



## For Immediate Release

# Delaware River Waterfront Corporation Presents America 250 Weekend, June 26 – 28, with Concert & Fireworks, *Men in Blazers* Match-Day Live, Public Art Exhibition of PrismaPhonik, and Cosmic Rhythms

*Free, family-friendly festivities across Spruce Street Harbor Park, Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest, and Cherry Street Pier celebrate the United States' 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

**PHILADELPHIA (June 12, 2026)** - [The Delaware River Waterfront Corporation](#) (DRWC) presents [America 250](#) weekend on the Waterfront from Friday, June 26 to Sunday, June 28, with family-friendly activities, including one of Philadelphia's most anticipated fireworks displays as part of [Wawa Welcome America Festival 2026](#). In honor of the United States' 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, DRWC-managed parks, including Cherry Street Pier, Spruce Street Harbor Park, and Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest will come alive for the weekend fun, including:

- ***Men in Blazers Match Day Live*** at Spruce Street Harbor Park ahead of the Croatia vs. Ghana match, with watch party to follow;
- ***America 250 Concert & Fireworks Celebration*** at Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest, with music by Tommy Conwell & The Young Rumlbers;
- **Opening of PrismaPhonik**, a multi-sensory public art experience by artists William Simard and Anthony Gagnon Boisvert, featuring 12 colorful prisms with layered sounds from collaborations with Philadelphia composers and musicians, including Orchestra 2001 and SNACKTIME;
- **And, Cosmic Rhythms** returns to Cherry Street Pier, showcasing old-school vinyl sounds as music lovers from across the city gather for a joyful celebration of music, dancing, and community. Featuring world-class DJs and an eclectic mix of grooves, this free, all-ages event invites everyone to connect, unwind, and enjoy the vibrant energy of the Waterfront together.

“This is a landmark year for Philadelphia, and the Waterfront is ready to celebrate in a big way,” said **Joseph A. Forkin, President & CEO of Delaware River Waterfront Corporation**. “We are proud to welcome residents and visitors alike to the Waterfront for an unforgettable weekend of fireworks, family fun, music, soccer, and more as we come together to celebrate Philadelphia and reflect on our city’s past, present, and future.”

A highlight of America 250 Weekend on the Waterfront is a special concert by Tommy Conwell & The Young Rumlbers and fireworks celebration on **Saturday, June 27, 2026, with a captivating fireworks show at 9:30 p.m.** at Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest. Part of a weekend filled with live music, family-friendly activities, and moments of

community connection, the evening promises a spectacular display along the Delaware River and an unforgettable way to celebrate the nation's 250th anniversary where freedom flows.

While America 250 Weekend at the Waterfront celebrates the nation's 250th Anniversary, Philadelphia's status as a global soccer city will also take center stage with a special edition of [Men in Blazers](#) Match Day Live presented by Bank of America at Spruce Street Harbor Park on Saturday, June 27 at 3 p.m. The nationally acclaimed soccer media brand will bring its signature blend of storytelling, commentary, humor, and fan engagement to the city's Waterfront, with a free, open to public, live show featuring special guests, two hours before the Croatia vs. Ghana match in Philadelphia.

"There's no better place to gather soccer fans from around the world than Philadelphia—a city whose history, character and sense of community have helped define America for 250 years," said **Roger Bennett, Founder and CEO of Men in Blazers**. "As the nation celebrates this milestone anniversary and welcomes the world for the World Cup, we're honored to bring Match Day Live to the Delaware River Waterfront. We look forward to bringing together Philadelphians and traveling supporters for a joyous afternoon of storytelling, laughter and shared passion for the game."

Adding to the season's lineup of free arts and cultural experiences, Spruce Street Harbor Park will debut its latest public art piece - *PrismaPhonik: A Magical Stroll Through Music and Light* - a part of its 2026 art exhibition series, *Where Freedom Flows*, transforming the Waterfront into a free, open-air gallery. Created by artists William Simard and Anthony Gagnon Boisvert, the immersive installation transforms the Park into a glowing, interactive soundscape where visitors can wander through a labyrinth of 12 illuminated prisms. As guests move through the experience, each prism responds with light and layers of music, creating a unique journey that blends art, technology, and sound developed in collaboration with Philadelphia-based musicians and composers, including SNACKTIME and composer Joshua Stamper through Orchestra 2001. This marks the first time the artists have worked directly with musicians and composers to create original, site-specific compositions for the installation; an international collaboration that bridges borders and celebrates creative exchange and collective expression. The installation will be onsite at Spruce Street Harbor Park from June 26 through August 17, with a special event with SNACKTIME on Friday, August 14.

"Bringing PrismaPhonik to Philadelphia for such a historic anniversary is an incredible honor", said **William Simar, Co-Creator of PrismaPhonik**. "From the beginning, this work has been about connection - turning sound into color and inviting people to step inside the music. Creating original, site-specific compositions with Philadelphia artists like SNACKTIME and Orchestra 2001 made this version truly one of a kind, and as Canadian artists, we love that a project built on creative exchange across borders gets to be part of a celebration of freedom and community. We can't wait for visitors to wander through the prisms at Spruce Street Harbor Park and, for a moment, feel like they've become the music."

Below is a look at the additional exciting events and programs taking place along the Delaware River Waterfront for America 250 Weekend for more information, as well as additional event highlights for July 2026.

## **America 250 Weekend at the Delaware River Waterfront** **Full Calendar of Happenings:**

### **Friday, June 26, 6:00PM–10:00PM**

- **6:00PM–10:00PM | PrismaPhonik Opening at Spruce Street Harbor Park:** Experience a one-of-a-kind multi-sensory art installation where music and light come to life through 12 interactive prisms representing orchestra musicians. PrismaPhonik: A Magical Stroll Through Music and Light, an immersive public art installation that transforms Spruce Street Harbor Park into an interactive symphony of sound and color.

Created by artists William Simard and Anthony Gagnon Boisvert in collaboration with Philadelphia's SNACKTIME and Orchestra 2001, the installation features an original Philadelphia-inspired musical composition and celebrates the power of music, creativity, and community through a shared artistic experience.

- **7:00PM–10:00PM | Live & Local Concert Series in the Lazy Hammock Presented By 433:** Soak up summer nights at Live & Local, presented by 4333 Collective. Get ready to jam with the Oso Oso band. Free and open to all ages.
- **7:00PM–10:00PM | Roll Call Fridays at Independence Blue Cross RiverRink:** Curated by Shekhinah B. of the Women's Coalition for Empowerment. Roller skating and dance experience that brings together DJs, pop-up performances, and high energy vibes at Summerfest.

### **Saturday, June 27, 10:00AM – 10:00PM**

- **10:00AM–5:00PM | Liberty Flea at Cherry Street Pier:** Shop antiques, home décor, furniture, vintage clothing, and handmade artisan goods you can't find anywhere else in partnership with The Captain's Vintage.
- **11:00AM | Tai Chi at Spruce Street Harbor Par:** Start your Saturday with movement, mindfulness, and waterfront views.
- **2:00PM–10:00PM | Cosmic Rhythms: at Cherry Street Pier**  
An evening of dancing as music lovers from throughout the city come together for enjoy the old-school vinyl, world-class DJs, and great company. Free for all ages.
- **3:00PM–4:00PM (with watch party to follow from 5:00–10:00PM) | Men in Blazers Match Day Live at Spruce Street Harbor Park:** Presented by Bank of America, Men in Blazers' Match Day Live will take place at Spruce Street Harbor Park

two hours before the Croatia vs. Ghana match in Philadelphia. Free and open to the public, the event will feature the nationally acclaimed soccer media brand's signature mix of storytelling, commentary, humor, and special guest appearances along the historic waterfront. Bringing together local supporters and visitors alike before the match begins, fans can enjoy a lively outdoor atmosphere with food, drinks and waterfront views. Following the live show, attendees are invited to stay for a watch party of the Croatia vs Ghana game.

- **7:00PM –10:00PM | America 250 Concert & Fireworks Celebration at Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest** Spend your summer night on the Waterfront with Tommy Conwell & The Young Rumlbers, live at Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest at 8:00 PM. Stay for the spectacular fireworks display at 9:30 PM

### **Sunday, June 29, 10:00AM–5:00PM, Family Fun Day at the Waterfront**

- **10:00AM–5:00PM | Liberty Flea at Cherry Street Pier:** Shop Liberty Flea, a collection of the top vintage and artisan vendors from the Philadelphia area.
- **1:00PM–4:00PM | Family Fun Day** at Spruce Street Harbor Park: PopUpPlay brings hands-on family fun to the Waterfront with interactive arts, crafts, and STEM-inspired activities from 1–4 p.m. Designed for children and caregivers to enjoy together, these engaging sessions encourage creativity, curiosity, and collaboration through playful projects, imaginative challenges, and opportunities to learn by doing.

## **ADDITIONAL JULY 2026 HAPPENINGS ON THE WATERFRONT:**

### **INDEPENDENCE BLUE CROSS RIVERRINK SUMMERFEST**

101 South Columbus Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19106

#### **Roll Call Fridays**

**July 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31<sup>st</sup>**

**7:00PM- 10:00PM**

Curated by Shekhinah B. of The Women's Coalition for Empowerment, this weekly roller skating and dance experience brings together live DJs, pop-up performances, giveaways, and high-energy vibes all summer long.

### **SPRUCE STREET HARBOR PARK**

301 S. Columbus Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19106

#### **Friday Night Jazz Series**

**July 3, 17, and 31<sup>st</sup>**

**7:00PM- 10:00PM**

Experience a series of unforgettable nights on the Waterfront featuring an exceptional collective of jazz musicians in partnership with Rising Sun Presents. Free and open to all ages.

- Friday, July 3: Ikechi Onyenaka
- Friday, July 17: UArts Fusion Reunion presents Atomic Fizz and The Chronicles
- Friday, July 31: Jazz Philadelphia presents Ella Gahnt with Geri Oliver

**Live & Local presented by 4333 Collective**

**July 2, 9, 16 and 23**

**7:00PM- 10:00PM**

Enjoy an evening of dancing as music lovers come together for old-school vinyl, world-class DJs, and good company.

- Thursday, July 2: TBD
- Thursday, July 9: TBD
- Thursday, July 16: Atta Boy
- Thursday, July 23: Wild Pink
- Friday, July 24: Spirit Of The Beehive
- Thursday, July 30: WIKI

**Latin Night: Salsa & Bachata**

**Friday, July 10**

**6:00PM – 10:00PM**

Join a pro instructor for a high-energy salsa lesson. Then keep the vibes going with a live DJ set from DJ Valentin of Dance Philly, spinning bachata, salsa, and more Latin hits until 10 PM.

**Summer Sounds Concert Series: Solar Circuit + Wax Future**

**Saturday, July 11**

**7:00PM – 10:00PM**

Spend your summer night on the Waterfront with Solar Circuit + Wax Future. Free and open to the public – all ages are welcome!

**Roots of Resilience: The 2026 DRWC Flag Exhibition**

**May 22 – September 7**

Roots of Resilience explores the many cultures that have helped shape the city. Artists were invited to design flags that tell stories of hope, strength, and community, honoring the journeys of those who made Philly their home. This installation is part of Where Freedom Flows: A Public Art Series on the Delaware River Waterfront

**Weekly Tai Chi**

**July 4, 11, 18, and 25**

This relaxing weekly experience combines Tai Chi and guided meditation on the park's double-decker barge along the Delaware River. Focus on slow, intentional movement and mindfulness,

these sessions offer a calming way to reduce stress, improve balance, and reconnect with yourself and your surroundings.

### **Family Fun Day with PopUpPlay**

**July 5, 12, 19 and 26**

**1:00PM- 4:00PM**

PopUpPlay brings hands-on family fun to the Waterfront with creative crafting and beginner-friendly STEM activities. Designed for kids and grown-ups alike, these interactive sessions encourage families to build, experiment, and create together using art, engineering, and imagination.

- Sunday, July 5: Build a Boat
- Sunday, July 12: Clay Creations: Build and Ice Cream Shop
- Sunday July 26: Making Miniatures: Beach Day

### **CHERRY STREET PIER**

121 N. Columbus Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19106

### **Artist Exhibitions and Artisans Market 2026**

**July 3–December 4**

Every First Friday shop local artists, creatives, and entrepreneurs at the Artist and Artisans Market at Cherry Street Pier. Pick up one-of-a kind finds at the Pier while you stroll the marketplace. Stick around for light bites or sips from the concessions or walk the Gallery to explore the latest exhibition.

### **Ticketed: Art Workshop, First Fridays**

**July 3 | 7:00PM – 9:00PM**

Join resident artist Amy Kelly (Studio 8) for a fun art workshop, learn a new skill, and then create your own masterpiece. Contact Amy at [47earrings@gmail.com](mailto:47earrings@gmail.com)

### **Paul Ramírez Jonas' Let Freedom Ring**

**June 5- September 27**

Let Freedom Ring is a monumental interactive artwork and part of Where Freedom Flows: A Public Art Series on the Delaware River Waterfront, celebrating America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The installation features a bell tower that play "My Country 'Tis of Thee", stopping just before the final note, inviting visitors to ring the 600-pound bell themselves and share what freedom means to them in a powerful expression of hope, justice, and unity.

### **Eunice Levis' Colmado del Futuro**

**June 5- July 26**

Step into *Colmado del Futuro*, a futuristic twist on the classic Caribbean corner store. Created by writer, director, and visual artist Eunice Levis. This immersive art installation transforms a 10x10 foot bodega-inspired structure into a powerful story about community, culture, and technology.

Rooted in Dominican and Afro-Caribbean traditions, the installation blends projection mapping, motion sensors, soundscapes, and scent to explore how automation and artificial intelligence are reshaping everyday spaces.

### **El Mercato Cultural in collaboration with Fleisher Art Memorial**

**July 11**

**12:00PM – 5:00PM**

Enjoy this series of spring and summer markets presented in collaboration with Fleisher Art Memorial. Shop from vendors, savor tasty bites, and enjoy the rotating entertainment.

### **Sistah Soul Series 2026**

**July 3**

**6:00PM – 9:00PM**

Presented by Shekhinah B. of The Women’s Coalition for Empowerment, this free live music event brings together vocalists, poets, instrumentalists, and DJs for a night of R&B, jazz, soul, and improvisation under the magic of the Pier lights.

### **RACE STREET PIER**

Race Street and N. Columbus Blvd.

### **Wellness on the Waterfront presented by Independence Blue Cross**

**Beginning July 6: Mondays at 6:00PM, Thursdays at 6:00PM, Sundays at 10:00AM**

Free yoga and mat Pilates classes all summer long—enjoy scenic views, a fresh breeze, and a revitalizing workout experience by the waterfront. Featuring stunning views of the Ben Franklin Bridge. Curated by Three Queens Yoga

### **Plan Your Visit:**

All Independence Weekend events are **free and open to the public**. All Independence Weekend events are **free and open to the public**, with food and drinks available pay-as-you-go. Guests are encouraged to arrive early to secure viewing spots for the fireworks and to explore attractions like the **roller-skating rink, mini-golf, and retro arcade games** at Summerfest.

Food and drinks are pay-as-you-go. Guests are encouraged to arrive early to secure a good viewing spot, enjoy local vendors, and explore all the seasonal attractions along the Delaware River.

To make your visit easy and stress-free, **skip the parking** and opt for public transportation, biking, or rideshare. Hop on the RiverLink Ferry, Philly PHLASH, or SEPTA to get here with ease.

### **Know Before You Go:**

As you plan your next visit to the Delaware River Waterfront, here’s how to make the most of your trip:

- **Getting Here:** Explore transportation options and tips for a smooth arrival.
- **What’s Open:** See current hours and offerings at your favorite waterfront destinations.

- **Visitor Guidelines:** Check what to bring (and what to leave at home) so you're ready for events, parks, and activities.

For full event information, maps, and visitor details, visit [www.delawareriverwaterfront.com](http://www.delawareriverwaterfront.com).

For more information, interest in covering these events, or photos about these happenings, please contact: Tamara Yvette Day ([tday@signature57.com](mailto:tday@signature57.com)).

- **2026 SCHEDULE:** To stay up-to-date on DRWC happenings throughout the year, please visit [delawareriverwaterfront.com](http://delawareriverwaterfront.com).
- **HIGH-RES IMAGES:** For high-resolution images of our parks and events, visit our media gallery: [linked here](#).
- **MEN IN BLAZERS IMAGES:** High-resolution images from the *Men In Blazers* Philadelphia Live Show [available here](#). Photo Credit: Matias Cerisola for Men in Blazers Media Network.

## **ABOUT DELAWARE RIVER WATERFRONT CORPORATION**

The Delaware River Waterfront Corporation (DRWC) is the nonprofit responsible for planning, developing, and maintaining public spaces along Philadelphia's Central Delaware River Waterfront. With a mission to create a welcoming and connected Waterfront for all, DRWC blends design, culture, and community to transform formerly industrial land into beloved public destinations. DRWC's year-round programming, parks, and trails—including Spruce Street Harbor Park, Cherry Street Pier, Race Street Pier, and the Delaware River Trail—welcome hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. Through thoughtful placemaking and strategic investment, DRWC continues to shape a vibrant waterfront that reflects the spirit of Philadelphia and strengthens its future. Learn more at [delawareriverwaterfront.com](http://delawareriverwaterfront.com).

## **ABOUT INDEPENDENCE BLUE CROSS RIVERRINK**

Presented by the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation (DRWC), the Independence Blue Cross RiverRink is Philadelphia's urban waterfront destination for skating, tradition, and memories. Conveniently located, the Independence Blue Cross RiverRink is accessible by walking or biking along the Delaware River Trail, as well as by rideshare and public transit.

## **ABOUT SPRUCE STREET HARBOR PARK**

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 free 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.

## **ABOUT MEN IN BLAZERS MEDIA NETWORK**

The Men in Blazers Media Network (MiBMN) is the largest soccer dedicated media company in North America, entertaining the most passionate and expansive fan base on the continent with comprehensive coverage of the global game across the men's and women's landscape. MiBMN has grown over the last decade from a single podcast to 360° coverage, including verticals offering authentic storytelling and analysis specifically tailored to superfans of the women's game through The Women's Game platform (TWG) and the hyper-passionate Hispanic American soccer community through the VAMOS platform. Through trusted partnerships with iconic brands and unparalleled relationships with the biggest names in entertainment, sports, and world football, MiBMN leads the conversation on the global game in North America with meaningful, genuine storytelling. The MiBMN ecosystem produces over a thousand shows a year, with millions of followers and billions of views across platforms. MiBMN has partnered with many of the most recognizable brands in sports including Anheuser Busch InBev, Coca-Cola, New Balance and Verizon amongst others.

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