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Spruce Street Harbor Park Opens May 12th
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SPRUCE STREET HARBOR PARK RETURNS MAY 12 WITH MORE HAMMOCKS AND NEW OPENING WEEKEND FESTIVAL

The Season Kicks Off with the First Annual UNIVESTival May 12-14

PHILADELPHIA, PA (April 13, 2017): Spruce Street Harbor Park sustained by Uninvest Bank and Trust Co. (SSHP), Philadelphia's favorite seasonal waterfront park, will open the 2017 season Friday, May 12 with the first annual UNIVESTival, a weekend-long festival made possible by our sustaining partner Uninvest Bank and Trust Co. UNIVESTival will feature multiple nights of live music, food and drink specials, and a variety of entertainment including aerial routines over the marina, circus-style performances, a magician, caricature artist, a petting zoo, the Uninvest money booth, and an assortment of other unique arts and crafts.

"This is an exciting season at SSHP and Uninvest is proud to partner once again with the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation to make it all possible," said Jeff Schweitzer, President and CEO of Uninvest Corporation. "Uninvest continues to grow its presence in Philadelphia and with that comes increased community support to strengthen the neighborhoods that make Philadelphia such a great place to live, work and visit. We look forward to welcoming everyone on opening weekend at UNIVESTival and experiencing summer fun with you at SSHP."

FIRST ANNUAL UNIVESTIVAL!

This weekend-long festival will kick off the SSHP season with three days of exciting entertainment, both on and off the water.

FRIDAY, MAY 12

The park will open at 11am Friday, with activities and live music starting after 5pm, including clay animation from our friends at Clay Studios and a chance to win cash and prizes in the Uninvest money booth. Live entertainment will begin at 7pm featuring a performance by legendary local DJ [King Britt](#).

SATURDAY, MAY 13

Starting at Noon on Saturday, SSHP will come alive with creative make and take activities and exciting performances. Watch an aerial routine and tight rope performance (over the marina!) by Philly Circus, be intrigued with a magic show by Randy Shine, have the kids participate in an interactive performance with Music Monkey Jungle, and listen to kid DJ D-ILL spin the afternoon soundtrack. At night, enjoy a free performance by acclaimed musician and producer [Son Little](#).

SUNDAY, MAY 14

UNIVESTival's final day will be filled with family-friendly activities and the sweet sounds of steel drums from [Trinidelphia](#).

Having established the vision and program over the past few seasons, the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation (DRWC) is working on enhancing the site by almost doubling the amount of its signature offering: the hammock. **An additional 25 hammocks were installed, bringing the grand total to over 50 hammocks.** SSHP will once again be outlined by lush landscaping, colorful lights, plenty of seating, and the waterfront hammock lounge area that can be privately reserved and is outfitted with large umbrellas, free-standing hammocks, and fun games.

“Thanks to great community partners like Univest Bank and Trust Co, DRWC was able to expand the season and bring back this much anticipated attraction. Their continued support has allowed us to sustain and enhance the park with even more amenities this season. SSHP, together with Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest and a robust schedule of festivals and events, now activate the waterfront for residents and visitors mid spring through early fall,” said Tom Corcoran, president of DRWC.

In addition to more hammocks, **SSHP will also be adding 8 draft lines to the Beer Garden with two dedicated to pouring a selection of new rotating draft cocktails.** SSHP restaurant collaborations include returning favorites Chickie’s and Pete’s, Federal Donuts, Franklin Fountain, Frozen Delights, and Garces (serving new boardwalk-style pizza!).

Named one of the best places to visit in Philadelphia by national press, SSHP features colorful hammocks, floating gardens, beautiful lights, refreshing craft beer, and food from popular Philly restaurants, making it a summer gathering space for locals and visitors alike. **SSHP will open May 12 and continue to be free to the public through October 1, 2017.**

FOOD & BEVERAGE DETAILS

Each restaurant throughout the park will feature food offerings served out of retrofitted cargo containers on the boardwalk. This enhanced food program, in conjunction with waterfront restaurants and attractions Moshulu, ChartHouse, La Peg, Morgan’s Pier, Hibachi, Spirit of Philadelphia, and Dave and Busters, is helping to make the waterfront a dining destination.

[GARCES](#)

Returning to SSHP with four casual, yet unique food and beverage offerings on the Barge and the boardwalk. **New this year is Harborside Pizza featuring boardwalk-style pies and slices.**

Harborside Pizza Menu Includes:

- 16” pies with house made dough available by the slice or whole
- Italian Chopped Salad (Romaine, Peppers, Feta, Soppressata, Chickpeas, Pepperoncini, Oregano Vinaigrette)
- Margherita (San Marzano Tomato, Fior di Latte, Basil)
- Pepperoni (Pepperoni, Manchego, Fresh Mozzarella)
- Four Cheese (Manchego, Royal Blue Cheese, Fresh Mozzarella, Parmesan)
- Meatball (Beef, Parmesan, San Marzano Tomato)
- Zeppoli (Fried Dough, Nutella Caramel)

Distrito Taco will return to the Barge serving traditional Mexican street tacos and delicious chips and guacamole. On the boardwalk, the popular **Froman’s** and **Village Burger** concepts will offer hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages, and fries perfect to eat on a summer day.

[CHICKIE’S & PETE’S](#)

Chickie’s & Pete’s on the boardwalk will be serving their signature seasoned fries alongside cheesesteaks, crab pretzels and more.

FEDERAL DONUTS

Bringing back their donuts and fried chicken landside at **Port FedNuts**, located on the boardwalk at SSHP. The menu features:

- Cold Brewed Iced Coffee
- Fried Chicken Sandwich with American cheese, buttermilk ranch seasoning, Red Hot mayo & dill pickles
- Bag O Donuts, 6 mini cinnamon sugar or powdered sugar donuts

FRANKLIN FOUNTAIN

A summer along the water is not complete without ice cream, soft serve custard, and milkshakes. Serving out of two locations at SSHP:

S.S. Franklin Fountain

The S.S. Franklin Fountain, a shipping container inspired by 30s and 40s naval ships, is back again this season serving a multitude of tasty treats.

Franklin Sugar Shack

The Franklin Sugar Shack is an island hut brimming with real fruit fancy ices, old-fashioned soft serve custard and tropically inspired drinks using fresh-pressed sugar cane.

FROZEN DELIGHTS

Food concessionaire Daniel Rivera, a waterfront partner for many years, will continue to serve staple summer delights: soft ice cream, hot dogs, funnel cake, water ice, and more across SSHP and the Great Plaza at Penn's Landing.

THE LAZY HAMMOCK SEASONAL BEER

The [Yard's Brewery](#) beer collaboration will be back as a Blood Orange Witbier perfect for the summer season. Stay tuned a release date!

PARK HIGHLIGHTS

- More hammocks and lounge seating! With the addition of secure wooden posts, 25 new hammocks will be added to every accessible area to allow for summer lounging along the waterfront. Bistro tables, Adirondack chairs, and picnic tables will be added to the expanded footprint of the park to accommodate even more visitors.
- The Oasis returns with three floating barges, water gardens, and colorful seating. The centerpiece of the Oasis, the net lounge, will extend from the barges allowing visitors to hang over and almost touch the water underneath them.
- Relax in the sun or the shade within our waterfront hammock lounge areas, sponsored by Uninvest Bank and Trust Co. and *Philadelphia* magazine, featuring 2 large areas outfitted with free-standing hammocks, lounge tables and chairs, umbrellas, and games that can accommodate 20 people. These lounges will be available for private rentals in 2-hour blocks. The website will be updated soon with reservation information.
- The park comes alive at night. The lights that made the park so unique will be back to once again create an enchanting atmosphere along the waterfront. In addition, programming throughout the summer will create even more reasons to visit the park and stay at the hotels nearby.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Alongside UNIVESTival, the summer season on the Waterfront kicks off with the [Art Star Craft Bazaar](#) May 12 & 13 on the Great Plaza and the launch of the RiverLink Ferry which provides cross-river transportation from Philadelphia to Camden and back.
- **New this season**, SSHP will host the **Second Sunday Cinema Series** from May-September with each night featuring a screening of a classic TV show and a classic movie. First up on May 14 is *The Patty Duke Show* (episode: The President) followed by a showing of *On the Waterfront* with Marlon Brando.
- **Waterfront Sessions Live Music Series** returns every Thursday from June-September with free performances by a variety of acclaimed local talent.
- Art Star Pop-Up Market will be back on Saturdays from 10am-2pm along with a rotating selection of vendors from R5 Production's bi-annual "Punk Rock Flea Market" on Sundays during the same time.
- SSHP is celebrating Philly Beer Week June 1-11. Celebrate craft beer and enjoy special beer-centric programming all week long. More details to be announced.
- [Paddle Penn's Landing](#) is opening on the weekends starting Friday, May 5. Regular schedule (7 days a week) begins on Friday, May 26.
- Paddle Board Yoga & Paddle Board Fitness by [Aqua Vida](#) will be back in the marina from June 10 – September 23. Schedule will be on the website soon.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PARK HOURS

Sunday – Thursday: 11AM – 11PM

Friday – Saturday: 11AM – 1AM

(Operating hours same for the Barge Bar)

VENDOR HOURS

Beer Garden

- Friday: 5pm-12am
- Saturday: 11am-12am
- Sunday: 11am-9pm

Froman's, Village Burger, Harborside Pizza, Chickie's and Pete's, Federal Donuts

- Monday – Friday: 4PM – 10PM
- Saturday: 11AM – 12AM
- Sunday: 11AM-10PM

Distrito and Funnel Cake

- Sunday – Thursday: 11AM – 10PM
- Friday – Saturday: 11AM – 12AM

S.S. Franklin Fountain

- Sunday – Thursday: 11AM – 10:30PM
- Friday – Saturday: 11AM – 12AM

Franklin Sugar Shack

- Monday – Thursday: 5PM – 10:30PM
- Friday – Saturday: 11AM – 12AM
- Sunday: 11AM-10:30PM

LOCATION

Columbus Blvd at Dock Street / Spruce Street

DIRECTIONS

The park can be accessed via car, RiverLink Ferry, public transit, bike and walking. For more detailed information, please see the website.

CONTACT

Website: www.sprucestreetharborpark.com

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About Delaware River Waterfront Corporation

DRWC is a 501(c)(3) created in January 2009, exclusively for the benefit of the City of Philadelphia and its citizens. The fundamental purpose of DRWC is to design, develop, program and maintain public amenities such as permanent and seasonal parks, trails, and streetscape improvements which are transforming the waterfront into a vibrant destination for recreational, cultural, and commercial activities for the residents and visitors of Philadelphia as is consistent with the goals of the Master Plan for Central Delaware. Daily programming throughout the entire year is changing the way Philadelphians see and converse about the waterfront, and is creating spaces and communities that connect residents and visitors to the waterfront.

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