

Broad Street Brief: WFP Troubles; Popcorn for the People; No Made in America

ELECTION UPDATE

Republicans Take Aim at City WFP Candidates

Last week, members of Philadelphia's progressive Working Families Party (WFP) filed to run for positions on City Council on the Board of Commissioners in an attempt to block Republicans. News broke this week that the Coalition for Safety and Equitable Growth, a political organization that ran advertisements against Democrat Helen Gym during the mayoral primary, will be pivoting toward content that opposes WFP candidates in the general election this November.

Meanwhile, Jarrett Smith, the WFP candidate running for a commissioner seat, is facing a legal challenge from voters. Following his alleged failure to file the campaign's statement of financial interests with the Philadelphia Department of Records and the Pennsylvania Ethics Commission, voters are calling for his removal from the ballot.

AROUND TOWN

Former Center City Wawa Location to Pop, Bag Popcorn for a Good Cause

This week, Wawa announced that one of its former Center City locations will be converted to a Popcorn for the People location, a business established to create career opportunities for the disabled community. Launched in partnership with the Philadelphia Eagles' nonprofit, the Eagles Autism Foundation, the store will be staffed by those on the autism spectrum. The popcorn will be sold at Lincoln Financial Field and a percentage of the proceeds will go to the Eagles Autism Foundation.

Philadelphia Funder Collaborative to Celebrate America's 250th Birthday by Making \$9 Million Available to Local Nonprofits

The new Philadelphia Funder Collaborative — a partnership between the Connelly Foundation, the William Penn Foundation, the Pew Charitable Trusts, and the Neubauer Family Foundation — will be offering local nonprofits a total of \$9 million in funding to help celebrate the nation's upcoming semiquincentennial in 2026.

Vice President Kamala Harris Visits Philadelphia I-95 Construction Site

Vice President Kamala Harris visited the construction site of a new ramp, connecting I-95 and the Betsy Ross Bridge on Tuesday, making her the latest member of the Biden administration to tout their infrastructure investments. Many of the workers at the site were also responsible for the 12-day rebuild of the Northeast Philadelphia section of I-95 that collapsed in June.

2023 Made in America Music Festival Canceled

The Made in America music festival, which takes place each Labor Day weekend on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, announced yesterday that this year's event has been canceled due to "severe circumstances outside of production control." Lizzo and SZA were the scheduled headliners.



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