

## Spring 2026 Newsletter



**20<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing:** On Wednesday May 20, 2026, Fireman's Hall Museum returned to Westover Country Club in Norristown for our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing. Golfers enjoyed a warm spring day out on the links followed by an open bar, a buffet dinner, and an array of raffle and door prizes. Congratulations to the winning foursome from Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Company and to all of our other winners!



We want to thank all of our tee and greens sponsors and all our various donors, and in particular NFSA and Oliver Fire Protection for their key sponsorships. With all of your support, Fireman's Hall Museum hosted another successful fundraiser in support of ongoing programs and new initiatives. We look forward to seeing all of our golfers again next year – spread the word!

**Lazaretto Engine Restored!:** After long work by the B.R. Howard Company of Carlisle, PA, the 1803 "Philadelphia-style" Pat Lyon engine from the Lazaretto Quarantine Station in Tinicum is finally back at Fireman's Hall Museum – and looking better than ever! Thanks to your many donations, and particularly to the support of the Pennsylvania Lumbermen's Mutual Insurance Company and the Union Historical Fire Society, the restoration crew was able to remove two centuries of wear and an old coat of linseed varnish to reveal and stabilize the dramatic original green and gold of the historic engine, along with cleaning up the iron banding of rust and restoring mechanisms to their proper condition. Look for upcoming news on an event this fall properly welcoming the Lazaretto Engine back home!

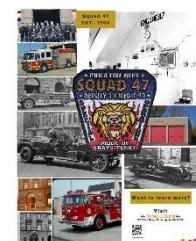
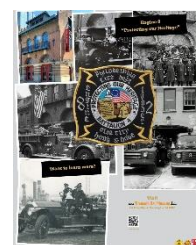
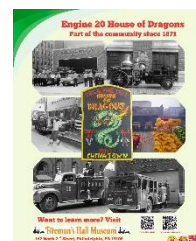


**PFD Dispatcher of the Year 2026:** Congratulations to dispatchers John Walsh and Katreese Floyd, presented with this year's Distinguished Service Award during National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in April at an event here at Fireman's Hall Museum!

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# Fireman's Hall Museum™

**Engine Company Posters:** The staff and volunteers at Fireman's Hall Museum remain hard at work preserving our fire history and promoting fire safety alongside our partners in the Philadelphia Fire Department. One such project is being spearheaded by the museum's newest hire, Megan Virella. She's been hard at work designing posters for each company which are being printed and hung around stations in conjunction with the city's 52 Weeks of Firsts program, highlighting those companies serving the neighborhoods spotlighted with each of the weeks' events. Across the 250<sup>th</sup>, this poster project looks to celebrate all of the PFD's companies and highlight how they serve their neighborhoods, highlighting their continued service across the city's history. Stop by your local firehouse and see Megan's work for yourself!



**Wawa Welcome America Festival:** Fireman's Hall Museum is always free to visit, but FHM's Free Museum Day on Friday July 3 will be a unique day of family fun – with a visit from Firefighter Ben, special guests from Engine 8, and a lot more for fire buffs of all ages! Make us a stop amidst your other Fourth of July activities.



**First Fridays:** Out late in Old City? Fireman's Hall Museum remains open until 9:00pm on the first Friday of every month! Come and visit us as you're still out and about!

Visit our online gift shop at [firemanshallstore.com](http://firemanshallstore.com)

**New From the Gift Shop for the 250th:** Among the latest in our gift shop both at the museum and online at [firemanshallstore.com](http://firemanshallstore.com) is our limited edition semiquincentennial PFD patch. Get yours now for only \$6.00 before time and supplies run out!

**New to the Collection:** As Philadelphia celebrates the 250<sup>th</sup>, Fireman's Hall Museum continues to add objects from the bucket brigades and volunteer companies of the revolutionary era to our collection. Inside these boxes are new acquisitions from the fabled Green Tree Collection, courtesy of our friends at the Pennsylvania Lumbermens Mutual Insurance Company. Look for the belts, helmets, buckets, and other treasures inside to make their premiere at the museum soon!



**Social Media:** Keep an eye on the Fireman's Hall [website](http://www.firemanshallmuseum.org) and follow the museum at [@firemanshall](https://twitter.com/firemanshall) on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/firemanshall) and [X \(formerly Twitter\)](https://x.com/firemanshall) for all the latest news, and subscribe to our [Youtube](https://www.youtube.com/firemanshall) channel for the Curator's Corner and other updated offerings! Join the museum's [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/firemanshall) group to become part of the conversation on ongoing research and to view photos and stories from our archives!

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