



CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP
Pennsylvania

Celebrates America 250

About Cheltenham's 250 Celebrations

Cheltenham Township, PA is honoring America's Semiquincentennial with a year-long celebration that showcases the community's rich history, robust architectural heritage, and abundant green spaces through tours, lectures, exhibits, and other public celebrations.



Cheltenham Passport 250

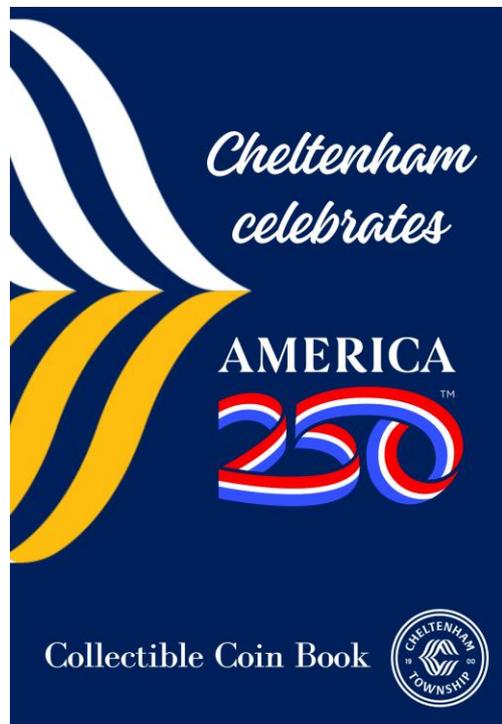
In 2026, Cheltenham Township will celebrate its pivotal role in both local and American history through a year-long series of monthly events.

At each event, 250 exclusive commemorative coins—each with a unique design reflecting that month's event—will be given to attendees.

Collectors can complete the full 12-coin set and showcase them in a specially designed commemorative coin book, creating a lasting keepsake of the Semiquincentennial celebration.



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JANUARY

Celebrating Township Architecture

Location: All Hallows Church

Date: Friday, January 23, 2026

Time: 7:00pm

Description: All Hallows will host two connected events highlighting Cheltenham's history. The first is a roundtable discussion with local historians on significant events and architecture; the second is a spring guided bus tour of Civil War and Gilded Age points of interest.



FEBRUARY

Celebrating Park History

Location: Curtis Hall and CCA at Elkins Central

Date: Saturday February 7 (CH) and Saturday February 21, 2026 (CCA)

Times TBD

Description: Learn the stories behind Cheltenham Township's parks. Local historians and neighbors will bring the history of our green spaces to life. The event on 2/7 will highlight parks of the Gilded Age and 2/21 will highlight parks that once housed schools. Each event will provide an overview of all Township green spaces and the power of parks.



MARCH

Founders Day Celebration

Location: Elkins Estate

Date: Sunday, March 8, 2026

Time: 4:00pm

Description: Enjoy a guided tour of the mansion and grounds, and a reception and cocktail hour with a brief speaking program before enjoying music from a Gilded Age-inspired band.



APRIL

Temple Judea Art Exhibit

Location: Temple Judea Museum

Date: Friday, April 3, 2026 (opening reception)

Time: 4-7pm

Museum Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-2pm

Description: This exhibition celebrates this country's Semiquincentennial, 250 years of the American Experiment, a story that includes Cheltenham Township, Congregation Keneseth Israel, and our shared links to the greater American experience.



MAY

Memorial Day Remembrance

Location: Veteran's Memorial (Tookany and Central)

Date: Friday, May 22, 2026

Time: 11:00am

Description: Commemorate Memorial Day at the Veteran's Memorial, located at the corner of Tookany Parkway and Central Avenue. The ceremony will feature a moving Field of Flags honoring those who gave their lives in service to our nation. The program includes guest speakers, remembrances, and patriotic music to reflect the spirit of the day.



JUNE

Summer Kick-off Party

Location: Lynnewood Hall

Date: Saturday, June 13

Time: 4:00pm VIP reception, 6:00pm community event, 9:00pm drone show

Description: Enjoy tasty bites from local food trucks, cold drinks in the beer garden, and plenty of good vibes with friends and neighbors. As the sun sets, look to the sky for a spectacular drone show to cap off the evening.



JULY

Fourth of July Parades

Location: Cheltenham Village and Glenside

Date: Saturday, July 4, 2026

Time: 11:00am (Village) and 4:00pm (Glenside)

Description: Celebrate Independence Day with Cheltenham Township at our long-running 4th of July parades: through Cheltenham Village in the morning and Glenside in the afternoon. This year, the festivities carry special meaning as we join communities nationwide in honoring America 250, celebrating the spirit, history, and unity of our nation.



AUGUST

Battle of the Breweries

Location: Gimbel Field

Date: Sunday, August 30, 2026

Time: 4:00pm

Description: Local breweries go head-to-head to craft unique, Cheltenham-inspired beers exclusively for this competition. Attendees can sample the beers, cast their votes, and enjoy an afternoon filled with great brews and food at the Gimbel Field Concert in the Park featuring country artist Sam Stinson. At the end of the event, one brewery will be crowned the champion of Cheltenham.



SEPTEMBER

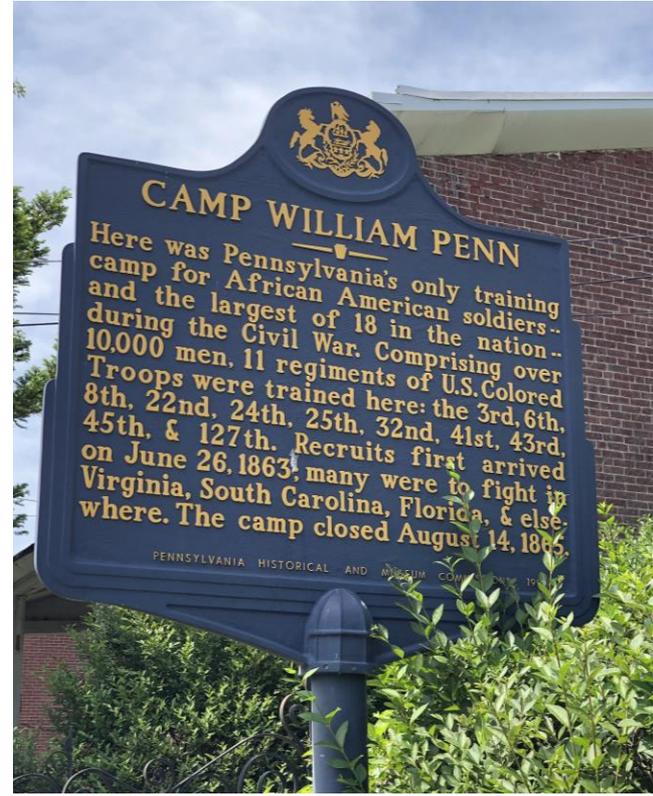
Camp William Penn Day

Location: Historic La Mott

Date: Saturday, September 19, 2026

Time: 10:00am

Description: Historians, community partners, and visitors will gather in La Mott to commemorate the anniversary of Camp William Penn, the first training center for colored troops during the Civil War. The celebration will feature historical reenactments, guided tours of the Camp William Penn Museum, and displays of artifacts. It's a day to remember the 11,000 brave soldiers who trained at this site.



OCTOBER

Wall House Grand Open House

Location: Wall House

Date: Sunday, October 18, 2026

Time: 1:00pm

Description: The Richard Wall House Museum will host a Grand Community Fair and Open House. Celebrate what makes Cheltenham special with history exhibits in our oldest building (1682) and a day of connection and fun, including demonstrations and more from local historical organizations. Bring the family for hands-on activities, good food, and live music.



NOVEMBER

Veteran's Day Service

Location: Glenside Memorial Hall

Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2026

Time: 10:00am

Description: Come out to Glenside Memorial Hall for a Veteran's Day celebration. The day begins at 10:00am with a service project assembling care packages for veterans, a way to give back and show appreciation. At 11:30am, we will gather for a speaking program featuring reflections, tributes, and messages of gratitude. The event concludes with a community lunch at noon.



DECEMBER

Closing Ceremony and Concert

Location: Elkins Business District and High School Park

Date: Saturday, December 12

Time: 4:00pm

Description: Celebrate the holiday season with a joyful evening in the Elkins Park business district. Gather with friends and neighbors, enjoy a holiday concert, and kick off the holidays together and remember the joyful year that was 2026 and look forward to 2027 and beyond!



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