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4th of July Celebration Returns to Fonthill Castle For America's 250th

DOYLESTOWN, PA – Fonthill Castle's annual 4th of July community event returns to the beautiful grounds of this National Historic Landmark site in Doylestown, PA on Saturday, July 4, 2026 from Noon – 4 P.M.

On July 4, 2026, the nation commemorates the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States – the United States of America Semiquincentennial celebration.

Fonthill Castle 4th of July is a family-friendly event that takes place on the grounds of Fonthill Castle in the heart of Doylestown, PA, where guests can enjoy a day of outdoor fun, food, games, crafts, entertainment, live music and historical activities.

Highlights of the day include a children's decorated bike parade, obstacle courses and sack races, outdoor historic field games, antique bicycles, live musicians, crafts, balloon-twisting, face painting, and food trucks. This year, historic re-enactors make this a day to remember for the whole family. Guests can also visit the first floor of historic Fonthill Castle at any time throughout this event.

The event kicks-off with a beloved decorated children's bicycle parade at 12:30 P.M., where participating children bring their decorated bicycles to the grounds of Fonthill Castle and ride down the site's legendary sycamore-lined driveway while receiving cheers from enthusiastic supporters.

Event attendees enjoy music performed by the Bucks County Quartets, The Delaware Valley Saxophone Quartet, and popular family-friendly performer Lolly Hopwood. In addition, the beloved PA Wheelmen are on hand for their annual antique bike demonstration.

This year, members of the HM 17th Regiment of Infantry with Followers & Civilians, a re-enactment group established in the early 2000s with a mission to relay experiences from the Revolutionary War, provide living history displays and interpretation to guests of all ages.

Not to be missed, Mercer Museum curators of the *Doan Gang: Outlaws of the Revolution* exhibition present historical artifacts and documents telling stories of the Revolutionary War in Bucks County.

Guests have the opportunity to purchase food from a variety of vendors on-site, including Big Poppa's BBQ, Bonjour Creperie, Dough and Co., KC's Funnel Cakes, and Kona Ice.

Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle are non-profit affiliates of both America250PA and Bucks250PA. Led nationally by The U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission and its America250 Foundation, the Semiquincentennial commemoration is a multi-year effort that began in 2020, culminates on July 4, 2026, and officially concludes in 2027.

Tickets to Fonthill Castle 4th of July are \$7 for adults, \$5 for youth (ages 6-17), and only \$3 for children 5 and under. Guests can skip long lines by purchasing advance tickets at mercermuseum.org/july4. Tickets will also be available at the admissions gate.

The Fonthill Castle 4th of July event is generously sponsored by PECO, NJM Insurance, Bucks County Community College, Leading Edge Aviation, Inc., Quire, Monster Tree Service & Lawn Squad, William & Laurie Schutt, Linda B. Hodgdon, McNamara Landscaping, George & Janis Wozar, and Whitney & Chris Chandor.

Fonthill Castle is located at 525 E. Court Street, Doylestown, PA, 18901. Limited on-site field parking is available via the Swamp Road (Route 313) entrance only. Walking or bike riding is encouraged for local guests.

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About Fonthill Castle

Located in Doylestown, Bucks County, PA, the Mercer Museum and Fonthill Castle are historic castles celebrating the legacy of Henry Chapman Mercer (1856-1930), American archaeologist, anthropologist, ceramicist and scholar. Both sites are operated by the Bucks County Historical Society (BCHS).

Fonthill Castle was built between 1908-1912 and was the home of Henry Chapman Mercer. Mercer built Fonthill Castle as his residence and showplace for his collection of tiles and prints. The castle serves as an early example of reinforced concrete and features forty-four rooms, over two hundred windows, and eighteen fireplaces. Fonthill Castle's interior features Mercer's renowned, hand-crafted ceramic tiles designed at the height of the Arts and Crafts movement.

Fonthill Castle is located at 525 East Court Street in Doylestown, PA, 18901.

The Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle are open Tuesdays – Sundays from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For up-to-date ticket and schedule information, please visit mercermuseum.org.

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