

# The Phillipsburg Railroad Festival Returns for Its Fourth Year Celebrating 173 Years Since the Rails First Arrived in Phillipsburg Phillipsburg, N.J.

By Aaron D. Coleman  
PHILLIPSBURG N.J. - Phillipsburg is rolling out the tracks once again for a day of history, family fun, and community pride as the Phillipsburg Railroad Festival returns for its fourth year on Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. This year's event marks 173 years since railroads first arrived in town. Presented by Platinum Star Cleaning and the Warren County Council of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce, the festival features music, food, local vendors, historic exhibits, and hands-on experiences across three walkable locations.

The festival is made possible thanks to the support of the All-Aboard Sponsor, Peron Development. Honoring Phillipsburg's Rail Legacy The first railroad to arrive in Phillipsburg was the Central Railroad of New Jersey (CNJ), which opened on July 2, 1852. Over time, Phillipsburg became a major transportation hub, once home to five major railroads, roundhouses, turntables, and the Morris Canal.

"Bringing this festival back every year has been a privilege," said Aaron D. Coleman, owner of Platinum Star Cleaning and producer of the event. "It's a chance to showcase the railroad nonprofits and highlight Phillipsburg's incredible transportation history for the community and future generations."

## Northampton County DCED and Lehigh University SBDC to Host Meet the Buyers Expo and Small Business Resource Fair

By Jessica Berger

[Northampton County, PA] – Northampton County's Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and Lehigh University, Small Business Development Center (SBDC) are proud to announce the Meet the Buyers Expo, an event designed to bring together major corporations, small businesses, and community partners to explore opportunities for collaboration and growth.

The Expo provides a unique environment where participants can engage with key decision-makers, seek innovative solutions, and gain practical insights to strengthen their organizations. Whether you're looking to expand your network, pursue new partnerships, or gather fresh ideas, the Expo fosters meaningful and productive connections.

Who should attend? Small businesses, large businesses, government agencies, educational institutions, procurement professionals, business development teams, sales teams, and business owners.

At the same time and in the same location, attendees can also take advantage of the Small Business Resource Fair, offering direct access to valuable resources including mentoring, coaching, workforce personnel solutions, training, small business loans and lines of credit, education, marketing, networking, retail vacancy information, and business and marketing planning.

"Northampton County is committed to supporting small businesses and strengthening our local economy," said Lamont G. McClure, Northampton County Executive. "The Meet the Buyers Expo and Resource Fair create real opportunities for growth by connecting entrepreneurs with the tools and partnerships they need to succeed."

Registration is available at [www.LVMeettheBuyers.com](http://www.LVMeettheBuyers.com).

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# RAILROAD FESTIVAL

Celebrating 173 Years

1852 2025

**DATE:** Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
**TIME:** 11:00 am - 5:00 pm  
**LOCATIONS:** Shappell Park, Union Station & Tower, Elizabeth Street

[www.PhillipsburgRailroadFest.com](http://www.PhillipsburgRailroadFest.com)

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