



**BRISTOL WHARF**  
ON THE DELAWARE RIVER



**BCHF HEADQUARTERS**  
FORMER QUAKER SCHOOL HOUSE

*The 50th Annual*

# HISTORIC BRISTOL DAY

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026 • 10AM TO 4PM**

## Welcome

Welcome to the 50th Anniversary of Historic Bristol Day!

On behalf of the co-chairs, we are proud to welcome you to this special celebration of Bristol's rich history, vibrant community, and enduring traditions. For fifty years, Historic Bristol Day has brought together residents and visitors to experience the charm, character, and stories that make our town so unique.

Today is about more than just an event—it is a living tribute to the generations who built Bristol and the community that continues to carry it forward. From our historic homes and waterfront views to local vendors, entertainment, and familiar traditions, we hope you take the time to explore, connect, and create new memories.

As we celebrate this milestone year, we extend our sincere thanks to our volunteers, sponsors, and supporters who make this day possible. Your dedication ensures that Historic Bristol Day continues to thrive for years to come.

Enjoy the day, celebrate the history, and thank you for being part of our story.

*Suzie Antonelli, Michael Crossan, Joe Dugan & Alison McHugh – Event Co-chairs*

## Tour the Tall Ship Gazela

Step aboard the Gazela, a historic tall ship built in Portugal in 1901. At 177 feet long and 94 feet tall, Gazela is an impressive piece of maritime history docked right here at the Bristol Wharf. Climb aboard, meet the crew, and experience this remarkable ship up close.

**TOURS  
ALL DAY!**



Located at Bristol Wharf

## Kids' Activities & Petting Zoo

— Mulberry Street —

Fun for the whole family! Stop by the Kids' Area on Mulberry Street for hands-on activities, games, crafts, and more.

### DON'T MISS THE PETTING ZOO!

Meet friendly farm animals up close and learn about them too!



**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US PRESERVE OUR PAST  
AND BUILD OUR FUTURE.**

*Bristol's History. Our Community. Our Pride.*

# A Walk Through History

# HISTORIC B



EXPLORE • DISCOVER

Bristol Borough, Pennsylvania



## GAZEBO SCHEDULE On the Riverfront

|               |                                                                                   |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10:00 – 10:45 | Men of Harmony<br><i>(Continuous on the 20th-30th blocks of Radcliffe Street)</i> |
| 11:00 – 11:45 | Jillian Ashcraft                                                                  |
| 12:00 – 1:00  | Proclamations                                                                     |
| 1:00 – 1:45   | Mindy Murray                                                                      |
| 2:00 – 2:45   | Jackson Pines                                                                     |
| 3:00 – 3:45   | BCHF Community Band                                                               |

## WHARF & SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

- **Gazela Tall Ship**  
Bristol Docks (Free Admission)
- **First Crossing Encampment™**  
Set up at the Wharf
- **304th Civil Affairs Brigade**  
Set up at the Wharf



## KIDS' ZONE Mulberry Street

- Face Painting – Loreen Murphy
- Balloon Artist – Scott Meyers
- Peaceable Kingdom Petting Zoo



## HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Visit these locations and more throughout

- Bethel A.M.E. Church – 260 Wood Street
- Bristol Borough Municipal Building
- Bristol Fire Company – Station 51
- Bristol Friends Meeting – 235 Market Street
- Margaret R. Grundy Museum – 610 Lenox Street
- Silver Lake Nature Center – 1306 Beaver Street
- St James Episcopal Church & Cemetery
- Bristol Lodge #25 (Masonic Temple)
- Bristol Riverside Theatre – 120 Radcliffe Street
- Information table outside the building
- First United Methodist Church of Bristol
- St. Ann Church – 357 Dorrance Street

## ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Snyder-Girotti Elementary School  
450 Beaver Street

Stroll through a collection of antique and classic cars.



*Classic Cars  
Timeless Style!*



## PARKING & RESTROOMS

Official Parking is available at:

- Lenox Street Parking Lot (across from Cesare's Restaurant)
- Mill Street Parking Lot



Restrooms available at:

- Food Court (Riverfront)
- Borough Hall
- Grundy I
- Snyder-C
- Lenox Pa

# BRISTOL DAY



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## & EXHIBITS

**out Bristol**

St., #254 - 11am-2pm

g - 250 Pond St.

- 198 Wood St.

ket St. - Archeology Dig

Radcliffe St. - Bucks County Mobile Visitor Center

ath Road

tery - 225 Walnut St.

) - 219-221 Cedar St. - Parking lot only

cliffe St.

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ristol - 201 Mulberry Street - 10am-2pm

reet - 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## FOOD COURT

Along the river behind  
Radcliffe Street and  
Market Street.



- Local restaurants & food vendors
- Refreshments
- Sweet treats & desserts
- Beverages

*Good Food • Great Music  
Community Spirit*

*Thank you  
for supporting  
Historic Bristol Day!*

restaurant)

library  
Girotti School  
Parking Lot

## GRUNDY LIBRARY EVENTS

**680 Radcliffe Street**

Library will be open 10:00am - 4:00pm  
and public restrooms are available.



### Programs:

- Library 60th Anniversary Exhibit and Short Film - all day
- Crafts in the Youth Area - all day
- Cops N' Kids (book giveaway) - all day
- Community Digitization Day with the Grundy Archive in the Williams Room 10:00am - 3:00pm

### Activities with Snyder-Girotti Students:

- 2nd & 3rd: Bristol Then & Now - Interactive spinners
- 4th & 5th: Windows Into Bristol - Interactive windows into Bristol's past
- 6th: Bristol in Motion - Moving automation bringing Bristol's history to life

## FREE SHUTTLE ROUTE

Leaving approximately every 15 minutes  
at 10:00 AM. Last pick up at 3:45 PM.



### SHUTTLE STOPS

- 1 Corner of Market and Wood Streets  
(Bristol Friends Meeting House - 235 Market St.  
Riverport Plaza / Fire Station #51)
- 2 200 Pond Street
- 3 Parking lot at Bristol Activity Center (Activity Center is not open)  
(Bristol Borough Municipal Building - 250 Pond St.  
Lincoln Legacy / Bethel AME Church - 254 Wood St., Suite 260  
(Open 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. only))
- 4 Car Show at Snyder-Girotti - 450 Beaver St.
- 5 430 Jefferson Avenue
- 6 Corner of Pond and Taylor Streets  
(117 Taylor Street)
- 7 1776 Farragut Avenue (222 Coolidge Place)
- 8 244 East Circle (264 East Circle)
- 9 Lenox Parking Lot (across from Cesare's Restaurant)  
(Shuttle pick up for those parking in the Lenox lot.  
River View Sample Home)
- 10 Corner of Radcliffe and Lafayette Streets  
(910 Radcliffe Street / 922 Radcliffe Street)
- 11 Grundy Library (680 Radcliffe St. / Museum Grounds)
- 12 Corner of Walnut and Cedar Streets  
(St. James Episcopal Church - 225 Walnut St.  
First United Methodist Church - 201 Mulberry St.)
- 13 Bristol Riverside Theatre (120 Radcliffe St.)  
(Food Court / Crafters / Entertainment)



Look for the **S** sign where people can wait for the next bus.

# HISTORIC HOUSE TOURS

— 50TH ANNIVERSARY —

*Twelve Homes. 300+ Years of Bristol History.*

*Step inside. Explore the stories. Celebrate the places that make Bristol home.*



**264 East Circle — Built 1917**

Built during Bristol's World War I expansion, this home survives from the planned Harriman community created for shipyard workers and their families. Harriman's varied designs helped the neighborhood flourish.



**244 East Circle — Built 1917**

Built during Bristol's World War I shipbuilding boom, this bungalow was part of the planned Harriman community created to house shipyard workers and their families. Its architectural details remain a hallmark of the neighborhood.



**910 Radcliffe Street — Prior to 1765**

One of Bristol's oldest surviving homes, its original section predates the American Revolution. Associated with Abraham Comley and remodeled by John Reed in 1811, it retains historic character and enduring significance.



**800 Radcliffe Street — Built 1821**

Built by celebrated actor Thomas Cooper for his children and their governess, the home was reportedly connected by a covered walkway to Cooper's neighboring residence—a glimpse into Bristol's early society.



**922 Radcliffe Street — Built 1999**

Built in the Victorian style, this riverfront home shows that Bristol's architectural story continues beyond its colonial past. It has also served for many years as the picturesque setting for holiday celebrations.



**316 Radcliffe Street — Built 1847**

Built by John Magoffin, this colonial-style home later became the residence of several Bristol physicians. Magoffin was a remembered for visiting the nearby canal basin on Sundays, linking the home to Bristol's maritime heritage.



**430 Jefferson Avenue, Unit D**

Once part of the St. Ann Parish complex, this site was home to the convent for sisters who served generations of Bristol students. Constructed around 1962, the former convent remains a meaningful part of the borough's educational and spiritual history.



**222 Coolidge Place — Built 2000**

This home represents a newer chapter in Bristol's story. Coolidge Place itself dates to 1924, when the former Victory Hotel property was divided into building lots and a new residential neighborhood began to take shape.



**117 Taylor Street — Built 2018**

This home shows how new construction can become part of Bristol's established residential neighborhoods. Its inclusion celebrates not only the borough's historic houses, but the new homes that continue Bristol's story today.



**Radcliffe Court — New Construction**

Once part of Bristol's industrial riverfront, this site was home to shipbuilding and aircraft manufacturing. Today, Radcliffe Court transforms former industrial land into a new waterfront neighborhood, continuing Bristol's long relationship with the Delaware River.



**200 Pond Street — Built 1890**

This spacious frame residence stands prominently at Pond and Market Streets. Its traditional architecture and corner setting reflect the residential character that developed around Bristol's bustling commercial center in the late 19th century.



**237 Radcliffe Street — Before 1791**

Associated with Spanish diplomat Don Luis de Onis, this property has witnessed more than two centuries of Bristol history. It later served as Fidelity Savings & Loan and today begins another chapter as the Radcliffe Hotel.

*With Gratitude*

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Radcliffe Cafe

*Preserving  
Our Past.  
Inspiring  
Our Future.*

*Thank You  
for Your Support!*

*We also extend our sincere  
appreciation to the many  
individuals, businesses, and  
organizations who have  
contributed to Historic Bristol Day  
in so many ways.*

**IN KIND DONATIONS**

Bristol Borough Council  
Bristol Borough School District  
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The Grundy Foundation  
Hudson Equities



*Tea at  
the Museum*

## HOUSE TOURS and TEA

*Ticket Required \$15.00 — Anniversary Special 2 for \$25.00*

Informational Tables at Radcliffe & Market and Radcliffe & Walnut  
will have tickets for sale, as well as the Tea (Grundy Museum South Lawn).  
*If you wish to enjoy the tea only, there is a \$5 fee.*