

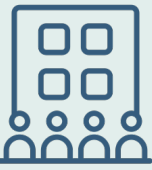


THE PEOPLE'S COMMEMORATION - BY THE PEOPLE FOR ALL PEOPLE

In 2026, all eyes will be on Philadelphia, the birthplace of American democracy. The *People's Commemoration* is a new kind of milestone commemoration in which every Philadelphian feels included and 250th programs create lasting civic and social impact. From stoops to stadiums, people-powered programs inspire civic action and showcase our cultural, science, history, and arts organizations; place-based neighborhood experiences highlight our treasured cultural places and public spaces; and purpose-driven legacy projects strengthen Philadelphia through 2026 and beyond.

NO OTHER CITY IN AMERICA WILL HAVE A MORE INCLUSIVE OR TRANSFORMATIONAL 250TH THAN PHILADELPHIA.

PROGRAMS	PLACES	PURPOSE
 <p>Citywide civic engagement, storytelling, and cultural programs by and for all people</p> <p>People's Programs for the 250th A community of diverse program organizers whose robust calendar of 250th-themed citywide cultural programs at small and large venues are promoted through a public campaign.</p> <p>The Declaration Station An eye-catching mobile resource traveling across the City promoting civic conversation and inspiring people to be agents of change. The information collected will reflect the collective vision of Philadelphians and offer a blueprint for civic initiatives.</p> <p>Share Your Stories An inclusive storytelling program, that expands our knowledge of Philadelphia's diverse past by amplifying the voices of underrepresented people and communities.</p> <p>Opening and Closing Ceremonies Inspirational 2026 events to recognize our many partners, set the stage for what is to come, and celebrate the collective impact of the 250th.</p>	 <p>Shared neighborhood experiences at our treasured places and public spaces</p> <p>Neighborhood Gateways Cultural locations in every City Council District which will be sites for: a rotating schedule of 250th-themed and specialty tours; visits from the <i>Declaration Station</i>, neighborhood storytellers sharing each neighborhood's unique history and culture, and <i>Public Art Legacy Projects</i>, created by community members and artists to explore the meaning of liberty and legacy. <i>Neighborhood Gateway</i> programs will be coordinated with annual festivals and other 2026 programming.</p> <p>Stoop and Porch Parade A nontraditional, citywide celebration of Philadelphia's neighborhoods with self-decorated stoops and porches in honor of the 250th during July 2026.</p>	 <p>Enduring legacy projects that address critical needs in our city</p> <p>Legacy Community A community of local organizations who pledge to implement a new initiative, or accelerate the reach of an existing program, that will result in positive civic and social impact by 2026.</p> <p>Equity Impact Projects Projects that increase equity in challenged communities through investments in public space, civic engagement, diverse businesses, and Black historic sites.</p> <p>Legacies for the 250th Three publicly-proposed legacy projects selected to present to the City in 2026.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Our Market</i>, a storytelling and cultural preservation program focused on immigrant communities in South Philadelphia's 9th Street Market • <i>Cities of Inclusion</i>, an initiative by Special Olympics Pennsylvania to increase services and expand access for the disabled community in Philadelphia • <i>Revolutionary Action Figures</i>, uses the power of play to teach children about local BIPOC leaders

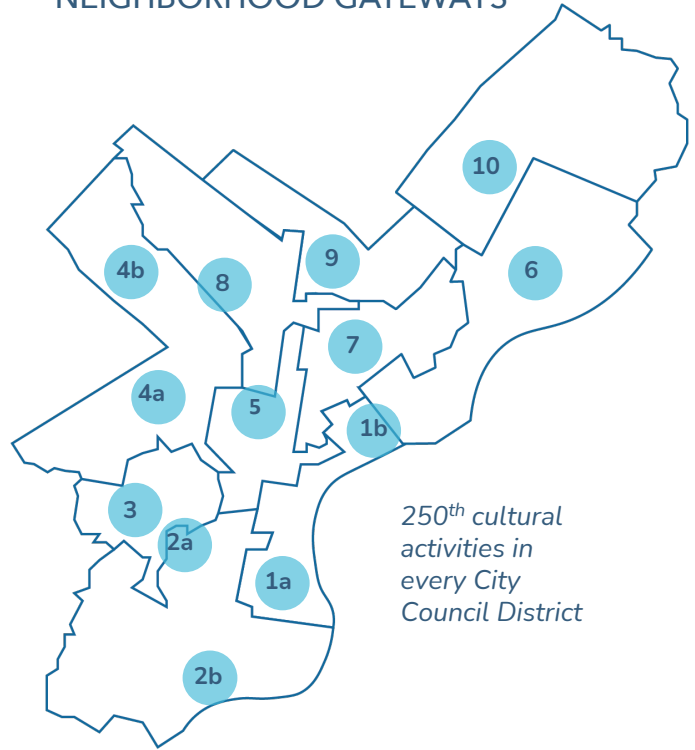
TIMELINE



The People's Commemoration Activities in 2026

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NEIGHBORHOOD GATEWAYS



LEADERSHIP

PHILADELPHIA250, an independent nonprofit, is led by President and CEO Danielle DiLeo Kim, AIA; Board Chair, The Honorable Edward G. Rendell; and a diverse and distinguished board of directors. Additional business, community, and civic leaders support the organization in various advisory capacities. PHILADELPHIA250 serves as the main point of contact between state (America250-PA) and national (America250) 250th planning partners for their respective anniversary activities in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA250 is a founding member of a collective roundtable of stakeholders that have come together to communicate, collaborate, and coordinate planning efforts for major events and activities taking place in Philadelphia in 2026.



PEOPLE-POWERED PROGRAMS



PLACE-BASED NEIGHBORHOOD EXPERIENCES



PURPOSE-DRIVEN LEGACY PROJECTS