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One Philly, A Connected City.

June 17, 2026

Summer Starts Here: Explore City Programs and Resources

Summer officially begins this Sunday, June 21! Explore City programs and resources designed to help you and your family stay cool, healthy, and active all season long!

Programs for Kids and Teens

Looking for something fun and engaging for your children this summer?

Check out [It's A Summer Thing 2026](#) to explore free and low-cost programs, activities, and opportunities for kids and teens across the city. From library events to supervised evening activities, there's plenty to help keep young people active this summer!

Free Food Programs

Through the [Summer Meals Program](#), free meals are available to all **children and teens ages 18 and under** at locations across the city while school is out, with no ID or registration required.

To find a student meal site near you, along with additional free food and meal sites **open to all ages**, visit www.phila.gov/food/.

Join us at the [Summer Meals Kick-off Celebration](#) at Tustin Recreation Center on Tuesday, June 23 from 4 - 6 p.m. for games, activities, a resource fair—and of course, free meals!

Stay Cool, Stay Safe!

It's shaping up to be a hot summer in Philadelphia. Find out how to stay safe and healthy during high temperatures, and learn what City resources are available during periods of extreme heat and heat emergencies. Stay prepared, stay informed, and take steps to protect yourself and your loved ones.

Extreme Heat Guide

Reference this guide to learn:

- Who's at greater risk during extreme heat
- How to avoid and how to treat heat sickness
- What the City is doing to address heightened risks to residents due to climate change
- Utilities Assistance Resources
- And more!

Heat Health Emergency Resources

Learn what services become available **only when** the City declares a Heat Health Emergency:

- Cooling Centers open to people without access to cool spaces. [Find a Cooling Center near you.](#)
- Call the Heatline at (215) 765-9040 to talk to nurses about safety and heat-related illness.
- And more!

To receive emergency alerts to your phone, including heat advisory or heat health emergency alerts, text **ReadyPhila** to **888-777**.

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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Celebrate City Employee Appreciation Day at FIFA Fan Fest!

We are excited to celebrate **City Employee Appreciation Day at the FIFA Fan Festival™ Philadelphia** at Lemon Hill on **Thursday, June 18**. The festival runs from 11 AM - 9 PM, and while admission is free, registration is required. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the energy, flavors, and vibrancy of this unique space. If you plan to attend before the early dismissal time, please be sure to request the appropriate leave.

Our workforce reflects the rich cultures, lived experiences, and heritages that make Philadelphia such an extraordinary city. Events like the World Cup remind us of our collective strength and the power of coming together as One Philly. Your contributions help ensure that our workplace remains inclusive, diverse, and welcoming for all. It is through this shared commitment that great ideas flourish and celebrations like our nation's upcoming 250th anniversary truly shine.

Event Registration:

Registration is required to gain entry. Please register [here](#).

Match Line-Up:

- **12 PM** – Czechia v South Africa
- **3 PM** – Switzerland v Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **6 PM** – Canada v Qatar
- **9 PM** – Mexico v Korea Republic

Getting There:

Given the event location, employees are encouraged to consider alternative transportation:

- Philly PHLASH (free for SEPTA Key cardholders)
- SEPTA/public transportation
- Indego Bike Share
- Walking

Download the Employee Appreciation Day event flyer!



Parking and additional transportation details can be found at www.phillyFWC26.com/FIFA-fan-fest.

Thank you for everything you do to serve Philadelphia. We hope you take advantage of this opportunity to join with colleagues, celebrate our shared accomplishments, and enjoy this exciting moment for our city.

Congratulations, CCME Graduates!

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

On June 1, the City College for Municipal Employment (CCME) celebrated 167 participants completing programs this year at the second annual CCME Completion Ceremony.

Hosted at the Community College of Philadelphia, the event recognized residents and City employees investing in their futures through education, training, and professional development. Congratulations to those making the commitment to career growth and personal advancement with the City of Philadelphia!

CCME was created to remove barriers to employment and connect Philadelphians to free workforce training opportunities. Current program areas include skilled trades, health care, technology, business and administration, public safety, and STEM.

[Learn more about CCME and the recent completion ceremony!](#)



Philadelphia recertified as a sensory inclusive city!



This certificate is proudly presented to:

City of Philadelphia

This location is certified as a trained and trusted advocate for those with sensory needs. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to our program. We are honored to be partnered with you.

Awarded on May 15, 2026
Valid 1 year

By the **Office for People with Disabilities**

Thank you to all City employees who took the 2026 Sensory Inclusion training offered by KultureCity and sponsored by the Eagles Autism Foundation.

As of today, over 14,000 employees have successfully completed the training. As a result, the City of Philadelphia has officially been recertified as a sensory inclusive city thanks to all your hard work.



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Learn what Wellthy Concierge can do for you!

By the **Office of Human Resources**

Benefits-eligible City employees have access to Wellthy Concierge.

Create your [FREE Wellthy account](#) and get matched with a **Care Coordinator**, who will take the administrative and logistical tasks of caregiving off your plate!

Your Care Coordinator is not just there for guidance—they provide hands-on aid FOR FREE!



Want to learn more?

[Register for the Wellthy Concierge virtual lunch and learn on Tuesday, June 16 at 12 p.m.](#)

↓ [Download the Wellthy Concierge flyer!](#)

*Employees employed by the **First Judicial District** are not eligible to enroll in Wellthy Concierge.

Your **Care Coordinator** can take over a range of caregiving tasks:

- ✓ Finding/accessing providers
- ✓ Leave of absence support
- ✓ Unlocking financial support
- ✓ Finding babysitters or nannies
- ✓ Educational planning for care
- ✓ Coordinating with providers
- ✓ Finding legal resources
- ✓ Identifying in-home support
- ✓ Locating housing resources
- ✓ Advocacy with billing, waitlists, etc.
- ✓ Managing applications for grants/programs
- ✓ Virtual caregiving support
- ✓ And so much more!



TAKE THE 2026 CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING BY JUNE 19

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

All employees (except PPD and DBHIDS) must complete this 45 minute training **by Friday, June 19**.

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

[Take the 2026 Cybersecurity Training](#)



PARKS AND REC ANNOUNCES PUBLIC POOL OPENING SCHEDULE

The City of Philadelphia's Department of Parks and Recreation will open more than 60 public pools across the city this summer. Pools will open on a rolling schedule, starting with the first locations that opened on Friday, June 12.

To see when your local pool is set to open for the summer, visit the 2026 Pool Season blog post on [phila.gov](#). The schedule will continue to be updated throughout the season.

[2026 Pool Season blog post](#)

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TAKE HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION TRAINING ON LMS!

Human trafficking can affect individuals in every community and often goes unnoticed. This self-paced online training provides practical tools to help you recognize warning signs, understand reporting and escalation procedures, and connect individuals with appropriate resources.

Invest one hour to gain knowledge that could make a difference. Self-paced online training available on the City's LMS. This is timely as Philadelphia prepares to welcome an unprecedented number of visitors this summer.

[How to access training on LMS](#)



KENSINGTON COMMUNITY SUPPORT RESOURCES

Kensington is a vibrant community filled with love, culture, and a wide range of resources. This guide highlights organizations across the neighborhood that provide help, support, and safe spaces for residents.

Explore the list of community-based organizations, City departments, and services available to Kensington families, including mental health care, substance-use support, youth and family programs, welcoming community spaces, and more. Please feel free to share widely with your networks.

[List of Kensington Community Resources](#)



MEET THE ALLEGATORS: ALLEYWAY CLEANING PROGRAM

The Office of Clean and Green Initiatives has launched AlleyGators, a new initiative designed to provide residents with a dedicated process for requesting alleyway cleaning services while delivering visible results you can see, touch and feel in neighborhoods across the city.

Philadelphia's alleyways serve as critical access routes for residents, emergency personnel, city crews, and utility providers. Many alleyways have faced challenges including illegal dumping, overgrown vegetation, accumulated debris, and other obstacles that can make them difficult to navigate and maintain. Read the *Meet the AlleyGators* blog post on phila.gov to learn more about the program and how to request alleyway cleaning services.

[Meet the Alleygators blog post](#)



LUNCH & LEARN: INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AND PREGNANCY

This Lunch & Learn webinar will share information about the impact and risk of intimate partner violence (IPV) during pregnancy as well as what health systems in Philadelphia are doing to address this serious issue.

The Shared Safety Lunch & Learn series is meant to equip professionals with the resources and information to improve their response to people experiencing relational violence in Philadelphia.

[Join IPV and Pregnancy Lunch & Learn](#)

2026 in Philadelphia



Text CupPHL to 888-777

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



Philly Fair 250 June 20 - 22

Philly Fair 250 is a three-day outdoor celebration of America's 250th birthday taking place in Fairmount Park's Centennial District starting at 2 p.m. each day!

Enjoy games, family-friendly activities, and live music from renowned acts, along with exciting new experiences like hot air balloons and trapeze. Plus, explore a variety of food trucks featuring flavors from the original 13 colonies, and more!

Find out what's on offer on Philly Fair 250 [Day 1](#), [Day 2](#), and [Day 3](#)!

FIFA Fan Festival Open Now!

Philadelphia's FIFA Fan Festival opened at Lemon Hill on June 11! Admission is free, but 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. 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.

Juneteenth Jubilee Block Party June 19

Join the African American Museum in Philadelphia for a day of celebration at the Juneteenth Jubilee, presented in partnership with Wawa Welcome America. Enjoy a **Block Party** behind the museum from **12 - 5 p.m.**, complete with live performances and concessions, and take advantage of free museum admission from **10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

Explore exhibitions like *Audacious Freedom: African Americans in Philadelphia 1776-1876* and participate in special gallery talks throughout the day. All are welcome to be part of this family-friendly event.



Juneteenth Parade and Festival 2026 June 21

Celebrate Juneteenth on June 21 with the annual Juneteenth Parade and Festival. The parade kicks off at 12:30 p.m. from Highmark Mann on South Concourse Drive, traveling down 52nd Street and ending at Malcolm X Park.

The celebration continues at Malcolm X Park with the Festival & Marketplace from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., featuring vendors, music, food trucks, art activities, health and wellness resources, and more. Families can also enjoy the Youth Pavilion beginning at 11 a.m., the Music Festival starting at 5 p.m., and the Car Show & Rolling Car Museum throughout the day. Festival entrance is free and open to all ages.



First-ivals take place from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

June 20 First Annual Reminder Demonstration: 1965

Before Stonewall, there was Philly. In 1965, activists gathered at Independence Hall for the first "Annual Reminder," boldly demanding LGBTQ rights where America's freedoms were first declared. Celebrate the city that stood for liberty — for everyone.

Where: Philly Pride Visitor Center, 12th & Locust streets, Philadelphia, PA

June 27 First Paper Maker in America: 1690

Long before Wi-Fi and word processors, there was paper, and it all started at Rittenhouse Town. Discover the handmade beginnings of America's paper trail and the mill that made it happen.

Where: Rittenhouse Town, 6034 Wissahickon Avenue, Philadelphia, PA

Making It Happen: Upcoming Events!

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!

Free Family Fishing with

Discovery Pathways

Philadelphia Parks and Recreation

June 17, 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](#)

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](#)

Siempre Salsa - Salsa and Bachata Party

Parks and Recreation

June 19, 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!

Philly Deep Dive and Happy Hour with Penn Fels

Young Employee Resource Group (YERG)

June 24, 2026 | 3 p.m.

Municipal Services Building, fl 16

1401 John F. Kennedy Blvd

Join the Young Employee Resource Group for the next Philly Deep Dive with Penn Fels! Philly Deep Dive connects City staff with the research, ideas, and talent emerging from Philadelphia's colleges and universities. On Wednesday, June 24 from 3 - 4:30 p.m. in the MSB Innovation Lab, we'll hear from graduates of the University of Pennsylvania Fels Institute of Government about innovative research and evaluation projects tackling real-world public sector challenges. Penn Fels is a Return to Learning partner—learn about how to access tuition discounts! Stick around afterward for a happy hour to network with colleagues and continue the conversation. [Read more about Philly Deep Dive and Happy Hour with Penn Fels!](#)

Wellthy Backup Care Lunch and Learn

Office of Human Resources

July 1, 2026 | 12 p.m.

Virtual

Benefits-eligible City employees are invited to take part in a virtual Lunch and Learn about Wellthy Backup Care on Wednesday, July 1 at 12 p.m. (noon). A sick nanny, a school closure, or an unexpected work trip can throw family routines into chaos, but having a backup plan makes all the difference. In this webinar, Wellthy's Care Team will walk through how to use your backup care benefits to stay covered when plans change. Learn how to access trusted providers, schedule care quickly, and take stress out of last-minute changes. You'll also have a chance to ask questions during a live Q&A at the end of the session. [Register for Wellthy Backup Care Lunch and Learn \(July 1\) to learn more!](#)

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.](#)

CEA Learning Series - Telling Your Story Through Data

Office of Community Empowerment and Opportunity

July 15, 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, participants will learn about the importance of collecting data and how to effectively communicate data using narrative and visualization. [Register for CEA Learning Series - Telling Your Story Through Data](#)

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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.



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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