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SPRING FUN IN PHILLY'S PARKS
Fairmount Park Conservancy and Philadelphia Parks & Recreation
Bring Back Popular Seasonal Programs to Philly Parks

PHILADELPHIA – March 20, 2019 – This spring Philadelphia Parks & Recreation and its nonprofit partner, Fairmount Park Conservancy, will bring a host of recreational, environmental, and cultural programs to parks throughout the city.

Here are highlights for March-June 2019, including the first-ever Funk Fest at West Park Arts Fest in June and the return of Parks on Tap to 23 parks across the city from late April to September. And stay

tuned for summer, when **The Oval+** will pop up once again along the Benjamin Franklin Parkway for another season of music, movies, and delicious food and drinks.



MARCH

FarmPhilly CSA Program, a great way to get fresh, locally grown veggies: FarmPhilly's Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Program returns March 20 for its second year, offering Philadelphians the opportunity to purchase "shares" in the form of produce or flowers for weekly pickup at The Carousel House Farm in West Fairmount Park. The farm produced 4,000 pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables last year. FarmPhilly supports over 60 urban agriculture projects within Philadelphia's parks, including orchards, youth education gardens, and farmer's markets.

<https://squareup.com/store/myphillypark/>

Hikes, trail runs, and yoga in the parks: Venture off the beaten path in Philly's parks with Fairmount Park Conservancy's guided hikes, trail runs, and yoga and meditation classes. These

events explore the hidden gems in Philly's parks, including the Trolley Trail in West Fairmount Park, the Boxers' Trail in East Fairmount Park, the Fairmount Park Horticulture Center, and others. The events are free for Conservancy members and \$15 for non-members. Membership starts at \$35 per year.

<https://fairmountpark.ticketleap.com/>

Wheel Fun bike and surrey rentals: Visitors to Boathouse Row can rent a bike or surrey from the Wheel Fun concession next to Lloyd Hall 7 days a week, starting March 23. Revenue from these operations goes to support the parks.

<http://wheelfunrentals.com/>

APRIL

Parks on Tap, the traveling community beer garden: The beer garden that gives back, created by Fairmount Park Conservancy, Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, and FCM Hospitality, will be back for its fourth season, running for 23 weeks from April 24 through September 29. This year, the traveling beer garden will kick off at the Azalea Garden at noon on April 24, and visit new locations including Fisher Park (Olney), McMichael Park (East Falls), and the Discovery Center (East Fairmount Park) throughout the season. **Media are invited to attend the press opening for Parks on Tap on Wednesday, April 24, at 12 noon at the Azalea Garden.**

Each week, Parks on Tap will travel to a different Philadelphia park on a Wednesday and stay through Sunday, offering a menu of seasonal food and drink specials overseen by Chef Justin Koenig of Craft Hall in a family-friendly setting. All locations will include seating and tables, games, and temporary restrooms. A portion of the proceeds raised from Parks on Tap go to support the participating parks. Full schedule, menus, and other details to be announced at the opening press event.

Parksontap.com

Wedding Wednesdays, Lunch in Love, and more at Love Park: The Wedding Wednesdays series returns to Love Park beginning April 10. Couples can register at City Hall, Room 413 to get married in front of the iconic *LOVE* sculpture by Robert Indiana. Wedding dates vary, starting with two per month. Check the Love Park webpage for more information.

<https://www.phila.gov/2018-08-10-wedding-wednesdays-putting-the-love-in-love-park/>

Spring also marks the return of the Lunch in Love, a rotating lineup of food trucks on weekdays and Live at Love, a free music series in the park.

Follow @LoveParkPhilly on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for current programming.

MAY

Centennial Dinner, a night of celebration for Philly's parks: At this year's Centennial Celebration on May 2, Fairmount Park Conservancy will honor individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary leadership and support for Philadelphia's parks: **Michael C.**

Carbone, Regional President of Metro PA/NJ Market, TD Bank; **David Montgomery**, Chairman & former President, Philadelphia Phillies; and **Michael Burch**, Publisher, *The Parkside Journal*. The annual celebration takes place at Fairmount Park Horticulture Center. Tickets, including individual and non-profit rates, are available at myphillypark.org.

<https://myphillypark.org/centennial-dinner-2019/>

Broad Street Run Team of Park Champions: Need a last-minute bib for Broad Street? Join Fairmount Park Conservancy's Blue Cross Broad Street Run 2019 Team of Park Champions and enjoy great perks while raising funds for everyone's favorite place to run: Philly's parks. Team members get guaranteed entry into the run on May 5, can participate in special training runs, receive free tickets to future Conservancy events, and more.

<https://www.crowdrise.com/bsr2019>

Love Your Park, a week of service and celebration: Taking place this year May 11-19, Love Your Park Week kicks off with a citywide service day engaging volunteers to clean and green Philly's parks, followed by 8 days of fun, free events and cleanups in more than 100 neighborhood parks. Highlights this year include: A public art bike ride through Fairmount Park, a mid-week hike in the Wissahickon, and a special guided run and cleanup at FDR Park. [Volunteer registration for service days opens April 11 and 2,500 volunteers are needed.](#)

loveyourpark.org

We Walk PHL, a free guided walking program: We Walk PHL, a series of free guided walks in 10 Philly parks, returns for its third spring season in May. Locations this spring will be Clark Park, Cobbs Creek, East Fairmount Park, FDR Park, Hunting Park, Lanier Playground, Rose Playground, Tacony Creek Park, Vernon Park, and West Fairmount Park. This free program is designed to help people achieve their fitness goals while meeting their neighbors. A fall season will take place September-October.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1346769412082556/about/>



JUNE

West Park Arts Fest: West Park Cultural Center in partnership with Fairmount Park Conservancy and Mural Arts Philadelphia, will present the 12th annual West Park Arts Fest on Saturday, June 8, from 1-6 pm (South Concourse Drive between 41st Street and Memorial Hall Drive). The free family-friendly festival includes local craft vendors, children's art activities, historical trolley tours,

food trucks, and more. This year, the festival will feature Philadelphia's very first "FunkFest at the West Park Arts Fest," an all-funk music lineup headlined by Breakwater and curated by local artist Bad Kitty.

<https://myphillypark.org/event/west-park-arts-fest-2019/>

Download high-resolution images here: <http://bit.ly/ConservancyPressKit>.

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 100 neighborhood parks around the city. For more information, please visit myphillypark.org, join us at facebook.com/fairmountparkconservancy, and follow us on Instagram and Twitter @myphillypark.

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