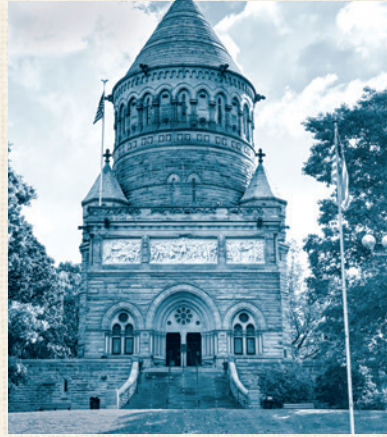


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HISTORY DAYS

JUNE 18-28, 2026

An Annual Celebration of our City's Rich Legacy



ABOUT CLEVELAND HISTORY DAYS

Cleveland History Days is an annual celebration of Cleveland's history featuring fresh perspectives and highlighting our proud heritage. Through 11 days of events, presented by Canalway, explorers are invited to immerse themselves in the captivating stories that shaped the city. In addition to showcasing Cleveland's cultural institutions, historical societies, museums, and preservation organizations, this year's events celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and how Ohio and Cleveland has helped the county grow since 1776. Cleveland History Days is supported by 30 community partners that come together

to offer an array of history events including guided walking tours, lectures, panel discussions, open houses, and special events that delve into the region's industrial heritage, diverse populations, and significant contributions to popular culture.

Canalway is a 40-year old non-profit that serves as a catalyst for programs and projects within the Ohio & Erie Canalway National Heritage Area. We connect people to place for the prosperity of all. **For the most up-to-date program details and to register for events, visit ClevelandHistoryDays.com**

IN MEMORIAM

This year's Cleveland History Days is dedicated to those who have gone before us, leaving a lasting impact on Cleveland History Days and our city: Tim Donovan, Tim Barrett, Marcia Mandell, and Dan Ruminski.

SPONSORS

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



THURSDAY, JUNE 18

Warehouse District Anthology Tour

The Warehouse District

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. | 1468 W. 9th St.

The Warehouse District has been a leader in telling Cleveland history stories through public art. This tour, led by Tom Yablonsky, will focus on the Anthology project which includes five completed installations on the topics of Industrialists & Early Skyscrapers; Hardware Industry; The Early Years; The Garment Industry; and the Architectural Styles & Architects. The tour will highlight the design and installation of the sixth and final site.

Free, registration required

KeyBank Heritage Center & Historic Branch Tour

KeyBank

1-2 p.m.

Key Tower - Meet in Key Tower lobby by KeyBank Security Desk | 127 Public Square
Heritage@KeyBank.com

This guided tour will take visitors into the recently updated KeyBank Heritage Center and through the first floor of the historic Society for Savings building located at 127 Public Square. This building is notable as the first skyscraper in Cleveland and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Visitors will learn about the architecture of the building as well as KeyBank's predecessor, Society for Savings, which was founded in Cleveland in 1849.

Free, registration required



Cuyahoga River By Boat

Cleveland Metroparks

4-6 p.m. OR 7-9 p.m.

Merwin's Wharf dock | 1785 Merwin Ave.
216-206-1000

Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak will guide you on a narrated 2-hour Cuyahoga River program aboard the eLCee2. We'll provide a river view and historic photos while discussing famous river fires, bridges, cargo ships, area geography, watersheds, trails, industry, reclamation, and more. We'll explore what was and is, and what's to come on the Cuyahoga River's federal navigation channel.

- Route may be influenced by river traffic and bridge operations.
- There are no restrooms aboard the eLCee2.
- Wheelchair users: Register by calling CanalWay Center during normal weekday business hours.

\$21, registration required

The Upbeat Show at the Music Box

Music Box Supper Club

Doors open 5 p.m., Program starts 7p.m.
Music Box Supper Club | 1148 Main Ave.
216-242-1250

The long-running Cleveland Stories Dinner Parties series continues with tonight's storyteller David Spero, whose father was the visionary producer of The Upbeat Show, a historic rock and roll variety TV show produced in Cleveland from 1964 to 1971. Hosted by Don Webster, Upbeat featured a who's who of future Rock & Roll Hall of Famers. David assisted his father with production responsibilities and will be showing film clips of some of the amazing acts, followed by personal stories.

Free, registration required



KeyBank Heritage Center

THURSDAY, JUNE 18 (cont'd)

American Dream - Film Series

Cleveland History Center

6-9 p.m. | 10825 East Blvd. | 216-287-7859

Inspired by the exhibit, *American Dream: Immigrants and the Business of Fashion*, this film series is serving silver-screen glamour with a side of couture. Tonight's screening is the 1963 romantic thriller *Charade*, starring Audrey Hepburn and Cary Grant. After the film, go behind the seams with a private group tour of the exhibition led by Curator Patricia Edmonson. Snacks, sweets, and refreshments are on us; cocktails are available for purchase if you're feeling extra fabulous. Free with \$15 museum admission, registration required 🍴🍷 🧑🏻🧑🏻🧑🏻 ♿

Take a Hike: Erie Street Cemetery Tour

Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corporation

6-7:30 p.m. | Cemetery Gatehouse | 2301 E. 9th St.

Established in 1826, Erie Street Cemetery is Cleveland's oldest. It's the burial site of pioneer families, the city's first permanent settlers, and veterans of both the Revolutionary War and Civil War, offering a glimpse into the city's early history and those who shaped its foundation.

Free, registration required 🧑🏻

Take a Hike: Polish Heritage Tour

Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corporation

6:30-7:30 p.m. | Polish American Cultural Center - Parking Lot | 6501 Lansing Ave.

Step into Polish heritage in the Warszawa Historic District of Slavic Village. From St. Stanislaus Church to the Polish American Cultural Center, explore stories of faith, art, and immigrant life—honoring enduring traditions and a neighborhood rich with history and resilience.

Free, registration required 🧑🏻

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

West Side Market History Virtual Tour

Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
1979 W. 25th St. | 216-293-9380

Available during Market open hours, dive into the rich history of West Side Market with a self-guided virtual tour! As you make your way around Cleveland's iconic public market, scan designated QR codes to pull up content about West Side Market and Ohio City history.

Free 🍴🍷 🧑🏻🧑🏻🧑🏻 ♿

Network To Freedom Walking Tour

Lake View Cemetery

10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

12316 Euclid Ave. | 216-421-2665

Juneteenth: Heroes of the Underground Railroad - In celebration of Juneteenth, discover hidden heroes of the Underground Railroad, who aided freedom seekers in their escape and fought to end slavery.

\$25, registration required 🧑🏻

Take a Hike: Veterans Memorial Bridge Tour

Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corporation
12-1 p.m.

Eastern Bridge Entrance on W. Superior west of W. 9th | 900 W. Superior Ave.

Discover the hidden streetcar level of the Veterans Memorial Bridge, opened in 1917 as the world's largest double-deck concrete bridge. View original tracks, stations, and stunning sights of the Cuyahoga River, Lake Erie, and nearby bridges. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974.

Free, registration required 🧑🏻

Take a Hike: Cleveland Lakefront City Tour

Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corporation

12-1 p.m. | Otto Graham Statue

Cleveland Browns Stadium

100 Alfred Lerner Way

Defined by Lake Erie, Cleveland rises along a vast inland sea that shaped its identity and growth.

Where the Cuyahoga River meets the lake, this vital passage connects the city to global trade, industry, and the enduring rhythm of the water.

Free, registration required 🧑🏻

Cozad-Bates House Juneteenth Celebration

University Circle Inc.

12-4 p.m. | Cozad-Bates House

11508 Mayfield Rd. 216-707-5007

Visit the historic Cozad-Bates House for special Juneteenth programming. Enjoy free exhibits that highlight Cleveland's important role in the underground railroad and abolitionism, and then join us in the front yard for food trucks and community!

Free 🍴🍷 🧑🏻🧑🏻🧑🏻 ♿

Pages of Cleveland History: Book Talks and Tours

@ Cleveland Public Library, Louis Stokes Wing

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

525 Superior Ave. | Lower Level Auditorium
216-520-1825

Join Canalway for enlightening discussions with local authors.

Free, registration requested ♿

10:30 a.m. Alternative History of Cleveland

by Jon Wlasiuk

Jon Wlasiuk uncovers the mysteries and human incursions that shaped the region. Encounter the giant megafauna, Indigenous civilizations who first shaped the land and the Clevelanders who want to reshape our relationship with the environment.

11:30 a.m. Cleveland's Ohio City Neighborhood: A Visual History

By Tom Kaschalk

Join Tom Kaschalk for a look at the history of Ohio City—one of Cleveland's oldest neighborhoods. Ohio City's story begins with conflict and evolves into one of growth and resilience. Tom traces neighborhood's journey from its immigrant roots through decades of change.

12:30 p.m. Tours of CPL Main Library

The Cleveland Public Library holdings aren't limited to books. Join staff for a tour of the Main Library and explore the collections and architecture of the 100-year-old building.

1:30 p.m. Cleveland Curse

By Dafe Eifert

Cleveland Curse is an allegory explaining why the Browns and fans have suffered such pain: They are cursed. The journey begins on Dec. 26, 1964, when owner Art Modell meets a mysterious stranger who presents papers for him to sign. Is Modell making a deal with the Devil?

2:30 p.m. Sweaty Stories from the Cleveland Schvitz

By Joshua Womack

Joshua Womack tells the story of those who lived and sweated in one of Cleveland's iconic landmarks. Tucked away in the once-bustling Kinsman, the Schvitz is where men have come for decades to let it all hang out.

3:30 p.m. Tours of CPL Main Library

See 12:30 description

Take a Hike: University Circle Tour

Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corporation
10-11:30 a.m.

Wade Oval Visitor Center | 10820 East Blvd.

University Circle grew in the 1880s with the arrival of Western Reserve College and Case Institute. Once a key residential area and transit hub, it's now Cleveland's center for culture, education, and medicine—recently named the nation's top cultural district.

Free, registration required ♿

Open House at the Historic B&O Roundhouse

Midwest Railway Preservation Society

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

2800 West 3rd St. | 216-781-3629

Tour Cleveland's Historic B&O Roundhouse and railyard, opened in 1907 and still in active use today. Adjacent to the Clark Yard, among the many ongoing projects, two steam locomotives and other pieces of railroad equipment are being restored inside. This is a working facility. Closed-toe shoes are strongly advised.

\$5 ages 5 to 12, \$10 13 and up ♿



SATURDAY, JUNE 20 (cont'd)

League Park: Historic Home of Cleveland Baseball

Baseball Heritage Museum

12-1 p.m. | 6601 Lexington Ave. | 216-789-1083

Join us for a presentation by Ken Krsolovic & Bryan Fritz, the co-authors of *League Park: Historic Home of Cleveland Baseball, 1891-1946*, a comprehensive history of the legendary venue. The significant history at League Park not only includes pre-integration Major League Baseball games, but Negro League games, National Football League games, college football games, boxing matches, and a multitude of other amazing events and people, as well.

\$12.51, includes museum admission, registration required 

Severance Music Center Public Tour

MAA / The Cleveland Orchestra

12-1 p.m. | Severance Music Center
11001 Euclid Ave. | 216-231-7300

During this one-hour tour, learn of Severance Music Center's musical history and legendary performers, while visiting the following: Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel Concert Hall; Bogomolny-Kozerefski Grand Foyer; Smith Lobby; organ loft; green room; Ong & Lerner Galleries; Reinberger Chamber Hall; Christoph von Dohnányi Stage. Then marvel at the 6,025-pipe Norton Memorial Organ, sit in Box Number One, and admire the Elsa Vick Shaw mural in the Grand Foyer.

Free, registration requested 

Walk from Sokolowski's Overlook to Looking Over Lake Erie

Cleveland Metroparks

12-4 p.m. | Towpath Trail at Sokolowski's Overlook
W.13th Place & Abbey Ave. | 216-206-1000

Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak is your guide from Sokolowski's Overlook to the Towpath Trail's northern end at Canal Basin Park, where you can turn and head back on your own for a 3-mile hike, or continue with Doug on the Lake Link Trail to the Historic Coast Guard Station at Wendy Park for a 6-mile hike, all the while dabbling in the area's history and infrastructure.

Free, registration required 

Take a Hike: Old Brooklyn Tour

Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corporation

1-2 p.m.

Nunzio Cabinet parking lot | 4147 Pearl Rd.

Explore the history and evolution of historic Old Brooklyn, where each building and street corner tells a story of the past. Just as layers of rock reveal the Earth's history, the neighborhood's story unfolds through the gradual accumulation of cultural, architectural, and social change.

Free, registration required 

Summer Solstice Meditation

Lake View Cemetery

4-5:30 p.m. | Wade Memorial Chapel
12316 Euclid Ave. | 216-421-2665

Summer Solstice Meditation & Native American Ceremony led by Emily Atlantis Wolf, explore global solstice traditions and join a Native American ceremony. Due to the nature of the program, late admittance will not be accommodated.

\$25, registration required

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Take a Hike:

Playhouse Square Tour

Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corporation

10-11:30 a.m.

Bulkley Building | 1501 Euclid Ave.

Opened in the 1920s and saved from demolition in the 1970s, Playhouse Square began its revival in the 1980s. With 11 performance spaces, it's the largest performing arts center in the U.S. outside New York and the heart of a thriving mixed-use neighborhood in downtown Cleveland.

Free, registration required 



© Playhouse Square

Cleveland Leads the Way: Industrial History Explored

Canalway & Franklin Picirillo

1-4 p.m. | Brownhoist Building
4403 St. Clair Ave. | 216-331-5174

Explore the ways Cleveland is the home for new discoveries and developments as Frank Picirillo hosts experts on the history of Cleveland's role in various industries. Free, registration requested

1:30 p.m. Cleveland's National Historic Chemical Landmarks: A Story of Science and Industry

Helen Mayer

Cleveland's growth to an industrial powerhouse was shaped by steel, automobiles, and machinery, but also by the chemical industry. This program explores the eight seminal discoveries in Greater Cleveland recognized through the American Chemical Society's National Historic Chemical Landmarks program, including dry-cell batteries, graphite fibers, aluminum, latex paint, fluorescent paint, and serotonin.


2:30 p.m. Orbiting Cleveland: TRW's Past, Power, and Possibility

Keri Zipay

This session explores how TRW Inc. shaped Cleveland into a powerhouse of aerospace innovation—and how that legacy still fuels the region today. From pioneering space and defense technologies alongside NASA Glenn Research Center to building advanced manufacturing capabilities that rippled across Northeast Ohio, TRW's story is one of technical audacity and industrial scale. Connect historic breakthroughs to today's momentum in propulsion, advanced materials, and next-generation space systems.

Museum Tours at Dunham Tavern Museum & Gardens

1-4 p.m. | 6709 Euclid Ave. | 216-431-1060

Once a stagecoach stop on the Buffalo-Cleveland-Detroit post road, the 1824 home of Rufus and Jane Dunham is the oldest building still standing on its original site in the city of Cleveland, offering a glimpse of history and insights into the lives of early Ohio settlers. On June 21, Educator and historian Elizabeth Greco will be in period costume, demonstrating early settler recipes and cooking methods with samples to share! Free 

MONDAY, JUNE 22

America250 Camp

9 a.m.-4 p.m. | 10825 East Blvd. | 216-287-7859

On June 22-26, Cleveland History Center is hosting America250 Camp for Ages 8-13. Celebrate 250 years of the United States by exploring the people, places, and moments that shaped our nation and Ohio. Through hands-on activities, games, and crafts, campers use museum collections to connect past and present. Participants should bring a packed lunch. Members \$400 | Non-members \$450, registration required

Walk Edgewater's "Upper Crust"

Cleveland Metroparks

2-3 p.m.

Upper Edgewater West Shelter Parking Lot
Upper Edgewater Dr. | 216-206-1000

Upper Edgewater is home to a couple of historic buildings, a few cool sculptures, and a lot of awesome views. Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak leads you on a little trek with a little history as we circle Upper Edgewater.

Free, registration required 

Preservation Advocacy: National Register of Historic Districts

Canalway & Tom Yablonsky

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Metropolitan Coffee | 4744 Broadview Rd.

Join us for a coffee shop talk between Antonin Robert from GBX and historic preservation advocate Tom Yablonsky about the National Register of Historic District listings and the economic development impact the register can have. Learn what sets Cleveland apart as the nation's number one leader in adaptive reuse and conversion of unused industrial spaces in downtown.

Free, registration required

Take a Hike: AsiaTown Tour

Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corporation

6-7:30 p.m. | Asia Plaza | 2999 Payne Ave #204A

AsiaTown reflects Cleveland's evolving immigrant story—from early European and Chinese communities to later Korean, Vietnamese, and Japanese arrivals. Today, it's Ohio's largest Asian American hub, known for its vibrant culture, businesses, and enduring community spirit.

Free, registration required 

MONDAY, JUNE 22 (cont'd.)

Playhouse Square Free Public Tours

Playhouse Square

6 p.m. | KeyBank State Theater lobby
1519 Euclid Ave. | 216-771-4444

Guests can explore Playhouse Square's performance spaces, alongside our knowledgeable and enthusiastic RedCoat volunteers, and learn about one of the world's premier arts districts and the world's largest theater restoration project. Tours last 90 minutes and involve stairs. If you or a member of your party is not able to access stairs, please inform the guides upon arrival & they will adjust the tour accordingly.

Free, registration required 

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

Exploring the Cuyahoga County Archives

10-11:30 a.m.

3951 Perkins Ave. | 216-443-7250

Take a guided behind-the-scenes tour of the Cuyahoga County Archives and discover one of Cleveland's most important historical resources. After an introduction, guests will tour the facility and learn about the range of records available from birth, death, and marriage records to property files, tax records, maps, and more dating back to the early 19th century. We'll also highlight records from a few notable Clevelanders to show how materials bring history to life.

Free, registration required

Cuyahoga River By Boat

Cleveland Metroparks

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. OR 2-4 p.m.


Merwin's Wharf Dock | 1785 Merwin Ave.
216-206-1000

See June 18, page 1 for description
\$21, registration required

KeyBank Heritage Center & Historic Branch Tour

KeyBank

1-2 p.m. | Key Tower - Meet in Key Tower lobby
by KeyBank Security Desk | 127 Public Square

See June 18, page 1 for description
Free, registration required 

Landscapes, Landmarks and Legacies: Euclid Ave. Neighbors, Then & Now

Lake View Cemetery

1:30-3 p.m.

12316 Euclid Ave. | 216-421-2665

Hidden Stories of Lake View Cemetery- Explore hidden pathways of the cemetery and discover the stories of everyday Clevelanders, including prominent industrialists, Euclid Avenue Millionaires' Row residents, and a "President Maker."

\$20, registration required 

Take a Hike: Little Italy Tour

Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corporation

6-7:30 p.m. | Tony Brush Park
12002 Mayfield Rd.

Cleveland's Little Italy began in the late 1800s as Italian immigrants settled near Mayfield and Murray Hill, many working in local marbleworks. By 1911, over 95% of residents were Italian or of Italian descent. This historic neighborhood still reflects its rich cultural and immigrant roots.

Free, registration required 

Take a Hike:

Canal Basin Park Tour

Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corporation

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Canal Basin Park, parking lot | 989 West St.

Discover Canal Basin Park, where Cleveland's canal and river once powered its rise as a port city. At the Towpath Trail's end, this historic hub is now a reimagined green space—blending heritage, public art, and riverfront connections for all to explore.

Free, registration required 



Canal Basin Park Tour

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

Landscapes, Landmarks and Legacies: Revolutionary War Veterans

Lake View Cemetery

10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

12316 Euclid Ave. | 216-421-2665

Honoring Ohio's Revolutionary War Veterans: Celebrate America 250 by exploring the lives of the Revolutionary War veterans buried at Lake View who helped forge the course of Ohio's frontier.

\$25, registration required 



Lake View Cemetery

Cuyahoga River By Boat

Cleveland Metroparks

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. OR 2-4 p.m.

Merwin's Wharf Dock | 1785 Merwin Ave.

See June 18, page 1 for description

\$21, registration required

See Your City Hall

Cleveland Landmarks Commission
(City of Cleveland)

One hour tours will depart at 11:30 a.m.
and 12:00 p.m.

Cleveland City Hall - Grand Hall/Rotunda
601 Lakeside Ave E. | 216-664-2532

Join Cleveland Landmarks Commission staff to celebrate the City's first Landmark: City Hall. Still going strong in its 110th year, City Hall has been the heart of city government since its construction. This tour will guide visitors through the impressive public spaces inside and out to learn about the building's history, architecture, and artwork. **Registrants should arrive 10 minutes before their scheduled tour and must bring a valid ID and go through security to enter City Hall.**

Free, registration required  

The Summer Stop

Dunham Tavern Museum & Gardens

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

6709 Euclid Ave. | 216-431-1060

Enjoy live music and food trucks on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays this summer on the Dunham grounds! Pack a picnic lunch or check out a rotating variety of local food truck vendors. The Museum will also be open for tour for these extended hours and may feature special programming.

Free  

Museum Tours at Dunham Tavern Museum & Gardens

Dunham Tavern Museum & Gardens

11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

6709 Euclid Ave. | 216-431-1060

See June 21, page 5 for Description

Free  

Shiloh Baptist Church Talk and Tour

Cleveland Restoration Society

2-4 p.m. | Shiloh Baptist Church

5500 Scovill Ave. | 216-881-7337

Experience the historic Shiloh Baptist Church during an engaging talk and tour of this imposing Neo-Classical temple, designed by architect Harry Cone and constructed in 1908 for the B'Nai Jeshurun Congregation, home to Shiloh Baptist Church since 1926, the oldest Black church in Cleveland.

Free, registration required



Shiloh Baptist Church

**Preservation Showcase:
Cleveland Centre Historic District**

*Tom Yablonsky & Peter Ketter,
Sandvick Architects*

3:30-5 p.m.

Flat Iron Café | 1114 Center St.

Columbus Road Peninsula is part of the Cleveland Centre Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This area was originally envisioned in the 1830s as a global hub of trade tied to the Ohio & Erie Canal and the Great Lakes. This preservation showcase will highlight the area. Of particular importance is the Flour Mill District, including the Grain Craft silos, which recently won the highest preservation award and state tax credits. This project highlights the impact Canal Basin Park can have on investments in the area.

**Forged in Steel:
Where Polish Cleveland Worked**

Polish American Cultural Center, JP11

6-7 p.m.

6501 Lansing Ave. | 216-883-2828

Before Cleveland became an industrial giant, it needed workers and Polish immigrants answered the call. Local author Tom Kaschalk explores where Polish Clevelanders spent most of their lives: on the factory floor, in the mills, and along the industrial corridors that powered the city's rise. From the stone quarries of Berea to the blast furnaces of Newburgh, from the looms of the Cleveland Worsted Mills to the machine.

Free, registration required 🍴🗺️🧑🏻🧑🏻

**Take a Hike:
Warehouse District**

Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corporation

6-7:30 p.m.

Constantino's Market | 1278 W. 9th St.

This tour brings to life the architecture, people, and industries that defined the city's first business district and set the foundation for its future growth. Lined with Civil War-era buildings and shaped by early industrialists, this neighborhood was once a hub of commerce, trade, and enterprise.

Free, registration Required 🧑🏻

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Heritage@KeyBank.com

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Free, registration required 🧑🏻🧑🏻

Grand Historic Bank Lobbies Tour

Tom Yablonsky & Peter Ketter, Sandvick Architects

3-5:30 p.m.

Key Tower Lobby | 127 Public Square

Explore some of the nation's grandest bank lobbies on this walking tour which includes Society for Savings (now KeyBank), Union Trust, Cleveland Trust, and more. Hear about the architectural historic and preservation efforts. The tour will include a drink at the post-tour reception and conversation.

\$30, registration required 🍴🗺️🧑🏻

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Cleveland Metroparks

4-6 p.m. OR 7-9 p.m. | Merwin's Wharf Dock

1785 Merwin Ave. | 216-206-1000

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\$21, registration required

Twisted Takes of Historic Cleveland Photos

Music Box Supper Club

5-9 p.m. | Music Box Supper Club
1148 Main Ave. | 216-242-1250

The long-running Cleveland Stories Dinner Parties series continues featuring one of its most popular programs, Twisted Takes. Tonight's storytellers are Mike Polk, Cleveland's favorite stand-up comic, and John Skrtic, Chief of Collections at the Cleveland Public Library. John mines the enormous collection of historic and rarely seen Cleveland photos and tells their stories. Mike often disagrees and adds his own twisted takes.

\$8 in advance / \$12 at the door  

Take A Hike: Erie Street Cemetery

Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corp.

6-7:30 p.m.

Cemetery Gatehouse 2301 | E. 9th St.

Also on Thursday, June 18.

See pg. 2 for details.

Burke Lakefront Airport Past, Present, and Future

6-9 p.m.

Burke Lakefront Airport

1501 N. Marginal Rd. concourse
440-570-7926

Licensed pilot and local aviation writer, Tom Matowitz will discuss the history of Burke Lakefront Airport. A roundtable discussion facilitated by AIA co-director of programming Greg Soltis will follow on the future of the Burke Lakefront Airport site with community leaders, architects, and urban planners. After the presentation and discussion, a tour of the International Women's Air and Space Museum will take place.

Free, registration required


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Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corporation

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Polish American Cultural Center - Parking Lot
6501 Lansing Ave.

See June 18, page 2 for description

Free, registration required 

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

Seasonal Horticulture Walks: Summer Flowers Walk

Lake View Cemetery

10:30 a.m. -12 p.m.

12316 Euclid Ave. | 216-421-2665

Seasonal Arboretum Walk with Our Horticulture Team: Take a walk with the cemetery's Horticulture team through Lake View's certified arboretum as Lake View comes alive with the colors of the season!

\$20, registration required

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Free, registration required 



Western Reserve Fire Museum

Walk the Beat with Cleveland's Heroes

Cuyahoga County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument

1-3:30 p.m. | Western Reserve Fire Museum
310 Carnegie Ave. | 216-443-6878

This family-friendly walking tour follows a day in the life of Cleveland firemen and police officers of the 1890s who also served during the Civil War. The tour will include visits to the Cuyahoga County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument on Cleveland's Public Square, Western Reserve Fire Museum, and the Cleveland Police Museum. Walk the route between these institutions and follow the story of Cleveland's largest fire.

Free, registration required 

Cleveland's Ohio City Neighborhood: A Visual History

My Cleveland History

6-7:30 p.m.
Visible Voice Books | 4601 Lorain Ave.


Join Cleveland author Tom Kaschalk for a look at the history of Ohio City—one of Cleveland's oldest and most vibrant neighborhoods. Ohio City's story begins with conflict, including the dramatic 1836 "Battle of the Bridge," and evolves into one of connection, growth, and resilience. Through historic photographs and storytelling, Tom traces the neighborhood's journey from its immigrant roots through decades of change. Books will be available for purchase and signing following the presentation.

Free, registration required 

History Happy Hour: When the River Burned & the Spark That Changed it All

Great Lakes Brewing Company

5-7:30 p.m. | Great Lakes Brewing Company
2516 Market Ave. | 216-771-4404

Join us at the brewpub for History Happy Hour! Grab a pint of your favorite GLBC beer and listen to our speaker share their knowledge: When the River Burned & the Spark That Changed it All. Featuring Burning River Pale Ale on Draft! Free, registration required 

Historic Hotel Walking Tour

Tom Yablonsky

5:30-7:30 p.m.
Kimpton Schofield | 2000 E. 9th St.

Cleveland has one of the largest concentrations of historic buildings on the National Register of Historic Places that have been converted from their original use into historic hotels. Walk between hotels with Tom Yablonsky, historic preservation advocate, to hear the stories of their preservation and why they're architecturally significant. The tour will include a drink at the post-tour reception and conversation.

\$30, Registration required 




Historic Hotel Walking Tour

Fireflies Beyond Your Backyard

Lake View Cemetery

8:30-10:30 p.m. | Lake View Cemetery
12316 Euclid Ave. | 216-421-2665

Fireflies of Lake View: A Guided Exploration: Join Cleveland Metroparks Naturalist Carly Martin as we seek to identify some of the 20+ species of fireflies that exist right in our backyard.

\$25, registration required 

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

Take a Hike: University Circle Tour

Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corporation
10-11:30 a.m.

Wade Oval Visitor Center | 10820 East Blvd.

See June 20, page 3 for description


Free, registration required

Walk the Lakefront: E. 55th St. Marina to Gordon Park

Cleveland Metroparks

10 a.m.-1 p.m. | E. 55th St Marina
5555 N Marginal Rd. | 216-206-1000

Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak leads you on a 3-mile jaunt along the lakefront from E. 55th Street Marina to Gordon Park and back, dredging up some area history and shining a light on the foreseeable future of the Patrick S. Parker Community Sailing Center, CHEERS, and Gordon Park.

Free, registration required 

Veterans Memorial Bridge

Cuyahoga County

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. | East entrance off W. Superior,
900 W. Superior Ave. | 216-443-7000

Rediscover Veterans Memorial Bridge is a Cuyahoga County led initiative to reopen the historic streetcar level of the bridge to public access. This self-guided tour will allow visitors to experience the original streetcar stations, tracks, and unique views.

Free, registration & waiver at the door 




Jorge Pasquel and the Negro Leagues

Baseball Heritage Museum

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

League Park | 6601 Lexington Ave.
216-789-1083

Join us for a presentation with Dr. Leslie Heaphy! The program will focus primarily on the Negro Leaguers who went to Mexico to play in the 1930s and 1940s in the Mexican League run by Jorge Pasquel. Pasquel's increasing attempts to lure players to Mexico led to his being temporarily banned from the United States. We will explore these efforts by Pasquel and how Negro Leaguers fared while playing in Mexico.

\$12.51 includes museum entrance,
registration required 


Cleveland Railroad Festival at the Historic B&O Roundhouse

Midwest Railway Preservation Society

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Midwest Railway Preservation Society
2800 West 3rd St. | 216-781-3629

Steam locomotive Reading 2100, now American Freedom Train 250, under restoration by American Steam Railroad, will be under steam power in the yard. This is a unique opportunity to see the Age of Steam in a facility that has been in use since 1907. Ongoing projects include two steam locomotives and vintage equipment. Last tour scheduled at 3 p.m. Although not ADA compliant, every effort is made to accommodate everyone regardless of ability.

\$25 ages 13 and up, \$10 ages 5 through 12,
under 4 free 

Take a Hike: Old Brooklyn Tour

Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corporation

1-2 p.m.

Nunzio Cabinet parking lot | 4147 Pearl Rd.

See June 20, page 5 for description.

Free, registration required 

SATURDAY, JUNE 27 (cont'd)

Picnic in the Park – Celebrating America 250

Cuyahoga County & Canalway

12-5 p.m. | Canal Basin Park | 989 West St.

Presented by KeyBank, Picnic in the Park invites attendees to celebrate America 250 with food, drinks, family entertainment, games, and history in Canal Basin Park. Hosted in conjunction with Cuyahoga County's annual tours of Veterans Memorial Bridge, Picnic in the Park will connect people to America's 250th anniversary in the home of Cleveland's origin story.

Free 🍴🍷 👤👤 ♿

KeyBank 



The Lantern Theatre: Declaration Exploration

Dunham Tavern Museum & Gardens

2-3 p.m. | Dunham Tavern Museum & Gardens
6709 Euclid Ave. | 216-431-1060

A Reading of the Declaration of Independence with excerpts from "Poor Richard's Almanac" and hits from the 1700s. The Lantern Theatre is dedicated to producing theatre for the whole family that reveals and celebrates the history of our region, state, and country.

\$20 general admission, \$10 for 18 & under 👤👤



Kingsbury Run Murders: Film Screening & Expert Panel Discussion

My Cleveland History

2-6 p.m.

Bohemian Hall | 4939 Broadway Ave.

This film tells the story of the investigation into the historical Cleveland torso murders in the 1930s. The police department, along with Safety Director Eliot Ness and detective Pete Merlyo, investigate the heinous crimes in the Cleveland neighborhood of Kingsbury Run. Doors open at 2 p.m., film screening begins at 2:30 p.m., followed immediately by a discussion with an expert panel featuring Mazie Adams, Jon Price and D.M. Pulley.

\$10, registration required 🍴🍷

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Take a Hike: Playhouse Square Tour

Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corporation

10-11:30 a.m.

Bulky Building | 1501 Euclid Ave.

See June 21, page 5 for description

Free, no registration 👤

Summer Trolley Tour

Lake View Cemetery

11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

12316 Euclid Ave. | 216-421-2665

Historical Trolley Tour: Take a trolley tour through our Level II Accredited Arboretum and discover its history with an experienced guide.

Tickets \$35 👤👤

Canal Day

Cuyahoga Valley National Park

12-2:30 p.m. | Canal Exploration Center

7104 Canal Rd., Valley View | 440-717-3890

This drop-in open house invites visitors to explore the sights, sounds, and stories of the Ohio & Erie Canal. This canal put Cleveland on the map.

Visitors can meet a horse (the canalboat's "engine"), make a child's craft, watch a lock demonstration, interact with historical artisans and more.

Free 👤👤 ♿

Take a Hike: Architecture Tour

Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corporation
1-2:30 p.m.

Rebol at Public Square | 101 W. Superior Ave.

Explore Cleveland's architectural legacy on this guided tour of historic downtown buildings. In partnership with AIA Cleveland, discover iconic styles, design elements, and the visionary architects behind them. Binoculars optional for a closer look at these landmark details.

Free, registration required 


Museum Tours at Dunham Tavern Museum & Gardens

Dunham Tavern Museum & Gardens

1-4 p.m.

6709 Euclid Ave. | 216-431-1060

See June 21, page 5 for description

\$20 general admission, \$10 for 18 & under 

Voices from the Past

Monroe Street Cemetery Foundation

1-4 p.m. | Monroe Street Cemetery

3207 Monroe Ave. | 216-202-4872

This living history walking tour in the cemetery will tell the stories of some of Monroe's celebrated permanent residents. Costumed presenters will be portraying individuals and their first-person perspective of history at their grave sites.

Tours stop off every fifteen minutes, with the last tour beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Free   



Monroe Street Cemetery

The Lantern Theatre: Declaration Exploration

Dunham Tavern Museum & Gardens

2-3 p.m.

6709 Euclid Ave. | 216-431-1060

See June 27, page 12 for description

\$20 General Admission, \$10 for 18 & under.

Sacred Spaces: St. Ignatius Antioch

Tom Yablonsky & Brother Phil Bernier

2-4 p.m.

St. Ignatius of Antioch | 10205 Lorain Ave.

216-251-0300

Hear from Tom Yablonsky, Brother Phil Bernier and Jason Lewis about the establishment of the church by Bishop Rapp to unify multiple ethnic groups under one parish. Tour the church's magnificent architecture, and hear about updates on the Let There Be Light initiative to bring a new lighting plan to the church's interior. The program is offered in memory of Tim Barrett who chronicled dozens of Cleveland church histories.

Free, registration required 

Summer Band Concert: The Evil Ways Band

Lake View Cemetery

4-6 p.m. | Lake View Cemetery

12316 Euclid Ave. | 216-421-2665

A Tribute to Santana: The band's sound features melodic, blues-based guitar lines set against Latin and African rhythms featuring percussion instruments such as timbales and congas not generally heard in rock music.

Free, registration required

Changes to the programs can and do happen. To see the most up-to-date details, please visit ClevelandHistoryDays.com to view full event descriptions and links to tickets and registrations.

CLEVELAND HISTORY DAYS

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Cleveland History Days is coordinated by Canalway, a non-profit celebrating 40-years of making connections throughout Northeast Ohio. Programming is made possible by participation of these community-based people and organizations who are dedicated to telling compelling stories about Cleveland's people and history.

The family of Tim Barrett,
Architectural Historian
Baseball Heritage Museum
& League Park
Bohemian National Hall
Brother Phil Bernier
Cleveland Metroparks
Cleveland History Center
& Western Reserve
Historical Society
Cleveland Landmarks
Cleveland Police Museum
Cleveland Public Library
Cleveland Restoration
Society

Conversion of
St. Paul Shrine
Cuyahoga County
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Monument
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Supper Club
My Cleveland History
Ohio Freedom Path
Franklin Piccirillo

PlaceMark Collaborative
Playhouse Square
Polish American
Cultural Center
Riverside Cemetery
Restore Cleveland Hope
Sandvick Architects
Severance Music Center
Shiloh Baptist Church
Take A Hike
University Circle, Inc
Visible Voice Bookstore
Western Reserve
Fire Museum
Tom Yablonsky

These sites are also open to the public during Cleveland History Days in addition to their scheduled events.

Baseball Heritage Museum
Wed thru Sun 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Guided Tours Available

Cleveland History Center
Thurs 12-8 p.m.,
Fri thru Sun 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Cleveland Metroparks
CanalWay Center**
Daily 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Cleveland Public Library
Mon thru Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Cozad-Bates House
Interpretive Center**
Saturdays 12 p.m.-4 p.m.

Cuyahoga County Archives
Weekdays from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Appointments Recommended.

**Cuyahoga County Soldiers'
and Sailors' Monument**
Daily 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

CVNP Canal Exploration Center
Thur thru Sun 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Lake View Cemetery
Daily 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

**Garfield Memorial
& Wade Memorial Chapel**
Guided Tours Daily 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Monroe Street Cemetery
Daily, Dawn -Dusk.

The Ohio City Bicycle Co-op
Thurs, Fri, Sat noon - 5 p.m.

West Side Market
Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat, : 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.,
Sun: 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.



Cleveland History Center Special Offer !

Explore the Cleveland History Center during Cleveland History Days and receive **\$2 OFF ADMISSION** when you use the promo code 2026CHD.

Note: Code not valid for special events during the promotional period.