

**CITY REPRESENTATIVE'S WINTER-SPRING 2011 CALENDAR
HOLDS EVENTS FOR FAMILIES, CHILDREN,
CULTURE AND COMMUNITY**

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January 1, 10 AM, *Philadelphia Mummers Parade*. A beloved 111 year-old tradition unique to Philadelphia and the nation's oldest, continuous "folk event" struts and strums the city into the New Year as the parade steps off onto South Broad Street, 10,000 Mummers strong, to make its way to City Hall for a judging to award "best of show" for String Bands, Comic units and Fancy divisions and brigades based on costume, theme, and performance. www.phillymummers.com

January 17, *Greater Philadelphia King Day of Service*. Philadelphia is proud to host the largest King Day events in the nation. The national King Day of Service started in Philadelphia in 1996 with the mission to break down barriers, form ongoing partnerships and foster understanding about the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. The event encourages a commitment to civic engagement, community volunteering and active citizenship through service. www.mlkdayofservice.org

January 19 – March 17, *One Book, One Philadelphia*. For the ninth year, a joint project of the Mayor's Office and the Free Library of Philadelphia that promotes reading, literacy and community building. The 2011 book selection is *War Dances* by Sherman Alexie. www.freelibrary.org

February (date TBA), *PAL Day at City Hall*. Mayor Michael Nutter is a champion of the Police Athletic League and serves as PAL's Honorary President. His support has contributed greatly to PAL's ability to offer after-school activities across the city to benefit more than 25,000 inner-city young people. Pal Day at City Hall provides a day of workplace mentoring to PAL members by Municipal Officials assigned to compliment the student's future interests. Student members nominated from the city's 27 PAL service centers spend the day as "honorary" City Officials including a PAL Mayor of the Day. www.phillypal.com

March 4 – April 10, *Subaru Cherry Blossom Festival of Greater Philadelphia*. Japan presented our city with blossoming cherry trees in 1926 to honor the 150th Anniversary of American Independence in our country's birthplace. The Japan America Society of Greater Philadelphia continued this legacy with a planting of 1,000 additional cherry trees completed in 2007. Events scheduled include: 3/21, Kashu-juku Noh Theater at the Kimmel Center; 3/26, Cherry Blossom Bash, Hyatt at the Bellevue; 3/28-4/1, Japanese Culture Week at The Shops at Liberty Place Rotunda; 4/6, Sidewalk Parade, Love Park; 4/10, Sakura Sunday featuring the second annual Cherry Blossom 5K, Tamagawa Drum & Dance, martial arts, traditional crafts and Japanese foods at the Horticultural Center, Fairmount Park. Full calendar of events at www.jasgp.org

March (date TBA), *Pennsylvania Convention Center (PCC) expansion opening.* The PCC expansion will increase meeting and exhibit space by nearly 60 percent, making available 1 million sq. ft. of saleable space. The PCC will offer the largest contiguous exhibit space in the Northeast (541,000 sq. ft.) and feature the largest convention center ballroom on the East Coast (60,000 sq. ft.). The expansion will allow for the hosting of large tradeshow or two major conventions simultaneously. For latest expansion news and photos: www.paconvention.com

April 7 – May 1, *Philadelphia International Festival of the Arts (PIFA).* Inspired by the Kimmel Center, PIFA launches the city's art and cultural scene onto the world stage with a three-week festival offering performances, exhibits and events for every audience. PIFA's programs represent multiple art disciplines and include more than 100 partners. The PIFA schedule presents newly commissioned works and classical performances and exhibits, featuring local and international artists. Summoning the artistic energy of Paris 1910 – 1920, PIFA celebrates works from that era and new creations influenced by the innovative spirit of that period. www.pifa.org

April 16, *150th Anniversary of the Civil War in Philadelphia.* Kickoff parade, review and encampment will commemorate the departure of the first troops from Philadelphia in April 1861 and raise awareness of Philadelphia's role in the Civil War – “America's Second Revolution.” A series of events and exhibitions will occur through 2015 and include: 8/20 & 8/21, Major battle reenactment and living history encampment in Fairmount Park; (late spring/early summer) opening of the new Heritage Center at the Union League of Philadelphia; 6/30 – 7/4, “Civil War Road Show”, self-contained traveling exhibition at Franklin Square, Sixth and Race Streets; 3/1 – 7/4, “Civil War 150” exhibition of period maps, photographs, prints and other documents from the historical and Print and Picture Collections of the Free Library of Philadelphia. (Schedule incomplete.) www.civilwarphilly.net/

April 28, *Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day.* Mayor Nutter will open City Hall Municipal offices to provide young people between the ages of 8 – 18 with an opportunity to see how our city works from the inside. A collective effort engaging employers, employees, parents, mentors and educators, this day strengthens the connection between education, work and relationships between parents and children by offering students an experience of the work environment with an adult mentor in City government. www.daughtersandsonstowork.org

May (date TBA) 12 N, *Police & Firefighters Living Flame Memorial Ceremony.* Mayor Michael Nutter and Deputy Mayor for Public Safety, Everett Gillison, join representatives of the Fraternal Order of Police, Philadelphia Fire Department, members of the clergy and representatives of federal, state, and other law enforcement and fire service agencies to honor the Philadelphia Police Officers and Firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty and acknowledge the families who suffered the loss of a loved one. Ceremonies at the Living Flame Memorial, Franklin Square Park at Sixth and Race Streets.

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May 13 & 14, *Aberdeen Dad Vail Regatta.* The Aberdeen Dad Vail Regatta is the largest collegiate regatta in the United States, with over 100 Colleges and Universities from the U. S. and Canada participating. Named for Harry Emerson “Dad” Vail of the University of Wisconsin and founded in 1934 by Rusty Callow and Lev Brett, two individuals with ties to rowing at the University of Pennsylvania, this team rowing competition was established to encourage the development of crew programs on collegiate campuses. This year welcomes the return of the historic Philadelphia Challenge Cup (aka the Gold Cup) race on 5/14. Scheduled Heats: (TBA) www.dadvail.org

May (date TBA), *11th Annual Mayor’s Centenarian Celebration.* Since 2001, the City of Philadelphia has honored our elite senior population, our Centenarians – city residents who are 100 years old or older. This local tribute is part of the annual “Older Americans Month” observance held nationwide each May. Philadelphia is one of the few municipalities in the country to celebrate the longevity and contributions of centenarians by recognizing their long-life, life-long experience and wisdom with a special “Witness to History” program.

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Spring (date TBA), *The Philadelphia History Museum at the Atwater Kent re-opens.* The historic 1826 building that houses the Museum has undergone extensive renovations and added new programs and exhibitions to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of Philadelphia, its historical artifacts, and its rich legacy. The Museum contains a Collection Research Center and offers insightful curriculum-based programs and dynamic content-rich lessons—as well as teachers workshops and resources—that liberates the story of the city from the textbook page and challenges students to consider the world around them and the story of their city in new ways. www.philadelphiahistory.org

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