



*News and events focusing on the best neighborhood in Philly*

## Upcoming Activities

### PDAC District 5 Hosts Easter Egg Hunt

April 3, 12-2 pm Gorgas Park

Don't miss this year's massive Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the 5<sup>th</sup> Police District Advisory Council. Over 3500 surprise-stuffed Easter eggs will be distributed in Gorgas Park with selected times to "egg-hunt" for 3 separate ages groups. The Easter Bunny will be in attendance so please come out with your kids to this great annual event.



Hosted by  
5th PDAC



Gorgas Park  
6300 Ridge Ave, 19128  
Friday, April 3, 2026  
12:00PM - 2:00PM

Giveaways, crafts and a special appearance by  
the Easter Bunny!

- ages 1 to 4 - 12:30PM Hunt
- ages 5 to 8 - 1:00PM Hunt
- ages 9 to 13 - 1:30PM Hunt

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## Philly Spring Clean Up Event

April 11 10-1, City Wide

The annual Philly Spring Clean up event includes locations all over the city. Locally one of this year's events will focus on the 21<sup>st</sup> Ward Little League Field at 601 Port Royal Ave. Pre-registration is available on-line at

<https://officeofcleanandgreen.org/signin/>

but on-site registration is also available. All necessary materials will be supplied. There are numerous additional clean up sites in our area seeking volunteers, see the registration site above for details (e.g., 183 Levering, Roxborough HS track, Shurs and Terrace, Ridge and Osborn, La Noce Park)



## Manayunk StrEAT Festival

April 19 11am – 5pm

Grab everything from savory BBQ to sweet desserts as Philadelphia's best food trucks and gourmet food vendors take on historic Main Street Manayunk. You'll be able to taste test the best and enjoy festival shopping from a variety of local vendors and Manayunk merchants. The day will also bring live musical performances from six acts at two different stages. Check out the new Family Friendly area on Lock St. Come to StrEAT, and bon appétit!

<https://manayunk.com/mnyk-events/manayunk-streat-food-festival/>



## Manayunk's PHS Pop-Up Garden

**April through October -The Garden is now open!**

Spring is here, and there's no better way to celebrate than surrounded by fresh blooms, twinkling lights, and good company as Manayunk welcomes back the PHS garden at 106 Jamestown St (see note about this site in Zoning!). The PHS Pop Up Garden is a vibrant combination of outdoor bar, restaurant, and local garden. Once an empty vacant lot, this space is now a lively garden with plentiful seating, gorgeous plant views, and the perfect spot to gather with a delicious botanical cocktail in hand.

Much is planned for the upcoming season including fun classes, giveaways, and live music. The garden is open daily, 7 days a week starting March 27<sup>th</sup> with a beautiful season of greenery awaiting. Whether you're meeting friends after work, planning a weekend outing, or just looking for a breath of fresh air, the Pop-Up Garden is your perfect spring escape.



<https://phsonline.org/locations/phs-pop-up-garden-at-manayunk>

And on April 6 @ 6pm bring plants, plant cuttings, or any garden-related items (i.e., books, tools, vegetables from your garden, etc.), meet fellow garden enthusiasts, and go home as a new plant parent! It's a one-for-one exchange; if you bring five items, you'll go home with five new items! We will have plant experts on hand to help identify unknown plants and special plant society guests with demonstration specimens

<https://tickets.phsonline.org/events/019bdcf0-2f88-a63a-d3fe-925b8e4699d6>

# Pretzel Park Farmers Market

1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays of the Month February thru April

Rain or shine 11am-1pm. April 4: Food Vendors: Cherri Blossom Farm, A New Day Office Bakery, Care Package Bakes, Fifth of a Farm Creations, Frios Gourmet Pops, Molto Bene Ravioli Co., Spotted Horse Provisions, Sunrise Bakery, The Caramel Lady, Working Class Coffee. Non-Food Vendors: Little Mac's Snax, Backyard Biome Design, Elizabeth Peyton Creations, Pauline Nader's Flower Farm and Bee Sanctuary (changes may occur; follow website or social media).



<http://friendsofpretzelpark.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/pretzelparkfarmersmarket/>

Instagram: @ppfarmersmarket

## Venice Island Performing Arts Center

### Selected Dates in April

April 8 – Silent Book Club; April 11 - Divine Destiny Dance Show; April 12 – Roxborough Symphony Orchestra; April 25-25 Free to Be – Musical theater production of Seussical the Musical for kids

For tickets and showtimes visit: <https://www.veniceisland.org>



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Tel: 215-685-3583



## Sing Us Home Festival May 1-3

**Sing Us Home** is Philadelphia-bred singer-songwriter **Dave Hause**'s annual music festival on Manayunk's Venice Island. The three day event is a celebration of punk rock, acoustic music, local food and drink, working class wit, California vibes, Philly-style second lines, craft beer, tattoos, art, storytelling and, of course, lots of brotherly (and sisterly) love!



The fourth year of Sing Us Home welcomes Pennsylvania punk rock institution The Menzingers, John Darnielle's indie-folk behemoth Mountain Goats, and a special return to the stage for indie rock outfit Augustines, fresh off a hiatus with new music as well as more acts to be announced.

<https://singushomefestival.com>

## Philadelphia Cycling Classic August 30 – Mark Your Calendars

In peak Philly fashion, the race begins on the French-inspired Benjamin Franklin Parkway, follows the curves of the Schuylkill River, and passes through Fairmount Park, the nation's largest urban park system. The course then enters the historic neighborhood of Manayunk. Cyclists travel through Main Street before turning onto the most iconic, and by far the most challenging, part of the course: **the Manayunk Wall**.

This 17 percent-grade climb tests cyclists' strength, endurance, and grit.



Leaving Manayunk behind, riders briefly enter Roxborough before the journey takes them back down to Kelly Drive. After a short traverse through Strawberry Mansion, the peloton tackles Lemon Hill, directly across from Boathouse Row, an iconic city landmark.

Finally, the 14.4-mile loop brings competitors back to the Start/Finish on the Parkway before they head out once again! Spectators line the streets at every point along the circuit to cheer on these world-class professional cyclists.

[https://www.philadelphiacyclingclassic.com/?\\_kx=7CkPVzhgHw44zXQttvsbEY4scfbFvXOWUWNwppVXV0w.VNbJWt](https://www.philadelphiacyclingclassic.com/?_kx=7CkPVzhgHw44zXQttvsbEY4scfbFvXOWUWNwppVXV0w.VNbJWt)

## New Tidal Gauges Installed in Manayunk

As of March, additional tidal monitoring resources were installed as part of broader initiatives in Philadelphia to address flood risks and manage water infrastructure. The City of Philadelphia is implementing a Hazard Mitigation Plan to reduce disasters for residents, property, and the environment.



### Why Additional Gauges/Monitoring

- **Flood Risk Management:** The city is upgrading systems to handle tidal flooding, which can cause significant damage when combined with heavy rain, as experienced in previous extreme weather events.
- **Infrastructure Improvements:** Investments in the Manayunk Canal and Flat Rock Dam are designed to meet Clean Water Act requirements, improve water quality for wildlife, and address odor issues.
- **Water Supply Protection:** The improvements protect the Schuylkill River, which provides nearly half of Philadelphia's drinking water.

### Where Monitoring/Improvements are Focused:

- Manayunk Canal & Flat Rock Dam: Targeted for improvements to address stagnant water, flow issues, and habitat quality.



MNC general membership meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of every month. **Our next meeting is Wednesday April 8 at 7pm via zoom** (same link as above)

Agenda:

Call to Order / Announcements

March Financial Update

Old Business

New Business

Final Comments

Adjourn

Make a difference. **Join the Council** for just \$10 per person or \$15 per household. MNC serves many functions including overseeing activities at Pretzel Park, the Farmer's Market and as the recognized city organization (RCO) on zoning issues affecting our community. Annual membership renewal is available at:

<http://www.manayuncouncil.org/pp/membership.html>

### **MNC May General Meeting Will Be In-Person**

Our 2025 Members survey indicated a preference for both virtual and in-person meetings. **The May 6 General Meeting will be held at the MDC headquarters at 106 Grape Street.** The meeting will open at 6:30 with time to socialize before the formal meeting begins at 7:00 with complimentary beverages and snacks provided. The formal meeting will feature several local community leaders. More information will be upcoming but please plan on attending!

