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– FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE –

**Enjoy a Swedish delicacy on a beautiful summer evening.  
Crayfish Dinner Party  
Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm**

**Philadelphia, PA-** Looking for a fun date night? Like discovering new cultural cuisine? Enjoy a summer evening at the American Swedish Historical Museum while indulging in Swedish favorites including a buffet of crayfish, Swedish meatballs, potatoes, cheese pie, salads, dessert, and a glass of *aquavit* outside under our decorated tent.



The Swedish tradition of feasting on crayfish in the last month of summer dates back about 100 years. At one time the lakes of central Sweden were filled with crayfish, but overfishing decimated their population. Finally, the government prohibited the catching of crayfish except for a short time in late summer. After going the whole summer without the delicacy, the return of crayfish to the dinner table in August became a great cause for celebration. Crayfish parties in Sweden are often held out of doors in the moonlight with big paper lanterns and festive colored lights strung for decoration. This is a can't miss opportunity to try crayfish prepared the Swedish way. Everyone raises their glass of aquavit to sing traditional Swedish drinking songs.



This will be a seated dinner that takes place outdoors in our tent on the terrace. Tickets are \$50 for ASHM and SACC Philadelphia members and \$60 for non-members. Pre-registration is required by August 14<sup>th</sup>, space is limited. Register on our website at: <https://www.americanswedish.org/events/crayfish-party-3>

The American Swedish Historical Museum is located in scenic FDR Park at 1900 Pattison Avenue in South Philadelphia near the Sports Complex. Plenty of free parking is available. For those taking public transportation, the Broad Street Subway's NRG/Pattison Avenue stop is within walking distance or SEPTA's Route 17 (Naval Base) can bring you right to the Museum.

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Visit the American Swedish Historical Museum to learn the forgotten history of Swedes in Philadelphia. Built-in 1926 during the sesquicentennial, the museum's unique interior is divided into a dozen galleries designed to highlight Scandinavian influences in America. The galleries explore a range of topics including the New Sweden Colony, women's history, scientific innovations, and Swedish craft arts such as glass making and woodworking. ASHM hosts a variety of programs from Swedish holiday celebrations like Midsommarfest and Lucia, to history lectures, an ABBA Dance Party, virtual tours, and family programs like Toddler Time.

The mission of the ASHM is to welcome all people to explore cultural identity through the story of Swedes and Scandinavians in America. ASHM is a community dedicated to preserving and interpreting material culture, and is alive with celebrations, exhibitions, and learning experiences. No matter your age or interests, ASHM has something for you! Visit our website [www.americanswedish.org](http://www.americanswedish.org) to learn more.

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