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2018 FALL FUN IN PHILLY'S PARKS

Join Fairmount Park Conservancy and Philadelphia Parks & Recreation for Volunteer Activities, *CiderFest*, and the Annual *Glow in the Park* Party

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From Labor Day weekend through the end of 2018, Fairmount Park Conservancy, Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, and a diverse set of partners will fill the city's parks with arts and culture, food and drink offerings, recreation and volunteer activities, and seasonal festivities. In addition, November will bring a preview of the master plan for FDR Park, the nearly 100-year-old, 350-acre expanse in South Philly.



See the list below for monthly highlights, and check Fairmount Park Conservancy's events calendar for more programming – including guided hikes, bike rides, runs, and yoga classes that are open to all and free for Conservancy members (starting at \$35/year membership): <https://myphillypark.org/events-calendar/>

SEPTEMBER

Savor the dog days of summer with brews and bites at the last five stops of *Parks on Tap*, the traveling community beer garden. Parks on Tap was developed by Fairmount Park Conservancy and Philadelphia Parks & Recreation with FCM Hospitality to support and give back to Philly's parks.

- Clark Park, West Philly (8/29 – 9/3)
- Pleasant Hill Park, Northeast Philly (9/5 – 9/9)
- Fairmount Water Works, Fairmount (9/12 – 9/16)
- Pretzel Park, Manayunk (9/19 – 9/23)
- Strawberry Mansion Bridge, Strawberry Mansion (9/26-9/30)

For Parks on Tap hours and menu, see: <http://parksontap.com>

Join the annual *Boxers' Trail 5K* on Sunday, September 8 to walk or run the scenic cliff paths in East Fairmount Park. Now known as the Boxers' Trail, this terrain is where champion boxers have trained. Proceeds benefit East Fairmount Park and Mander Recreation Center, which organizes youth programs.

On-site registration for the Boxers' Trail 5K begins at 8:30am for the 9:30am start. Registration is free for Strawberry Mansion residents and children. To register in advance or view the route, see: <https://myphillypark.org/events/annual-fpc-events/boxers-trail-5k/>.

Spend a sparkling autumn afternoon at *CiderFest*, the celebration of local hard cider taking place at six historic houses in Fairmount Park on Saturday, September 29.

Returning from its sold-out inaugural year, CiderFest features samples from some of the best cideries in the region. Enjoy live music and pay-as-you-go-food trucks to complement your tastings. Each ticket includes a souvenir tasting cup and free house-to-house transportation via Phlash, as well as abbreviated, self-guided tours of each historic house.

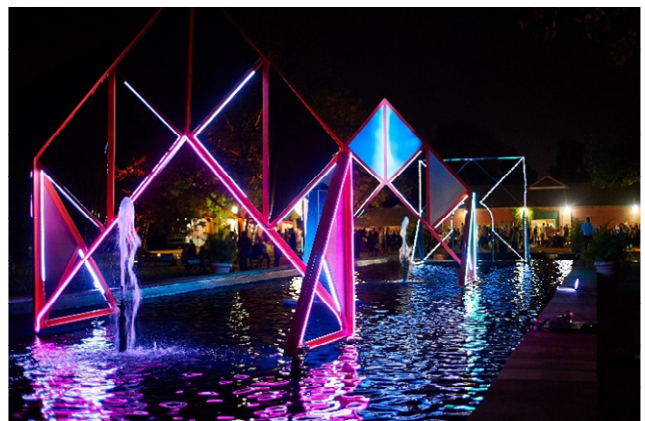
Proceeds from CiderFest support programs and projects at the Historic Houses of Fairmount Park: Laurel Hill, Lemon Hill, Mount Pleasant, Historic Strawberry Mansion, Woodford and Cedar Grove. This event is for visitors aged 21 and over only; ID required. To view the participating cideries and performers, and to purchase tickets to CiderFest, visit: <https://myphillypark.org/event/ciderfest-2018/>.

Experience *The Discovery Center* in East Fairmount Park during its grand opening weekend from Friday, September 28 to Saturday, September 29. A project of Audubon and Outward Bound, this venture will protect a unique habitat rarely found in a major urban area while providing education and adventure programs to youths aged 6-18. The opening weekend will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, September 28 and a community day on Saturday, September 29, featuring bird walks, live bird presentations, arts and crafts activities, and a climbing wall. To learn more about The Discovery Center, see: <https://discoveryphila.org/>.

Plus...Stop by the new *LOVE Park* for Monday Mindfulness, Wedding Wednesdays, Shake It Off Fridays, a lineup of delicious food trucks, and Live at LOVE performances—including site-specific events that are part of the September Fringe Festival. See the LOVE Park schedule at: <https://www.phila.gov/spotlight/love-park/>.

OCTOBER

Mix and mingle with Fairmount Park Conservancy's park champions at *Glow in the Park* on the evening of Thursday, October 18. This annual outdoor fundraiser-in-the-dark includes art, live entertainment by 1960s soul and Motown band York Street Hustle, local fare, cocktails and the company of park-loving professionals and civic leaders.



The setting for the night under the stars is Fairmount Park Horticulture Center, next to the Reflecting Pool, from 6:30-9pm. Order tickets for GLOW in the Park at:

<https://myphillypark.org/event/glow-in-the-park-2/>.

Enjoy an evening of art, performances and conversations about culture at Hatfield House on Tuesday, October 30. Marking the end of a three-year partnership of Fairmount Park Conservancy and ArtPlace America, this free evening celebration invites the community to enjoy live performances, local art and photography exhibitions, and refreshments at Hatfield House (intersection of N.33rd St. and Girard Ave.), which will be open to the public from 5-8pm. To learn more about the Hatfield House event, visit <https://myphillypark.org/event/artplace-celebration>.

Be illuminated by *THE GLOW: A Jack O'Lantern Experience*, running Thursday to Sunday evenings from October 4-28. As the sky darkens, a wonderland of expertly-carved pumpkins will be illuminated along a 1/3-mile trail in West Fairmount Park (two blocks from the Mann Center at 5201 Parkside Ave.). Images include dinosaurs, superheroes, famous Philadelphians past and present, local landmarks, as well as a celebration of the Super Bowl Champion Philadelphia Eagles. Ticket prices vary based on time and are available for purchase at <https://theglowjackolantern.com/philadelphia/>.

NOVEMBER

Lend a hand to clean and green your neighborhood park on *Love Your Park Fall Service Day* on Saturday, November 10. With support from the Neighborhood Park Stewardship Program run by Philadelphia Parks & Recreation and Fairmount Park Conservancy, more than 100 volunteer groups in the Park Friends Network will organize activities such as planting trees and bulbs, raking leaves, and picking up litter to prepare Philly's parks for winter. Volunteer registration for Fall Service Day opens October 10 at loveyourpark.org.

Check out various visions for the future of *FDR Park* at a community meeting on Wednesday, November 14. Fairmount Park Conservancy, Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, and Friends of FDR Park will host the second community meeting on the FDR Park Master Plan—and the first opportunity for the public to weigh in on potential scenarios for the future of the park. Location to be announced; for FDR Park project updates, sign up at myphillypark.org/fdr-park

DECEMBER

Visit the Historic Houses of Fairmount Park during December for a month of decorations and four days of entertainment called *A Very Philly Christmas*. "Christmas in Fairmount Park" celebrates its 47th year of delighting visitors with decked halls at five of the park's treasured historic houses: Cedar Grove, Laurel Hill Mansion, Lemon Hill Mansion, Historic Strawberry Mansion, and Woodford Mansion. Expanding on this tradition, Fairmount Park Conservancy and its partners will present "A Very Philly

Christmas” – four special days showcasing what makes Philadelphia a very special place: music, food, neighbors, and families.

- Sounds of the Season: featuring top local musicians, 12/1
- Family Day at Lemon Hill: providing kid-friendly activities, 12/2
- Neighbors’ Day: showcasing community talent, 12/8
- Flavors of the Season: sharing culinary delights, 12/9

The Historic Houses of Fairmount Park are some of the best-preserved examples of 18th and 19th century early American architecture, all located in one of the country’s most beautiful urban parks. Promotion and programming for the historic houses are supported through a partnership between Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, Fairmount Park Conservancy, and various stewardship groups. Proceeds from the events support the ongoing maintenance and promotion of these treasures. Purchase tickets to “A Very Philly Christmas” and learn more about the historic houses at <http://holidaysinthepark.com>.

ABOUT THE PARTNERS

Fairmount Park Conservancy exists to champion Philadelphia’s parks. We lead capital projects and historic preservation efforts, foster neighborhood park stewardship, attract and leverage investments, and develop innovative programs throughout the 10,200 acres that include Fairmount Park and more than 200 neighborhood parks around the city. For more information, please visit myphillypark.org, join us at [facebook.com/fairmountparkconservancy](https://www.facebook.com/fairmountparkconservancy), and follow us on Instagram and Twitter @myphillypark.

Philadelphia Parks & Recreation (PPR) advances the prosperity of the city and the progress of her people through intentional and sustained stewardship of nearly 10,200 acres of public land and waterways as well as through hundreds of safe, stimulating recreation, environmental and cultural centers. PPR promotes the well-being and growth of the city’s residents by connecting them to the natural world around them, to each other and to fun, physical and social opportunities. PPR is responsible for the upkeep of historically significant Philadelphia events and specialty venues, and works collaboratively with communities and organizations in leading capital projects and the introduction of inventive programming. To learn more about Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, visit us at www.phila.gov/parksandrec, and follow @philaparkandrec on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or Tumblr.

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