

WHAT TO DO AT NIGHT There are no silent nights in Old City, where weekend revelers



You can get a classic egg cream at the retro Franklin Fountain.

fill the bars, restaurants and, often, sidewalks. Second Street between Market and Chestnut is a great place to drink in the social scene, with more than a dozen nightspots, like the dimly lighted Continental Restaurant, 138 Market Street, 215-923-6069, www.continentalmartinibar.com, a sleeked-up 1960's diner and prototypical martini bar. Farther up Market, stylish folks gather for D.J.-spun hip-hop and house at Marmont Steakhouse, 222 Market Street, 215-923-1100, www.marmont.net, a sassy, swanky little place.

Even Old City ice cream shops turn into nightspots: Franklin Fountain, 116 Market Street, 215-627-1899, www.franklinfountain.com, is a time-tripping soda saloon where a young George Bailey would feel at home under the white pressed-tin ceiling. Start the night, or cap it off (closing is 11 p.m or midnight) with a banana split for two in an authentic period dish (\$10).