

Cannstatter

/ Volksfest Verein /

Volksfest 2017 September 2, 3 & 4

The colorful Fruit Column, the squealing of children's rides, the smell of roasting almonds and peanuts and the scent of Wiener Schnitzel filling the air affect all your senses. Above the noise of people talking you hear the bandleader shouting, "Ein Prosit." There is no doubt, it's Canstatter Volksfest time. Each year the City of Philadelphia comes together to honor a tradition started 145 years ago.

But did you know that the Cannstatter Volksfest actually originated in Bad Cannstatt, Germany in 1818? It all began because of a gigantic volcanic eruption in the year of 1815 in faraway Indonesia. Mount Tambora's eruption, caused a climatic catastrophe in Europe. Dust particles were distributed by the jet stream around the world causing crop failures and famine throughout Europe.

The winter of 1815/16 in Württemberg was the coldest since weather records were kept. Snow until May, no summer, alternating rain, whipping hail and thunderstorms continued into the growth season. This made bringing in a harvest impossible. Throughout Germany, people were starving.

When Wilhelm I became King of Württemberg in 1816, the crisis couldn't have been worse. With the help of Wilhelm's brother in law, Czar Nikolaus of Russia, Wilhelm was able to avoid disaster. Nikolaus sent life saving loads of grain to Württemberg which arrived in early 1817. King Wilhelm was so grateful for the salvation that he sponsored the idea of an annual harvest festival each year on his birthday. In 1818 the first Canstatter Volksfest was held in Germany during September to commemorate the harvest, and it's been held ever since.

In 1873 people who emigrated from Württemberg, Germany to Philadelphia brought along the great Volksfest tradition. At the Cannstatter Volksfest Verein in Philadelphia we celebrate that tradition. Every year we raise a glass, eat a Brat and commemorate our love of culture, history and good friendship. The Cannstatter thanks all those volunteers who give their time and raise their glass so we can celebrate the good harvest of life's bounty.

Chris Hess, House Chair

Upcoming Events - Veranstaltungskalender

Fall 2017

September 2017

- Saturday 2
to
Monday 4
- 145TH ANNUAL CANNSTATTER VOLKSFEST**- Come out and enjoy Canstatter's three day Volksfest. There will be German Bands, dancers and a lot of great food and drink. For the kids there will plenty of rides and funnel cake. Also performing Saturday only Greater Kensington String Band. Tickets are \$6 for one day, \$9 for a two day pass and \$11 for all three days. Gates open at 12 noon. For more information call the Club at 215-332-0121.
- Thursday 7
- CANNSTATTER DINNER, BINGO AND KARAOKE** - Come out for a night of good food and great fun every Thursday at the Cannstatter. Dinners are served starting at 4 PM. If you like Bingo, the Alte Herren sponsored games begin in the Gustav Plankenhorn Hall at 6:30 PM. Karaoke in the main bar starts at 7 PM.
- Friday 8
- BIERGARTEN** - Every Friday night during the Summer is Biergarten Night. Glenn McCollum will entertain you with song from 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM in the Cannstatter Park. There are 7 new beers each week. There will be great dinner specials each week.
- Saturday 9
- STATE STREET CRAFT FAIR** - 10 AM to 3 PM in the Cannstatter Park. For more information call the Club at 215-332-0121.
- Sunday 10
- MONDAY BLUES JAZZ** - The Monday Blue Jazz Orchestra will perform during Sunday Dinner. The Dining Room is open from 1 PM till 7 PM.
- Thursday 14
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- Friday 15
- BIERGARTEN** - Every Friday night during the Summer is Biergarten Night. TF Squared will entertain you with song from 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM in the Cannstatter Park. There are 7 new beers each week. There will be great dinner specials each week.
- Thursday 21
- CANNSTATTER DINNER, BINGO AND KARAOKE** - Come out for a night of good food and great fun every Thursday at the Cannstatter. Dinners are served starting at 4 PM. If you like Bingo, the Alte Herren sponsored games begin in the Gustav Plankenhorn Hall at 6:30 PM. Karaoke in the main bar starts at 7 PM.
- Friday 22
- BIERGARTEN** - Every Friday night during the Summer is Biergarten Night. Bludogz will entertain you with song from 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM in the Cannstatter Park. There are 7 new beers each week. There will be great dinner specials each week. The Park opens at 5 PM.
- Thursday 28
- CANNSTATTER DINNER, BINGO AND KARAOKE** - Come out for a night of good food and great fun every Thursday at the Cannstatter. Dinners are served starting at 4 PM. If you like Bingo, the Alte Herren sponsored games begin in the Gustav Plankenhorn Hall at 6:30 PM. Karaoke in the main bar starts at 7 PM.
- Friday 29
- BIERGARTEN** - Every Friday night during the Summer is Biergarten Night. High Noon Express will entertain you with song from 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM in the Cannstatter Park. There are 7 new beers each week. There will be great dinner specials each week. The Park opens at 5 PM.

October 2017

- Thursday 5 **CANNSTATTER DINNER BINGO AND KARAOKE** - Come out for a night of good food and great fun every Thursday at the Cannstatter. Dinners are served starting at 4 PM. If you like Bingo the Alte Herren sponsored games, begin in the Gustav Plankenhorn Hall at 6:30 PM. Karaoke in the main bar starts at 7 PM.
- Friday 6 **BIERGARTEN (GERMAN NIGHT)** - Every Friday night during the Summer is Biergarten Night. Maria a Accordionist will entertain you with song from 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM in the Cannstatter Park. There are 7 new beers each week. There will be great dinner specials each week.
- Thursday 12 **CANNSTATTER DINNER, BINGO AND KARAOKE** - Come out for a night of good food and great fun every Thursday at the Cannstatter. Dinners are served starting at 4 PM. If you like Bingo, the Alte Herren sponsored games begin in the Gustav Plankenhorn Hall at 6:30 PM. Karaoke in the main bar starts at 7 PM.
- Friday 13 **BIERGARTEN** - Every Friday night through October is Biergarten Night. Glenn McCullum will entertain you with song from 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM in the Cannstatter Park. There will be 7 new beers each week. There will be great dinner specials each week.
- Thursday 19 **CANNSTATTER DINNER, BINGO AND KARAOKE** - Come out for a night of good food and great fun every Thursday at the Cannstatter. Dinners are served starting at 4 PM. If you like Bingo, the Alte Herren sponsored games begin in the Gustav Plankenhorn Room at 6:30 PM. Karaoke in the main bar starts at 7 PM.
- Friday 20 **BIERGARTEN** - Every Friday night through October is Biergarten Night. T-F Squared will entertain you with song from 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM in the Cannstatter Park. There will be 7 new beers each week. Order your food right at your table. There will be great dinner specials each week.
- Thursday 26 **CANNSTATTER DINNER, BINGO AND KARAOKE** - Come out for a night of good food and great fun every Thursday at the Cannstatter. Dinners are served starting at 4 PM. If you like Bingo, the Alte Herren sponsored games begin in the Gustav Plankenhorn Hall at 6:30 PM. Karaoke in the main bar starts at 7 PM.
- Friday 27 **BIERGARTEN** - The season's last Biergarten Night. Bludogz will entertain you with song from 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM in the Cannstatter Park. There are 7 new beers each week. There will be great dinner specials each week.

November 2017

- Wednesday 1 **CANNSTATTER LADIES HOLIDAY PARTY** - The lunch will begin at 12 Noon at a cost of \$15 per person. Tickets will be sold in advance only. Please call Elke Siegle at 215-722-6188 or Frieda Bayer at 215-364-7716.
- Saturday 4 **GTV ALMRAUSCH OKTOBERFEST** - The GTV Almrausch will be holding their Annual Oktoberfest at the Cannstatter. There will be plenty of music and dance. Doors open at 6 PM. For more information call Bob at 215-606-8586 or FESTTIX@GTVALMRAUSCH.ORG.
- Sunday 5 **CANNSTATTER ANNUAL SCHLACHTFEST** - Come out for a great Sunday dinner at the Club. Dinner starts at 1 PM and runs till 7 PM. On November 5th the Club will offer its famed Schlachtfest meal. It only happens once per year. Don't miss it.
- Thursday 23 **THANKSGIVING DINNER AT THE CANNSTATTER** - Bring the whole family out for a great Thanksgiving Dinner. Dinner starts at 1 PM. There will be a special Holiday Menu. Please call for reservations in advance so Chef Michael can meet all your needs. The Club number is 215-332-0121.
- Sunday 26 **CANNSTATTER GERMAN CHRISTMAS SHOW** - The door open at 2 PM. The show starts at 3 PM. For information call the Club at 215-332-0121

Bingo

at the Cannstatter

Come enjoy Bingo every Thursday
Night in the Gustav Plankenhorn Hall
(lower level)



Starting at 6:30 PM - Doors open at 5:00 PM

Bring a neighbor, bring a friend

Everyone is invited

\$12.00 admission package

Free Coffee & Candy

Large money prizes

Presented by: "Die Alten Herren des Cannstatters"
(the Old Gentleman of the Cannstatter)

Food and drink available

For information call 215-332-0121

Thanksgiving at the Cannstatter

9130 Academy Rd., Phila., PA 19114

Come and enjoy your Thanksgiving dinner at the Cannstatter
prepared by our Executive Chef Michael
Sitdown dinner starts at 1 PM and runs till 7 PM
November 23, 2017

Sample Menu

House Salad

Chicken a la Rhine Soup

Entrees

Turkey, Cranberry Sauce

Baked Virginia Ham, Pineapple Sauce

Roast Leg of Lamb

Wiener Schnitzel

Roast Prime Rib of Beef

Poached Filet of Salmon

Broiled Prime Filet Mignon

Children's Platter:

Chicken Nuggets

Vegetables, Desserts

Coffee & Tea

Menu is Subject to Change

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The Cannstatter
Biergarten

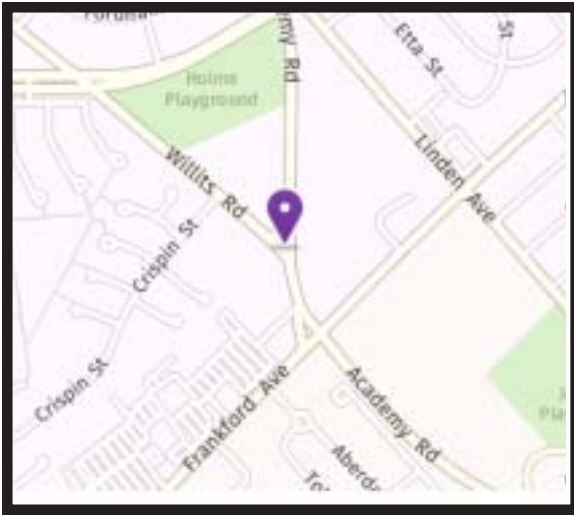
Enjoy the live music,
great food and fresh air
every Friday night
from 5 till 10 PM



through
October 27th.

- * Free Admission
- * Live Music 7:30 to 9:30 PM
- * Waitress Food Service
- * 7 New Beers Weekly

9130 Academy Road, Philadelphia PA 19114
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Or current resident

Come out Labor Day Weekend to the Cannstatter Volksfest

German Music, Rides for the Children
Great Food and Drink

Gates open 12 Noon

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