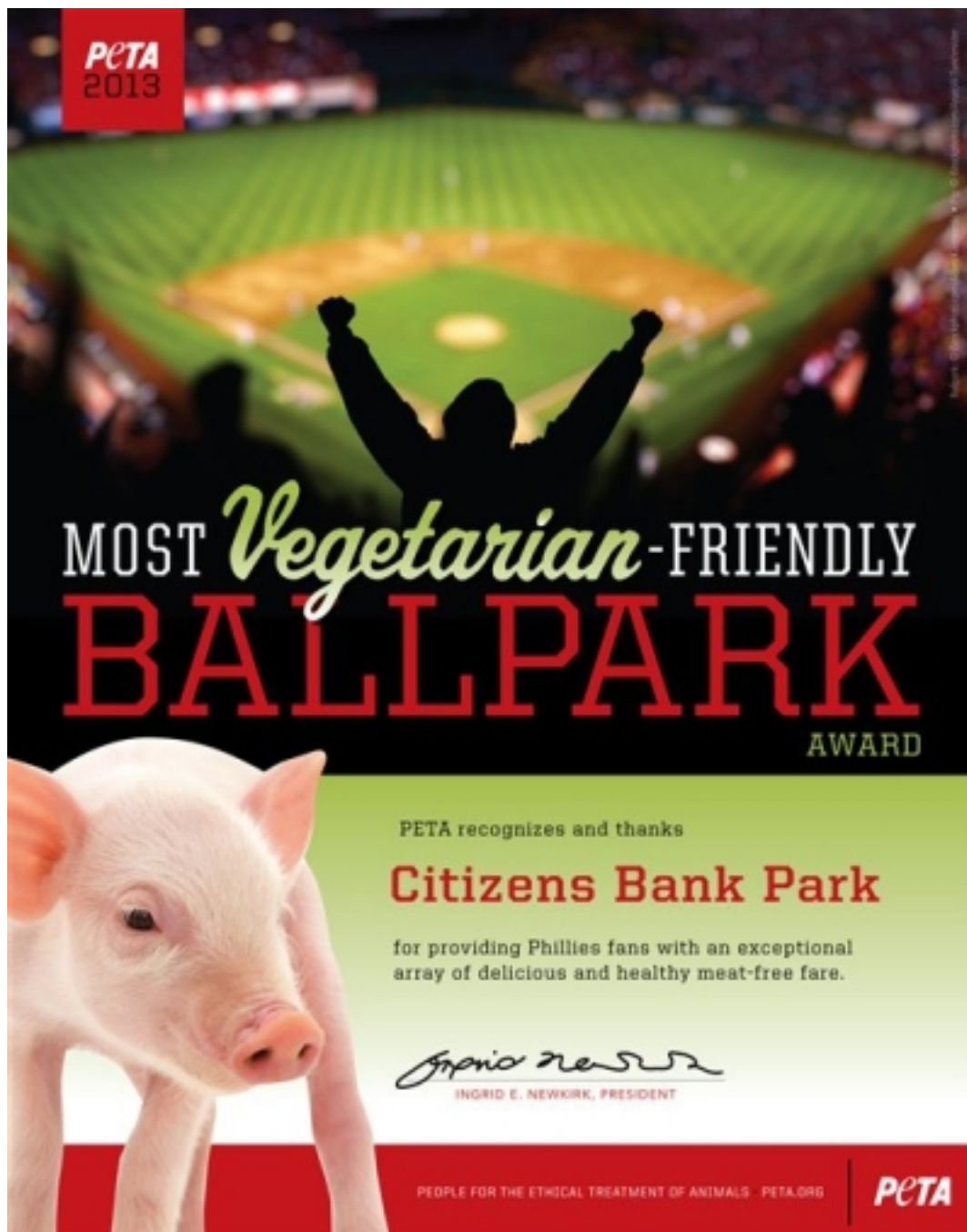


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The image is a promotional poster for PETA's 2013 award. At the top left, a red box contains the text 'PETA 2013'. The background features a night view of a baseball stadium with a green field and a crowd of spectators. In the center, a silhouette of a person with their arms raised in celebration is superimposed over the field. Below this, the text 'MOST Vegetarian-FRIENDLY BALLPARK' is written in a mix of white, green, and red fonts. The word 'Vegetarian' is in a green script font, while 'MOST' and 'FRIENDLY' are in white sans-serif, and 'BALLPARK' is in large red block letters. To the right of 'BALLPARK' is the word 'AWARD' in a smaller white font. In the bottom left corner, there is a close-up photograph of a small, pink piglet. The bottom right section of the poster has a light green background with the text: 'PETA recognizes and thanks Citizens Bank Park for providing Phillies fans with an exceptional array of delicious and healthy meat-free fare.' Below this is a signature of Ingrid E. Newkirk and the text 'INGRID E. NEWKIRK, PRESIDENT'. At the very bottom, a red banner contains the text 'PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS - PETA.ORG' and the PETA logo.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA) has come out with their annual ranking of top vegetarian ballpark fare, and for the 12th year, ranked the their listing of the Top 10 Vegetarian-Friendly Major League Ballparks out of the 30 clubs.

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Citizens Bank Park, home of the Philadelphia Phillies, has been (yet again) selected #1, making them winners six of the past seven years. In addition to veggie dogs, black-bean burgers, and meat-free burritos, the Phillies offer faux-chicken patties and mock beefsteaks as well as hummus with pretzels and more.

Rising one notch from last year to grab second place is the Detroit Tigers' Comerica Park. The park boasts mock Italian sausage, vegan riblet sandwiches, and a vegetarian sushi platter.

Rounding out the top five are Nationals Park (Washington Nationals), AT&T Park (San Francisco Giants), and Angel Stadium (Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim). In the minor leagues, the portobello mushroom burger, tofu noodle entrée, and homemade veggie burgers on pretzel buns made the Tulsa Drillers' ONEOK Field a big winner.

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[PetA offered up these](#) for #6-#10 of their picks for best vegetarian ballparks in MLB

6. Seattle Mariners' Safeco Field

Much like King Felix, the vegetarian options at Safeco Field rule. Mariners fans can choose from vegan chili cheese dogs, vegan Bao-Choi Asian-style steamed buns (stuffed with veggies, spices, and vegan mayo), and vegan frankfurters. It doesn't matter where the fences are—animal-friendly fans can always score at the concessions stands.

7. New York Mets' Citi Field

What could possibly be more exciting for Mets fans than watching Matt Harvey dominate hitters? Sampling the meatless meals at Citi Field, which offers veggie dogs, vegetable sushi, vegetarian tacos, veggie burgers, freshly sliced mango dusted with chili powder, and more.

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8. Boston Red Sox's Fenway Park

The Red Sox—and starting pitcher Clay Buchholz—appear to have turned a corner this year, and so has Fenway Park, earning its best-ever ranking on PETA's list. The vegetarian fare, which includes vegetable sushi, meat-free burritos, veggie burgers, veggie dogs, and hummus, among other things, really puts the green in the home of the Green Monster. Sox fans love the vegetarian meals as much as they love Big Papi.

9. San Diego Padres' PETCO Park

PETCO Park's tasty vegetarian options—including grilled tofu wraps, veggie burgers, hummus, vegetable sushi, and more—are flying out of the concession stands even faster than Everth Cabrera flies around the bases.

10. Chicago Cubs' Wrigley Field

Wrigley Field has a strong core of vegetarian options, including veggie dogs, Sloppy Janes, and fresh vegetable wraps, to go with the Cubs' strong core of young players, including Starlin Castro, Anthony Rizzo, and Jeff Samardzija. As Wrigley Field returns to PETA's list of vegetarian-friendly ballparks, perhaps the Cubbies will soon be on the way up as well. Veggie-craving Chicago baseball fans have an embarrassment of riches since U.S. Cellular Field also earned an honorable mention on PETA's list.



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