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SEPTEMBER 2024



THE BERKS FIDDLE FEST IS SEPTEMBER 15 IN THE FLEETWOOD PARK!

Friends of Fleetwood Parks will present the annual BERKS FIDDLE FEST on September 15 at the Fleetwood Park at 334 West Main Street in Fleetwood. The gates open at 9:00 a.m. with main stage activities beginning at 10:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m. Generous donations make this event possible. **Donations will be accepted at the parking area as well as the festival donation buckets throughout the park.** The event is held rain or shine.

The festival begins with the traditional worship service followed by a variety of Americana bands on the Mainstage as well as the popular main attraction of the all-ages fiddle competition. The Fire/Open Mic Stage features the Scottish Fire Qualifier and the Open Mic Area with emcee Noah Gibney. Pavilion Two hosts several workshops on Mandolin, Fiddle, Saw, and Harmonica. And roving the festival grounds will be *The Rotten Parrots* starting jam sessions with other musicians throughout the park.

The *Kutztown Pipe Band* will be playing bagpipes at the salute to our veterans and *Big Valley Bluegrass* will be the grand finale concert on the Main Stage. Attendees are encouraged to bring their musical instruments and join in the jams or bring a lawn chair and simply listen.

Musical acts set to perform throughout the day include *A Meadowow Music Student Showcase*, *The Keystone Fiddlers*, *Crow Hill Bluegrass Band* and *The Get Reels* playing Irish American music.

"We're excited to bring this unique, one-of-a-kind festival to Fleetwood and celebrate the art of fiddling," stated **Patty Keeney, President of Friends of Fleetwood Parks**. "We have a great schedule, great food and great sponsors for the event. The day promises to be a terrific experience for the families and residents of Fleetwood and all of Berks County."

"We're thrilled to be calling the Fleetwood Park our new home," said **Larry Ross, Chairman of Berks Fiddle Fest**. "We're looking forward to a great day of sharing the artistry of fiddling and celebrating this wonderful artform. This year's festival promises to be bigger and better than ever!"

The festival will also feature Fiddler Craft Row where over 50 artisans will feature their crafts for sale, including handmade items and musical items. There is also a special area for crafters under 18 as well this year as a new added addition. There will also be a special raffle of a Martin acoustic guitar with tickets available to purchase at the event.

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 item from these restaurants: Bower's Hotel, G & J Pizzeria & Bakery, Grand Central Taproom & Restaurant, The Shop Eatery, and Zola's Pizzeria. Also featured is barbequed food by Freddy Bears Smokin' Hot BBQ, hand-dipped ice cream by Pops Malt Shoppe, baked goods from the Fleetwood Library and fresh baked apple dumplings from Fleetwood Community Theatre.

Get ready to have an enjoyable day at the Fleetwood Park with the Berks Fiddle Fest!

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Putting together a festival with all these musical acts is no easy feat and thanks to our sponsors who help in making this event possible and accessible for everyone. We appreciate their support!

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2024 Berks Fiddle Fest SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
PRESENTED BY FRIENDS OF FLEETWOOD PARKS

<p>9AM - 6PM - FIDDLER CRAFT ROW Over 50 vendors of crafts and more open throughout the entire day. FIDDLER CRAFT ROW</p> <p>9AM - 6PM - JAMMIN AREA Grab your instrument and jam with other fiddlers all day long or just listen to the music. JAMMIN AREA</p> <p>10AM - GOSPEL SERVICE The annual tradition kicks off the festival. MAINSTAGE</p> <p>10AM - WILLIAM PARKER MANDOLIN WORKSHOP Get a special workshop on the Mandolin PAVILION 2</p> <p>10AM - SCOTTISH FIRE QUALIFIER Fiddlers compete to qualify in Scottish Fire Competition FIRE/OPEN MIC STAGE</p> <p>10:30AM - MEADOWOW MUSIC STUDENT SHOWCASE See the fiddlers of tomorrow MAINSTAGE</p> <p>11AM - THE KEYSTONE FIDDLERS Enjoy this special concert of the Keystone Fiddlers. MAINSTAGE</p> <p>11:30PM - ADDISON TEAL FIDDLE WORKSHOP Grab your fiddle and attend this special workshop with Addison Teal PAVILION 2</p> <p>12PM - CROW HILL BLUEGRASS Fiddling Concert from Crow Hill Bluegrass MAINSTAGE</p> <p>1PM - SALUTE TO AMERICA A special salute to our country. MAINSTAGE</p> <p>1:30PM - OPEN MIC HOSTED BY NOAH GIBNEY Grab your instrument and enjoy the artists at our Open Mic Stage. FIRE/OPEN MIC STAGE</p> <p>1:30PM - FIDDLE COMPETITION AGES 12 and UNDER MAINSTAGE</p>	<p>2:00 - MUSICAL SAWYER SARA RUCH SAW WORKSHOP If you have your own saw and bow, bring them! If you don't, we'll have a few, so anyone interested can try their hand at it! PAVILION 2</p> <p>2:15 - THE GET REELS Enjoy the fiddling of The Get Reels MAINSTAGE</p> <p>2:45PM - FIDDLE COMPETITION AGES 13-17 MAINSTAGE</p> <p>3:45 - THE GET REELS Enjoy the fiddling of The Get Reels MAINSTAGE</p> <p>4:00 - HARMONICA WORKSHOP WITH STEVE WALKER Steve Walker shows you the joy of the harmonica. Harmonicas will be available to purchase. PAVILION 2</p> <p>4:15 - FIDDLE COMPETITION AGES 18 AND OVER MAINSTAGE</p> <p>5:15PM - FIDDLEMANIA, AWARDS AND SWING LOW JAM MAINSTAGE</p> <p>5:30PM - BIG VALLEY BLUE GRASS The Grand Finale Concert MAINSTAGE</p> <p>THE MAINSTAGE is sponsored by Breidegam Family Foundation THE JAMMIN AREA is sponsored by Long Acre Farm and Feed THE FIRE/OPEN MIC STAGE is sponsored by M&M Mechanical SIGN UP to win a Martin guitar in the Fiddle Fest Raffle!</p> <p>FOOD MENU Burgers, Dogs and Drinks along with "Taste of Berks" with a featured specialty item from these restaurants: Bower's Hotel, G & J Pizzeria & Bakery, Grand Central Taproom, The Shop Eatery, and Zola's Pizzeria, from Friends of Fleetwood Parks Freddy Bears Smokin' Hot BBQ Hand-dipped Ice Cream by Pops Malt Shoppe Baked Goods from the Fleetwood Library Fresh Baked Apple Dumplings from Fleetwood Community Theatre</p>
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Get all the information for Berks Fiddle Fest right here or on the fleetwoodparks.com website. Click on the button to download the schedule, competition registry forms and other information.

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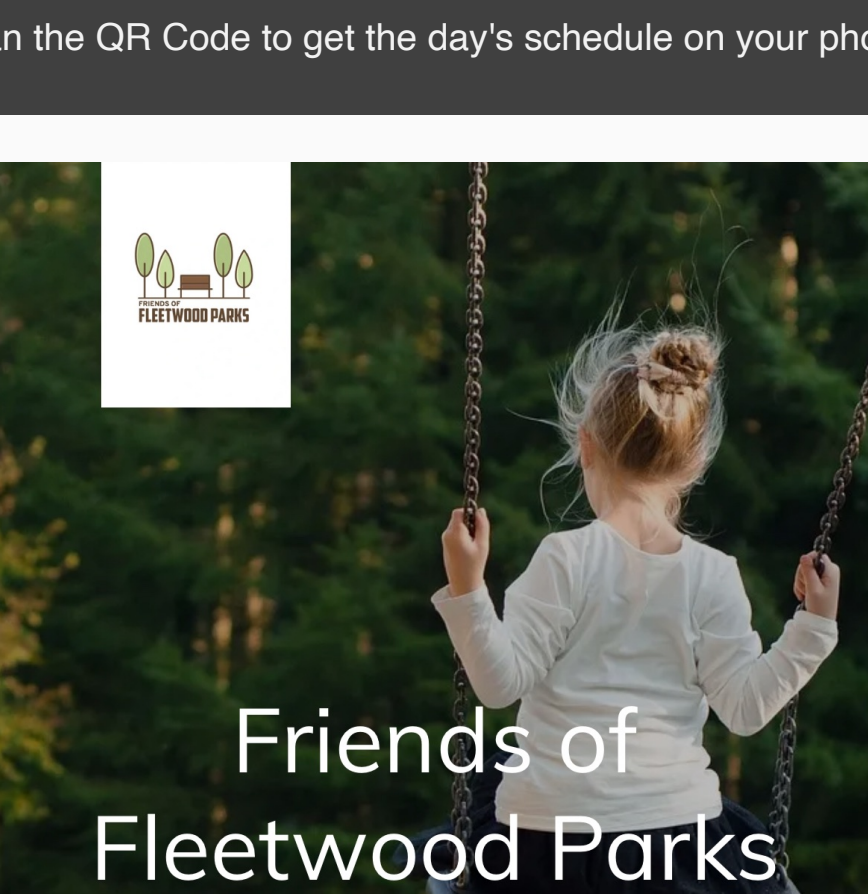
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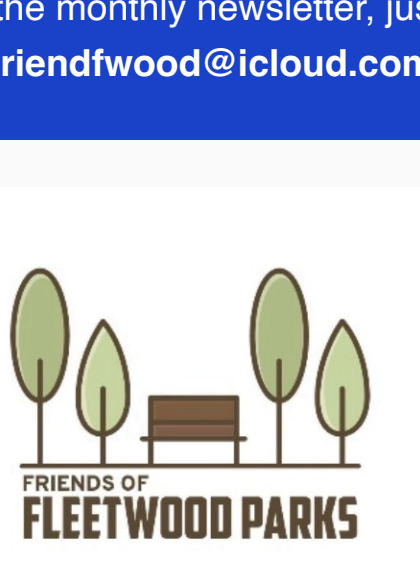
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Fleetwood, Pennsylvania was founded in 1873. Over the years, many organizations and individuals contributed to make the town the special place it is. As we begin our 151st year, we're saluting and celebrating these special people with the creation of **THE FLEETWOOD CADILLAC AWARD** for extraordinary community service and **THE FLEETWOOD HOMETOWN HERO AWARD** to an individual or individuals who made a difference. Join us for the celebration in saluting Fleetwood's Finest on March 8, 2025 at the Fleetwood Fire Co. Social Quarters Banquet Hall.

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