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Delaware River Waterfront Celebrates Labor Day Weekend & Welcomes September with New Art Exhibition MONDO CANE Plus Salsa Dancing, Afrophiladelphia, and PECO Multicultural Series

PHILADELPHIA (August 20, 2025) - The [Delaware River Waterfront Corporation](#) ("DRWC") invites visitors to close out Summer 2025 this Labor Day Weekend with fun for the whole family at Spruce Street Harbor Park, Cherry Street Pier, Race Street Pier, and Independence Blue Cross RiverRink SummerFest. Labor Day is the last chance for visitors to enjoy the boardwalk vibes at Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest which wraps up its season on Monday, September 1, but the excitement along the Waterfront will continue throughout September with events, new public art installations, and waterfront views for all ages to participate and enjoy.

Labor Day Weekend at Delaware River Waterfront

From August 29 to September 1, visitors can enjoy a jam-packed holiday weekend along the Delaware River Waterfront—free and open to all ages. Visitors can:

- **Campout at Cherry Street Pier** with a cozy and family-friendly event right on the Delaware River with campfire sing-alongs, an outdoor movie night, fun make-and-take crafts (while supplies last), face painting, campfire games, bingo, and more.
- Take a final spin at **Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest** before the season ends with skating, mini-golf, and boardwalk eats plus DJ Nights.
- Enjoy family fun as well as live music with events including Jazz Summer Nights, Summer Sounds Concert Series, and Orchestra 2001 **performances at Spruce Street Harbor Park.**
- **Wellness on the Waterfront with yoga** at Race Street Pier, presented by Independence Blue Cross.

Friday, August 29

- 7 PM – 9 PM: *Camp Cherry Street Pier with campfire concert and sing-along*
- 7 PM – 9 PM: *Connect & Create: A Networking Event for Philly Creators*
- 7 PM – 10 PM: *Jazz Summer Nights* featuring Jack St. Clair Orchestra, 17 Piece Big Band! at Spruce Street Harbor Park
- 7:30 PM – 10 PM: *Afterwork Sessions* at Spruce Street Harbor Park
- 7 PM – 10 PM: *DJ Night* at Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest

Saturday, August 30

- 11 AM – 10 PM: *Camp Cherry Street Pier*
 - 11 AM: Morning hike with Walk Around Philadelphia
 - 2pm – 4pm Flower Crown making with Seven Textures
 - 6 PM – 10 PM: Movie night and campfire Ghost Stories
- 2 PM – 4 PM: Skate with Characters-Superman at Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest

- 7 PM – 10 PM: *Neon Night at Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest* with a live DJ and glow in the dark give-aways
- 1 PM – 4 PM: Face Painting and Glitter Tattoos, Spruce Street Harbor Park
- 7 PM – 10 PM: *Summer Sounds Concert Series* featuring Dave Hause & The Mermaid, Spruce Street Harbor Park

Sunday, August 31

- 10 AM: *Wellness on the Waterfront* presented by Independence Blue Cross, Race Street Pier
- 11 AM – 9 PM: *Camp Cherry Street Pier*
 - 11 AM: Morning hike with Walk Around Philadelphia
 - 2PM – 4PM: Friendship bracelet station with Amy Kelly
 - 5 PM – 9 PM: Game night with bingo and trivia
- 1 PM – 4 PM: *Family Funday with PopUpPlay* at Spruce Street Harbor Park
- 3 PM – 6 PM: *Orchestra 2001 Performance*, Spruce Street Harbor Park
- 2 PM – 4 PM: Skate with Characters- Ms Rachel at Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest
- 3 PM – 8 PM: *DJ Night at Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest*
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Monday, September 1

- 2 PM – 4 PM: *Camp Cherry Street Pier*, Fiber craft with Kristina Ricci
- 11 AM – 10 PM: *Closing Day*, Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest
- 2 PM – 4 PM: Skate with Characters- Ariel
- 1 PM – 4 PM: Face Painting and Glitter Tattoos, Spruce Street Harbor Park
- 6 PM: *Wellness on the Waterfront* presented by Independence Blue Cross at Race Street Pier

September 2025 Highlights

Following the unofficial end of the summer season, the Waterfront will continue the fun all month long with special September 2025 highlights to include:

- First Friday at Cherry Street Pier **debuting *Mondo Cane*, a large-scale outdoor sculpture** by Philadelphia artist Jonathan Santoro, created next door to Race Street Pier and set in the waters of the Delaware River.
- **Salsa Dance Series and Family Funday** with PopUpPlay at Spruce Street Harbor Park;
- **Brazilian Day Philadelphia, Mexican Independence Day Festival, and We are the Seeds + Pow Wow** all a part of the 30th Anniversary PECO Multicultural Series;
- **Wellness on the Waterfront with yoga presented** by Independence Blue Cross—at Race Street Pier;
- ***Afrodelphia*** is an all-ages outdoor day party and cultural festival at Spruce Street Harbor Park, celebrating the African diaspora through live music, top DJs, energetic performances, and special guest artists;
- **The 20/20 Photo Festival** unites Philadelphia's photography community with citywide exhibitions, educational programs, and a photo book fair.

A complete September 2025 Calendar of Events is below. For more information, interest in covering these events, or photos about these happenings, please contact:

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HIGH-RES IMAGES: For high-resolution images of our parks and events, visit our media gallery: [linked here](#). To access use password ***aidemdrwc***: or contact us through [our media inquires form](#). To stay up to date on DRWC happenings throughout the year, please visit delawareriverwaterfront.com.

*****September 2025 Calendar of FREE Events*****

30th Anniversary PECO Multicultural Series

Brazilian Day Philadelphia, and Mexican Independence Day

***Hosted at varying parks including Spruce Street Harbor Park, Cherry Street Pier, and Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest*

[Delaware River Waterfront Corporation](#) (DRWC), the steward of the waterfront, alongside its long-time partner [PECO](#), working to power a cleaner, brighter future for its customers and communities, will host a special celebration of its 30th Anniversary of the PECO Multicultural Series coming to the Delaware River Waterfront.

Brazilian Day Philadelphia

Sunday, September 7, 2025

1-7 PM

Location: Spruce Street Harbor Park, 301 S Christopher Columbus Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19106
Organized by: [Project Capoeira, Inc.](#), whose mission is to preserve, develop, and share Capoeira and other Brazilian arts. The Brazilian Day Philadelphia Series, founded in 2014, occurs in September to celebrate Brazilian Independence Day. The Series celebrates, promotes, and shares Brazilian arts and culture in the Greater Philadelphia region while fostering intercultural exchange and uniting the Brazilian community.

Mexican Independence Day Festival

Sunday, September 14, 2025

2-7 PM

Location: Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest

Organized by: [The Mexican Cultural Center](#)

The Mexican Independence Day Festival is a vibrant celebration that pays homage to Mexico's rich history and cultural heritage and brings communities together to honor the country's declaration of independence on September 16, 1810. The festival features traditional dances from different regions of Mexico, live band performances including the traditional Mariachi, authentic Mexican cuisine, local artisans and creators, and a spectacular fireworks display symbolizing the triumph of freedom and independence.

We are the Seeds Philly 2025

Saturday, September 20, 2025 & Sunday, September 21, 2025, 11 AM-6 PM

Location: Cherry Street Pier

Organized by: [We Are the Seeds of Culture Trust](#)

The 6th annual We Are the Seeds Philly, part of the PECO Multicultural Series, returns to Cherry Street Pier on Saturday, September 20 and Sunday, September 21, from 11 AM to 6 PM each day. Open to the public—rain or shine. This two-day celebration of Indigenous arts and cultures features presentations, live painting, short films, creative workshops, and a vibrant Indigenous art market.

Saturday begins with a Pow Wow featuring dancers and singers from over 40 Tribal Nations, including host drums Silvercloud Singers (Intertribal) and Young Blood Singers (Shinnecock).

Sunday highlights include presentations by the We Are the Seeds Dance Troupe (Saponi/Narragansett) and The Magic of Storytelling with Tchin (Narragansett).

RACE STREET PIER

Race Street and N. Columbus Blvd.

Wellness on the Waterfront presented by Independence Blue Cross

September 2025: Mondays at 6:00PM, Thursdays at 6:00PM, Sundays at 10:00AM

Yoga classes all summer long! Enjoy scenic views, a fresh breeze, and a revitalizing workout experience by the waterfront.

Jonathan Santoro's Exhibition Mondo Cane

September 5, 2025 - November 1, 2025

Experience *Mondo Cane*, a large-scale outdoor sculpture by Philadelphia artist Jonathan Santoro, created for Race Street Pier. Set in the waters of the Delaware River, this thought-provoking piece explores big emotions like fear, sadness, and uncertainty—feelings many of us share during times of change. Open to the public, for all ages.

About Jonathan Santoro:

Jonathan Santoro is a Philly-based artist known for creating sculptures and installations that explore how people experience disconnection in modern life. His work has been featured in galleries across the country and in publications like *The Brooklyn Rail* and *WHYY*.

INDEPENDENCE BLUE CROSS RIVERRINK SUMMERFEST

101 South Columbus Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Make the Most of Summer Before It's Gone — RiverRink Summerfest Ends September 1

The countdown is on! The season to “*Make Summer Yours*” at Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest is coming to a close. This beloved Philadelphia tradition wraps up on **Sunday, September 1**, marking your *last chance* to roller-skate under the sun, ride the 60-foot Ferris wheel, play mini-golf, and soak up the boardwalk vibes along the Delaware River Waterfront.

Featuring roller skating, a double-decker carousel, arcade games, mini-golf, and classic boardwalk eats, Summerfest brings the shore to the city. Admission is free and open to the public, with skating, amusements, food, and drinks available on a pay-as-you-go basis. **Skate admission is \$5, and skate rental is \$12.**

Don't miss out—**reserve your spot now at [RiverRink.com](https://www.riverrink.com).**

And stay tuned... **Winterfest is just around the corner!**

SPRUCE STREET HARBOR PARK

301 S. Columbus Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Spruce Street Harbor Park (SSHP), Philadelphia's urban Waterfront oasis, is a vibrant retreat along the Delaware River that blends laid-back vibes with a distinct Philly flavor. Created and managed by the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation (DRWC), the seasonal park offers access to beloved outdoor amenities, including colorful hammocks, floating barges, beautifully lit trees, live music, and entertainment.

More than just a park, SSHP has become a launching pad for Philly's culinary creativity and a hub for local fare, with pay-as-you-go food and drink options. On the national radar and beloved by locals, the park draws visitors from near and far—but its true magic lies in its ability to welcome everyone to unwind and have fun, regardless of background.

Live & Local Music Series at Spruce Street Harbor Park

Thursdays, September 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2025

6 PM

This event is open to the public, and all-ages music series is in partnership with [4333 Collective](#), a DIY booking collective based in Philadelphia that books shows and creates a community. Visitors can kick back on the barge or in the hammock with a refreshing drink and tasty meal, and enjoy performances by local, up-and-coming bands, DJs, and musicians.

- Thursday, September 4 - Brennan Wedl
- Thursday, September 11 - Remember Sports
- Thursday, September 18 - Shallow Alcove
- Thursday, September 25 - Friends of Jerry

Salsa at Spruce Street Harbor Park

Friday, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2025 | [Rittenhop](#)

7-10 PM

Each Friday at the Lazy Hammock bar and stage, learn new steps from expert instructors, then show off your moves to live music and DJs. September's theme features salsa dancing led by Rittenhop.

Sunsets at Spruce

Saturday, September 6, 2025

3-8 PM

Celebrate Philly's Black and Brown communities at *Sunsets at Spruce*, a music festival series at Spruce Street Harbor Park and Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest featuring the sounds of R&B, Hip Hop, Dancehall, Afro beats, and more from DJ Twinllamas, DJ YOUNGZA, and DJ Kuya and others - spinning the perfect soundtrack to your summer night in Philly. Enjoy high-energy DJ sets, live artist performances, and gorgeous Waterfront views.

Family Funday with PopUpPlay

Sundays, September 7, 14, 22, & 28, 2025

1-4 PM

Join us for Family Funday with PopUpPlay, each Sunday from 1 PM to 4 PM. Activities are available on a first-come, first-served basis and are available while supplies last. Activities include boat building, puppet making, and even constructing a working catapult. Each week promises captivating experiences for kids of all ages with a new make-and-take activity.

Afrodelphia – Outdoor Day Fest

Saturday, September 13, 2025

2-8 PM

Afrodelphia, a one-of-a-kind day party meets cultural fest—bringing the rhythms of the African diaspora to the scenic waterfront of Spruce Street Harbor Park. This all-ages outdoor celebration features a fusion of live music, top DJs, energetic performances, and special guest artists repping Afrobeat, Amapiano, Soca, Kompa & more.

Summer Sounds Concert Series at Spruce Street Harbor Park

Saturday, September 27, 2025 | Dead Milkmen

7-10 PM

On the last Saturday of each month, join us for a concert series featuring emerging and established bands from the Philadelphia region and beyond. The time varies; the full lineup will be announced soon. All ages are welcome. Performances curated in partnership with Rising Sun Presents.

After Work Sessions

Fridays on September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2025

7:30-10 PM

Come after work for a fun-filled night of music, dancing, performances, food, drinks, and more. Get ready for surprise guest performers, DJ debuts, and giveaways. Start your weekend off right. Curated by Shekhiyah B. of The Women's Coalition for Empowerment, Inc.

- Friday, September 5, 2025: DJ Reddz
- Friday, September 12, 2025: RocDaSpot
- Friday, September 19, 2025: RocDaSpot
- Friday, September 26, 2025: DJ Reddz

Austen Camille Weymueller's "Here, Twice A Day, We Are Held by the Ocean"

Now through October 5, 2025

Step into a one-of-a-kind art experience along the waterfront. *Here, Twice a Day, We Are Held by the Ocean* is a special installation that combines sculpture and augmented reality (AR) animation, designed to connect you with the rhythms of the Delaware River. Inspired by how the ocean's tides shift the river's waters twice a day, this outdoor artwork brings the story of rising seas and our changing environment to life.

The installation is open to the public and welcomes all ages. The installation will be located on The Quay at Penn's Landing Marina, adjacent to Spruce Street Harbor Park.

CHERRY STREET PIER

121 N. Columbus Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19106

An incubator for creativity, community, and connection, Cherry Street Pier (“CSP”) is a reimagined creative hub on the Delaware River Waterfront. Jointly serving as a year-round venue, working artist studios, and gallery space, Cherry Street Pier brings people together through art, culture, and community. Originally constructed in 1919 as Municipal Pier 9, the reimagined space honors Philadelphia’s industrial Waterfront roots while showcasing the city’s creative future. Stewarded and managed by the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation (DRWC), it plays a vital role in creating access to Philadelphia urban Delaware River waterfront.

First Friday presented by Fulton Bank at Cherry Street Pier

Friday, September 5, 2025

4-9 PM

Brought to the Delaware River Waterfront by DRWC, join us at Cherry Street Pier for First Friday presented by Fulton Bank for exhibition openings, artist studio tours, markets, bites and sips from local food vendors, and stunning views of the Delaware River.

September Lineup:

- **"Mondo Cane" by Jonathan Santoro, Next Door at Race Street Pier, 5 PM – 7 PM**
Experience [Mondo Cane](#), a large-scale outdoor sculpture by Philadelphia artist Jonathan Santoro, was created for Race Street Pier. Set in the waters of the Delaware River, this thought-provoking piece explores big emotions like fear, sadness, and uncertainty—feelings many of us share during times of change. The event is open to the public and welcomes all ages.
- **Sistah Soul Series, First Fridays, 7PM**
The [Sistah Soul Series](#) is a live music event featuring local independent vocal artists from diverse musical genres. It is hosted by Shekhinah B. of The Women’s Coalition for Empowerment, Inc. [RSVP](#)
- **Artist and Artisans Market, First Fridays, 4 PM – 9 PM**
Support local artists, creatives, and entrepreneurs at the Artist and Artisans Market. Pick up one-of-a-kind finds at this [one-stop shopping experience](#).
The class is held from 7-9 PM—registration is required. Must be 21+ to consume alcohol.

Art Classes with Amy Kelly (Studio 8)

Happening in September 2025

Looking to learn a new skill? Join resident artist Amy Kelly’s various art classes for all ages and skill levels in Studio 8. Learn everything from painting to drawing and more right here on the Pier. To register for the classes, contact Amy at 47earrings@gmail.com. Amy also provides private art lessons.

20/20 Photo Book Festival

September 4 – Saturday 11, 2025

The 20/20 Photo Festival is a celebration of photography that brings together the Philadelphia photo community through city-wide exhibitions, educational programming, and a photo book fair.

Being Beloved: A Philly Podcast, 6PM to 8PM

Wednesday September 10, 2025

Join the official launch of *Being Beloved*, a powerful new Philly-born podcast that uplifts the voices of women reentering society after incarceration. Set against the stunning backdrop of the Delaware River Waterfront, this community-focused evening weaves together audio storytelling, intimate panel conversations, and lightning talks from local media and justice organizations. The event is open to the public and welcomes all ages.

Walk Around Philadelphia **WALK & HAPPY HOUR

Sunday, September 21, 2025 and Sunday September 28, 2025

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Walk Around Philadelphia returns to Cherry Street Pier this September with a series of free, registration-required events that celebrate movement, community, and curiosity—inviting you to explore the city’s edges, landscape, language, and stories, connect with neighbors, and experience Philadelphia from a fresh perspective.

Connect & Create: A Networking Experience for Filmmakers & Content Creators

Friday, September 26, 2025

7-9 PM

Connect & Create is a monthly meet-up for Black and Brown creatives, business owners, and storytellers—from content creators and filmmakers to strategists and digital entrepreneurs. More than just networking, the event fosters genuine connections through fun speed networking, open mic pitches, featured guest creatives sharing insider tips, and a Creator Station for fresh social content—offering great conversations, new collaborators, and opportunities to level up your work.

Liberty Flea

Saturday, September 27, 2025

10 AM - 5 PM

Liberty Flea at Cherry Street Pier, in partnership with The Captain’s Vintage, brings together top vintage and artisan vendors from the Philadelphia area, offering antiques, home décor, furniture, vintage clothing, and handmade goods you won’t find anywhere else. The market is free to attend, with items sold on a pay-as-you-go basis.

ABOUT DELAWARE RIVER WATERFRONT CORPORATION

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 to transform 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 the Central Delaware. Daily programming throughout the entire year is changing the way Philadelphians see and converse about the Waterfront and is helping to create spaces and communities that connect residents and visitors to the Waterfront.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.delawareriverwaterfront.com>

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