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## Spring Garden CDC's Covid-19 Neighborhood "Navigation" Guide October 16, 2020 Weekly Update

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### *Local Businesses and Cultural Institutions*

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**The City is Still Allowing Indoor Dining at 50% Capacity; and Many Restaurants Are Continuing to Offer Outdoor Dining Even as the Weather Gets Cooler, With Heaters and Other Measures.**

**The City Has Just Issued Guidelines for "Winterized" Outdoor Dining, Including with Tents.** Click [here](#) for the regulations.

**Contact your favorite local restaurants to see where they stand on indoor and outdoor dining; and see also the attached list for the latest information.**

**Start Your Holiday Shopping Now at Our Great Local Businesses; Don't Risk Crowds and Slower Online Shipping as We Experience Another Virus Surge and it Gets Closer to the Holidays; You Will Also Be Helping Community Businesses to Weather the Pandemic:** Everything will be different this holiday season, with the ongoing pandemic and the surge in new fall cases. Many people are starting their holiday shopping now to avoid the complications/risks resulting from the pandemic, including exposure to crowds and possible delayed shipping by retailers overwhelmed by demand. **The following (and other) great local businesses are a good place to start, and you will also help our courageous local proprietors to weather the pandemic and continue to serve our community.**

**Ali's Wagon, 2017 Fairmount Ave.,** has a variety of great gifts. They are open 7 days a week by appointment, and you can also order online for curbside or in-store pickup, local delivery in 19130 or 19121, or shipping. Visit [www.aliswagon.com](http://www.aliswagon.com) for their hours and products, or to order, or call 215-787-0611.

**The Neighborhood Potters, 2034 Fairmount Ave.,** has beautiful hand-crafted pottery and jewelry by local artists Sandi Pierantozzi and Neil Patterson, that make great gifts. Call 215-439-0893 for an in-store appointment or to order for curbside pickup or shipping, or visit their website at [www.sandiandneil.com](http://www.sandiandneil.com)

**Bar Hygge, 1720 Fairmount Ave., and Stones Beer & Beverage Market, 1701 Fairmount Ave., Have Great Craft Beers.** Bar Hygge brews theirs onsite. Visit their websites to order delivery or curbside pickup, at [www.BarHygge.com](http://www.BarHygge.com) or [www.StonesPhilly.com](http://www.StonesPhilly.com) or call 215-765-2274 (Bar Hygge) 215-763-9789 (Stones).

**For Wine Delivery, Thirsty Dice Board Game Café, 1642 Fairmount Ave., 17<sup>th</sup> St. side,** has added wine to their repertoire. Visit their website at [www.thirstydice.com](http://www.thirstydice.com) or call 215-765-2679. **Also try their tater tots and dipping sauce for the perfect snack while watching The Game.**

**Consider purchasing a gift certificate from one of our fine restaurants or other local businesses.** Gift certificates for dining, food purchase, or merchandise are always welcome gifts.

**South Jazz Kitchen is Offering a Live (and Virtual) Friday Night Jazz Tribute Series, With Socially Distanced Indoor Seating, on Four Consecutive Friday Nights, Starting on October 9:** The series is being produced in partnership with the Arpeggio Jazz ensemble, in honor of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the legendary Philadelphia jazz club, Zanzibar Blue. Tickets for the live or streamed performances are \$10. The streamed performances are on YouTube South Jazz Club Philly. For more information, or to reserve an indoor live seat, go to Bar Seating on Open Table, or click [here](#), or to buy a streaming ticket, click [here](#). Also check out their loyalty program.

**See the attached list of other local businesses and their current offerings.**  
**Support our local businesses**

**Eastern State Penitentiary Is Offering Popular Night Tours of its Dark Creepy Cell Blocks (in Addition to Daytime Tours) Through November 15.** Night Tours start at 6 PM on select nights. Purchase Night Tour tickets online at <https://easternstate.org/nighttours20> for a timed 30-minute entry window. The Haunted House Terror Behind the Walls event, a major Prison fundraiser, had to be canceled this year on account of the pandemic. **Also, consider becoming a member and/or making an additional donation to help Eastern State weather the pandemic.** Click [here](#).

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*Governmental Issues and Responses Re Covid-19:  
Voting, Has It Ever Been So Confusing?*

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**Mail-in Ballot drop boxes are back. See below for the locations nearest us.**

**FOUR Important Voting Tips to Make Sure Your Mail-in Ballot is Counted!**

**1) The “Ovals” on the Mail-In Ballots Where You Indicate Your Choice of Candidate Must Be Sufficiently Filled in,**

**2) And with Blue or Black Ink, or Your Vote May Not Be Counted!**

**3) Per a PA Supreme Court Decision, Mail-In Ballots Which Are Not Returned to Election Officials in the Additional Secrecy Envelopes, Being Provided with the Ballot and the Return Envelope, Will be Ruled Ineligible, and**

**4) Be Sure Your Mail-in Ballot Signature Matches the One the Election Officials Have on File.**

The PA Department of State had directed PA Counties not to discard mail-In ballots solely because an Election Official did not think the signature matched that of the voter, and to give voters a chance to correct the issue. But the Trump campaign sued over the practice in Federal Court. While the Trump case has been dismissed, the state asked the PA Supreme Court to decide the matter, and it accepted the case this Wednesday. Briefs are due today, October 16. Hopefully, a decision will be issued soon. What a mess!

**What do you do if you lose or throw out the Secrecy Envelope by mistake?**

Voters can take their ballot to an election office (**see below**) and ask for a Secrecy Envelope. Place the ballot in the Secrecy Envelope and give it to the election official.

**If you make a mistake filling out the ballot, you can get a replacement at a satellite election office.**

**If You Didn't Get Your Mail-In Ballot by Now, You Can Ask for A New One at a Satellite Election Office.**

**Philadelphia Currently Has 12 Satellite Election Offices (one of which is drop off only); They are open 7 days a week, Mon.-Thurs. from 11:30 AM to 6:30 PM, and Friday through Sunday from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM.** More will open on a rolling basis as staffing becomes available. Click [here](#) for a list of those now open,

and coming soon. Currently, the closest election offices to the Spring Garden community are City Hall, Room 140; the Liacouras Center at Temple (1776 N. Broad St.), Julia De Burgos School at 401 W. Lehigh Ave., and Phila. High School for the Creative and Performing Arts, 901 S. Broad St. But voters can go to any satellite office in the county in which they're registered. ***Only go to an office that is currently open.***

**On October 10, A Federal Judge Dismissed the Trump Campaign Challenging the Use of Drop Boxes, the Ballot Signature Issue, and the Issue of Poll Workers at Election Offices.** It appears that the ballot signature issue will still go to the PA Supreme Court, see above.

**Ballot Drop Boxes:** Phila. now has its first mail-in ballot drop boxes, including in front of Eastern State Penitentiary, at the South Gate at City Hall and Broad St., and outside of 520 N. Delaware Ave.

**At the one-stop satellite election offices, you can register to vote, request (and submit) a mail-in ballot on the spot (if you have not yet done so) and deliver a mail-in ballot received in the mail. If you are worried about requesting, receiving, and returning a mail-in ballot in time, get one at an election office. (The last day to register to vote is October 19, 2020).**

**Or Request Your Mail-In Ballot Now, and Mail it Back as Soon as You Receive It:** Click [here](#) to request a ballot and then click [here](#) after mailing it to check whether it has been received.

**Mail-in Ballot REQUESTS Must Be RECEIVED by the Election Office One Week before Election Day, October 27; and After That You Can't Request or Receive One by Mail or Even at A Satellite Office.**

**You can Also Still Vote in Person if You Requested a Mail-In Ballot, By Going to a Polling Place, Bringing Your Unused Ballot and Secrecy Envelope with You, and Giving Them to a Poll Worker.**

Or you can use a drop box to deposit your ballot, see above.

***If you lost your ballot you can still cast a provisional ballot at the polling place. Election workers will check that you did not already also vote by mail and, if not, your provisional ballot will be counted.***

But try to avoid, if at all possible, any steps that will require extra work by the poll workers and will hold up the line.

**The Post Office Has Finally Agreed, in Response to Federal Lawsuits and Injunctions, to Reverse Changes That Have Slowed Down Mail.** It is not clear whether the Post Office will in fact do so, or how quickly.

**PA House Republicans Have Asked the U.S. Supreme Court to Stay the PA Supreme Court Ruling Allowing Ballots to Be Counted up to 3 Days After the Election (If Mailed Before the Election):** It is not clear if the stay request will be heard, or if so, when. So, it's best not to count on the extra 3 days. Mail your ballot now or deliver it to a satellite office or a drop box if you delay acting on it.

**In the Meantime, PA House Republicans Have Been Discussing Potentially Allowing Counties an Extra Four or Five Days Before Election Day to Start Counting Mail-in Ballots and to Establish Security Requirements for Drop Boxes.** But there is also still Republican State Legislator opposition to satellite election offices and even drop boxes and potential legislation to ban them. *The State House and Senate are not scheduled to reconvene until October 19. What a mess!*

**The City Has Set Up Over 700 Polling Sites For the November 3 Election, Four Times More Than For the Primary:** We believe all of our Spring Garden polling places are being restored, but will check and advise in the next Guide.

**Some Additional Poll Workers are Still Being Sought:** To sign up to be a poll worker, click [here](#).

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### *Other Governmental Issues and Responses Re Covid-19*

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**An Agreement Has Finally Been Reached to Shut Down The Parkway Encampment at the End of This Week:** The City and PHA will apparently convey 50 vacant properties to a land trust to be set up by the encampment organizers, to be rehabbed for affordable housing, and the City will also set up two "tiny house" villages in the coming months. Let's hope the disbandment occurs this time, as scheduled.

**The Earlier Closing of the Ridge Avenue Encampment Has Enabled PHA to Break Ground on a \$52 Million Project in the Sharswood Neighborhood.**

**Partly As a Result of Pandemic Related Issues, Two Bills Were Introduced In City Council This Week, To 1) Postpone Reduction of the Real Estate Tax Abatement Until 2024, and 2) Impose a 1% Tax on Construction Activities to Support a Bond**

**Issue to Fight Poverty In Philadelphia.** The 1% tax will enable the City to float a \$400 million bond offering to support anti-poverty measures. Developers will no doubt welcome the abatement bill; and construction activities stimulated by the continuing abatement will no doubt generate substantial revenues for the City. But will the abatement bill sweeten the pot enough to avoid a battle on the construction tax?

**Bills are pending in City Council to Keep Expanded Outdoor Dining Regulations in Place Through 2021.** The new rules, passed by City Council earlier in the pandemic, which made it easier for restaurants to serve patrons outdoors, including with “streeteries” in parking lanes, are set to expire in December 2020.

**Effective October 9, Governor Wolf Increased the Indoor and Outdoor Gathering Limits Based on a Percentage of Occupancy:** Click [here](#) for the rules. The new rules will allow more spectators at indoor and outdoor sporting events, among other gatherings, including allowing some fans back at sports stadiums.

**This Week, the City Also Increased the Indoor and Outdoor Gatherings Size Limits, But Less Than That Allowed by The State.** The new rules, also based on a percentage of occupancy, will allow some fans at the Eagles games. Click [here](#) for the rules.

**Talks are Still Mostly Stalled on a Congressional Bill For \$2.2 Trillion in Additional Federal Stimulus Relief, With Mixed Signals From the White House:** The sticking points between the 2 sides include funding for supplemental unemployment, aid for schools and state and local governments, childcare support, and funding for increased testing and tracing.

**The White House Has Nevertheless Directed Officials to Continue to Seek a Pre-Election Supreme Court Nomination,** while the issue of a comprehensive coronavirus relief remains enmired.

**For Information About Which States Are Currently Included in Pennsylvania’s Self-Quarantine List,** click [here](#). Those coming into PA from any of the States on the list (including returning PA residents) are advised to self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival. The list changes frequently as new states are added, and others removed.

**The 2020 Census Count is Now Over, and in Complete Disarray, After the Administration Sought to Shut it Down on September 30, a Court Then Issued a Temporary Injunction Requiring the Census to Continue Through October 31**

**(Which Was Upheld on Appeal), But the U.S. Supreme Court Allowed the Census Count to End Pending the Final Appeal on the Issue:** The decision effectively ends the count, which had stalled anyway, as the lower court judge had earlier accused Census Officials of not complying with her order to continue the count. The census count is extremely important, including for the establishment of voting districts, State representation in Congress, and distribution of trillions of dollars of federal funding, among other issues. ***It will shape America for the next decade! However, will anyone trust the figures, and will litigation ensue over the accuracy of the figures?***

**Confusion Surrounds the Issue of Eviction Moratoriums:** The Philadelphia Housing Authority has imposed an eviction moratorium until March 15, 2021, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") until December 31, 2020, but both are apparently for nonpayment of rent, only. The CDC moratorium is subject to strict conditions and is also being challenged in Court. To our knowledge, neither City Council nor the Philadelphia Municipal Court has acted on extending the moratorium.

**The PA Public Utility Commission Has Prohibited Non-Payment Utility Shutoff for Utilities Governed by the PUC Until Further Notice.** The issue could technically be brought up again at any Commission meeting but is reportedly not expected to be heard until April 2021 at the earliest.

**The City Has Announced Guidelines for Halloween:** The City is not banning trick or treating but advises following Covid-19 precautions and suggests finding alternative ways to enjoy Halloween. Click [here](#) for the City guidelines.

**The Centers For Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") Has Cautioned Against Halloween Trick or Treating:** The guidelines discourage door to door trick or treating, trunk or treat events, indoor costume parties and haunted houses, hayrides with people not in your household, and fall festivals outside of one's community. Low risk events that the CDC mentioned include pumpkin carving at home and at a safe distance outdoors with neighbors, decorating your home, outdoor scavenger hunts at a safe distance (or in one's home), Halloween movie night with family.

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## Health

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**Cases are Beginning to Surge in both PA and NJ, But PA Does Not Plan Another Shutdown:** The State believes that there are far more resources than there were in the Spring. Also, more people are complying with social distancing and mandatory mask requirements.

**Eli Lilly and Johnson & Johnson Both Stopped Covid-19 Treatment Trials this Week After Unexplained Illnesses Developed Among Test Subjects:** Eli Lilly is testing an antibody treatment and Johnson & Johnson a Covid-19 vaccine.

**Last Week, the FDA Unilaterally Issued New Tougher Vaccine Guidelines, Which Had Been Delayed For Weeks:** The delay or failure of the FDA to issue appropriate vaccine guidelines, while awaiting Administration review, has raised and exacerbated the fear of significant public distrust of any vaccine, when issued.

**Major Weather Services and the U.S. Climate Prediction Center are Predicting a Warmer Winter, Which Could be A Boon in a Time of Surging Virus Cases.**

**Stay Safe, Follow Precautions, and Take the Virus Seriously: You or Your Family Members, Friends, or Colleagues Could Die of it, or Even if You/They Recover, Could Have Long-term Debilitating Side Effects:** We should all be afraid of the virus and we should all take medically proven precautions even if they dominate our lives, until the virus is conquered.

**A Recent Study Has Shown That Some 80% of Those Who Were Sufficiently Ill from the Virus to Warrant Hospitalization Also Experienced Neurological Symptoms:** These include headaches, dizziness and altered brain function, per a study by researchers at Northwestern Medicine, published on Monday October 5.

**Herd Immunity is a Dangerous Idea Which Should be Rejected:** The head of the World Health Organization has called the practice unethical, as it involves intentionally allowing a large segment of the population to become ill, especially as it would cause large numbers of additional deaths especially among the elderly and those with preexisting conditions, we still know so little about the virus and its long term effects, and how long any immunities will last.

**Europe is Experiencing a New Surge in Cases, Sparking Additional Containment Measures:** The French government has even ordered a curfew for Paris and the environs, and 9 other metropolitan areas, from 9 PM to 6 AM.

**As of Today, the U.S Has Surpassed 8 Million Covid-19 Cases, With More Than 53,000 Daily New Infections, and 222,000 Deaths, a Sign that it Might Be A Tough Winter.** Some medical researchers believe that the numbers are vastly undercounted because of the low testing capacity at the beginning of the pandemic.

**THE EPA Has Approved Nearly 500 Household Products That Kill the Virus:** Some are faster-acting than others, taking from 1 to 10 minutes to be effective. For the complete list, click [here](#).

**PA Has A Contact Tracing Smart Phone App:** The free App works by Bluetooth. It detects when 2 users (both of whom have the App) are within 6 feet of each other for more than 15 minutes. If one App user later tests positive for the virus, the App will alert anyone who has earlier been in close proximity to the infected individual. For more information, or to download the App, click [here](#).

**It Is More Important Than Ever to Get A Flu Shot This Year During the Pandemic (Both Adults and Children):** Some providers, including drug stores, have the flu vaccine now. Follow the advice of your medical provider on your flu shot. ***If you are over 65, and you get the shot at a drug store, be sure to ask for the shot for that age group.***

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*Assistance and Other City, State, and Community Programs*

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**See the October 9, 2020 Guide Update for Assistance Programs.**

**The City's Revenue Department is Offering Help for Those with Real Estate or Business Taxes, Water Bills, and Other Problems:** For those who have fallen behind on their water bills during the shut off moratorium, get ahead of the problem by emailing [www.phila.gov/water-bill-help](http://www.phila.gov/water-bill-help). Some may also qualify for special program. For help from a Revenue Dept. Legal Services Representative, email [lawrealestatetax@phila.gov](mailto:lawrealestatetax@phila.gov), [lawbusinessstax@phila.gov](mailto:lawbusinessstax@phila.gov), or [lawwaterdebt@phila.gov](mailto:lawwaterdebt@phila.gov). You can also schedule an appointment to speak with a legal services representative by Zoom. Call 215-686-0500 to schedule an

appointment. It is not clear how long it would take to get an answer by phone or schedule an appointment, as the City is trying to catch up. Businesses struggling with business taxes can get help with new payment agreements. If you already had a business payment agreement but fell behind, contact the department immediately. For more information, see [www.phila.gov/paymentagreements](http://www.phila.gov/paymentagreements)

**Spring Garden CDC, Along with Spring Garden Civic Association, Has Inaugurated a “Solo Cleanup Program”, With a Free Kit For Residents, With Cleaning Supplies and Equipment:** The SGCA and SGCDC Spring and Fall cleanups were cancelled on account of the pandemic. But residents can still do their part to keep their own blocks, and problem blocks in the neighborhood, clean, tidy, and litter-and-weed-free through SGCA/SGCDC’s Solo Cleanup. Free supply kits are available. Email SGCA President Patrick Boyle at [sgcasanitation@gmail.com](mailto:sgcasanitation@gmail.com) or [info@springgardencdc.com](mailto:info@springgardencdc.com) to sign up. ***Dog Park Members can complete their mandatory 4 hours per quarter of volunteer work in Spring Garden through this program.***

**Help Fight Drugs and Crime in Spring Garden: Call the SGCDC/SGCA Crime Line With all Incidents of Drugs and Crime, After You Call 911:** We need to keep our own record ourselves, or risk not being taken seriously. 215-821-6465, or email [springgarden crimeline@gmail.com](mailto:springgarden crimeline@gmail.com)

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### *[Entertainment, Culture, Volunteer, Other Programs](#)*

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**Enjoy a Tarot 101 Workshop at “The Spring Gardens”, 1800 Block of North St., Saturday October 24, 3:00 PM to 4:30, Sponsored By Lumos Yoga:** Go to their website at [www.lumosyogaandbarre.com](http://www.lumosyogaandbarre.com) to reserve a space and read the requirements. Cost is \$25 if you bring your own tarot deck, or \$55 for a deck and admission to the workshop. Space is limited, so if you are interested sign up now.

**Betsy Ross House Spooky Tours Friday Evenings in October, From 6 To 8 PM.**

Rain or shine. Learn about the scary history of medicine, inoculation, and illness in the 1700s in Philadelphia. Arrive any time between 6 PM and 8 PM; tour is 45 to 60 minutes. Last entry is 7:30 PM. Cost is \$10, in advance or at the gate.

[www.HistoricPhiladelphia.com](http://www.HistoricPhiladelphia.com). Add miniature golf at Franklin Square for a Spooky Twosome.

**The City is Seeking “AmeriCorps Philadelphia” Workers Who Will Serve for One Year in a Paid Position to Help Reduce the Effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic in**

**Philadelphia.** You must be 17 or older to apply. The opportunity may be an ideal way for college aged students to spend a “gap year” providing a valuable service during the pandemic. They will help, on a rotating basis, with tracing, quarantine, and isolation efforts in the City; service at a local health center; and helping to provide food access. Click [here](#) for more information. Applications are due no later than October 23, 2020 at 11:59 PM.

**Enjoy Creepy Fall Nighttime Tours at Eastern State Penitentiary, 2027 Fairmount Ave., see p. 2, above.** The tours, which are great fun, are in lieu of the Prison’s popular Terror Behind the Walls that had to be cancelled this year, on account of the pandemic. [www.easternstate.org](http://www.easternstate.org)

**Historic Fort Mifflin is Offering Candlelight Ghost Tours October 9 through 31 (on Select Dates):** The Fort, at 6400 Hog Island Rd. near the Airport, an important revolutionary War locale, is alleged to be “one of the most haunted sites in America”. Visit their website at [www.fortmifflin.us](http://www.fortmifflin.us) for tickets and more information. Timed tours are being offered Fri. and Sat. through Oct. 31. They begin at 7 PM, run every 20 minutes, and last an hour.

**Sesame Place, in Langhorne, PA Has Added a Drive-Through Attraction for Halloween:** It will operate every Tuesday and Wednesday in October from 6 to 9 PM. Guests drive through a kid-themed experience in their own vehicles. The 30-minute program includes a special soundtrack, festive decorations, a 50’ tunnel made up of “millions of lights” to resemble the sky, and Sesame Characters in Halloween costumes. The program starts with an “Eye Spy” game where kids and parents try to find hidden Halloween objects on the way to the attraction. Click [here](#) for more information. The entire Park will also provide a “Halloween Spooktacular” family friendly locale with trick or treating around the Park, and Halloween-themed shows.

**Inexpensive or Free Drive-In Movies are Still Being Offered at Fairmount Park, at The T-Mobile “Philly Drive-In”, at Montgomery and Belmont Avenues.** Click [here](#) for information and to purchase tickets. It has been recommended that you arrive early to be sure you get in, even if you have a ticket.

**Enjoy Eastern State Penitentiary’s Informative “Searchlight” Series, the First Tuesday of Every Month, 6 PM to 7 PM, by Zoom or on Facebook.** Visit the Eastern State website [here](#) for more information.

**The Philadelphia Arts in Education Partnership is Providing a Free Virtual After School Program (STEAM) For Children Grades 5 to 8, Starting October 6:**

The program will include fun and engaging science, math, literacy and social emotional learning, through different art forms (visual arts, music, dance). It will run Monday through Thursday from 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM for the entire school year. Click [here](#) for more information and to apply.

**The Recent Cool Nights and Sunny Days are Said to Be Perfect Conditions to Create Vibrant Fall Color.**

A colorful Fall should help raise spirits amid the ongoing pandemic and other troubling recent events. The best nearby sites to see colorful fall foliage, if it materializes, are the City's 2,000-acre Fairmount Park, the 1800-acre Wissahickon Valley Park, the 92-acre Morris Arboretum, and tree-lined locales within the City for those who can't get away, including the Schuylkill River Trail, the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, the Independence Hall Area, and the University of Pennsylvania Campus, among other sites.

**On Halloween, We Will Experience a Rare "Blue Moon", Right Before Daylight Savings Ends on Sunday November 1.**

A blue moon is the second full moon in a month. It probably won't look blue. The first October full moon was the Harvest Moon of October 1-3.

**The Fairmount Park Conservancy is Offering Weekly Self-Guided Tours Through the East and West Sections of the Park in its "OcTOURber" Program:**

The weekly self-guided tours, which started October 1, will include Historic Houses, Public Art, Nature, Water and Past & Present, and will highlight lesser known gems in the Park. Click [here](#) for more information and to sign up.

**All of Our City's Cultural Institutions Have Been Hit Hard By the Mandatory Closures and Restrictions, and Decrease in Visitors; Become a Member, and/or Make a Donation, if You Are Able, to Help them Weather the Pandemic:**

In our area, they include Eastern State Penitentiary, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Rodin Museum, the Barnes Foundation, Please Touch Museum, and the Franklin Institute. Become a member now!

**Oaks, PA Pop-Up Drive-In Movie Theater:**

The Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, PA is hosting a Cinema Pop-Up drive-in movie theater, organized by Kilburn Live, at the Expo Center Fairgrounds. The site holds 233 cars. Tickets are sold by the car (6 people maximum) and cost \$25.00. The price is more

reasonable than some other drive-ins that charge by the person. Click [here](#) for more information and to purchase tickets.

**The Broadway League, the national trade association for the Broadway industry, announced that it will continue the suspension of all performance ticket sales through May 30, 2021.**

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### *Other News*

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**An Aldi Food Store is Set to Open in November 2020 at the New Construction Project Next to the Divine Lorraine Hotel:** The Aldi market is part of a large development at 1300 Fairmount Ave. and takes up the entire first floor of a 14 story tower. The entrance will be off Ridge Avenue, just south of Fairmount Ave. The project will also house 475 apartments, and a preschool, and will have a parking garage. Spring Garden resident Ian Cope is the architect for the project.

**Retailers, Concerned with Black Friday Crowds During the Pandemic, are Starting to Offer Holiday Deals in October, to Spread Out the Holiday Buying Season.**

***Please patronize local businesses when doing your holiday gift and food shopping, and holiday dining.***

**Philadelphia City Councilman Oh Has Introduced a Bill to Ban the Use of Consumer Fireworks in the City after 9 PM and Providing for Increased Fines for Violations.** A virtual public hearing was held on October 13.

**The City of Philadelphia has sued the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to enable the City to enact stronger gun control laws and to curb the epidemic of violence that has been gripping the City.**

## Local Businesses – Ongoing Offerings

### **The Following Restaurants are Currently Offering Outdoor Dining:**

A Mano	Garden Restaurant at The Barnes	McCrossen's
Bar Hygge*	The Green Room	OCF
Bishop's Collar	Jack's Firehouse	Osteria
Buena Onda	Juno	Rybread
Cicala	King of Tandoor	Santucci's
Clementine's Stable Café	Kelliann's	St. Stephen's Green
Coffee Cream & Dreams	La Calaca Feliz	South
Doma	La Scala's Pronto	Thirsty Dice
The Fairview	Little Pete's (has a tent)	Tela's
Fare	Luigi's Pizza Fresca	Umai Umai
Gabi	Mangia Macaroni	Urban Saloon
		Zorba's

\*Bar Hygge also has a sit-down outdoor beer garden across the street at 1723 Fairmount Ave., called Brygge, with Bar Hygge food to eat on-site. They also have a giant screen to watch the Eagles games.

### **The Following Restaurants are Offering Indoor Dining:**

A Mano	Gabi	Osteria
Bishop's Collar	The Green Room	Santucci's
Clementine's Stable Café	Jack's Firehouse	St. Stephen's Green
Cicala	Kelliann's	Thirsty Dice
The Fairview	La Calaca Feliz	Urban Saloon
Fare	McCrossen's Tavern	

### **Takeout Food:**

#### **All of the restaurants listed above, but call them to be sure; Plus:**

The Better Box	1519 Spring Garden St.	267-858-4143
Bishop's Collar	2349 Fairmount Ave.	215-765-1616
City View Pizza	1547 Spring Garden St.	215-564-1910
Engimono Poke & Deli	2319 Fairmount Ave.	215-454-6669
Engimono Sushi	1811 Fairmount Ave.	267-273-0303
Fairmount Pizza	2000 Fairmount Ave.	215-763-4000
Green Soul	1410 Mt. Vernon St.	215-660-9600

Kansai Sushi	1822 Spring Garden St.	215-568-0888
Luigi's Pizza	2401 Fairmount Ave.	215-769-8888
Mangia Macaroni	1543 Spring Garden St.	215-563-1690
Old Nelson	1500 Spring Garden St.	267-519-2239
Rybread	1711 Fairmount Ave.	215-769-0603
Sakura Japanese Cuisine	1521 Spring Garden St.	215-569-3838
South Jazz Kitchen	600 N. Broad St.	215-600-0220

### **Breakfast/ Brunch (Daily)**

Coffee Cream & Dreams	1500 Fairmount Ave.	267-225-7602
Gabi	339 N. Broad St.	215-377-9407
John's Place (Takeout Only)	1529 Spring Garden St.	215-665-0972
Little Pete's (from 6:30AM, daily)	at The Philadelphian	215-232-5001
OCF Coffee House	2100 Fairmount Ave.	267-773-8081
Rybread	1711 Fairmount Ave.	215-769-0603
Tela's	1833 Fairmount Ave.	215-235-0170

### **Breakfast/Brunch (Weekends Only)**

### **Sat-Sun Hours**

Bar Hygge	1720 Fairmount Ave.	215-765-2274	10AM - 2:30PM
Barnes Foundation	2025 Ben Franklin Pkwy	215-278-7000	11AM - 4PM (Fri-Mon)
Bishop's Collar	2349 Fairmount Ave.	215-765-1616	10:30AM - 2:30PM
The Fairview	601 N. 21 <sup>st</sup> St.	215-419-5940	10:30AM - 2:30PM
La Calaca Feliz	2321 Fairmount Ave.	215-757-9930	11:30AM – 3:00PM
McCrosen's	529 N. 20 <sup>th</sup> St.	215-854-0923	From 12 PM, on
St. Stephen's Green	1701 Green St.	215-769-3291	10AM - 4PM

### **Coffee Shops**

Coffee Cream & Dreams	1500 Fairmount Ave.	267-225-7602
The Daily at the Divine Lorraine	(Fairmount Ave. side)	
OCF Coffee House	2100 Fairmount Ave.	267-773-8081

### **These local Businesses Provide To-Go Beer and Wine, and Some do Delivery:**

Bar Hygge	1720 Fairmount Ave.	Growlers and Wine to go	215-765-2274
The Bishop's Collar	2349 Fairmount Ave.	6 packs of beer	215-765-1616
City View Pizza	1547 Spring Garden St.	6 packs of beer	215-564-1910
Fairmount Pizza	2000 Fairmount Ave.	6 packs of beer	215-763-4000
The Fairview	601 N 21st St.	6 packs of beer	215-419-5940

Fare	2028 Fairmount Ave.	Craft beers and 6 packs	215-763-5500
The Green Room	1940 Green St.	Craft beers and 6 packs	215-241-6776
Kelliann's Bar & Grill	1549 Spring Garden St.	Craft beers and 6 packs	215-563-6990
La Calaca Feliz	2321 Fairmount Ave.	Craft beers and 6 packs	215-787-9930
McCrossen's	529 N 20th St.	Craft beers and 6 packs	215-854-0923
Old Nelson	1500 Spring Garden St.	Craft beers and 6 packs	267-519-2239
Parkway Deli	2200 Spring Garden St.	Growlers and 6 packs	267-758-6785
Stone's Beer & Beverage Market	1701 Fairmount Ave.	Beer distributor	215-763-9789
St. Stephen's Green	1701 Green St.	6 packs of beer	267-239-8968
Thirsty Dice	1642 Fairmount Ave.	Beer & "boozy shakes"	215-765-2679

**Ice Cream and Shakes (including "Adult Shakes")**

Thirsty Dice                    1642 Fairmount Ave. (17th St Side)                    215-765-2679

**Baked Goods, Keto:**

DessertCrazy                    1925 Fairmount Ave.                    267-764-1411

**Groceries:**

Klein's Supermarket                    24<sup>th</sup> & Fairmount Ave.                    215-232-1120

Old Nelson                    1500 Spring Garden                    267-519-2239

Tela's                    1833 Fairmount Ave.                    215-235-0170

Sal's Produce Plus                    676 N. Broad St.                    215-763-7186

(currently seafood only, order must be placed via phone in advance)

**These Local Salons and Barber Shops are Now Open:**

Civil Barbers                    1631 Wallace St.                    215-660-9556

Classic Barber                    1517 Spring Garden St.                    215-567-6166

Halo Salon At the Philadelphian                    2401 Pennsylvania Ave.                    215-232-2660

Ou Salon                    2323 Fairmount Ave.                    267-930-3299

Shear Excellence                    2019 Fairmount Ave.                    267-519-9708

Shear Perfection                    1535 Spring Garden St.                    215-568-5009

SNIP Philadelphia                    2052 Fairmount Ave.                    215-232-7647

Sulimay's Salon & Barber Studio                    2333 Fairmount Ave.                    215-763-4448

**You Can Buy PPE at:**

Fairmount Hardware	2011 Fairmount Ave.	215-765-5820
Fairmount Pharmacy	1900 Green St.	215-567-0364
Luz Marina Montano Fashion Design –	1914 Fairmount Ave.	267-972-7328
designer cloth masks (\$12 each of 5 for \$50)	<a href="http://www.mmontano.com">www.mmontano.com</a>	
Parkway Pharmacy	2401 Pennsylvania Ave.	215-642-2422

**These Gyms and Fitness Centers are Now Open.**

Anytime Fitness	1640 Fairmount Ave.	(RSVP online)	anytimefitness.com
BPM Fitness	1808 Spring Garden St.	(Call for appt.)	215-515-2110
Culture Philly Gym	1415 Melon St.	(Call for appt.)	267-607-5883
J'aime Fitness	2102 Brandywine St.	(1-on-1 training)	610-357-6675
Lumos Yoga & Barre	online & outdoor	(Call for appt.)	215-787-0700
Retro Fitness	1500 Spring Garden St.	(Walk ins)	570-591-1209
Yoga Habit	outdoor classes	(Book Online)	yogahabit.com

**Gifts, Plants, Other:**

The Neighborhood Potters, 2034 Fairmount Ave., is open for curbside pickup and in-store shopping by appointment. They will also ship your purchase. Find terrific gifts there for family and friends. [www.sandiandneil.com](http://www.sandiandneil.com), 215-439-0893.

Ali's Wagon	2017 Fairmount Ave.	<a href="http://www.aliswagon.com">www.aliswagon.com</a>
Bookhaven	2202 Fairmount Ave.	215-235-3226
Cerulean Arts	1355 Ridge Ave. (Appt online)	<a href="http://ceruleanarts.com">ceruleanarts.com</a>
Fairmount Hardware	2011 Fairmount Ave.	215-765-5829
Plants Etc.	2313 Fairmount Ave.	215-236-3060

**Food gifts:**

Tela's Market and Kitchen	1833 Fairmount Ave.	215-235-0170
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**Physical Therapy, Health: Call to Schedule an Appointment**

Jefferson Health	2100 Spring Garden St.	215-955-9555
Vybe Urgent Care	1500 Spring Garden St.	267-768-8288
Wallace and Nilan	1714 Fairmount Ave.	267-606-6923
Wellpoint	2014 Fairmount Ave.	267-687-5655

**Pharmacies**

Fairmount Pharmacy	1900 Green St.	215-567-0364
Parkway Pharmacy	2401 Pennsylvania Ave.	215-642-2422
Rite Aid	1924 Fairmount Ave.	215-765-5078
CVS	2320 Fairmount Ave.	215-232-5262
CVS	490 N. Broad St.	215-430-5757

**Pet Stores / Veterinary Care:**

Art Museum Veterinary Center	1710 Fairmount Ave.	215-982-1490
Fairmount Animal Hospital	2315 Fairmount Ave.	215-684-1439
Fairmount Pet Shoppe	2024 Fairmount Ave.	215-236-6080