

PALMER SQUARE 2026 EVENTS CALENDAR

NOTE: THESE EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

On February 5th, 2026 Palmer Square Management, L.L.C. requests permission to use the park-like area known as The Green and the PSW, PSE, PSN, 1 PS right-of-way areas for a series of annual downtown events.

A Certificate of Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 naming the Mayor and Council of Princeton as *Certificate Holder* and *Additional Insured* is on file in the Clerk's office through January 1, 2027.

The contact for each event held in Palmer Square is Elizabeth Egan, Director of Marketing, 609.751-3369 or eegan@palmersquare.com.

Palmer Square will work closely with Police and other officials re: Road Closures, Traffic Control and/or Health Permits. Noise permits and Public Assembly permits will be obtained by Palmer Square Management for their events when required. We will also work closely with the health department regarding gathering limitations and guidelines. Any changes or additions to this schedule will be communicated to Clerk's office.

SPRING [MAR 20-JUN 20]

- Strolling Bunny

- **DATE(S):** Every Saturday & Sunday [March 21, March 22, March 28, March 29, April 4]
- **TIME:** 1pm-3pm
 - The Spring Bunny will stroll the Square during peak traffic hours to take photos with guests, hop into shops, and spread joy!

- Princeton Porchfest- Arts Council of Princeton [Town-Wide Event]

- **DATE(S):** Saturday, April 25
- **TIME:** 12pm-6pm [After-Party Time TBD]
 - Porchfest is an annual family-friendly event featuring various musicians who play free shows on porches throughout the neighborhood. Palmer Square will host a porch for the after-party on the Green that includes music and food/beverage.

- Storytime on the Green

- **DATE(S):** Saturdays in May [5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30]
- **TIME:** 10am-10:30am
 - Storytime is a half-hour event welcoming families and children to sing, dance, and read with Jeff Trainor. "Celebrity guest readers" include business owners, local officials, partners, etc. Patriotic books will be incorporated for the 250th celebration.

- Square After Sunset

- **DATE(S):** Thursdays in June [6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25]
- **TIME:** 6pm-8pm
 - This event will promote late-night business hours on Thursdays with shopping, entertainment, and the arts! Both restaurants and retailers will participate in offering discounts and specials for two hours in the spring. Community non-profits and local artists will also participate.

SUMMER [JUNE 21-SEPT 22]

- Summer Music Series

- **DATE(S):**
 - Saturdays in June (6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27)
 - Saturdays in July (7/11, 7/18, 7/25)
 - Saturdays + one Sunday in August (8/1, 8/2, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22, 8/29)
- **TIME:** 1pm-3pm
 - A sophisticated mix of musicians perform each Saturday on the Green to activate the atmosphere of the Square and entertain the community.

- JaZams Block Party [30th Anniversary]

- **DATE(S):** Sunday, June 21st
- **TIME:** 4pm-8:30pm
 - JaZams will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary with a big block party! This friendly-family community event will be held outside on Palmer Square West and the Green, including community partner booths, food, free activities, carnival games, and music.

- Movie Nights on the Green

- **DATE(S):**
 - Friday, June 26
 - Friday, July 17
 - Friday, August 14
- **TIME:** Starts around 8:30pm [sundown], June 26 will start at 6pm.
 - Outdoor, family-friendly movies are shown on the Green. Princeton Public Library and other community partners will have games to bring awareness to their summer reading initiative. In preparation for 250th Semiquincentennial celebrations, movies will be themed, with June's date serving as an outdoor BBQ featuring American classic food and drink, plus music.

- Dueling Pianos on the Green

- **DATE(S):**
 - Thursday, August 6
 - Thursday, August 13
 - Thursday, August 20
 - [rain date: Thursday, August 27]
- **TIME:** 6pm-8pm
 - Three high-energy, all request sing-along shows will take place on the Green. Food and beverage will be sold by restaurants on the Square.

- Summer Sidewalk Sale

- **DATE(S):** Thursday, July 30 through Sunday, August 2
- **TIME:** [Th/Fr: 10am-8:30pm, Sat: 10am-6pm, Sun: 12pm-5pm]
 - A four-day sidewalk sale, featuring great deals from businesses on the Square. This event will also coincide with Summer Music Series and Nassau Inn's *Spirit of '76 BBQ*.

FALL [SEPT 23-NOV 26]

- Fall Music Series

- **DATE(S):**
 - Saturdays in September [9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26]
 - Saturdays in October [10/3, 10/10, 10/24, 10/31]
- **TIME:** 1pm-3pm
 - A sophisticated mix of musicians perform each Saturday on the Green to activate the atmosphere of the Square and entertain the community.

- Festival Cultural Latino [with Mi Pueblo Lindo & Princeton Public Library & Princeton University]

- **DATE(S):** Sunday, September 27th [Rain Date: Sunday, October 4]
- **TIME:** 1pm-5pm
 - This festival is a celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month with a day full of live musical and dance performances, local arts and craft vendors, free children's activities, etc. The location is split between Hinds Plaza and Palmer Square. Palmer Square restaurants can participate with event-inspired food and beverages on the Green or in-store.

- Triumph Oktoberfest

- **DATE(S):** Saturday, October 17th
- **TIME:** 1pm-5pm
 - This community event will support the Arts Council of Princeton and will include a live German band, traditional German food, Triumph Beer, and fall activities like face painting and pumpkin decorating on the Green.

- Spirits on the Square

- **DATE(S):** Fridays in October [10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30]
- **TIME:** 4pm-6pm
 - This event will activate the Square during the month October with music performances on the Green, as well as special happy hours, promotions, and discounts from restaurants and retailers.

- Fall Fest

- **DATE(S):** Sunday, October 18th [Rain Date: Sunday, October 25th]
- **TIME:** 1pm-4pm
 - This fall-themed community event will have different musical performances, themed activities, food and beverage, in-store promotions, and a live pumpkin carver. Collaboration with community partners, including Arts Council of Princeton and Princeton Public Library.

- Hometown Halloween Parade - Arts Council of Princeton [town-wide event]

- **DATE(S):** TBD – dependent on Arts Council.
- **TIME:** 5pm-6pm
 - Local families will meet on the Green to kick off a festive day of tricks and treats, highlighted by the Princeton University marching band leading the parade to the YMCA.

HOLIDAY [NOV 27-DEC 31]

- **Annual Tree Lighting**
 - **DATE(S):** Friday, November 27
 - **TIME:** 5pm-6pm
 - Town-wide holiday kick-off, with musical performances, dueling pianos, ice carving, and an appearance by Santa to help us light the tree for the season!
- **Strolling Entertainment & Santa**
 - **DATE(S):** Saturdays and Sundays [11/28, 11/29, 12/5, 12/6, 12/12, 12/13, 12/19, 12/20]
 - **TIME:** 1pm-3pm
 - A cappella singers and Santa will stroll Palmer Square to spread joy and create a festive atmosphere during the holiday season.
- **Annual Menorah Lighting**
 - **DATE(S):** TBD – dependent on Jewish Center of Princeton
 - **TIME:** 4:30pm-5:30pm
 - Community ceremonious lighting of the Menorah on the Nassau Inn Patio, in partnership with the Jewish Center of Princeton. There will be hot cocoa, courtesy of the Yankee Doodle Tap Room.
- **Holiday Jam and Toy Drive with Princeton University**
 - **DATE(S):** TBD – dependent on Princeton Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Students
 - **TIME:** 5pm-7pm
 - A variety of Princeton University a capella and performance groups will be singing and collecting Holiday toys for children. They will partner with local businesses to provide food and beverages on the Green.
- **BYOB Historically Hilarious Holiday Trolley Tour of Princeton**
 - **DATE(S):** TBD—dependent on Princeton Tour Company
 - **TIME:** Tours will run from 10am-5pm
 - Trolley Tours will be offered every two hours for up to 35 people (150 ppl total per day). Tours will be guided by Princeton Tour Company. Tour begins and ends on the Square.
- **Christmas Eve Sing-a-Long**
 - **DATE(S):** Thursday, December 24,
 - **TIME:** 5pm-6pm
 - The Christmas Eve Brass Band leads a community sing-a-long on the Green. This event is free and open to the public.