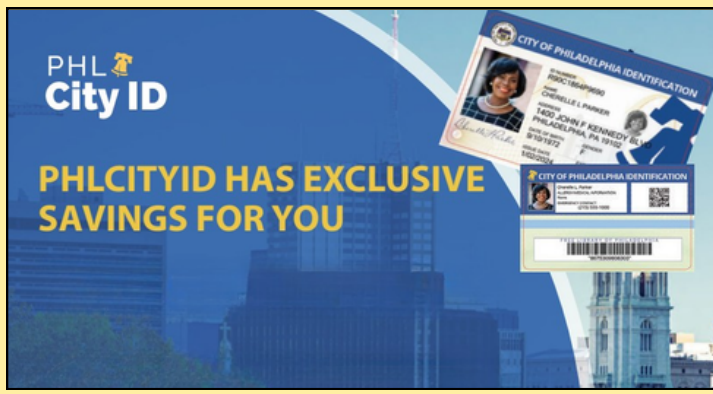
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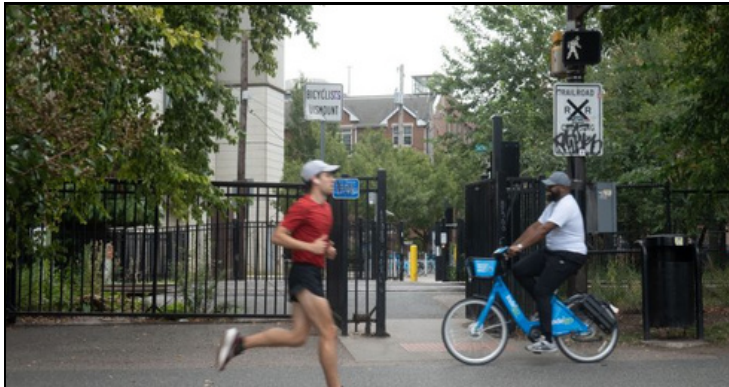
VIEW THE NEW WORKFORCE PROFESSIONAL GROWTH CATALOG

The City of Philadelphia believes every employee should have the opportunity to learn, grow, and build new skills.

Explore the new Workforce Professional Growth Catalog to find a wide range of development opportunities, including:

- Voluntary and mandatory trainings for City employees
- Details about the Mayor's Returning to Learning Programs, which offer tuition discounts at participating university programs
- City College for Municipal Employment (CCME) courses
- And more!

[Workforce Professional Growth Catalog](#)



SUBMISSIONS OPEN FOR PHILLY IN A PHOTO CONTEST: TRAILS EDITION

Share with your networks: Philly youth **aged 12 - 22** can enter a photo into the [Philly in a Photo Contest: Trails Edition](#).

The City is currently developing a [new Trail Master Plan](#) to guide the future of trail planning in Philadelphia. To help develop this new plan, City planners are listening to Philadelphians about how they use and experience Philly's trails, including young people.

Not a Philly youth aged 12 - 22?
[Fill out the Citywide Trails Plan survey.](#)

[Share the Philly in a Photo submission form](#)



SIGN UP FOR M365 SKILL BUILDER - COPILOT CHAT ESSENTIALS

Join the Office of Innovation and Technology for our interactive M365 Skill Builder Series, designed to help you get the most out of the Microsoft tools you use every day.

These classes are an opportunity to build your digital skills and work more efficiently. We are excited to add our newest course, Microsoft Copilot Chat Essentials, to our course offerings!

[View the Microsoft 365 Skill Builder Series - Copilot Chat Training flyer.](#)

[Sign up for M365 Skill Builder courses](#)

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Making It Happen: Upcoming Events!

Chair Yoga with Lindsey

Free Library of Philadelphia
July 20, 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.**](#)

Return to Innocence

Free Library of Philadelphia
July 21, 2026 | 5:45 p.m.
South Philadelphia Library
1700 S Broad St

Are you an adult who misses read-alouds and summer camp style arts & crafts? If you answered "YES!" join us for an adults-only arts & crafts event where we will read a short story or listen to music while you work on a simple craft and/or coloring page. All materials will be provided. [**View Return to Innocence on the Free Library calendar.**](#)

Men's Health Lunch & Learn

Office of Human Resources
July 22, 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 men's health. Learn how to understand specific risk factors and health needs for men and how you can help the men in your life stay on top of their health. To join, simply [**click the Teams meeting link on Wednesday, July 22 at noon.**](#)

PICC Family Fun Day

DBHIDS
July 25, 2026 | 10 a.m.
Tustin Recreation Center
5901 W Columbia Ave

Philadelphia Infant Toddler Early Intervention (ITEI) and Elwyn ELS, on behalf of the Philadelphia Interagency Coordinating Council (PICC), are sponsoring a free summer celebration for **families with children from birth to age five** on July 25 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Join us at Tustin Recreation Center at 5901 W Columbia Avenue—once Kobe Bryant's home court and now the site of the Kobe & Gianna Bryant Dream Court—for a day filled with sensory activities, games, food, and fun. Connect with other families, explore local support resources, and enjoy special guests including the Philadelphia Fire Department and community partners. [**Download the PICC Family Fun Day Flyer!**](#)

Indego Bike Riding Basics

Free Library of Philadelphia
July 25, 2026 | 2 p.m.
Parkway Central Library, 1901 Vine St

Want to bike safely around Philly? Curious about the Indego Bike sharing program or how to use one of their bicycles? Join the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia for a free 90-minute class designed to help you ride confidently and navigate the city with ease! This class will be held on the First Floor, Room 131/132 at Parkway Central Library. [**View Indego Bike Riding Basics on the Free Library calendar.**](#)

Revolution at the Library

Free Library of Philadelphia
July 28, 2026 | 5 p.m.
Whitman Library, 200 Snyder Ave

On July 4, 2026, the Declaration of Independence celebrated 250 years! But what exactly is this special document that we honor each year on its birthday? Join an educator from the Museum of the American Revolution to discover what the Declaration is, why it was created, and why the important ideas inside it mattered in 1776—and still do today—through engaging, hands-on activities. [**Revolution at the Library**](#) is a free program intended for children ages 6-12 and their families. [**View Revolution at the Library on the Free Library calendar.**](#)

Free Family Fishing with Discovery Pathways

Philadelphia Parks and Recreation
July 29, 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**](#)

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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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:

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- ✓ Training Opportunities
- ✓ Resources to Help You Thrive
- ✓ Payroll Access
- ✓ Employee News
- ✓ Share Your Story

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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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