

Festival highlights oldest trolley line

Free trolley rides are part of the day-long festival Saturday

The "OcTrolley Fest" is a new event 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, in Colwyn, Darby, Eastwick, Elmwood and Yeadon celebrating the oldest surviving trolley line. The festival is sponsored by the Darby Borough Historic Commission.

The Fest will feature a reconditioned vintage trolley (1930s era streamlined PCC) sponsored by Sharon Bank that will make a continuous loop 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. between Darby, Yeadon and the Elmwood depot, with designated stops and events along the way. Tickets are free and available at Darby and Yeadon Libraries. The trolley is sponsored by Sharon Bank.

The OcTrolleyFest2005

begins with the unveiling of the OcTrolleyFest Mural 6 p.m. tomorrow, Oct. 13, at the Darby Transportation Loop on Main Street Darby Borough.

Related events at Darby Library Saturday include a 10:45 p.m. book signing by Joel Spivak, author of "Philadelphia Trolleys," an 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. talk by Bill "Ready" Cash, all Star catcher who played with the Hilldale Giants and Philadelphia Stars of the Negro Baseball Leagues, a noon booksigning by author Charles Adams of his book "Midnight Minus Twelve: Ghost Stories of Delaware County," and a 1:15 p.m. walking tour "Three Hundred Years of History" with Jan Haigis, John Haigis, and

Margaret Petty.

Participants can also sign up for "15 Minutes of Fame" and add their trolley memories to the OcTrolleyFest Oral Histories

videotaped 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the library.

The Darby Free Library is at 1001 Main Street in Darby Borough.

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deciding whether to accept the offer.

Councilwoman Angela Maskart (R-1) questioned the bridge's worth.

"SEPTA owns the bridge. They were going to remove it because it takes so much money to repair it. Now they're saying give it to the borough," Maskart said.

"People are interested in it,"

Mulvena replied. "It's significant to Darby but whether it's a national structure we don't know. If the borough doesn't want it, SEPTA will demolish it."

It would cost about \$10,000 to encapsulate the bridge if the lead levels are above federal limits, according to Mulvena. She consulted with industrial hygienists to come up with the cost estimates. Testing to determine the lead level will cost a couple hundred dollars, she said.