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SEPTEMBER 2025



SEPTEMBER IS MUSIC MONTH WITH FRIENDS OF FLEETWOOD PARKS

This month is all about the Blues and Fiddles! Join us for the **Fleetwood Blues Festival Pennsylvania** on Saturday, September 7th and on Sunday, September 21st we bring back the **Berks Fiddle Fest!** All the information and schedules are listed below for a month of music in Fleetwood. And special thanks to our sponsors for making it all happen for the community! We hope to see you at both events.



FLEETWOOD BLUES FESTIVAL PENNSYLVANIA

THE NEW BLUES FESTIVAL IS THIS WEEKEND ON SEPTEMBER 7!

Join us on Saturday as Friends of Fleetwood Parks presents the **Fleetwood Blues Festival Pennsylvania** at the **Evergreen Club** on 415 Hartz Road in Fleetwood. Enjoy the Blues from 2pm to 6pm on **September 7**. Tickets are only \$10 at the Gate. 12 and Under free. Food and Beverages will be available. Featuring the **Dave Mell Blues Band**, **The Blue Cadillacs** and **Eddie Bluestone**. *No outside food or drinks allowed.*

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BERKS FIDDLE FEST



THE BERKS FIDDLE FEST RETURNS SEPTEMBER 21!

The **Berks Fiddle Fest** will be back at the Fleetwood Park on **September 21** beginning at 9am! You can become a sponsor and supporter for the Berks Fiddle Fest. Just download the 2025 Sponsorship Package and join in on the fun! This year's festival promises to be bigger and better than ever! Next month we'll have all the details for the event. The competition forms are now available on the fleetwoodparks.com website.

For additional information about the Berks Fiddle Fest – email berksfiddlefest@gmail.com as well as Facebook.

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9AM - 6PM - FIDDLER CRAFT ROW Over 40 vendors of crafts and more open throughout the entire day FIDDLER CRAFT ROW	1:30PM - OPEN MIC HOSTED BY PHIL STAHL Grab your instrument and enjoy the artists at our Open Mic Stage. FIRE/OPEN MIC STAGE
9AM - 6PM - JAMMIN AREA Grab your instrument and jam with other fiddlers all day long or just listen to the music. JAMMIN AREA	1:30PM - FIDDLE COMPETITION AGES 12 and UNDER MAINSTAGE
10AM - GOSPEL SERVICE The annual tradition kicks off the festival. MAINSTAGE	1:30PM - FIDDLE WORKSHOP WITH DAVID GARDNER Join in on the fun with this fiddle workshop. PAVILION 2
10AM - FIDDLE WORKSHOP WITH ADDISON TEAL Get a special workshop on the Fiddle! PAVILION 2	2:15PM - LUKE HERTZOG TRIO Enjoy the sound of the Luke Hertzog Trio MAINSTAGE
10AM - SCOTTISH FIRE QUALIFIER Fiddlers compete to qualify in Scottish Fire Competition FIRE/OPEN MIC STAGE	2:45PM - FIDDLE COMPETITION AGES 13-17 MAINSTAGE
10:30AM - MEADOWOOD MUSIC STUDENT SHOWCASE See the fiddlers of tomorrow MAINSTAGE	3:45PM - LUKE HERTZOG TRIO Enjoy the sound of the Luke Hertzog Trio MAINSTAGE
11AM - WOOD FLOWER Enjoy this special concert of Wood Flower MAINSTAGE	4:15PM - FIDDLE COMPETITION AGES 18 AND OVER MAINSTAGE
11AM - GUITAR WORKSHOP WITH WILLIAM PARKER Grab your guitar and attend this special workshop with William Parker PAVILION 2	5:15PM - FIDDLEMANIA, AWARDS AND SWING LOW JAM MAINSTAGE
12PM - WALTER MICHAEL IN CONCERT Enjoy Walter Michael in Concert MAINSTAGE	THE WORKSHOP PAVILION is sponsored by East Penn Manufacturing Co Service Electric Cablevision, Inc
12PM - MANDOLIN WORKSHOP WITH WILLIAM PARKER Attend the special workshop with William Parker on the mandolin. PAVILION 2	SIGN UP to win a Martin guitar or three jamming/gigging chairs in the Fiddle Fest Raffle!
1PM - SALUTE TO AMERICA A special salute to our country.	FOOD AND DRINKS There will be plenty of food and beverages to purchase including burgers, hot dogs, vegetarian vegetable soup, and drinks by The Friends of Fleetwood Park, whose concession stand will also offer a "Taste of Berks" with a featured specialty items from area eateries. Food vendors include Freddy Bear's Smoker! Hot BBQ, Pop's Malt Shoppe, Fleetwood Community Theater's Apple Dumpings, Fleetwood Area Public Library specialty Desserts, & Cammi from the Fleetwood Rec Board.

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THINGS TO DO MUSIC AND CONCERTS

Berks Fiddle Fest returns to Fleetwood Park

Festival features Americana bands and all-ages fiddle competition



Over 40-plus fiddlers will compete on stage during the Berks Fiddle Fest last year. (PHIL STAHL - REDWOOD BRIDGE)

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Friends of Fleetwood Parks will present the annual Berks Fiddle Fest on Sept. 21 at Fleetwood Park, 20 W. Main St., Fleetwood.

The gates open at 9 a.m. with craft stage activities held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Donations will be accepted at the parking area as well as the festival donation buckets throughout the park.

The main stage event opens with the traditional workshop service followed by a variety of Americana bands on the Mainstage as well as a popular solo showcase of the all-ages fiddle competition. The Fire/Workshop Stage features the Scottish Fire Qualifier, which will be a national qualifier event, and the Open Mic Area with various fiddle bands.



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Musical acts set to perform throughout the day include Wood Flower, Walter Michael and The Luke Hertzog Trio.

"We're excited to be presenting the Berks Fiddle Fest after last year's successful festival," said Patty Keesey, president of Friends of Fleetwood Parks. "We have a great day planned for families to enjoy and discover the art of fiddling along with some great food and crafts."

"Fleetwood Park was a great new addition to the Fiddle Fest last year, and this year looks even bigger and better," said Larry Ross, chairman of Berks Fiddle Fest. "It's going to be a great festival of music and events to celebrate musicians all over Berks County."

The festival will also feature Fiddler Craft Row where over 40 artisans will feature their crafts for sale, including handmade jeans and animal items. There is also a special area for crafters under 18 as well. There will also be a special raffle of a Martin acoustic guitar and three jamming/gigging chairs with tickets available to purchase at the event.

All forms and rules for registration for the fiddle competitions are at fleetwoodparks.com.

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During Fleetwood's 150th Anniversary planning, the Fleetwood Council of Community Organizations (FCCO) realized that Fleetwood and its support organizations were integrally tied to the neighboring municipalities of Maidencreek and Richmond. To better share community resources and increase community unity/communication, FCCO reorganized into Fleetwood Area Community Organizations (FACO) in 2024.

FACO NEWSLETTER

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