



Fleetwood, Pa. Turns 150; Celebration Features Year-Long Series of Events Celebrating History, Community, and Civic Engagement

-Sesquicentennial includes Emmy-winning and Grammy-nominated artists-

FLEETWOOD, Pa. – April 15, 2023– Fleetwood, Pa., will kick off its 150th Anniversary celebration this month with a series of year-long community events designed to celebrate the borough’s rich past, present, and future, announced the Fleetwood Council of Community Organizations (FCCO). The events begin on April 22 with the Fleetwood Pageant and culminate in December with the arrival of Santa – a Fleetwood tradition for over 50 years.

Other anniversary highlights include a grand Celebration Gala in August followed by a Celebration Parade and outdoor concert in September. The Gala will also serve as the world premiere of the award-winning documentary *Finding Fleetwood*. Narrated by 11-time Emmy Award winner Kathie Lee Gifford, the movie features dozens of residents, from their teens to their 90s, sharing memories of the place they call home. The Gala is followed in September by a Celebration Parade and outdoor concert headlined by Grammy-nominated country music star Chuck Mead. A special 150th Closing Community Church Ceremonies will be held in the park in October before the arrival of Santa in December.

“We’ve got a great party planned,” said 150th Celebration Chairman and FCCO President Kelly-Ebeling Schaeffer. “The celebration begins this month and continues through December, with events for everyone, from the youngest to the oldest because we’re celebrating not just the past, but also the present and future of what makes Fleetwood such a special place to call home,” she added.

Other celebration events include the Memorial Day parade, ceremonies and celebration in Fleetwood Park, concerts in the park, a Legends of Fleetwood golf tournament at Moselem Springs Golf Course, Fleetwood Community Theater’s production of *Footloose*, a time capsule creation and dedication, and a dazzling firework display and homecoming celebration in Ray Bus Field.

“It’s incredibly gratifying to see so much support and excitement from our residents, businesses and civic organizations,” said Fleetwood Mayor Tammy Gore. “Having that sense of community, of home, of connection to one another is maybe more important today than ever. And Fleetwood has it in spades. I couldn’t be more happy or proud,” she added.

"I've seen a lot in my 70 years in Fleetwood," said Bill Strause of the Fleetwood Historical Society. "Change is inevitable. But one thing that hasn't changed around here is our sense of community pride, community engagement, and community compassion. Hands down, this is the best place to live in Berks County. And if you don't believe me, come on out to these events and see for yourself," he said.

A full list of events, including their time, location, and cost (if any), can be found at fleetwoodboro.com. For any additional information email: fleetwood150thcelebration@gmail.com

Event organizers also have a monthly email newsletter providing the latest information on events, including sponsorships and registrations. To subscribe, send an email to friendfwood@icloud.com.

Fleetwood Council of Community Organizations

The Fleetwood Council of Community Organizations (FCCO) is a community organization comprising representatives from Fleetwood non-profit organizations.

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DETAILED LIST OF EVENTS FOR THE 150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

APRIL 22, 2023

LITTLE MISS, JR. MISS, MISS, AND MS. FLEETWOOD PAGEANT

The crowning of the Sesquicentennial Queens.

Fleetwood High School; 7PM

FREE

MAY 29, 2023

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE & CELEBRATION

Parade at 10am followed by Remembrance in Park and afternoon events, food, and entertainment. Main Street and Fleetwood Park; 10am - 6pm

The Swingtime Dolls 1- 3pm; The Ringgold Band 4-6

FREE

JUNE 10, 2023

FLEETWOOD ROTARY SHOW OF WHEELS

The car show is back in the town where the Cadillac Auto Bodies began!

Registration: 8am; Judging: 12pm; Awards: 3pm

FREE

JUNE 4, 11, 18, 25 AND JULY 2, 9, 2023

SUNDAY CONCERTS IN THE PARK SERIES

Enjoy free music every Sunday evening under the summer stars in the park. Concerts begin at 6pm in the Fleetwood Park

FREE

JUNE 4 – The Fabulous Greaseband

JUNE 11 - The Uptown Band

JUNE 18 - The Cramer Brothers Band-Country

JUNE 25 - The Black Ties- A Beatles Tribute

JULY 2 - Pretzel City Band

JULY 9 - Green River Band- A CCR Tribute

JUNE 23 and 24, 2023

FLEETWOOD COMMUNITY THEATRE PRODUCTION - FOOTLOOSE

The classic film on stage at Fleetwood High School Auditorium

8pm – Ticked Event

<https://fleetwoodcommunitytheatre.com>

JUNE 26, 2023

THE LEGENDS GOLF TOURNAMNENT

AT MOSELEM SPRINGS GOLF COURSE

Fleetwood Legends are named for every hole on the golf course. Lunch begins at 11am;

Tournament begins at 1pm; Registration Deadline May 15. \$150/person; teams of up to four.

For more information: fleetwood150celebration@gmail.com

JULY 18-22, 2023

FLEETWOOD CARNIVAL

Come for the rides, food, and entertainment. 5pm-10pm nightly. Fleetwood Park

FREE

JULY 18 - 6:30

Erich Cawalla's The Uptown Band - One of the country's most versatile and respected live bands

JULY 19 - 6:30PM

Velveeta - 80's Cheese - The high energy rocking and dancing State College's Favorite Entertainment for 26 years

JULY 20 - 7PM

The Mahoney Brothers - Present Jukebox Heroes and Long Live the Beatles

JULY 21 - 7PM

The Jess Zimmerman Band - Grand Ole Opry 2022 Country Rock Album of the Year – *Breathe*

JULY 22 - 7PM

Double Trouble - Award Winning Elvis Tribute Artists - Jeff Krick, Sr. & Jeff Krick, Jr.
with The Essential Elvis Tribute Band

AUGUST 12, 2023

COMMUNITY CENTER OPEN HOUSE

Free tours of the Historical Society, Community Exhibitions, Mock Trails and more.
12 noon – 4pm At the Community Center and Fleetwood Library on Arch Street.
FREE

AUGUST 12, 2023

THE CELEBRATION GALA

A special evening celebrating Fleetwood. Red Carpet, Cocktail Hour, the world premiere of the documentary *Finding Fleetwood*, written and directed by Eric Schaeffer with narration by Kathie Lee Gifford, winner of the AVA Digital Awards – Gold Award/Long Form Documentary. *The Sinatra Show* featuring Sergeant Major (Ret.) Bob McDonald. The celebration begins at 6:30pm at the Fleetwood Fire Co. Social Quarters Banquet Hall.
Tickets \$75 at fleetwood150celebration@gmail.com

AUGUST 26, 2023

FLEETWOOD TIME CAPSULE

The Fleetwood Borough presents a time capsule presentation along with the award-winning documentary FINDING FLEETWOOD, with line dancing to follow.
Fleetwood Grange
Doors Open at 5 PM, Presentation begins at 6pm
Tickets are \$10.00 per person and include a light meal, snacks, and soft beverages.
BYOB
Tickets: administration@fleetwoodboro.com

CELEBRATION WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 28-30, 2023

HOMETOWN CELEBRATION IN THE FLEETWOOD PARK

Rides, entertainment, and games nightly. 5pm – 10pm
Thursday Entertainment - The New Individuals at 6:30PM
Friday Entertainment - Sloth Love Chunk at 6:30PM
FREE

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

FLEETWOOD MAIN STREET BUSINESS FAIR

Main Street is open to highlight Fleetwood Business with special giveaways and sales.

9am – 1pm

FREE

150th CELEBRATION PARADE

Bands, floats, and everything Fleetwood as the town's biggest parade begins at 2pm through the streets of Fleetwood.

FREE

CELEBRATION CONCERT IN THE PARK

Grammy-nominated country singer Chuck Mead along with his Grassy Knolls band rock the town to celebrate the day. Fleetwood Park. 6pm

FREE

OCTOBER 6, 2023

150TH HOMETOWN FIREWORKS CELEBRATION AND HOMECOMING

Homecoming at the Fleetwood High School followed by Fleetwood's largest fireworks display.

Ray Buss Field, Fleetwood High School.

FREE

OCTOBER 8, 2023

150th CLOSING COMMUNITY CHURCH CEREMONIES

Fleetwood's churches join forces for a closing service in the Fleetwood Park. 11am.

FREE

DECEMBER 2023

HERE COMES SANTA!

The annual Santa Tradition returns that Strause's Store made famous in Fleetwood.

Enjoy a Holiday Movie at the old Auditorium Theatre on Franklin Street to get into the Holiday Spirit!

Hosted by Fleetwood Fire Co. Social Quarters

DATE AND TIME TBA.

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