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Conservancy's Night of Lights returns



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The Crefeld School's Glee Club and student musicians, who performed a mix of covers and original music at last year's Night of Lights, will be stationed next to the Flip the Switch opening ceremony again this year.

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As the night air turns crisp and laced with the sound of autumn leaves, the Chestnut Hill Conservancy (https://chestnuthilllocal.com/browse.html?search_filter=Chestnut+Hill+Conservancy) is once again gearing up for Night of Lights, its annual weeklong celebration of the area's rich history and architecture.

Now in its seventh year, Night of Lights will transform Germantown Avenue (https://chestnuthilllocal.com/browse.html?search_filter=Germantown+Avenue) into a vibrant streetscape exhibition from Oct. 3 to Oct. 9, showcasing the area's rich heritage through a series of illuminated storefront windows and dramatically lit buildings. Each evening from 7 to 9 p.m., a section of Germantown Avenue will come alive with projected images, archival footage and colorful lighting – showing familiar architectural details in a new light.

Much more than a chance to illuminate the past, the event is an accessible way to appreciate both our local history and the importance of preserving it.

Again this year, the Conservancy is collaborating with both Historic Germantown and Springfield Township Historical Society to showcase a wider range of archival materials.

"The Conservancy is excited by new features and thrilled to collaborate, and showcase the archival materials of both the Historic Germantown and Springfield Township Historical Society," said Conservancy Executive Director Lori Salganicoff. "We can't wait to transform Chestnut Hill's vibrant commercial corridor with archival and modern images, colorful lights, and a rich diversity of fascinating stories."

The exhibition kicks off with a soft preview on Thursday, Oct. 3, but the main festivities begin on Friday, Oct. 4, with a "Flip the Switch" ceremony near 8318 Germantown Ave. from 6:45 to 7 p.m. Following the ceremony, the avenue will come alive with storytellers, musicians and family-friendly activities until 9 p.m.

Some new features will be introduced this year, including a digital laser show on the 8300 block of Germantown Avenue, courtesy of MidAtlantic FX. For the first time in the event's history, archival films will be digitally mapped and projected onto the wall of the Verizon building at 8318 Germantown Ave. – thanks to support from Councilperson Cindy Bass' (https://chestnuthilllocal.com/browse.html?search_filter=Cindy+Bass) office and the City of Philadelphia.

Beyond the visual displays, Night of Lights also offers a rounded sensory experience that includes music as well as food.

Local jazz group Limited Time Only (LTO), MilkBoy co-founder Tommy Joyner's Pep Rally, and musicians from Maplewood Music Studios will provide live entertainment on opening night. And for opening night only, a band of musicians from the Crefeld School (https://chestnuthilllocal.com/browse.html?search_filter=Crefeld+School), 'Crefeld Rocks', will be playing when Conservancy staff actually "flip the switch" and turn on the light display.

History enthusiasts can consult with experts at the "Ask the Archivists" table, where they can explore local house histories and delve deeper into the historical record.

Local businesses are getting into the spirit as well, with food and beverage establishments offering themed specials and extended hours throughout the exhibition.

On Tuesday, Oct. 8, the Venetian Club will host a History Jam, while Chestnut Hill Brewery will wrap up the week with a special themed Trivia Night on Wednesday, Oct. 9.

"So anyone who's been paying attention to the slideshows will definitely have an advantage," said Clawson.

The heart of the exhibition is the seven illuminated storefront windows, each presenting a themed slideshow of historical images and educational content. These themes offer a diverse exploration of Northwest Philadelphia's history and culture:

1. "A Soup to Nuts History of the Wissahickon Valley" traces the area's development from the days of the Lenape Nation to the present, while also celebrating the centennial of the Friends of the Wissahickon (https://chestnuthilllocal.com/browse.html?search_filter=Friends+of+the+Wissahickon).
2. "Chestnut Hill Architectural Hall of Fame" showcases exceptional examples of architecture spanning three centuries in one of the nation's most architecturally distinguished communities.
3. "JH Dulles Allen and the Enfield Pottery and Tile Works," presented by the Springfield Township Historical Society, offers a glimpse into the legacy of a local artisan and his work.
4. "Local Visions: Exploring Northwest Philadelphia's Vibrant Arts and Artists" celebrates the area's rich artistic heritage with a curated selection from Woodmere Art Museum (https://chestnuthilllocal.com/browse.html?search_filter=Woodmere+Art+Museum).
5. "Public Transportation in Chestnut Hill, Mount Airy, and Germantown" explores the development and impact of local transit systems, supporting the ongoing "Save the Train" (https://chestnuthilllocal.com/browse.html?search_filter=Save+the+Train) campaign.
6. "The Heart of Germantown: Discovering the Urban Village Historic District" showcases the newly created historic district centered around the circa 1704 Market Square in central Germantown.
7. "Venetian Club" honors the 100th anniversary of this community cornerstone, founded by Italian immigrants in Chestnut Hill.

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LOCAL CALENDAR

<p>Tue, Oct 15 @5:30pm Sponsored</p> <p>Cocktails & Chemistry</p> <p>Pyramid Club Philadelphia, PA</p> <p>Tue, Oct 08</p> <p>Unhoused & Unseen: Our "Invisible" Neighbors</p> <p>Da Vinci Art Alliance</p> <p>Tue, Oct 08 @7:30am</p> <p>Night Kitchen Bakery is Bleeding Green and Red this Fall</p> <p>Night Kitchen Bakery</p> <p>Tue, Oct 08 @7:30am</p> <p>Get Ready For Spooky Season With Night Kitchen Bakery</p> <p>Night Kitchen Bakery</p> <p>See All Events (https://chestnuthilllocal.com/events/)</p>	<p>Wed, Oct 16 @6:30pm Sponsored</p> <p>Young Speaker Series: Hanna Dausch</p> <p>Museum for Art in Wood Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>Wed, Oct 09 @7:30pm Sponsored</p> <p>Ina Garten</p> <p>Academy of Music Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>Tue, Oct 15 @7:30pm Sponsored</p> <p>Cocktails & Chemistry</p> <p>Pyramid Club Philadelphia, PA</p>
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Coro Mundi Returns to Northwest Philly (/stories/coro-mundi-returns-to-northwest-philly,33882)

On Oct. 13 Coro Mundi will present a bold program of choral music – featuring premieres of two new works by American composer Alex Berko – in Germantown.

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Bordentown's Cranberry Festival is a juicy blend of art, food, and history (/stories/bordentowns-cranberry-festival-is-a-juicy-blend-of-art-food-and-history,33880)

This year's 34th annual Cranberry Festival will welcome artisans and vendors from near and far on the first weekend in October.



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Grave encounters await at Laurel Hill (/stories/grave-encounters-await-at-laurel-hill,33879)

Laurel Hill Cemetery is embracing the spooky season with a series of October events showcasing the historic site's permanent residents and macabre milieu.



(/stories/last-chance-to-see-souls-shot,33878)

Last chance to see 'Souls Shot' (/stories/last-chance-to-see-souls-shot,33878)

This weekend is the last chance to view a powerful exhibition memorializing gun violence victims.



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