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COMMUNITY PARK EVENTS AND MORE AROUND TOWN

AUGUST 2026

FLEETWOOD BLUES FEST PENNSYLVANIA IS AUGUST 23

Join Friends of Fleetwood Parks for the 2nd Annual Fleetwood Blues Festival Pennsylvania on Sunday, August 23, 2026, at the Evergreen German Club in Fleetwood, Pennsylvania.

Spend an afternoon immersed in the sounds of authentic blues music as some of the region's finest performers take the stage for a celebration of rhythm, soul, and community. Whether you're a lifelong blues enthusiast or simply looking for a great summer event, the Fleetwood Blues Festival delivers an unforgettable experience filled with outstanding live music, food, beverages, and fun.

Featured artists include the **Eddie Bluestone Trio, The Blue Cadillacs** and the **Dave Mell Blues Band**. There will be a special guest performance by **Bob Hogan's Whiskey Kreek (Acoustic).**

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Sunday, August 23, 2026

Time: 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Admission: $10 at the Gate

Children 12 & Under: Free

Evergreen German Club

415 Hartz Road, Fleetwood, PA

There will be food and beverages available for purchase with outdoor festival setting. There is no outside food or beverages permitted.

Gather your friends, bring your love of great music, and experience every shade of blues at one of Berks County's most exciting summer music festivals.

PRESENTED BY FRIENDS OF FLEETWOOD PARKS

MORE AUGUST CONCERTS IN THE PARK

AUGUST 23 ON THE PARK STAGE

Philharmonic Band concert in honor of the United States 250th anniversary Sunday August 23, at 6:00pm. Rain date is Monday August 24 at 6:00pm. Refreshments available to purchase at 5:00pm.

Sponsored by the Fleetwood American Legion Post 625

AUGUST 30 ON THE PARK STAGE

Ringgold Band will perform Sunday Aug 30th at 6 PM, Concession stand opens at 5 PM. This is the rescheduled date from the rain-out in July.

Sponsored by Fleetwood Rec Board

BERKS FIDDLE FEST IS SEPTEMBER 20TH!

BERKS FIDDLE FEST IS BIGGER, BOLDER AND BETTER THAN EVER!

It's shaping up to be an unforgettable year for **Berks Fiddle Fest**!

Headlining this year's festival is internationally acclaimed violinist Nyke Van Wyk, blending classical and Celtic traditions in a high-energy performance you won't want to miss. Opening the featured concert is Midnight on the Water, known for weaving traditional fiddle tunes into pop, jazz and R&B.

In celebration of America's 250th Anniversary, we'll also welcome the Brandywine Colonials Fife & Drum Corps, bringing historic pageantry and patriotic spirit to the day.

Mark your calendar for **September 20th** and join us for a memorable celebration of music, history, and community!

Nyke Van Wyk and Brandywine Colonials Fife & Drum Corps

FINAL DEADLINE FOR SPONSORS

August 15th is the final deadline for sponsors to meet all of our printing deadlines. Simple clikc the button below for information about sponsorships for Fiddle Fest 2026!

YES! I WANT TO SPONSOR!

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THE FIDDLE COMPETITIONS

The festival features three fiddle competitions in three categories for people to take part in. Listed below are the rules for competing along with the registration forms and requirements.

This is an amateur competition. Everyone competing should be considered of "amateur" status and does not make their primary living as a fiddle player and/or teacher.

1. Two Tunes recommended each one is 50% of your score. By only playing one tune, you will only receive 50% of highest possible total. Classical Violin pieces may be played but will not count in the overall score.
2. Six-minute time limit - Any fiddle style is permitted.
3. Playing "Orange Blossom Special" is NOT allowed.
4. Three age groups: Group 1- up to 12 years; Group 2 - 13 to 17 years; and Group 3 - 18 years and up.
5. If desired a single accompanist may be provided, if available, or you can use your own. No more than one accompanist, none on the fiddle, and only the fiddle contestant may play the melody. The accompanist may only play basic backup with no lead or solo playing.
6. No sheet music or electronic instruments allowed during the contest.
7. Contestant MAY NOT announce the name of the tune before playing. The Emcees will announce the tune.
8. Contestants are NOT allowed to say their name, any previous awards in any fiddle contest, or whom they took lessons from. They will be given a number for the judges to use in the contest. Names WILL NOT be announced on the stage at any time during the competition.
9. The contest will start at approximately 1:15pm with Group 1. Each group will be followed by approximately a 30-minute break, Cash awards can be mailed, other awards will not be mailed and must be picked up day of festival or by special arrangement with festival officials.
10. We do 'blind' judging. Our three judges are not facing the stage.
11. A third Tune should be planned in case of a "Fiddle-off".

The Grand Champion Award is provided by Meadowood Music ($200.00); All other cash awards are from the Fiddle Fest. Award plates are hand-made in Berks County by Lucky Leaf Pottery

REGISTRATION FORM

INCOME DISCLAIMER

COMPETITION RULES

FIDDLE OFF RULES

GRAB YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A GUITAR!

PURCHASE TICKETS FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A NEW ORANGEWOOD GUITAR

Enter now to win one of two Orangewood Parlor size guitars. The first ticket draw gets their choice of guitar. Second ticket drawn gets the other guitar.

TICKETS: 1 ticket for $5.00 or 5 tickets for $20.00.

Winners will be picked at the end of the Berks Fiddle Fest on September 20th in the Fleetwood Park. You need not be present to win. Guitars donated by Richmond Street Music Lessons, Fleetwood.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT ALL FLEETWOOD BANK LOCATIONS starting August 1, AT THE BERKS FIDDLE FEST OR YOU CAN PURCHASE TICKETS ON-LINE AT THE ACTION BUTTON BELOW.

On-Line tickets must be purchased by September 13, 2026.

PURCHASE GUITAR RAFFLE

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FIDDLE FEST, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT **fleetwoodparks.com** WITH ALL THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FESTIVAL, PARKING AND MORE.

FLEETWOOD'S FINEST HONOREES TO BE REVEALED ON SEPTEMBER 16

The honorees will be announced on September 16, 2026 along with the recipient of the prestigious **Fleetwood Cadillac Award for Outstanding Community Service**. Tickets will also go on sale in September for what promises to be the biggest party celebrating Fleetwood — an unforgettable evening honoring the very best of our hometown.

Mark your calendar now for the **FLEETWOOD'S FINEST SPRING GALA** on April 3, 2027, at the Fleetwood Fire Company Social Quarters Banquet Hall. New this year, tickets will be available for purchase online or by mail. We're planning an incredible evening of celebration, entertainment, and hometown pride as we honor the real heroes of our community. The countdown is officially on!

To have a friend sign-up for the monthly newsletter, just send the email address to: friendfwood@icloud.com

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