

Preparing for the Pulaski Day Parade and Polish American Heritage Month Events

Be Proud of Your Polish Heritage!



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October will be here sooner than we think - and that means Polish American Heritage Month, a time which Polish Americans across the nation will join in a celebration of Polish heritage, culture and ethnic pride.

Polish Americans can be proud of the contributions made to America and the world by sons and daughters of Poland. They can be proud of what they have accomplished since the first

immigration of Polish settlers to Jamestown in 1608. From the country which produced Copernicus, Chopin, Marie Sklodowska Curie, Adam Mickiewicz, Joseph Conrad, Henryk Sienkiewicz and a great many more, hundreds of thousands emigrated to America to become leaders in the arts, sciences, government, military service, business, sports and education.

One of the opening events of Polish American Heritage Month is the Pulaski Parade in center city Philadelphia on Sunday, October 1, 2006. This year's parade theme is "Saluting Heroes of Freedom", which will provide us an opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices that Poles have made to the cause of freedom. Poles such as Casimir Pulaski, Thaddeus Kosciuszko, Pope John Paul II, Lech Walesa, Ignacy Jan Paderewski are some examples.

As the coordinator of the 2006 Pulaski Parade, I invite everyone to participate in this year's parade and show that we are proud of our Polish heritage. Also, I am pleased to be working with this year's Grand Marshal, Richard Klimek, well known for his work in Polonia. Richard is the Program Supervisor of Polish American Social Services (PASS), and the Recording Secretary of the Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, as well as a member of the P.K.M. Polish Folk Dance Group.

Our next Pulaski Parade meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2006, at the Associated Polish Home, 9150 Academy Road, in northeast Philadelphia beginning at 7:00 P.M. I invite you to this meeting; volunteers are always welcome. If you cannot attend meetings, I invite you, your family and friends to come to the parade on Sunday, October 1st, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Let's show our Solidarity - Let's be proud of our Polish heritage! This is the opportune time to do so!

If you need more information regarding the parade, call me at 215-739-3408.

Help the Pulaski Day Parade Committee

The Pulaski Day Parade Committee has set Saturday, September 16, and Sunday, September 17, as "Help the Pulaski Day Parade Committee Days." To help defray the expenses of the parade, members of the Parade Committee will be selling Grand Drawing tickets outside all Polish parishes and clubs on these days.

Parade and Polish American Heritage Month posters will also be available on these days. Businesses, organizations and individuals are urged to display and distribute these free posters.

Please don't forget the weekend of September 16 and 17, "Help the Pulaski Day Parade Committee Days."

Attention Schools

The Pulaski Coloring Contest will begin Thursday, September 7, with all entries to be returned by Monday, September 18. Schools interested in participating should call the Polish American Congress Coloring Contest Committee at (215) 739-3408, Mon.-Fri., 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Polish Language Classes at the Polish American Cultural Center

The Polish American Cultural Center at 308 Walnut Street in historic Philadelphia announces its fall/winter semester Polish Language Classes. Two levels of the Polish language focusing on conversation will be offered. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 P.M. until 9 P.M. The cost of the twelve week program is \$125 plus book fee.

If you are interested in enrolling in the Polish Language Classes at the Polish American Cultural Center, you can call for an application, Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. (215) 922-1700.

Mark Your Calendar and Plan to Attend the Opening Events for Polish American Heritage Month 2006 and the Pulaski Observance in Philadelphia

Wednesday, September 27 - Polish American Heritage Month and the Pulaski Day Parade Proclamation Ceremony, 12:00 Noon, Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street, Historic Philadelphia. Refreshments following the ceremony.

Saturday, September 30 - Pulaski Dinner Dance, Associated Polish Home Ballroom, 9150 Academy Road, Northeast Philadelphia. Cocktails 5 P.M. - Dinner 6 P.M. For more info/reservations call Jean McCloskey (215) 425-4783 or the Polish American Congress in Philadelphia at (215) 739-3408.

Sunday, October 1 - Pulaski Observance & Heritage Mass, 9:30 A.M., Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul Chapel, 18th & Parkway.

Sunday, October 1 - Pulaski Tribute Program, 10:30 A.M., at the Pulaski Portrait near the Kopernik Monument, Torun Triangle Park, across from the Cathedral, 18th & Parkway.

Sunday, October 1 - Pulaski Parade steps off at 12:30 P.M., Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Reviewing stand at Logan Circle. The parade will be televised on WPVI-TV 6 beginning at 1 P.M.

Tuesday, October 10 through Friday, October 13 & Monday, October 16 through Friday, October 20, celebrating 25th Anniversary of Polish American Heritage Month with guided tours & video presentations, Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street, Historic Philadelphia, 11 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Sunday, October 22 - "Dozynki" Polish Harvest Celebration Mass, St. Adalbert Church, Thompson Street & Allegheny Avenue, Port Richmond section of Philadelphia, 10:30 A.M., followed by a Polish Harvest Festival, St. Adalbert's Auditorium, 12 Noon to 4 P.M. Music, food and entertainment. Admission free.

For more information about Polish American Heritage Month and the Pulaski Day Parade call the Polish American Congress in Philadelphia at (215) 739-3408 or call the Museum at (215) 922-1700.

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