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Town Square

Philly Grannies Respond to Asylum-Seekers' Needs

By Bonnie Eisenfeld

In the spring, Center City resident Margo Villanova and others formed the Philadelphia chapter of *Grannies Respond/Abuelas Responden*, a national organization of volunteers who provide assistance and supplies to asylum-seekers released from detention centers, traveling legally via bus to meet their families or sponsors. <https://www.granniesrespond.org/>

Volunteers in Philadelphia greet them at the bus station, and help those who are traveling to and through the Philadelphia area. Granny Greeters offer a welcoming face, assist refugees in finding their next bus, and provide basic care kits of snacks, water, juice, toiletries, diapers, and toys.

After passing an interview in the border towns with ICE (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement), in which they establish with authorities that they have a credible fear of returning to their home country, asylees are released at the local bus stations. Volunteers with local organizations like Angry Tias and Abuelas (Angry Aunts and Grandmothers) or Catholic Charities help the asylum-seekers get a warm shower and purchase bus tickets to their next destination, where they will be met by family or sponsors. They also provide basic necessities like sandwiches, snacks, water, clothes, diapers, and formula.

Traveling by bus, sometimes for days before reaching their destinations, they are not sustained by the supplies initially given to them. Before long, they will need replenishment. Chapters of Grannies Respond in cities throughout the U.S. provide help and a friendly face, assurance, and guidance along the way.

Here's what you can do:

- **Purchase and send** needed supplies from Grannies Respond Amazon Wish List: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2T4PVNKHQIRK?ref_=wl_share
- **Donate online:** <https://www.granniesrespond.org/supportus> and indicate your donation is go to **Philadelphia**.
- **Donate by check**, payable to Grannies Respond/Abuelas Responden, Inc. On the memo line print: **Philadelphia**. Mail to Grannies Respond/Abuelas Responden, Inc., PO Box 1106, Beacon, NY 12508.
- **Volunteer** to greet refugees passing through Philly. Granny Greeters are all ages, all genders; no need to be a Granny to offer a helping hand. Spanish language is not a requirement; Spanish speakers are available to help. You can also assist in making kits, fundraising, or other functions. To volunteer, please contact Kate Vandegrift, vkate113@gmail.com



Margo Villanova, not actually a granny, is a Granny Greeter at the Greyhound Bus Station, with Philly Grannies Respond, meeting a bus to assist asylees.

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Single-Use Plastic Bags Banned in Philadelphia Starting October 1

By Bonnie Eisenfeld

Philadelphians use about a billion plastic bags each year, and many of these bags end up as litter on our streets and waterways. To improve the environmental quality and cleanliness of our city, Philadelphia has instituted a ban on certain plastic bags.

On July 1, the City announced that, starting October 1, retail stores will be prohibited from providing single-use plastic bags, as well as non-recycled paper bags. By April 1, 2022, the City will fully enforce the ban. <https://www.phila.gov/2021-06-23-what-you-need-to-know-about-the-citys-plastic-bag-ban/>

The legislation prohibits retail businesses from providing all single-use plastic bags, bags made from PLA (polylactic acid) created through a blown-film extrusion process, and paper bags that do not contain at least 40 percent recycled content. The ban applies to all types and sizes of retail businesses, indoor and outdoor, on-site and delivery, regardless of products sold.

Retail establishments will still be permitted to provide reusable bags made of nylon, cotton, polyester, or another machine-washable fabric that are specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuses, as well as reusable plastic bags that are not created through blown-film extrusion, are more than 2.25 mils thick, and are specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuses.

Retail establishments will also be permitted to provide paper bags that contain a minimum of 40 percent post-consumer recycled content, contain no old-growth fiber, clearly display the word "Recyclable" or "Recycled Content," and are labeled with the name of the manufacturer and the percentage of post-consumer recycled content of the bag.

The following bags are exempt: dry-cleaner bags; bags sold in packages containing multiple bags intended for use as garbage bags or to contain pet waste or yard waste; and bags used inside a retail establishment by a customer to deliver perishable items to the point of sale (including bags used to package bulk items, meats or fish, unwrapped prepared foods, bakery goods, flowers, potted plants, or similar items).

Businesses using prohibited bags after October 1 can be reported to 311. Until April 1, 2022, businesses will receive a warning to remind them about the ban. After that, any retail establishment that fails to comply will be subject to violation notices, which carry penalties of at least \$75. Each violation of the ordinance is subject to a separate fine. The City can take repeat offenders to court and ask the judge to impose higher penalties. If fines are not paid, a lien can be put on the business.



A colorful tote bag folds up into this compact pouch, which fits easily in purse or pocket for impromptu purchases. Made of polyester, washable, reusable, portable, and water resistant. Available in a variety of patterns. Purchase at Tselaine, 1927 Walnut.

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President's Letter

A Full Fall Agenda

By Rick Gross, CCRA President

Dear CCQ Readers:

I have decided to dispense with the formal President's Report and instead write a letter to everyone reading the CCQ. What follows is my first as President. As you can see from below, I look forward to your responses.

I am writing this letter 24 days into my term as President of CCRA. It's been a busy three weeks!

First, I want to say a huge thank-you to Maggie Mund, my predecessor. Maggie and I have worked closely together for the past few years, and her leadership and poise and good nature in a challenging job will be a hard act to follow! Thankfully, Maggie isn't going far from CCRA, as she co-chairs one of our major initiatives this year.

Next, I want to thank the members of the new Executive Committee for their willingness to step up to perform the multitude of tasks that our members expect of CCRA and that we need to undertake in order to succeed as an organization. Our finances must be transparent and prudent; our membership needs to be well informed about issues affecting the entire community and the city beyond; we need to grow larger, stronger and more diverse, representing both high-rise and single-family neighborhoods; and we need to have productive relationships with our government at all levels. These jobs are helmed by members of the Executive Committee, for whose dedication I am grateful.

I also want to thank the Nominating Committee for producing a slate of wonderful new Board members, who were introduced to you in the Spring issue. This organization's success depends on dedicated work from the entire Board, and I am looking forward to getting to know and work with all of them over the next several years.

In April, the Board adopted three initiatives to focus our work on this year. They are grouped as:

- 1) **Clean and Green:** researching, identifying and advocating for better ways to collect and dispose of our trash; improving the tree canopy in Center City West; addressing environmental concerns of air and water pollution and storm water management;
- 2) **Neighborhood Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:** expansion of CCRA's commitment to affordable housing in the neighborhood; identifying opportunities for collaboration with organizations and communities of color; continuing work on effective but compassionate responses to homelessness;
- 3) **Facilitating Community Giving:** Exploring a community-driven "giving circle" to spread resources to worthy organizations and individuals.

Work on all these initiatives has begun with task forces this summer. The Board will review their progress, and adopt and support new programs as appropriate in the fall. I am excited to see what the task forces will propose in these critical areas of concern to our members. We will report more fully in upcoming issues of the Quarterly and in CCRA This Week. Stay tuned!

Of course, we remain focused on the issues of daily living in Center City, which have reappeared as Philadelphia emerges from the long Covid nightmare. Aggressive panhandling, neighborhood hygiene and irritating street behavior, and the increasing annoyance and danger of illegal ATV and motorcycle riding are issues with which CCRA is involved on a consistent basis. We have regular contact with the police and all city agencies addressing these problems, and with the elected officials whose responsibility includes crafting constructive public responses to them.



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Many of us spend a great deal of time trying to improve the quality of life that should make living in Center City a pleasure for everyone. Unfortunately, these problems are not new and often appear intractable. But I am committed to working together to find innovative solutions for the good of our community.

Finally, we get much mail from you individually, both complimentary and critical. I want to hear from you in any case, and will do my best (together with our hard-working and excellent Operations Manager Travis Oliver) to respond individually. You can help both me and the Board do our jobs by telling us your thoughts on what we are and what we should (or shouldn't) be doing. We might not always agree, but we genuinely value your feedback and input. This organization belongs to all of us.

And do please stay tuned for details about the return of the very popular Casino Night in late Fall and exciting plans for a gala celebration of our 75th Anniversary in the Spring.

Rick Gross

It's Academic

Greene Towne Montessori Welcomes New Montessori Director Chris Booth

The Greene Towne Montessori School community welcomes Christine Booth as the new Montessori Director/Dean of Faculty, who began in July. She replaces Jennifer Coulter, who was at Greene Towne for 19 years and recently moved to Oregon.

Booth joins Greene Towne with many different perspectives of Montessori over the past 26 years: as a mom who chose Montessori for her daughters' education, as a longtime Primary lead teacher, and as a Center Director and then Head of Schools at Montessori Corner Schools in West Windsor/Plainsboro, New Jersey. Booth is also a Montessori teacher trainer of adult learners.

"Greene Towne teachers who met with Chris as part of our search process noted her impressive experience, collaborative leadership style, as well as her understanding of the importance of relationship-building in every role," says Head of School Sarah Sweeney-Denham.

Booth is excited about Greene Towne's authenticity as an accredited Montessori school, and the opportunity to find a warm community where she can share her skills and experience, while also continuing to learn and grow. Greene Towne looks forward to showing off the Center City classroom to Booth this year.

Greene Towne Montessori School serves children 18 months old through Kindergarten and is accredited by the American Montessori Society and the Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools. To learn more, visit www.gtms.org.



Greene Towne Montessori Director/Dean of Faculty
Chris Booth.

PCI Announces New Protocols for Fall Reopening

By Erin Hoopes

In-person library services are expanding throughout the Free Library of Philadelphia system this fall. The Philadelphia City Institute Branch expects to reopen for five-day service by September; specific hours will be listed on our website <https://www.freelibrary.org/>.

As we reopen, library services may look a little different from before the shutdown. Please consider the following when returning to the library for browsing and computer use:

- Please go to <https://www.freelibrary.org/> to review current masking guidance for city facilities before your in-person visit.
- Bring either your library card (physical card or barcode on your phone) or your ID in order to check out materials.
- If checking out holds for a family member or friend, you should be listed as an agent on their account. Due to privacy restrictions, in order to list an agent on an account, the card-holder needs to call or stop by to give their permission.
- If there are items on your account that have been marked lost, you'll need to either bring them back or renew them before checking out more materials.
- We now have a lift that allows full access to our lower levels. However, we will still ask everyone to leave strollers upstairs (unless you have mobility challenges). Too many strollers downstairs will create unsafe situations for little ones who need space to move around and play.
- We are unlikely to have enough staff to begin in-person programming right away. We will be adding programs back as staffing allows.

- We have moved some of the adult collection around and added new signage. Please ask a staff member if you need help finding something.

Finally, we're very happy to welcome you back into our library! We ask everyone to remember that being indoors in a crowded space is a big change for many of us, and we all will need to extend each other patience and grace as we adjust to our new normal.



Erin Hoopes, Head Librarian, brought the Free Library to Rittenhouse Square on Friday, July 9.

Bonnie Eisenfeld

Digital Downloads from the Free Library

The Free Library offers downloadable audiobooks, ebooks, streaming music, podcasts, magazines, limited video, and special sources. Check out these digital media databases: <https://libwww.freelibrary.org/databases/featured.cfm?subjects=digital-media>

For audiobooks, search the huge selection in Overdrive. For ebooks, search Freading, Overdrive, and the large selection of reference books in Gale eBooks. Overdrive also has graphic novels and some movies.

Kanopy movie services had been discontinued because of limited funding. Instead, the Free Library will use its funds for collections of physical materials in neighborhood libraries.

The Free Library offers a huge collection of movies on DVD for those patrons who have DVD players. Use the catalog to find and hold any DVD title and request to have it shipped to your nearest Free Library location to borrow. <https://www.freelibrary.org/>

If there is a book, movie, or other title you can't find in the Free Library catalog, you can request it from the Interlibrary Loan service <https://libwww.freelibrary.org/illiad/> or recommend it for purchase by the Free Library of Philadelphia using this form: <https://libwww.freelibrary.org/contact/>

Town Square

Gun Violence Prevention: Collaborative Efforts among Three Levels of Government

By Bonnie Eisenfeld

Gun trafficking and illegal transfers are fueling the gun-violence epidemic. Five departments in three levels of governments—federal, state, and local—are working together as the Gun Violence Task Force. Attorneys and field agents from the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General; the Philadelphia Police Department; the Philadelphia District Attorney’s office; the FBI; and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives are investigating the origins of guns used in crimes and tracing them back to prevent future crimes.

Specific actions of the Task Force include: uploading crime-gun data into shared law-enforcement databases; utilizing a “Track + Trace” database to share information and identify trends; working with gun retailers to increase use of electronic records of sale; and educating Pennsylvania consumers on the consequences of straw purchases and illegal transfers, and the importance of safe storage of guns. <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/aqu-gvtf/>

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Peace Day Philly and United Nations International Day of Peace

The Philadelphia Ethical Society and the organizers of Peace Day Philly and United Nations International Day of Peace are sponsoring the following events, marking the 11th anniversary of Peace Day Philly in Rittenhouse Square.

11th Anniversary Peace Day Philly Celebration The Larry McKenna Jazz Quartet

Philadelphia Ethical Society
1906 S. Rittenhouse Square
Sunday, September 19, 4 pm
Free. \$8 suggested donation

Peace on the Streets

Philadelphia Ethical Society

Panel discussion:

How citizens, interfaith coalitions, and trauma-informed policing can build more peace on Philly’s streets.

Monday, September 20, 5:30 pm

Free

Peace Day Philly 2021

Giant Peace Dove, music and featured speakers
Rittenhouse Square

Tuesday, September 21, 11:15 am

Free

Virtual program offerings Wednesday, September 15,

to Tuesday, September 21. www.peacedayphilly.org/events



Peace Day Dove is paraded through Rittenhouse Square.

Center City Tour Guide's Discoveries about Philadelphia History

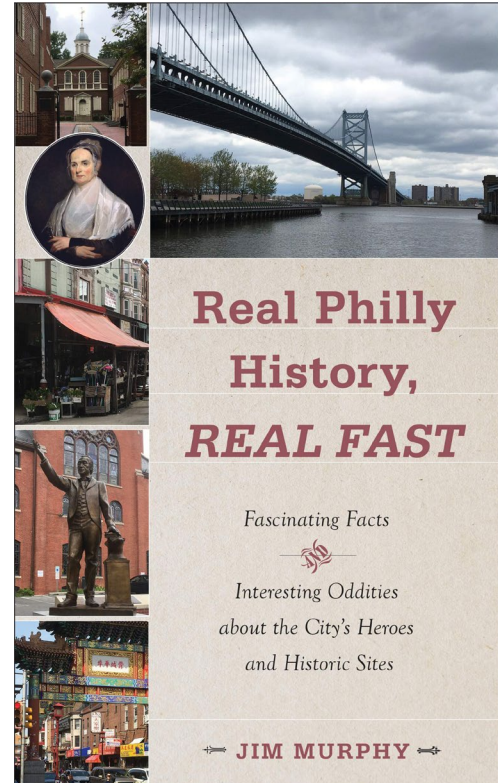
By Bonnie Eisenfeld

Real Philly History, Real Fast is a collection of 51 true stories of discovery, highlighting facts and lesser-known oddities about Philadelphia's past, compiled into what author Jim Murphy calls a "history buffet." For example, did you know there was a Washington Avenue Immigration Station through which almost one million immigrants passed from 1873 to 1915? The site is identified by a marker at the Washington Avenue Pier at Columbus Avenue near a U.S. Coast Guard station.

Formerly a certified tour guide (Association of Philadelphia Tour Guides) and writer for the *Society Hill Reporter*, Murphy is an enthusiastic fan of Philadelphia and "Philadelphia's superstars" William Penn and Ben Franklin, to whom he dedicates his book. Murphy introduces the reader to some Philadelphia history that many people might not know at all, and provides a new and interesting perspective on familiar historic places, people, museums, architecture, and communities.

In addition to well-researched facts, each story includes Murphy's discovery, engaging viewpoint and recommendations; each story includes a photo and ends with a short summary of facts, location, hours, and other details.

Murphy suggests using this book yourself, as well as giving it to family and friends to help guide and enliven visits to the city. Published by Temple University Press. Learn more at <https://www.realphillyhistory.com/>



From the book cover.

Around the Neighborhood...

French for "come to see," Venez Voir used to be a doctor's office in the 1970s. It is one of many architecturally distinctive and unique buildings on the 2000 block of Locust. Noted Philadelphia Magazine in 2015, "Built circa 1898, the sleek Locust Street residence wears an elegant 1920s façade and an air of mystery..."



Buried Under the Tarmac Belgian Block, Check. Trolley Tracks, Check.

Text and Photos by Bill West



Our block got a new water main this year. I, for one, found it very educational to watch the job unfold. There were distinct aspects of archaeology as layers of the past were opened to the light of day.

The rails started coming out of the ground quite early. The Belgian block, on the other hand, was playing hide and seek. Eventually we did start to get some, but it seems clear that much of the old pavement on this bit of street had been carted away during prior reconstructions. The basic profile here is asphalt on top of a layer of concrete on top of dirt. Down in the dirt are the water pipes, so we wound up seeing a lot of dirt as well.



Another block near us was also getting a new water main, and I visited it occasionally as well. Stretches, at least, had the old road virtually intact under the asphalt. Here's a shot that can give you an idea of what Philadelphia's streets looked like in 1910 or 1890.



Some background: The original streetcars in Philadelphia were drawn by horses, and they first showed up in 1858. Electrification arrived several decades later. Here is an article on Philly's streetcar history, which notes that electric lines went in on Bainbridge and Catharine Streets in 1892. <https://philadelphiaencyclopedia.org/archive/streetcars/>



And then there were a bunch of these things. They are pieces of the old railroad ties (or sleepers, as the English call them). The hexagonal piece of metal you see sticking out of the wood is the head of something called a hex-head screw spike. I had never seen or heard of such a thing before, but apparently they were quite popular in years gone by.

The advantage over the regular railroad spike is that you don't have to drive the spike with a really big hammer. Instead, you can use a large spanner to screw it into the wood. The little tab is a separate piece, kind of like a washer. I think its purpose is to reach out and hold down the lip on the bottom of the rail.

I couldn't resist salvaging a few of these screw spikes.



Koresh Dance Company Celebrates 30 Years

By Keila Perez-Vega

Koresh Dance Company retakes the stage at the Suzanne Roberts Theatre October 21-24, after a period of darkness for the performing arts industry, ushering in a season that should see a rush of patrons returning to see live shows.

Celebrating the company's longevity as a cornerstone in Philadelphia's cultural community, Artistic Director Ronen "Roni" Koresh is preparing an offering that combines new work with highlights from the past. With a working title "One Step, One Word, One World," Koresh portrays the clarity of the past with the uncertainty of the future emerging from the pandemic and shaping the next 30 years (and beyond!).

Koresh's first steps in dance began with the rhythms from his native Israel, first influenced by his mother, a folk dancer in the

Yemenite tradition. Over the last 30 years, he has developed the Koresh Dance Company and the "Koresh Style." The Koresh Style draws sweeping patterns, rhythms, and emotionally infused movement from his beginnings as a folk dancer.

"The first 30 years of the Company," says Koresh, "has been about reacting to movement and inspiration—being instinctive, not judging, doing." With "One Step, One Word, One World" he is beginning a new phase to research these influences and inspirations, and derive new pathways for both himself and his company of dancers.

For more information and for tickets visit koreshdance.org.



Koresh Dance Company marks 30 years on the Philadelphia dance scene.

Dining Scene

118 S. 20th Street Village Whiskey

By Leo Levinson—*The Center City Foodie*

I like my whiskey neat—in a rocks glass, no ice. How about you? In this day of infused vodkas and “signature” cocktails, the brown liquors, especially bourbons and ryes, seem old-fashioned to many. But that’s the way I like it, and so, it seems, do many who enjoy the bustling Village Whiskey.

I must say that Ashton Cigar Bar has had the best brown-liquor menu in our district. However, with Ashton’s post-COVID reopening plans in limbo, Village Whiskey takes over the mantle of having the best whiskey (often used as a synonym for bourbons and ryes) menu in Center City West. Village Whiskey’s diverse offering of bourbons and ryes like Michter, Whistle Pig, Woodbridge, Willett, Makers Mark, Four Roses and many other premium favorites provide quite a whiskey experience. Even a few flights and tastings are offered so you can have fun comparing a number of bourbon favorites, without going in for the full pour.

Recently, I enjoyed there a two-ounce pour of Eagle Rare, neat. Eagle Rare is rarely carried by most bars, so it’s nice to find it here. Eagle Rare is an affordable bourbon that has a golden honey color and notes of toast, honey, chocolate, almonds, melons, raisins and dried fruits on the palate, complemented by a subtle vanilla undertone. With a long and powerful finish, punctuated with hints of roasted nuts and corn, it’s an incredible value.

As good as the whiskey menu is, Village Whiskey also offers some imaginative cocktails, especially during the 4 – 6 pm Happy Hour, when a featured cocktail is offered every day at a significant discount. Appetizer specials are available, too.

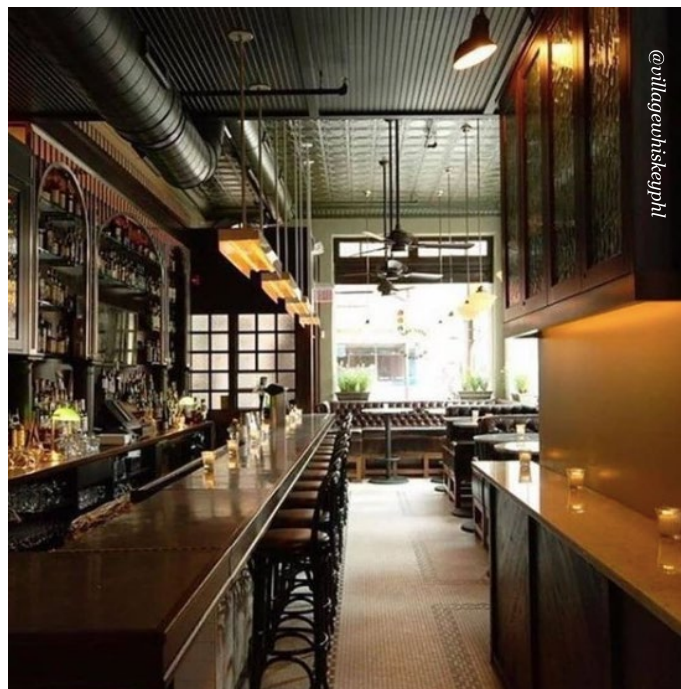
The best place to sit at Village Whiskey is right at the bar—reminiscent of a Prohibition-era speakeasy—one that is beautiful, welcoming and relaxing. The bar’s dark wood and mirror, offset by old-style white/black tile flooring, makes this a unique environment to hang out and sample whiskey with friends. Pro tip: make sure you specify, when making a reservation, a booth in the bar room or a seat at the bar, or you’ll be relegated, as we were, to “Siberia” in the auxiliary dining room or outside. Although not necessarily unpleasant, they don’t have the hospitable vibe of the bar.

I’ve been enjoying Village Whiskey since it opened years ago. In addition to the bourbons, ryes and unique environment, the thing that brings us back is what I’d call their signature dish—French fries cooked in duck fat. The duck fat gives the fries a distinctive crispness and a richness unlike fries cooked using other oils and methods. Arguably, Village Whiskey’s Duck Fat Fries are simply the best fries, period.

On a recent visit, Mrs. Levinson and I enjoyed an early “date” at Village Whiskey, on the way home from work. We were not the only daters there, as the restaurant was packed with couples. Obviously, they know what we know, that Village Whiskey is a pretty good dating venue, thanks to its pricing, speed of service (we were in and out in less than an hour), atmosphere and location.

Village Whiskey has been known for its hamburgers—some other reviewers have gushed that they’re the best in the City—but I must confess that mine was a bit dry with some stinginess on the gourmet toppings. I had the special Summertime burger with jalapeño bacon, Fontina cheese, heirloom tomato, pickled red onions and baby arugula. It was served with a delicious sweet corn and basil aioli. All in all, the exceptional bar brings the menu along. And the environment makes this a nice dating place that will get you in and on to your next activity, quickly and satiated.

Leo Levinson, our roving food writer, is a board member of Philadelphia’s premier gourmet club, The Chaîne des Rotisseurs, former chair of the Union League’s Grand Cru Society wine club and accomplished amateur cook. As an active foodie, resident and public relations guru in Center City West, he’ll give us the inside track, from pho to foie gras. Follow Leo on Instagram @theolevinson



The bar at Village Whiskey.



Greene Towne Montessori School

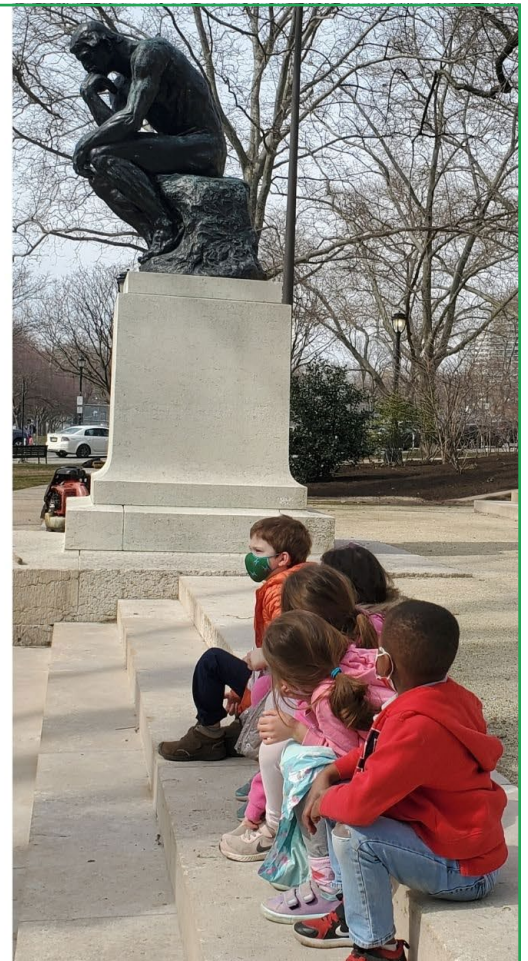
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CCRA Fall Calendar – Take a Walk in the Park

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Tuesday, September 14 – 7 pm
<https://www.centercityresidents.org/>

Rittenhouse Square Fine Art Show

Friday, September 17
Saturday, September 18
Sunday, September 19
<https://www.rittenhousesquareart.com/>

Peace Day Philly and International Day of Peace

Rittenhouse Square
Tuesday, September 21
<http://www.peacedayphilly.org/>
See Page 6 for schedule of events

Pennsylvania Guild Fine Craft Fair

Rittenhouse Square
Friday, October 8, 11 am – 6 pm
Saturday, October 9, 11 am – 6 pm
Sunday, October 10, 11 am – 5 pm
<https://www.pacrafts.org/fine-craft-fairs/fine-craft-fair-fall-rittenhouse-square>

Blue Cross Broad Street Run

Sunday, October 10
<https://www.broadstreetrun.com/>

2021 Philadelphia Open Studio Tours

Presented by Center for Emerging Visual Artists
Artists' studios will be open from 12 to 6 pm
Northeast, Saturday, October 16
South (includes Center City), Sunday, October 17
Northwest, Saturday, October 23
West, Sunday, October 24
<https://www.philaopenstudios.org/>

Head of the Schuylkill Regatta

Schuylkill River
Saturday, October 30 and Sunday, October 31

Schuylkill Banks RiverBoat Tours Cruises

Walnut Street Dock, east bank of Schuylkill River
Beneath Walnut Street Bridge
Select Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays
Through October
<https://www.schuylkillbanks.org/events/riverboat-tours-1>
https://www.regattacentral.com/regatta/index.jsp?job_id=6267

Election Day

Tuesday, November 2
(See Page 15 for more info)

Philadelphia Marathon

Sunday, November 21
<https://www.philadelphiamarathon.com/>

Architectural Tours

Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia
<https://www.preservationalliance.com/architecture-walking-tours/>
Center for Architecture and Design
<https://www.philadelphiacfa.org/architecture-tours>

Museums

<https://www.discoverphl.com/blog/philadelphia-museums-that-are-now-open/>

Trails for Walking, Running, or Biking

<https://www.visitphilly.com/articles/philadelphia/running-and-biking-trails-center-city-philadelphia/>

Parks and Outdoor Spaces in Philadelphia

https://www.visitphilly.com/parks-outdoors-in-philadelphia/?utm_source=VisitPhillyEmail&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=VPE_April2021&utm_content=parks

For more events in Center City, go to Center City District:

<https://centercityphila.org/news?topics=news&search=>

For more events in Philadelphia, go to Visit Philly:

<https://www.visitphilly.com/>





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LOOKING AHEAD

CCRA Casino Night

Date TBA

Check CCRA This Week for updates

Town Square

Election Dates and Information

Monday, October 18

Last day to **REGISTER** before the November election

Tuesday, October 26

Last day to **APPLY** for a mail-in or civilian **absentee ballot**

Tuesday, November 2

GENERAL ELECTION

Last day for County Boards of Elections to **receive** voted mail-in and civilian absentee **ballots** (must be received by 8 pm)

For election information on offices, judges, and ballot questions:

- **Committee of Seventy:** <https://seventy.org/publications/elections-voting/build-your-ballot/philadelphia-county>
- Ratings of Philadelphia judges: **Philadelphia Bar Association** <https://judges.philadelphiabar.org/>
- Ratings of Pennsylvania judges: **Pennsylvania Bar Association** <https://www.pabar.org/site/For-Lawyers/Committees-Commissions/Judicial-Evaluation/Resources/JEC-Ratings/2021>

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 Vote
 Is Your
 Voice!

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