

FUN SAFE PHILLY SUMMER



Cool view of the dance-off at a Pop-Up community event at Mander Recreation Center on August 17th.

End of Summer Newsletter 2016

Letters from the Office of Public Engagement

Letter from Dr. Nina Ahmad, Deputy Mayor for Public Engagement:

The Office of Public Engagement is delighted to be the new home of the Youth Commission and the Fun Safe Philly Summer initiative. Chatting and interacting with young Philadelphians as they enjoyed the programming provided by FSPS underscored the need for safe spaces where all our children can enjoy their childhood. Our office looks forward to supporting and strengthening the innovative programs coordinated by FSPS with our various partners in the years ahead. Many thanks to Rachel Abbott, our wonderful Fun Safe Philly Summer Coordinator and AmeriCorps VISTA, whose energy and imagination were instrumental in successful FSPS programming. We wish her well in her future endeavors when she completes her stint with us in November.

Letter from Ricardo Calderón, Director of the Philadelphia Youth Commission:

On behalf of the Philadelphia Youth Commission, we thank all of our partners and volunteers who made this summer possible. Through our Playstreet Book Club and Pop-Up events, we had the honor of spending time in various communities and neighborhoods throughout our beautiful city while engaging children, youth and families. These are memories we will never forget and we look forward to creating new ones next summer! Have Fun, be Safe and stay Philly!

Letter from Rachel Abbott, Fun Safe Philly Summer Coordinator:

Planning for and executing such a full and exciting summer 2016 has been an incredible experience. The team has learned so much and picked up ideas for future summers all throughout. It has been a joy to connect with young people all over the city and to provide them with safe, positive spaces to learn, grow, and play. I am confident that FSPS will continue to grow in its new home in the Philadelphia Youth Commission and Mayor's Office of Public Engagement. Until next year- keep up with us throughout the year!



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August Pop-Up Community Events

Pool and Frisbee Pop-Up

This summer's last two Pop-Up events were held on August 17th at Mander Recreation Center in North Philadelphia and on August 25th at McCreech Recreation Center in Southwest Philadelphia.

The August 17th event allowed for extended pool hours and many young people played Frisbee for the first time on Mander Playground's beautiful fields.



Lots of young people and families enjoying bright blue skies and extended pool hours at Mander Recreation Center.



Above, young people enjoy music spun by DJ Bill, and join in on a dance-off!

To the left (top), young people take a break from the pool and enjoy nutritious and delicious snacks provided by the neighborhood ShopRite. Bottom: friends learn to play Frisbee together.



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August Pop-Up Community Events

Skating Pop-Up

Our skating Pop-Up took place at the newly renovated McCressh Recreation Center Skate Park.

Our friend Vince showing off his skills.



Philadelphia Parks and Recreation skate instructor, AJ, enjoys some skate time after teaching his students.

During summer 2016, Fun Safe Philly Summer held four Pop-Up community events in total across the city, in North Philadelphia, Northeast Philadelphia, and Southwest Philadelphia. Each of Fun Safe Philly Summer's Pop-Up events is free for young people and their families, and open to the public. Fun Safe Philly Summer provides resources, donated snacks, and at least one activity at each event. This year, our Pop-Up events included basketball, Frisbee, fashion and dance shows, ice skating, swimming, and skating. Be sure to look out for our Pop-Up events during summer 2017!

When Fun Safe Philly Summer t-shirts become basketball jerseys because a spur of the moment tournament is on!



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Year-round Resources

Even though summer is over, there are lots of ways to stay connected to activities and resources throughout the year!



You can do a lot of the activities listed in our “**101 Free Things to Do in the Summer**” guide year-round! Don’t have a copy yet? Visit our website to download a guide or contact us and ask us to send you a hard copy!

www.funsafephillysummer.com

Free
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The Free Library of Philadelphia has loads of back-to-school activities and resources.

Check them out here:

<https://libwww.freelibrary.org/explore/topic/back-to-school>



Summer meals are over, but there are still lots of food resources available to young people in Philadelphia. The **Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger** works year-round to provide information on a variety of ways to eat well, stretch a food budget, and keep people of all ages connected to nutritious meals.

www.hungercoalition.org

Food Connect, an organization focused on redirecting leftover food to those who need it, is looking for volunteer drivers. Volunteer drivers pick up surplus food and take it to designated recipients. If interested please contact 267-888-6421.



After School Activities Partnerships runs hundreds of drama, debate, chess, and Scrabble clubs around the city. Their directory of after school programs includes tons of other activities as well!

www.phillyasap.org

Thank you for another

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Connect with **@PhillySummer** throughout the year to discover free and low-cost events and activities in Philadelphia!

Fun Safe Philly Summer is an initiative of the
Philadelphia Youth Commission &
the Mayor's Office of Public
Engagement.

www.funsafephillysummer.com

Thank you to our major partners
for helping to create a **full**, **fun**,
and **exciting** summer 2016!

