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The
Fleetwood Flash
COMMUNITY PARK EVENTS AND MORE AROUND TOWN

SEPTEMBER 2026

IT'S TIME FOR THE BERKS FIDDLE FEST! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 AT THE FLEETWOOD PARK!

Get ready for a full day of fiddles, music, history and fun—**Berks Fiddle Fest is back!** Hosted by the Fleetwood Parks Foundation, this lively event brings together talented and crowd-pleasing fiddle and other stringed instrument musicians, time-honored traditional craft and pastimes, and a variety of tasty food and beverages—all in the heart of the beautiful Fleetwood Community Park.

Headlining this year's festival is internationally acclaimed violinist **Nyle 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 with pop, jazz and R&B.

And in celebration of **America's 250th Anniversary**, the **Brandywine Colonials Fife & Drum Corps** will bring the sights and sounds of early America to the festival with historic pageantry and patriotic spirit.

See you Sunday, September 20, and join us for an unforgettable celebration of music, history and community at Berks Fiddle Fest!

Nyle Van Wyk and Brandywine Colonials Fife & Drum Corps

NYLE VAN WYK
PRESENTS AT THE ANNUAL
BERKS FIDDLE FEST
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
FLEETWOOD PARK

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

10:00 AM TO 10:45 AM
Fiddle Workshop
Instructor: Nyle Van Wyk
Participants will learn a fiddle tune and everyday Fleetwood Community Park is a place where people come together to celebrate music, culture, and shared moments. This year, we're bringing together musicians, time-honored traditional craft and pastimes, and a variety of tasty food and beverages—all in the heart of the beautiful Fleetwood Community Park.

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12:00 PM TO 12:45 PM
Midnight on the Water
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1:00 PM TO 1:45 PM
Brandywine Colonials Fife & Drum Corps
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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 participating 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. Original Tunes are NOT allowed. Only Traditional pieces are 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 accompanists may only play basic backup with no lead or solo work.
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 where they reside. Failure to follow this will give a number for the judges to use in the contest. Names WILL NOT be announced in 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. Contestant numbers are 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 plaques are hand-made in Berks County by Lucky Leaf Pottery

REGISTRATION FORM

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COMPETITION RULES

FIDDLE-OFF RULES

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PURCHASE TICKETS FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A NEW ORANGEWOOD GUITAR!
$10 PER TICKET
Fleetwood Rotary
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Fleetwood Area Chamber
Fleetwood Rotary
Hamburg Rotary
M & M Mechanical
Meadow Brook Farm
Meadowood Music
Moser Total Indoor Comfort
Walbert Funeral Home

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 drawn 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 PARK LOCATIONS starting August 1, AT THE BERKS FIDDLE FEST OR YOU CAN PURCHASE TICKETS ON-LINE AT THE ACTION BUTTON BELOW.

Winners Guitar must be picked up at Fleetwood Park by December 31, 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.

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FLEETWOOD'S FINEST HONOREES TO BE REVEALED ON SEPTEMBER 16

APRIL 3, 2027
FLEETWOOD'S FINEST
SPRING GALA
FLEETWOOD CADILLAC
FLEETWOOD HOMETOWN BANK
HONORING COMMUNITY LEADERS

The wait is over! On September 16th, we'll announce this year's honorees for FLEETWOOD'S FINEST! A special edition of the Fleetwood Flash will announce all the news on September 16th!

FLEETWOOD BLUES FESTIVAL PENNSYLVANIA WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

The Fleetwood Blues Festival Pennsylvania, held last month at the Evergreen Club, was a tremendous success! It was a fantastic day of great music, great food, and a community coming together to celebrate the blues.

A special thank you goes to Chris Mountain, Chair and Event Manager, whose vision, leadership, and hard work continue to make the Fleetwood Blues Festival Pennsylvania such a successful event.

We also extend our sincere thanks to everyone who helped make the day possible:

Our Bands: Whiskey Kreek Acoustic, Eddie Bluestone Trio, The Blue Cadillacs, and Dee Mell Blues Band

Special Guests: Terrence Lee, Charlie Brown, Jeff Zarby, and Eric Bailey

Sound Support: Mark Leeson and Adam Coffinberger

Stage Management: Rodney Folk, Eric Bailey, and Mark Leeson

Graphic Design: Rodney Folk

Volunteers: Donna Mountain, Donna Raatzs, Kim Trusty, Ariane Stingerland, and Clair & Leslie Long

Raffle Prize Donors: Firehouse Coffee and Paisley & Company

And a very special thank you to The Evergreen Club and its staff for providing a wonderful facility, terrific hospitality, and great food throughout the day.

Events like the Fleetwood Blues Festival Pennsylvania are only possible because of the musicians, volunteers, supporters, businesses, and community members who come together to make them happen. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make this year's festival one to remember!

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendar for the Fleetwood Blues Festival Pennsylvania 2027 — Sunday, August 29, 2027. We look forward to another great day of music, community, and celebrating the blues!

Where our small town comes alive

Join us for the Fall Into Fleetwood for our **Main Street Fair** on **October 3** from **9am to 2pm**. Meet local businesses, get to know local vendors, listen to music, kid's crafts, storytelling and much more. Email fleetwoodmainstreetfair@gmail.com for additional details. For more information visit www.fleetwoodmainstreetfair.com

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

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