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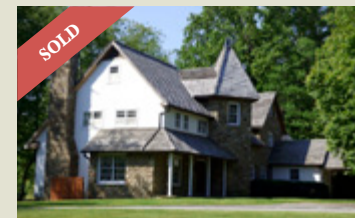
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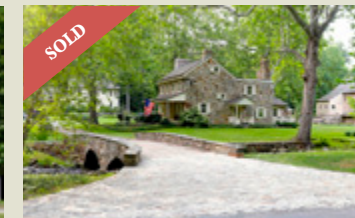
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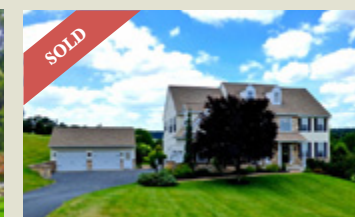
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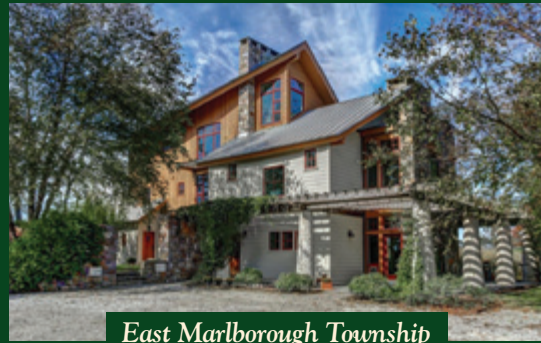


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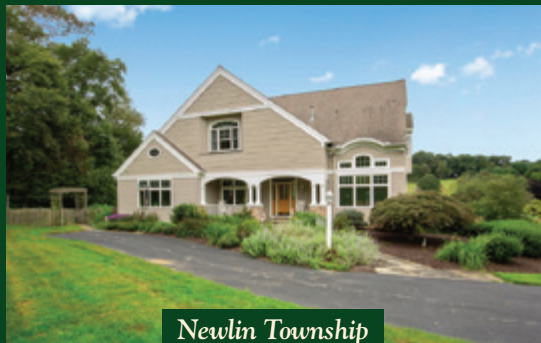
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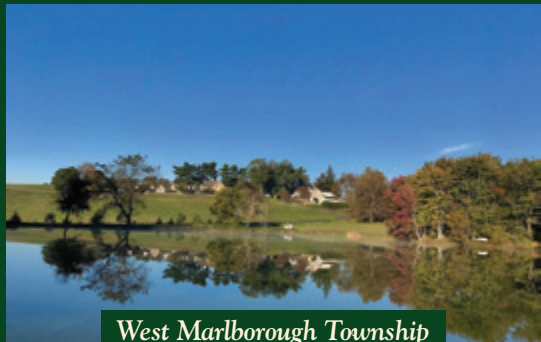
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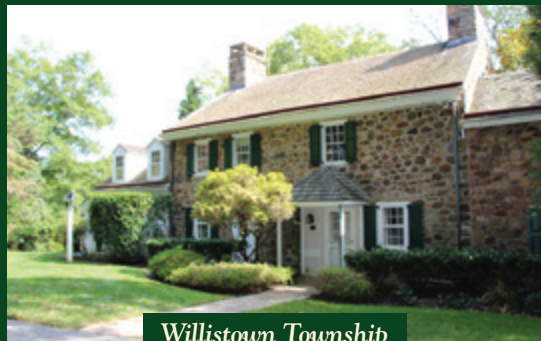
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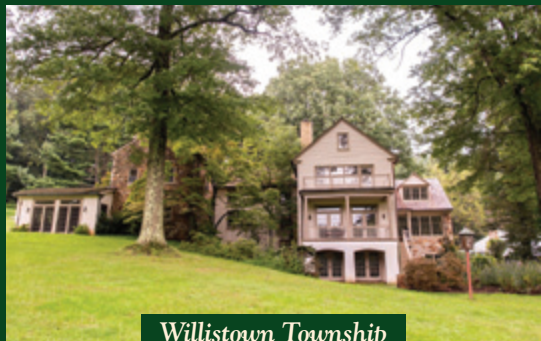
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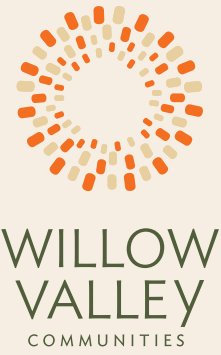
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Happy New Year! And welcome to our 2019 Annual Dining Guide.

This is our 15th year of rounding up the “Best of the Best”—our selection of amazing places to satisfy your hunger and thirst in *County Lines* country. Flip to the center of the issue and start reading!

We hope you enjoy sampling almost a hundred new restaurants, dining experiences, craft breweries and even a new local cookbook that we included in our review. Plus, there are more places to try out in our Dining Guide. Let us know your favorites.

For an update on what’s new in West Chester dining, Malcolm Johnstone writes “Culinary Vision Sets The Pace In West Chester.” There’s also a map with almost 60 places to visit.

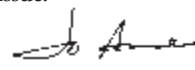
Dan Balmer went looking for craft beer and found “New Breweries for the New Year.” Corey Ross, owner of Fancy Camper Home Brew Supplies, suggests you consider the DIY approach. In “Home Brewing 101,” find out how to get started.

For help with New Year’s resolutions, consider “Kitchen Gadgets and Equipment Worth Their Space” by our Food Editor Laura Brennan. It’s *not* a list of re-gifting candidates. Julie Funk, Director of Health & Wellness Services at Chester County Hospital, gets you off to a good start with “Eating for Wellness.” Read it again in a few months to see how you’re doing.

We also highlight the success of independent schools’ sports teams during their fall season in our periodic Sports Roundup. Some great victories as well as a few heartbreaks.

As always, this issue is full of events. Check out our top Picks for January along with ideas for Family Fun, Best Local Events, Food Events and Senior Happenings. Visit our website and social media for more events and sign up for our twice-a-month Events Newsletter delivered to your inbox to help you stay in the know about what’s happening.

Wishing you all the best for 2019! We hope you enjoy this delectable issue!

  
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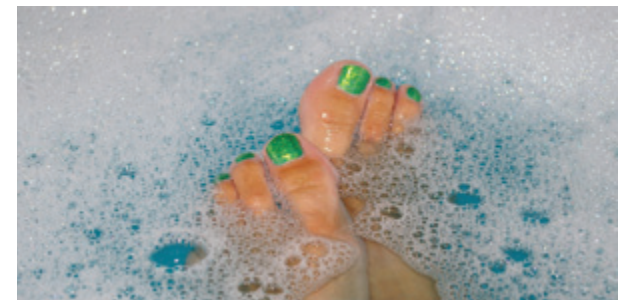
Just a few things we'd thought you'd like to know this month

**Happy Birthstone.** The New Year means a new round of birthdays. If you're struggling with gift ideas after the holidays, birthstone jewelry is a perfectly personalized gift. January's birthstone is garnet—symbolizing passion, friendship and loyalty—and it comes in a rainbow of hues for every type of person. The rarest type is tsavorite, an intense green like emerald. Head to your local independent jeweler — like **Sunset Hill Jewelers** to find antique and custom birthstone jewelry.

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**Splish Splash.** There's nothing like a luxurious bath to banish the winter chill. Schedule some well-deserved self-care for **Bubble Bath Day** on January 8. We know the holiday bustle was stressful, so light some candles, put on your favorite tunes and pour the bubbly. But don't stop at just champagne for bubbly—treat yourself to bath bombs, bubble bars, lotions, and lip and body scrubs from Fizzy Bath Bombs. 175 Westbrook Dr. Ste. 112, Honey Brook. 610-273-1906; [FizzyBathBombs.com](http://FizzyBathBombs.com).



**Kind Calendar.** Put away the Advent Calendar and start 2019 with a new tradition. Make your own **Kindness Calendar!** Each day in January, make a small act of kindness one of your daily goals. You can shovel snow for your neighbors, feed the birds and check up on a friend. Or help a stranger in need for National Blood Donor Month. Help make the world a better place with one small act of kindness at a time. More suggestions at [MakeTodayHappy.co.uk](http://MakeTodayHappy.co.uk).

**Peanut Butter and Elvis.** Elvis impersonators have copied the King of Rock 'n' Roll for decades, but now it's time to celebrate the original on January 8, **Elvis Presley's birthday**. Elvis would have been 84 years young this year. Honor the music legend by making an Elvis sandwich, aka "The Elvis"—peanut butter, banana and bacon with a honey drizzle. Bacon and honey are optional, while bananas can be sliced or mashed. The King himself preferred caramelized bananas, bacon and grilled Hawaiian bread.



**We Three Kings.** Ever wonder why there are 12 days of Christmas? Hint—for the 12th day of Christmas we got gold, frankincense and myrrh. **Three Kings' Day**, aka Epiphany, is on January 6. Christians around the world feast to celebrate the Wise Men. And the feast wouldn't be complete without King's Bread—crown shaped bread baked with candied fruit and a baby Jesus figurine inside. Find the figurine in your slice, and you host the next dinner!



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**Masterpieces of Broken Pieces:  
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January 10–11

Experience a labyrinth of hope, light and survivor-made art masterpieces of broken jewelry to celebrate the freedom of survivors of human trafficking. Donations accepted for The Salvation Army's New Day to Stop Trafficking Program. *Justice-Rain/Cornerstone Christian Fellowship Church, 426 W. Gay St., West Chester. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Free. Vimeo.com/300751398.*



**Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center  
Jazz Cocktail Hour—Prohibition Party**

January 17

Swing into the New Year with Chelsea Reed & The Fair Weather Five and performances by The Swing Kat Dancers. Trombonist Wycliffe Gordon joins the group to explore the roots of jazz and creative ways to interpret forgotten songs. Vintage dress strongly encouraged and hooch tastings by Manatawny Still Works begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Uptown! Bar. Swing Dance Lesson with The Swing Kat Dancers for 20 VIP ticket holders at 5 p.m. 226 N. High St., West Chester. 6:30 p.m. \$20–\$30; VIP, \$45. 610-356-2787; [UptownWestChester.org](http://UptownWestChester.org).



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**A Brandywine Christmas.** It's a wonderland with trees and displays, lights, music, the O-gauge model train display and more. 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. Daily 9:30 to 4:30. \$6–\$18. 610-388-2700; Brandywine.org.



JANUARY 13

**Family Second Sundays at Delaware Art Museum.** Create art, listen to stories, sing songs and have lunch at the museum. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. 10 to 3. \$10 donation. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

JANUARY 20–21

**Hagley Museum & Library Invention Convention.** Explore how to survive in outer space—what to wear, what to eat and drink, and how to breathe. Enjoy hands-on activities, an interactive science fair, learn fun facts about the cosmos and create an invention where you can earn a Hagley Patent. Held in the Soda House, 298 Buck Rd., Wilmington. 10 to 4. \$6–\$8. 302-658-2400; Hagley.org.



JANUARY 21

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service.** Celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at the Delaware Art Museum in partnership with One Village Alliance and Raising Kings. Activities include tours of the collection, art-making and mentorship opportunities. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. 11 to 3. Free. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.



JANUARY 21, FEB. 18, MARCH 9

**Longwood Gardens Presents Orkid Days.** Explore orchids first hand at discovery stations, enjoy interactive story reading and partake in a family seek-and-find in the orchid-filled Conservatory. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. 9 to 5. Free with gardens admission, \$12–\$23. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

JANUARY 27

**PBS Kids Live! Really BIG tiny Adventure.** The story of three kids crossing their backyard to attend a friend's birthday party becomes an unexpected adventure when the group gets shrunk to the size of grasshoppers. Keswick Theatre, 291 N. Keswick Ave., Glenside. 2 and 6 pm. \$19–\$50. 215-572-7650; KeswickTheatre.com.

JANUARY 27–MARCH 3

**The Snow Queen.** A new musical based on Hans Christian Anderson's story. Media Theatre, 104 E. State St., Media. Sun, noon. \$12–\$15. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.



## FOR THE HOLIDAYS.....

See also: Family Fun

THROUGH JANUARY 6

**Yuletide at Winterthur.** Tour Henry Francis du Pont's former home decorated with sparkling holiday displays, including a specially built bandstand in a re-creation of a Christmas tree lighting in early 20th-century small town America. 5105 Kennett Pk. (Rt. 52), Winterthur, DE. Tues–Sun, 10 to 5. \$5–\$20. 800-448-3883; Winterthur.org.

THROUGH JANUARY 6

**Holidays at Pennypacker Mills.** See how the holidays were celebrated in the early 1900s. Tours of the mansion, Tues–Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, 1 to 4. 5 Haldeman Rd., Schwenksville. \$2 donation. 610-287-9349; MontcoPa.org.

THROUGH JANUARY 6

**A Longwood Christmas.** This year Longwood Gardens pays homage to the Christmas tree, displaying traditional favorites and new twists. Outdoor fountains, music, a half-million lights and carolers fill the gardens. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Timed admission tickets req. \$12–\$23. LongwoodGardens.org.

## ART, CRAFT & ANTIQUES.....

THROUGH JANUARY 26

**Craft Forms at Wayne Art Center.** An international juried exhibition of contemporary crafts and companion exhibition and show, "CAST: Art & Objects." Wayne Art Center, 413 Maplewood Ave., Wayne. Mon–Fri, 10 to 5; Sat, 10 to 4. 610-688-3553; WayneArt.org.



THROUGH JANUARY 27

**Juried Craft Exhibition at Delaware Art Museum.** Contemporary crafts by artists working locally and throughout the region. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 8, free after 4; Fri–Sun, 10 to 4. \$6–\$12, Sun, free. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

THROUGH JANUARY 27

**Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital Art Ability Exhibit & Sale.** Artists from around the world with physical, cognitive, visual and hearing disabilities submit their work to this juried exhibition and sale. 414 Paoli Pk., Malvern. 484-596-5710; MainLineHealth.org/ArtAbility.

JANUARY 30–FEBRUARY 3

## Malvern Retreat House Art Show & Sale.

Featuring nearly 100 juried artists. The theme this year will be "Water." Jan. 31, complimentary wine and cheese social, 5 to 8 pm. Malvern Retreat House, McShain-Horstmann Family Life Center, 315 S. Warren Ave., Malvern. Wed–Sat, 10 to 7; Sun, 10 to 4. Free. Benefits Malvern Retreat House. 610-644-0400; MalvernRetreat.com.



## BOOKS.....

JANUARY 3, 16

**Wellington Square Bookshop. Non-Fiction:** Jan. 3, "The Four: the Hidden DNA of Amazon, Apple, Facebook and Google" by Scott Galloway, 7 to 9; **Fiction:** Jan. 16–17, "The Song of Achilles" by Madeline Miller, Wed–Thurs, 2 to 4, Thurs, 7 to 9. 549 Wellington Square, Exton. 610-458-1144; WellingtonSquareBooks.com.

## AUTOMOBILE SHOWS.....

FEBRUARY 1–10

**2019 Philadelphia Auto Show.** Recognized by the industry as one of the top auto shows in the country, with over 700 vehicles from more than 40 manufacturers. Feb. 1, Black Tie Tailgate, 7 pm, benefits the Dept. of Nursing at Children's Hospital of Phila. Tickets \$250 and up. PA Convention Center, 1101 Arch St., Philadelphia. Check website for show hours and info. \$7–\$14. 215-418-2000; Philly-AutoShow.com.



## DESIGN HOMES/HOME SHOWS.....

JANUARY 4–6

**Greater Philadelphia Spring Home Show.** Come out to be motivated and excited for your next home improvement project. Valley Forge Casino Resort, 1160 First Ave., King of Prussia. Fri, 11 to 8; Sat, 10 to 8; Sun, 10 to 6. Free. 855-449-3714; GreaterPhillyHomeShows.com.



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**FUNDRAISERS.....**

**JANUARY 12**  
**The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County Hosts Paint, Pinot and Preserve.** Enjoy a relaxing, post-holiday evening of wine and painting at TLC's Interpretive Nature Center. No experience necessary, as instructors will assist. This event is for ages

21 years and older as an assortment of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. 541 Chandler Mill Rd., Avondale. 6 pm. \$35-\$40. 610-347-0347 ext. 109; TLCForSCC.org.

**JANUARY 19**  
**Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation's 13th Annual Lemon Ball.** Enjoy a fabulous evening of dining, dancing, auctions and listening to amazing stories of heroes big and small. Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, 1201 Market St., Phila. 6:30 pm. \$275. 610-649-3034; AlexsLemonade.org.



**JANUARY 30**  
**Willowdale Steeplechase Guest Bartender Night.** Let your favorite bartender prepare a drink for you, then give him/her a generous tip, 100% of which will be donated to Stroud Water Research Center, Quest Therapeutic Services and the Univ. of PA School of Veterinary Medicine. BBC Tavern & Grill, Greenville. 6 to 9. 610-444-1582; Willowdale.org.

**GARDENS.....**

**JANUARY 19-MARCH 24**  
**Longwood Gardens-Orchid Extravaganza.** The conservatory transforms into a tropical oasis featuring an astonishing display of orchids. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. 9 to 6. Timed tickets req., \$12-23. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

**MUSEUMS.....**

**THROUGH JANUARY 6, 2019**  
**Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library.** *Through Jan. 6, "Follies: Architectural Whimsy in the Garden." Mar. 30-Jan. 5, 2020, "Costuming The Crown,"* featuring 40 iconic costumes from the award-winning drama. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur, DE. Tues-Sun, 10 to 5. \$15-\$30. 302-888-4600; Winterthur.org.



**THROUGH JANUARY 13**  
**Delaware Art Museum.** "Wonders of Wilmington: Gifts from the Hotel du Pont Collection," features 13 works of art previously on display in the Hotel du Pont. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 8, free after 4; Fri-Sun, 10 to 4. \$6-\$12, Sun, free. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

**THROUGH MAY 27**  
**Brandywine River Museum of Art.** *Through Feb. 17, "Winslow Homer: Photography and*

**Local Farm Markets**

**Artisan Exchange,** 208 Carter Dr. Unit 13 B, West Chester. *Sat, 10 to 2.* ArtisanExchange.net.

**Bryn Mawr Farmers Mkt.,** Lancaster Ave. at Bryn Mawr train station parking lot. *1st, 3rd, 5th Sat, 10 to noon.* 215-733-9599; FarmToCity.org.

**Downingtown Farmers Mkt.,** Log Cabin Field, Kerr Park, Pennsylvania Ave. *2nd, 4th Sat, 10 to noon.* 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

**Eagleview Farmers Mkt.,** Chester County Food Bank, 650 Pennsylvania Dr., Exton. *Thurs., noon to 2.* 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

**Kennett Square Farmers Mkt.,** 112 S. Broad St. *1st & 3rd Fri, 2 to 4.* 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.

**Lancaster County Farmers Mkt.,** 389 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne. *Wed & Fri, 8 to 6; Sat, 8 to 4.* 610-688-9856; LancasterCountyFarmersMarket.com.

**Malvern Farmers Mkt.,** First Baptist Church of Malvern, 146 Channing Ave. *Sat, 10 to noon.* 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

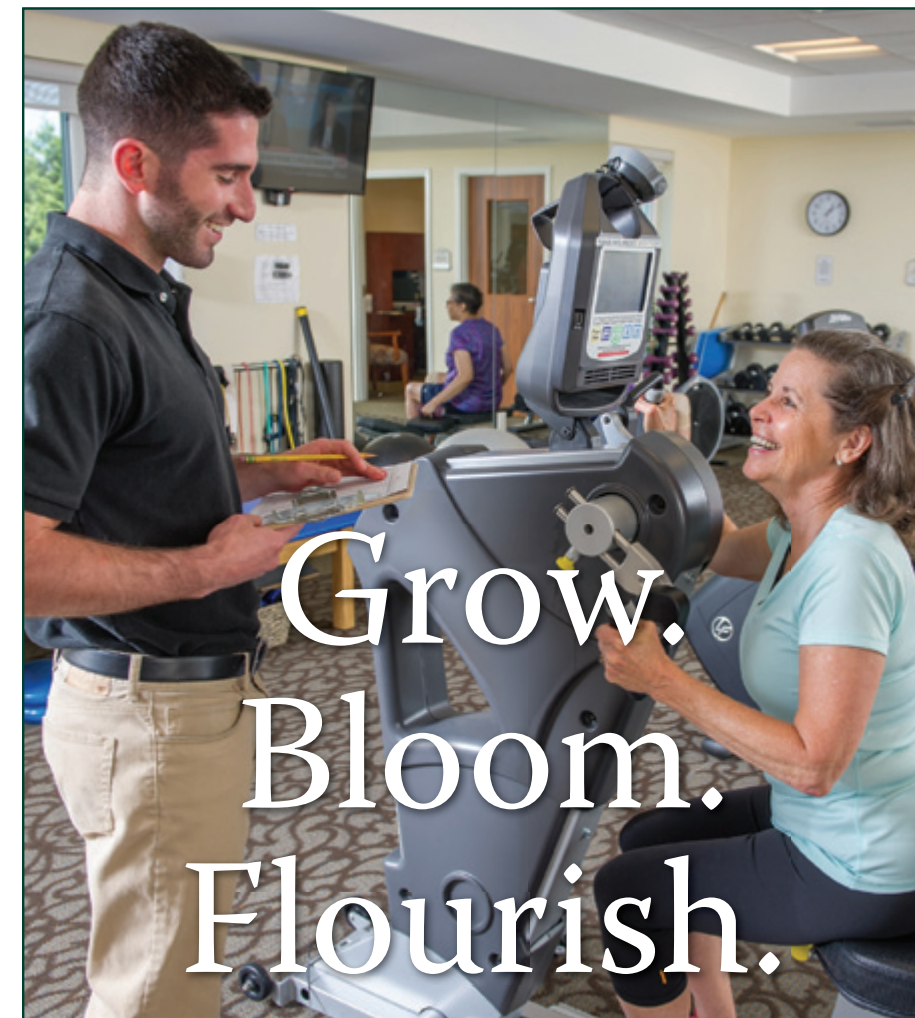
**Phoenixville Farmers Mkt.,** 200 Mill St. *Dec., Sat, 10 to noon.* Phoenixville-FarmersMarket.org.

**Pottstown Farmers Mkt.,** 300 E. High St. *Thurs-Fri, noon to 7; Sat-Sun, 9 to 5.* 610-323-5400; PottstownFarm.org.

**West Chester Growers Mkt.,** Chestnut & Church Sts. *1st & 3rd Sat, 10 to noon.* 610-436-9010; WestChesterGrowersMarket.com.

**Westtown Amish Mkt.,** 1177 Wilmington Pk., West Chester. *Thurs, 9 to 6; Fri, 9 to 8; Sat, 8 to 4.* 610-492-5299; WestChesterAmishMarket.com.

the Art of Painting;" *Mar. 9-May 27, "American Beauty: Selections from the Richard M. Scaife Bequest."* 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. Daily 9:30 to 5. \$6-\$18. 610-388-2700; Brandywine.org.



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**MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT.....**

**THROUGH JANUARY**  
**Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center.**  
*Jan. 11,* Joe Conklin Comedy Show, 8 pm, \$32-\$37; *Jan. 17,* Jazz Cocktail Hour. *see January Picks;* *Jan. 18,* Better Than Bacon: Improv Comedy, 7:30, \$20-\$25; *Jan. 19,* Echoes, The American Pink Floyd, 7:30, \$27-\$37; *Jan. 24,* Dueling Pianos, 7:30, \$20; *Jan. 26,* Hypnotizing America with Tim Miller, 7:30, \$15-\$20. 226 N. High St., West Chester. 610-356-2787; Uptown-WestChester.org.



**JANUARY 4-FEBRUARY 10**  
**Steel City Coffeehouse. Thursdays, Jan. 3-Feb. 7,** Open Mic Nights; *Jan. 4-5,* Ray Adkins & Friends Tribute to James Taylor; *Jan. 12,* Kicking Down Doors with Vilebred; *Jan. 13, Feb. 10,* Philadelphia Main Line Ukulele Group; *Jan. 20,* Phoenixville Area Acoustic Jam Group Unplugged; *Jan. 26,* Christine Havrilla with Andrea Nardello. 203 Bridge St., Phoenixville. Visit website for times. 484-924-8425; SteelCityCoffeeHouse.com.



**JANUARY 10**  
**Delaware Art Museum—Concerts on Kentmere and Performance Series.** The Pyxis Piano Quartet honors the work of Pre-Raphaelite artist Barbara Bodichon in an evening of chamber music composed by women, titled “The Feminine Mystique.” 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. 7:30. \$25-\$35. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.



**JANUARY 11-FEBRUARY 9**  
**Valley Forge Casino Resort.** Hosting headline comedians and national musical acts, weekly comedians, karaoke and more. *Jan.*



*11,* Kevin Flynn; *Jan. 19,* Beatlemania Now; *Jan. 25,* Jimmy Shubert; *Feb. 1,* Brad Trackman; *Feb. 8,* Mike Britt; *Feb. 9,* “Space Oddity” the Ultimate David Bowie Experience. 1160 1st Ave., King of Prussia. Visit website for times and tickets. 610-354-8118; VFCasino.com.

**JANUARY 11-FEBRUARY 15**  
**The Keswick Theatre Presents. Jan. 11,** David Sedaris; *Jan. 18,* Taylor Dayne & Color Me Badd; *Jan. 25,* Neko Case & Margaret Glaspy; *Jan. 31,* The Midtown Men; *Feb. 1,* The McCartney Years; *Feb. 2,* Peabo Bryson; *Feb. 7,* Masters of Illusion Live; *Feb. 15,* Who’s Bad: Michael Jackson Tribute Band. 291 N. Keswick Ave., Glenside. Visit website for times and tickets. 215-572-7650; Keswick-Theatre.com.



**FEBRUARY 2**  
**Point Entertainment Presents.** Loudon Wainwright III and Susan Werner. The Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 8 pm. \$27.50-\$36.50. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.

**FEBRUARY 15**  
**WCU—Live! “Married to Broadway.”** Ron Sharpe and Barbra Russell perform showstopping numbers from *Phantom of the Opera, Cats, Evita, West Side Story* and more. Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, 700 S. High St., West Chester. 7:30 pm. \$15-\$27. 610-436-2266; WCUPa.edu/Live.



**THEATER.....**  
**THROUGH JANUARY 6**  
**Cinderella: A Musical Panto.** The holiday tradition continues at People’s Light in song,

dance, hilarity and merriment. 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. \$30-\$53. Check website for times. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.



**THROUGH JANUARY 13**  
**The Wizard of Oz.** Live musical presentation has an all-star Philly cast in the iconic roles. The Media Theatre, 104 E. State St., Media. Check website for times. \$34-\$59. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

**JANUARY 16-FEBRUARY 10**  
**Sweat.** Winner of the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, *Sweat* is a portrait of Reading, PA and an incisive examination of deindustrialized America. People’s Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. \$30-\$53. Check website for times. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

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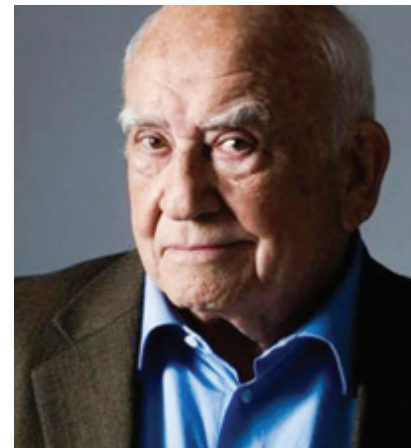
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JANUARY 24

**The Soap Myth.** Jeff Cohen's critically acclaimed play questions who has the right to write history: those people who have lived it and remember, those who study and protect it, or those who would seek to distort its very existence? Starring Ed Asner and Tovah Feldshuh. Delaware Theatre Co., 200 Water St., Wilmington. 7 pm. \$45. 302-594-1100; [DelawareTheatre.org](http://DelawareTheatre.org).



### TOWNS, TALKS & TOURS.....

THROUGH JANUARY 4  
Friday & Saturday

**Paranormal Tours of the William Brinton 1704 House.** A three-hour investigation of one of the oldest houses in Pennsylvania, home to generations of the Brinton family, led by expert staff. 21 Oakland Rd., West Chester. 9 am to noon or 10 pm to 1 am. \$400/10 people. [BrintonFamily.org](http://BrintonFamily.org).



JANUARY 4, 12, 17

First Fridays, Second Saturdays, Third Thursdays. Jan. 4, First Fridays: **Kennett Square Art Stroll**, 610-444-8188; [Historic-KennettSquare.com](http://Historic-KennettSquare.com). Lancaster City, 717-509-ARTS; [VisitLancasterCity.com](http://VisitLancasterCity.com). Oxford, 610-998-9494; [DowntownOxfordPA.org](http://DowntownOxfordPA.org). West Chester, 610-738-3350; [West-Chester.com](http://West-Chester.com). **Wilmington Art Loop**, 302-576-2135; [CityFestWilm.com](http://CityFestWilm.com).

Jan. 12, Second Saturday Arts Stroll: **Media**, 484-445-4161; [MediaArtsCouncil.org](http://MediaArtsCouncil.org). Jan. 17, Malvern Sip & Stroll, [Malvern-Business.com](http://Malvern-Business.com).

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# 2019 Food Events

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## JANUARY

**17 Taste of Phoenixville** Good Samaritan fundraiser. 610-933-9305; GoodSamServices.org/Events

## FEBRUARY

**27 Kennett Chocolate Lovers Festival** United Way of So. Chester County fundraiser. 610-444-4357; KennettChocolate.org



## MARCH

**11-17 King of Prussia Restaurant Week** Craft beer fest with food. 484-681-9452; VisitKoP.com

**12 The Emergency Aid's Taste of the Main Line** 105th Anniversary Celebration at The Bercy. TasteOfTheMainLine.com

**25 Chester County Community Foundation's Sweet Charity** Fundraiser. Chadds Ford. 610-696-8211; ChesCoCF.org

## APRIL

**1st Week Media Rest. Week** 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com

**8-13 City Restaurant Week in Wilmington** Prix fixe lunch and dinner menus at premier restaurants. CityRestaurantWeek.com

**18 Dining Out For Life** Fundraiser for AIDS organizations in the Delaware Valley. Dining-OutForLife.com

**14 22nd Celebrity Chefs' Brunch** Honorary Chair, Chef Alex Seidell. Benefits Meals On



Wheels. Wilmington. 302-656-3257; MealsOnWheelsDE.org

## MAY

**May-September, Wednesdays Media's Dining Under the Stars** On State St. 5 to 11 pm. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com

**4 Phoenixville Food & Food Truck Festival** PhoenixvilleFoodFestival.com



**30 Historic Sugartown Pop-Up Biergarten** Food trucks, beer and wine. 610-640-2667; HistoricSugartown.org

## JUNE

**1 West Chester's Annual "Up On the Roof"** Fundraiser. 610-738-3350; DowntownWestChester.com

**29-30 New Castle County Ice Cream Festival** Great food, ice cream, music. Wilmington. RockwoodIceCream.com

**\* Great Chefs Event for Alex's Lemonade Stand** Fundraiser. Phila. 610-649-3034; AlexsLemonade.org



**\* Rotary Clubs of Thorndale & Downingtown's Mac-n-Cheese Cook-Off** Benefits Rotary. MacNCheeseCookoff.com

## JULY

**\* Willistown Conservation Trust Annual Tomato Tasting** Newtown Square. 610-353-2562; WCTrust.org

**20 Newark Food & Brew Festival** Creative food with brews. NewarkFoodAndBrewfest.com

## AUGUST

**\* Brandywine in White** Pop-up summer evening for wine/food fans. Benefits local charities. Facebook.com/BrandywineInWhite



**\* Delaware Burger Battle** Top chefs compete. DEBurgerBattle.com

**24 PA Dutch Farm to Fork Fondo** Chef-prepared bites along bike route. FarmForkFondo.com

## SEPTEMBER

**7-8 33rd Mushroom Festival** Fundraiser. Kennett Square. 610-444-8188; MushroomFestival.org

**8 Malvern's Harvest Oktoberfest** Malvern-Festivals.com

**9-14 Brandywine Valley Restaurant Week** Northern DE and Southern Chester County, PA. BrandywineTaste.com

**15 Shugart's Sunday BBQ and Blues** Historic Sugartown hosts with all the fixings. 610-640-2667; HistoricSugartown.org

**\* Chester County Library Food Truck Festival** Held at Main Street at Exton. ChesCoLibraries.org

**\* Phoenixville VegFest** Vegan food and drink specials. Facebook.com/PhoenixvilleVegFest.com

**\* Chester County Restaurant Festival** West Chester. 610-738-3350; DowntownWestChester.com

**28 Taste of Trolley Square** Small plates, beer, wine and spirits. Wilmington. TasteOfTrolley.com

## OCTOBER

**5 Phoenixville Food & Food Truck Festival** PhoenixvilleFoodFestival.com

**6 Annual Media Food & Crafts Festival** VisitMediaPA.com

**\* 15th West Chester Rotary Chili Cookoff** Fundraiser. 484-343-4577; WestChesterChiliCookoff.com

**\* A Taste of Berwyn** Fundraiser for Daemion Counseling Center. 610-647-1431; TasteOfBerwyn.com

**12 Chocolate Walk in Lititz** LititzChocolateWalk.com

**13 Dilworthtown Inn Wine Festival & Crush Cancer Event** Benefits Chester County Hospital. 610-431-5329; Dilworthtown.com

**\* Thorncroft Equestrian Center "Lobstah" Bake** Fundraiser. Malvern. 610-644-1963; Thorncroft.org

**\* Take a Bite Out of Autism Fundraising Event** Paoli. TakeABiteOutOfAutism.com

**\* TASTE! Philadelphia—Food & Wine Festival** Valley Forge. GourmetShows.com

**\* Unite For Her Chef Event—Harvest** Fundraiser at Phoenixville Foundry. 717-461-6988; UniteForHer.org



**\* Vendemmia da Vinci Wine & Food Festival** Wilmington. 302-631-1556; SocietaDaVinci.com

## NOVEMBER

**1st Week Media Rest. Week** 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com

**\* Lancaster Taste—Food, Wine & Spirits Festival** Lancaster County Convention Ctr. Lancaster. GourmetShows.com

**\* Taste of Chester County** Fundraiser for Safe Harbor. West Chester. SafeHarborOfGWC.org ♦

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Wine Share Wednesday at Canvas Valley Forge

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# Eating for Wellness

Julie Funk, MS, RD, CDE, LDN  
 Director, Community Health & Wellness Services at Chester County Hospital

## THINK BEANS, GREENS AND GRAINS AS YOUR GO-TO FOODS FOR THE NEW YEAR.

**C**ARBS, OR NO CARBS? MORE PROTEIN, OR LESS? Supplements, or no supplements? Answers to these questions seem to change from one week to the next depending on popular opinion and conflicting news reports about the latest study.

There are answers, however, and what you need to know about eating for wellness can be found in the evidence—sound scientific research on what makes us sick and what helps us stay well.

### NO MAGIC PILL

At the start of the New Year, the long winter months and threat of flu send many of us in search of a “superfood” to save the day and keep us healthy. But before looking for a quick fix, it’s worth beginning by considering how our immune system actually works.

The immune system is a very delicate and intricate system with many elements to keep in balance. Unfortunately, there’s no one specific aspect of a healthy lifestyle that’s been proven to directly affect immune function—no magic pill.

But every part of your body—including your immune system—benefits from your overall efforts to lead a healthy lifestyle. That includes efforts to stop smoking, manage weight, get enough sleep, increase fruit and vegetable intake, exercise regularly, drink alcohol in moderation, wash hands frequently and—oh yes—manage stress. Things we all know well.

In addition, it’s well known that as we age, our immune function can decline, leaving us at greater risk for infection and even

cancer. Any time we miss a meal, decrease our food intake, or have less variety in our diet, we risk deficiencies in key vitamins and minerals essential to our immune system’s response.

Some of these essential nutrients include zinc, selenium, iron, copper and folic acid along with vitamins A, B6, C and E—all available in a balanced diet. Supplements should not be the first choice for getting these key nutrients, although they may be necessary in some cases.

To maintain your health, one of the best things you can do is to increase the variety of the foods you eat. Many of the key nutrients you may be missing are only needed in small amounts that are easily obtained from a varied diet. That means food, not supplements, should be your first choice, and may well be your best choice.

### FOOD IS MEDICINE

Foods that are plentiful in these essential micronutrients that too often are missing from many people’s diets—and key to a balanced diet—include whole grains, colorful fruits and vegetables, leafy greens, nuts and seeds, lean meat, fish and low-fat dairy products.

If this seems less like “news” and more like something you’ve heard before, that’s because it’s what science has found to be the core of a healthy diet aimed at optimal nutrition and disease prevention, and not the latest fad.

A good image to keep in mind for planning a healthy diet is the USDA MyPlate, a graphic that shows how to use the current

Dietary Guidelines for Americans (in place of the Food Guide Pyramid).

The messages from this simple picture are clear—half the plate should include colorful fruits and vegetables, a quarter of the plate for whole grains (at least three servings a day), and a quarter of the plate for protein from lean meats, fish, legumes and other non-meat protein sources, and low-fat dairy (also, three servings a day).

This balanced way of eating is supported by all major health organizations, such as the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and many more. The Physician’s Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) goes one step beyond the MyPlate guidelines, suggesting that all food choices come from plant-based foods. This move away from animal protein is gaining support from all medical corners due to scientific findings about the hazards of saturated fat for heart disease and cancer from a diet with too much fat and animal protein.

### EAT THE RAINBOW—THREE COLORS AT EVERY MEAL

Let’s translate this advice into a few specific guidelines that are easy to follow. To do that, we’ll consider important food components we need to include every day to stay healthy and raise our chances of preventing many chronic diseases—such as heart disease, cancer, stroke, diabetes and more.

One good rule to keep in mind is to have at least three colors of the rainbow at every meal. These colorful foods are generally going to be from the plant world, and that’s where we’ll find those elusive missing micronutrients.



### FIBER FACT

Plant foods are where dietary fiber and much more is found. Getting 25–30 grams of fiber each day improves regularity, lowers cholesterol, helps control blood sugar and lowers overall risk for chronic disease.

Fruits, vegetables of all kinds, whole grains and legumes are plentiful in fiber as well as in vitamins A, C and E—our missing nutrients! These are antioxidant vitamins, meaning they ward off cell damage from invaders called “free radicals” that result from our environment, metabolism and smoking.

Fiber-rich foods are high in phytonutrients as well, substances found only in plants, not in vitamin supplements.

A good goal is to eat three or more servings of vegetables, two or more of fruit every day and at least half of your grains from “whole” grain.

You should also throw dark leafy greens in salads, pasta dishes and anywhere else you can. They’re loaded with the missing nutrients and help lower the risk of heart disease.

Try oats, brown rice, quinoa, faro and other grains for the whole grain part of your plate.

A word to the wise—if you increase fiber, increase water intake, too, to help fiber do its job effectively. Aim for at least six 8-ounce glasses of water daily in addition to other non-sugary liquids.

### PROTEIN PEARLS

On average, we need about half our weight in grams of protein each day (if you weigh 150 pounds, that’s about 75 grams of protein). Protein is needed to maintain our muscle tissue, to support our immune

system and help with other things such as wound healing.

Because animal protein contains saturated fats—a culprit in the development of heart disease—choose your protein carefully. Aim for two servings of fish each week for healthy omega-3 fat, poultry, very lean meat, and eggs or egg whites.

Consider one or more non-meat meals every week, such as stir fry with marinated tofu, soups or chili with legumes. Meatless Mondays are so popular restaurants feature weekly specials with meatless menus.

Dairy is also critical for protein, in addition to the calcium and vitamin D needed for bone health and lowering colon cancer risk and high blood pressure. Three servings a day of nonfat or low-fat dairy or plant milk or yogurt will do the trick.

### FRIENDLY FATS

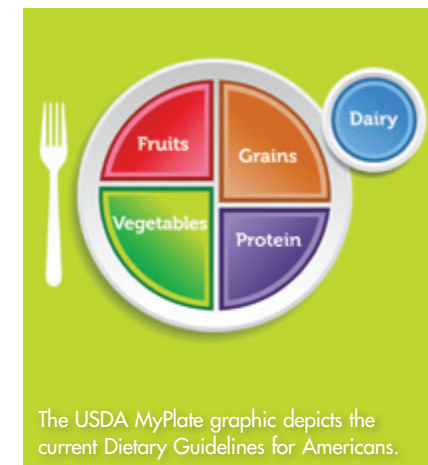
Certain fats provide the benefits of reducing inflammation—the root causes of heart disease and many other inflammatory conditions—along with offering antioxidant protection. These “good fats” include the monounsaturated fats in olive oil, avocados, nuts and seeds.

Good choices for these fats are walnuts, almonds, chia seeds and ground flax seeds—easy choices for snacks and adding to other foods.

So, what’s the bottom line on sound nutrition from scientific research? Preventive nutrition is all about incorporating into your diet plentiful sources of plant-based foods that offer all the protein, calcium, vitamins, minerals, fats and fiber we need.

Think beans, greens and grains as your go-to foods this New Year! ♦

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The USDA MyPlate graphic depicts the current Dietary Guidelines for Americans.



# KITCHEN GADGETS AND EQUIPMENT WORTH THEIR SPACE

Which beloved tools should be admitted to your kitchen collection?

Laura Muzzi Brennan



Among the many pieces of equipment I culled from my kitchen were a 3-well baguette baker, above (though mine was red), and a lovely brotform (proofing basket) top right.

you, potato ricer and popover pans—then it's a keeper.

## EARLY ADMITS AND A FEW REGRETS

My coffeemaker scores high marks in almost every category. A few years ago, my husband and I bought a French press in our attempt to recapture our pre-kids, cool city-dweller selves. Once we admitted we each need 2–3 cuppas to get going, we embraced our sleek, electric 10-cup model.

To the left of the caffeine dispenser is a high-end food processor that's technically

second-hand: I picked it up at a fancy estate sale, but judging by its lack of scratches and pristine buttons, its former owner preferred to eat out. What makes this food processor so useful is not only that it can chop, shred, slice and play “Chopsticks,” it's got a small bowl nestled into the larger one, making me feel less lame for using a machine when I know a knife will do.

That said, I generally agree with professional chefs that if you've got a sharp chef's knife, paring knife and sturdy pair of kitchen shears, you don't need a

special gadget. Once I bought into that philosophy, I tossed into the reject pile all manner of cutesy specialized gadgets. Goodbye avocado slicer and tomato huller. Farewell herb stripper, corn zipper and jalapeño corer.

I part company with the pros, however, when it comes to my garlic press, cherry pitter and handheld citrus juicer. They may be one-trick ponies, but their tricks are prize winning.

As far as appliances-that-fit-in-a-drawer go, three always make my January cut. My stick blender has turned out pot after pot of silky vegetable soups while the OXO digital thermometer chirps pleasantly every time the beef roast hits a perfectly pink medium rare. The Salter digital scale takes up no more space than a personal pizza, and it's a must-have for bakers, whose ranks I joined immediately after I interviewed the Malvern Buttery folks.

What I've discovered are *not* must-haves: black walnut bread lame (see advice on knives), 8-inch round brotform (proofing basket, see photo above) and 3-well baguette baker in my favorite shade of cherry red. For the record, I have successfully baked baguettes on a pizza stone and a rimless baking sheet, both kitchen workhorses in their own right.

**W**HEN IT COMES TO KITCHEN GADGETS AND equipment, my motto is “buy first; think later.” And if I perceive any threat of scarcity or lost opportunity—say it's the last hour of an estate sale and another shopper hovers over that vintage egg beater—I'm likely to grab it, rusty handle and all.

But right after New Year's, as I put away the holiday decorations and take a vow of simplicity (again), my mind turns to overstuffed kitchen cabinets and my hands turn to culling.

Like an admissions officer at a selective college, I evaluate everything from oyster forks to covered casseroles, asking “Why should I give you a spot in my drawer? What do you contribute to our diverse kitchen community?”

My review is holistic. I consider how often I use the gadget or piece of equipment, how many “talents” it has and how easy it is to clean (extra points if most parts go in the dishwasher). And if it's got nostalgic value or delivers my favorite comfort foods—I love



## TOP RECRUITS

When it comes to certain types of kitchen equipment, I apply the more-the-merrier standard. In the measuring department, I have three sets of stainless steel measuring cups, three sets of measuring spoons and 4 large glass cups with spouts and lids, which double as mixing bowls.

Excessive? Maybe, but until I master the art of cleaning up as I go, I'm willing to cede drawer space to these handy tools.

For the same reason, I make room for a gaggle of tongs, a bevy of whisks and a stand of wooden spoons and spatulas. To round out the crowd, I keep two vegetable peelers, a handled Microplane zester for small grating jobs and a cool 3-sided box Microplane (from a hardware store!) when I need lots of lemon zest and a mound of feathery Parmesan.

## WAIT LIST

There are some pieces of equipment that I put on the wait list every year. I keep thinking that the toaster oven will come in handy for that extra green bean casserole at Thanksgiving, but it hasn't yet. And truth

is, when I want toast for a crowd, I just spread the bread on a baking sheet and run it under the broiler.

The Soda Stream seemed like the ideal solution when our family's insatiable thirst for seltzer conflicted with our desire to cut down on plastic bottles. But alas our fizzy water stage has run its course.

And while I've relegated the chinoise strainer and mandoline slicer to one cabinet's top shelf, I cling to the notion that the high price I paid for them was not for naught.

## LEGACIES

The best money I ever spent was on a 7¼-quart round Le Creuset Dutch oven. Even though this enamel-over-cast-iron beauty weighs a ton and takes up one-third of a deep drawer, I will go to my dying day believing that for soups, stews, pasta, braises and even bread, there's nothing better.

My children, however, seemed underwhelmed when I announced that this pot, along with a tricked-out stand mixer, constitutes their inheritance.

Deciding which items merit a spot in my kitchen is a tough task, but this January ritual gets my New Year off to a good start ... and it clears out space for that Instant Pot Ultra I plan to snag at the President's Day sales. ♦

*Laura traces her love of all things culinary to the first time she leafed through her mother's Betty Crocker's Cooky Book—which still occupies a place of honor among her 700+ cookbooks. A passionate supporter of local food, she co-founded a farmers market, judges area food contests, and anticipates restaurant openings with the excitement most people reserve for winning a Mega Millions jackpot.*



## Kitchen Helpers: Funny or Fabulous?

We cooks are an idiosyncratic bunch when it comes to favorite kitchen equipment. My friend Kath, a deviled egg addict, tells me she can't live without her rapid egg cooker. For Liz, it's the Veggie Bullet that shreds, slices and spiralizes in seconds. Juli credits her plug-in skillet with saving family dinner, and my cousin Eileen swears by her electric tea kettle.

Read on for a list of new-ish kitchen helpers I've found in culinary shops, quirky catalogs and the homes of my cooking buddies. You might just find your new favorite ... or at least get a good laugh!

**Obol Never-soggy Cereal Bowl:** With cereal on one side, milk on the other and a spiral slide connecting the two, this bowl solves the perennial breakfast problem.

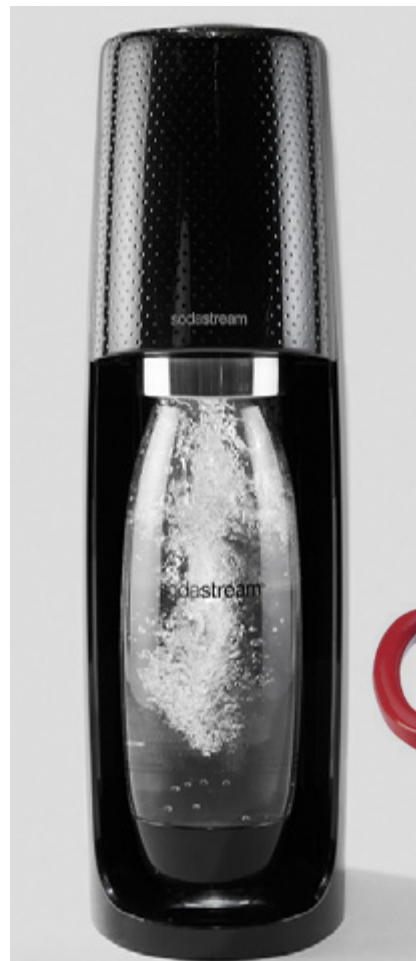
**The Golden Goose:** Scramble eggs right in the shell, and tone your upper body at the same time. Watch the YouTube video for this one!

**Instant Pot Ultra 10-in-1 Multi-function cooker:** A true jack-of-all-trades, it's a pressure cooker, slow cooker, rice cooker, yogurt maker, cake maker, warmer, steamer, saute-r, egg cooker and sterilizer. No wonder it's the "It" girl of appliances.

**2-in-1 Mason Cash Varsity Ceramic Rolling Pin and Flour Shaker:** A rolling pin, ruler and flour shaker all in one hollow cylinder. Wait—shouldn't it be called 3-in-1?

**SpreadTHAT! Butter knife:** Cold butter meets its match! Body heat gets transferred to the serrated knife's edge, so you don't need elbow grease to spread butter, cream cheese and jam with ease.

**Frieling (and other brands) Sous Vide Stick:** Sous vide is a French term meaning "under vacuum." Food is placed in a vacuum-sealed bag and dropped in a water bath to cook. The sous vide stick clamps on to the side of a pot, heats the water and circulates it to maintain the ideal cooking temperature. The great advantage: food never overcooks.



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# Culinary Vision Sets the Pace *in West Chester*

Story by Malcolm Johnstone | Photos by Timlyn Vaughan

## EVEN A WELL-KNOWN DINING DESTINATION HAS ROOM FOR MORE.

CALIFORNIA HAS ITS VINEYARDS AND WINERIES, but in Pennsylvania it's the craft beer industry that's sweeping the Commonwealth. In fact, PA ranks #7 in craft breweries per state and that latest number is always rising as more open.

As Iron Hill Brewery and Restaurant approaches its 20th anniversary in downtown West Chester, who would have thought that opening a craft beer-centered restaurant would lead to launching West Chester as a popular destination for dining?

Now West Chester is well known for being a place to go to gather with friends and family, to grab an after-work drink, to mark a milestone with a celebratory meal, or just to enjoy the amazing variety of restaurants in the compact downtown district.

Visit any of the 65 eateries and bars to enjoy a memorable meal. And then come back again ... to sample more places!

Almost as surprising, each year brings more new dining options to enjoy—from world-class dining, to even more beer-focused spots, to new additions to the ethnic cuisine bonanza, to healthy spots and kid-friendly cafés.

West Chester has it all. I hope you find some new favorites!

### A NEW STAR IS BORN, AN OLD FAVORITE REBORN

The eminent Philadelphia restaurant critic Craig LaBan gave downtown West Chester's newest fine dining restaurant three stars—meaning “special, excels in most every category of the dining experience.” That was his assessment of *Andiario* (106

West Gay Street), which, he anointed “the suburbs’ best new restaurant.”

The credit for offering exceptional fine dining goes to Chef Anthony Andiario, who, along with his partner Maria van Schaijik, chose to relocate from Arizona and open their dream restaurant in West Chester. Their dreams have proven to be gastronomically sweet with reviewers raving about the “epic” thick pork chop cooked over oak flames and the “magical” hand-rolled pastas. Go taste for yourself ... if you can get a reservation.

A star is reborn at the other end of Gay Street. Organic. Sustainable. Farm-to-table. That's how Daniel Merola, the new owner of *Roots Café* (133 East Gay Street), describes this West Chester favorite. “We're always seeking to build relationships with Brandywine Valley farms and food suppliers,” he says. “It allows us to create a rotating menu consisting of local and sustainable ingredients.” The menu certainly reflects this, aiming to satisfy vegetarians and meat-eaters alike.

Coupled with the farm-fresh food that even the most discriminating diner will be delighted with is the intimate atmosphere of the charming dining room. Friends tend to linger uninterrupted by the noise and bustle of daily activities. Crafted drinks are also served, along with fine wines by the glass. And with nice weather, the rear outdoor patio becomes a pleasant refuge.

### ROOM FOR MORE BEER

New to the craft beer scene is *Appalachian Brewing Company* (142 East Market Street). Known simply as ABC to its growing number of friends, this is a spot



Roots Café has a new owner but the same great vibe.



Andiario is the new star in town.



Appalachian Brewing Company offers two floors of good times.





Miss Winnie's has Jamaican jerk and much more.

is done with good taste and our customers' enjoyment in mind," says Bert. "Nothing pleases us more than happy people." Miss Winnie's offers eat-in and take-out.

Moving around the corner to its new location on Gay Street, Que Rico Homemade Ice Cream Bar and Latin Grill (39 West Gay Street) brings Latin flavor from such places as Mexico, El Salvador and the Dominican Republic. And the food lives up to its name: que rico means "delicious."

The selections can be mixed and matched with food from different locales and enjoyed in the casual atmosphere of the dining space or for take-out. Don't forget dessert—also good as a refreshing snack—from the Tropical Ice Cream Bar!

### HEALTHY AND TASTY

When Evan Ross conceived Liquid Eatery (18 North High Street), he wanted to offer more than just a vegan smoothie bar. "By mixing fresh ingredients with unlikely superfoods, we are able to craft brand new menu items loaded with healthy, nutritious eats and drinks," says Evan. "We strive to create dishes in ways never before imagined."

Particularly fun is the signature hand-rolled ice cream, where liquid becomes ice before your eyes and is then scraped into ice cream rolls. Many items are vegan, gluten free and non-GMO and convenient for dine-in or take-out. Plus it's easy to mix and match a refreshing meal with a veggie or fruit smoothie. Says Evan: "It's by no means fast-food. Instead, it's health-food made fast."

to enjoy a wide array of crafted beers, specially crafted by the brewing team, known simply as Scott, John and Matt. Also try the crafted soda that adds to the family-friendly atmosphere.

On the menu you'll find crowd-pleasers like old-fashioned potato and cheese pierogies, Beef on Weck (that's prime rib piled high on a kimmelweck roll) plus hand-made tater tots, perfect for dipping in ranch sauce.

And stay tuned. There just may be another new place to quench your thirst opening soon.

### ETHNIC CUISINE

When Bert Johnson left the corporate world, he enlisted the help of his son Nick to open Miss Winnie's (211 East Market Street). It's now West Chester's first Caribbean restaurant, serving authentic Jamaican jerk and paying homage to Bert's mother and Nick's grandmother. Nick remembers the delicious recipes, as well as his grandmother's welcoming spirit that made everyone feel right at home.

You'll find a wide variety of dishes made to satisfy any taste—from jerk burgers, chicken, wings, pork and plantains, to the finest Jamaican desserts and refreshing drinks. "At Miss Winnie's, everything we do



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Bango Bowls has plenty of healthy options



When it comes to the term “fast-food,” Bango Bowls (109 West Gay Street) is giving the industry a whole new meaning with their delicious bowls and smoothies. What started as a dream to make and taste the difference between mediocrity and excellence, quickly turned into a personalized, mood-boosting experience.

“Our mission is to provide our customers with the best-tasting, healthy food products in a fast and affordable way,” says owner Katrina Sandstrom. “We use the freshest ingredients possible so our customers can fuel their bodies and their souls to thrive throughout the day.”

Their menu features a variety of health-friendly and tempting options, from the standard Bango Bowl (frozen açai topped with granola, seasonal fruit and honey) to The Big Island Poke Bowl (marinated salmon topped with veggies and cucumber wasabi sauce) and everything in between.

#### FOR KIDS

“We like to describe it as a kid café that’s parent friendly,” says Lisa Elliott, co-owner of Lulu’s Casita (109 North High Street). That pretty much sums up what you see there. Kids discover what must feel like a nearly endless romper room, while moms and dads sit in the nearby café with snacks, coffee and free Wi-Fi.

There’s also a bi-lingual story time and music circle so youngsters can learn as they play. And of course kids’ birthday parties are welcomed. Plus, it’s not just fun and games for the kids. Parents get their chance with a BYO Happy Hour on Friday evenings. ♦



Lulu's Casita for kids and parents

For more information about West Chester dining, visit [DowntownWestChester.com](http://DowntownWestChester.com).

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# Other Dining Options in West Chester

## BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND MORE

**Buddy's Burgers, Breasts & Fries** (11 W. Gay St., 484-631-1006; [BuddySBBF.com](http://BuddySBBF.com)) makes great burgers, boardwalk-quality fries, amazing chicken sandwiches and thick milkshakes.

**The Classic Diner** (16 E. Gay St., 484-947-0809; [TheClassicDinerPA.com](http://TheClassicDinerPA.com)) serves generous portions of breakfast and lunch. Not your typical "diner food."

**The Couch Tomato Café** (31 W. Gay St., 484-887-0241; [TheCouchTomato.com](http://TheCouchTomato.com)) offers soups, sandwiches, pizza and snacks that are organic, all-natural and non-GMO.

**Country Bagel** (145 E. Gay St., 610-696-8890; [CountryBagel.com](http://CountryBagel.com)) makes their own bagels from scratch every morning as well as their own muffins, pastries and cookies. Serving breakfast and lunch.

**De Starr's Restaurant & Bar** (112 E. Gay St., 610-692-4160) is where locals go for a good meal and a good deal. Greek dishes, a specialty.

**La Baguette Magique** (202 W. Market St., 610-620-4279; [MagicBaguette.com](http://MagicBaguette.com)) is a traditional French bakery and café featuring hand-made breads, breakfast pastries, lunch and desserts.

**The Lincoln Room** (28 W. Market St., 610-696-2102; [LincolnRoomWestChester.com](http://LincolnRoomWestChester.com)) is in one of West Chester's most famous historic structures. Enjoy a mid-day meal served in the classic style of fine American tea rooms.

**Lorenzo and Son's Pizza** (27 N. High St., 484-999-8756; [LorenzoAndSons.com](http://LorenzoAndSons.com)) is known for their giant slices of pizza, extra large pies, specialty sandwiches and more.

**Love Again Local** (18 S. Church St., 484-266-7381; [LoveAgainLocal.com](http://LoveAgainLocal.com)) serves plant-based, clean, healthy sandwiches—vegan GMO-free meats, cheeses and a Love Chunk Vegan Cookie for dessert.

**Market Street Grill** (6 W. Market St., 610-429-5328; [MarketStreetGrillWC.com](http://MarketStreetGrillWC.com)) is a popular breakfast and lunch café getting raves for their avocado omelettes and breakfast burritos.

**Nudy's Café** (300 W. Market St., 610-696-4550; [NudysCafes.com](http://NudysCafes.com)) is a crowd-pleasing local breakfast and lunch chain with tons of choices.

**Penn's Table** (100 W. Gay St., 610-696-0677; [PennsTableRestaurant.com](http://PennsTableRestaurant.com)) serves breakfast and lunch in a warm, comfortable atmosphere.

**Pure Fire Pizza** (30 S. High St., 484-887-8713; [PureFirePizza.com](http://PureFirePizza.com)) delivers a world-class experience with the most natural, organic, sustainable and freshest ingredients on your pure perfect pizza.

**Rams Diner** (907 S. High St., 610-701-8080; [RamsDiner.com](http://RamsDiner.com)) offers breakfast, lunch and dinner 24-hours/day with a children's and senior's menu.

**Rize Pizza** (124 E. Market St., 484-473-8924; [RizePizza.com](http://RizePizza.com)) offers the "Rize" style crust, light and

airy with a toasted sesame seed bottom. Come in and try one of their delicious sandwiches, salads or homemade desserts.

**Saucey** (12 E. Market St., 610-696-9770; [SauceyOfWestChester.com](http://SauceyOfWestChester.com)) is an authentic South Philadelphia pizzeria in the heart of West Chester. Saucey offers the best products made fresh daily.

## AND FOR DINNER ...

**Barnaby's of West Chester** (15 S. High St., 610-696-1400; [BarnabysWestChester.com](http://BarnabysWestChester.com)) serves comfort food, ice cold drafts, perfect cocktails.

**Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant** (3 W. Gay St., 610-738-9600; [IronHillBrewery.com/WestChester](http://IronHillBrewery.com/WestChester)) is known for a great selection of fresh-brewed beer and fresh, delicious food.

**Kildare's Irish Pub** (18-22 W. Gay St., 610-431-0770; [KildaresPub.com](http://KildaresPub.com)) has an extensive whiskey selection, monthly 4-course beer dinners and is a convenient spot for business lunches.

**Landmark Americana** (158 W. Gay St., 610-701-9900; [LandmarkAmericana.com](http://LandmarkAmericana.com)) is an upscale-casual restaurant and sports bar with contemporary design and a menu to match.

**Pietro's Prime** (125 W. Market St., 484-760-6100; [PietrosPrime.com](http://PietrosPrime.com)) serves only Pureland Premium Black Angus Beef and great martinis.

**Rams Head Bar & Grill** (40 E. Market St., 484-631-0241; [RamsHeadBarAndGrill.com](http://RamsHeadBarAndGrill.com)) is an American bar and grill with a comfortable atmosphere and a menu you're sure to like.

**Ryan's Pub & Restaurant** (124 W. Gay St., 610-344-3934; [Ryans-Pub.com](http://Ryans-Pub.com)) is an enjoyable neighborhood pub where you can relax and enjoy good food in a comfortable setting.

**Saloon 151 Whiskey Bar & Grill** (151 W. Gay St., 610-701-8489; [Saloon151.com](http://Saloon151.com)) pairs a serious whiskey menu with slow-cooked meats in a brightly lit space that's lively and attractive.

**Side Bar & Restaurant** (10 E. Gay St., 610-429-8297; [SideBarAndRestaurant.com](http://SideBarAndRestaurant.com)) is a popular place for after-work drinks and appetizers, followed by a great dinner.

**The Social Lounge** (117 E. Gay St., 610-738-3948; [TheSocialWC.com](http://TheSocialWC.com)) specializes in Cajun creations, signature handcrafted cocktails and live entertainment.

**Spence Cafe** (131 N. High St., 610-918-1272; [SpenceCafe.com](http://SpenceCafe.com)) is a BYOB serving quality meats and seafood, along with locally sourced produce.

**Spicy Pig Cafe** (234 W. Market St., 484-999-2150; [SpicyPigCafe.com](http://SpicyPigCafe.com)) offers burgers, sandwiches and Thai dishes as well as vegan and vegetarian fare.

**Split Rail Tavern** (15 N. Walnut St., 484-999-8805; [SplitRailTavern.com](http://SplitRailTavern.com)) serves locally sourced food, craft beer and cocktails.

## INTERNATIONAL CHOICES

**Bar Avalon** (116 E. Gay St., 610-436-4100; [AvalonRestaurant.net](http://AvalonRestaurant.net)) is a neighborhood restaurant and bar serving modern Italian cuisine.

**Bon Bon Sushi** (22 N. Darlington St., 610-696-3069; [BonBonSushi.com](http://BonBonSushi.com)) offers maki rolls and Asian burritos made with fresh ingredients.

**Dolce Zola** (134 E. Gay St., 484-887-0760; [DolceZola.com](http://DolceZola.com)) serves fresh, home-made pasta and sauces made from scratch on the premises.

**High Street Caffe & Vudu Lounge** (322 S. High St., 610-696-7435; [HighStreetCaffe.com](http://HighStreetCaffe.com)) has a funky-eclectic atmosphere, plus specialties like Cajun gator and gumbo.

**Kooma Japanese Restaurant** (123 N. Church St., 610-430-8980; [KoomaRestaurants.com](http://KoomaRestaurants.com)) is a hip fusion sushi bar with stylish décor, serving fresh sushi, sashimi, maki and more.

**Limoncello Ristorante** (9 N. Walnut St., 610-436-6230; [LimoncelloWC.com](http://LimoncelloWC.com)) offers authentic, home-cooked, southern Mediterranean cuisine, plus a great patio. Try the lunch buffet.

**Más Mexicali Cantina's** (102 E. Market St., 610-918-6280; [WestChester.MasCantina.com](http://WestChester.MasCantina.com)) hip cantina ambience sets the stage for family favorites like spicy tacos, veggies and tofu, too. Great roof-top views.

**The Mediterranean** (150 W. Gay St., 610-431-7074; [TheMedWCPA.com](http://TheMedWCPA.com)) is a comfortable BYOB known for authentic ethnic dishes.

**Mercato Italian Ristorante & Bar** (33 W. Market St., 610-701-6326; [Mercato33.com](http://Mercato33.com)) offers casual dining with a southern Italian influence.

**Opa Opa** (122 E. Gay St., 484-266-7106; [OpaOpaGR.com](http://OpaOpaGR.com)) offers quick, fresh and authentic Greek food including gyros, souvlaki, platters, salads and more.

**Pho Xua Vietnamese Noodle & Tea House** (237 E. Gay St., 484-947-5772; [PhoXuaNoodles.com](http://PhoXuaNoodles.com)) specializes in pho, banh mi, spring rolls, egg rolls, Vietnamese coffee, black bubble milk tea and more.

**Rai Rai Ramen & Hawaiian BBQ** (124 E. Market St., 610-738-8808; [On Facebook](http://OnFacebook)) serves ramen noodles and Hawaiian barbecue.

**Shawarma** (38 E. Market St., 610-436-1500) has authentic shawarma served fresh. The beef and lamb platter with Tahini sauce is recommended.

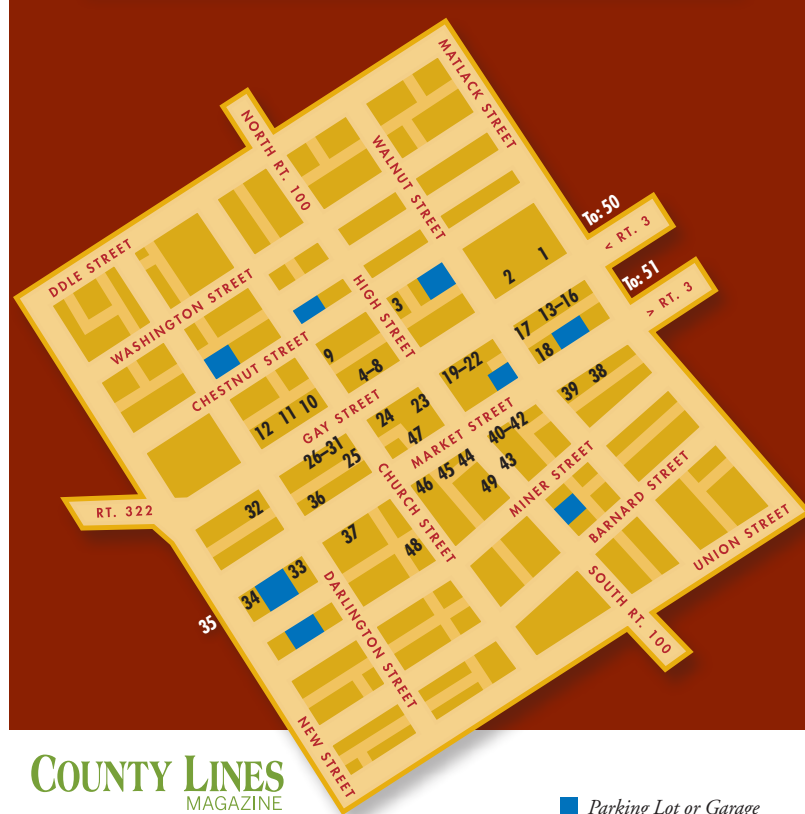
**Star of India Restaurant's** (155 W. Gay St., 610-429-0125) simple décor sets the mood for exotic meals of northern Indian fare.

**Teca** (38 E. Gay St., 610-738-8244; [TecaWC.com](http://TecaWC.com)) offers a light-fare, tapas-style menu, paninis and Italian specialties.

**Tsunami Bistro** (10 W. Market St., 610-430-3300; [TsunamiBistro.com](http://TsunamiBistro.com)) serves Japanese and Thai cuisine in a casual environment. ♦

See the 2018 Dining Guide in this issue for many more dining destinations in County Lines Country.

## DOWNTOWN WEST CHESTER



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### Welcome To The Lincoln Room





## Best of the Best 2019

OUR LOCAL DINING SCENE CONTINUES TO EVOLVE AT AN ASTONISHING RATE!

In our 15th year of highlighting the best our area has to offer, we are once again in awe. We found so much to celebrate—from a new shining star serving heavenly delights to a shop with the best little pies. There are the buzzworthy spots, places to watch and those that got national recognition.

In your dining this year, we urge you to sample great places for breakfast with friends, a leisurely lunch and an Italian family dinner. Sip surprising cider, notable gin and new local spirits. Visit three places with perfect pizza and taverns that are in 2.0 mode. Plus some of the best sources for bacon, donuts, jerky and warm cookies. And more places for outstanding craft beer.

Read these pages to find your new favorites. But most important: dine local and often this year.

*Check our website for more on restaurants, food news, recipes, beer, wine and more. [CountyLinesMagazine.com](http://CountyLinesMagazine.com).*



Shining Star

ANDIARIO

106 W. Gay St., West Chester  
484-887-0919 / [Andiario.com](http://Andiario.com)

If you haven't heard the raves about the new star on Chester County's fine dining scene, let us introduce you to Andiario, from acclaimed Chef/owner Anthony Andiario, whose resume is too long for this introduction. Garnering accolades from restaurant critics (Craig LaBan's pick for the "suburbs' best new restaurant"), national and regional publications (*Bon Appetit* interview; #12 on *Philly Mag's* top 50), this white-tablecloth restaurant's focused New American menu—featuring four Beginnings, three Pastas, three Proteins—changes depending on local ingredients and the chef's creativity. What doesn't change is divine, inventive handmade pastas, with names some nonnas might not recognize (corzetti, nicchi, caombas). Look for dishes accented with "foragings from the forest floor" and exotic touches like tenerumi. Ask to be wait-listed for a coveted reservation.

People Are Talking About

VERBENA BYOB

102 E. State St., Kennett Square  
484-732-7932 / [VerbenaBYOB.com](http://VerbenaBYOB.com)

Kennett Square's dining scene is amped up—especially for those of us who also eat with our eyes (check the YouTube video). In

under a year, Verbena has become an Instagram hit and dining destination, with descriptions of "magician" and "master" for Chef/owner Scott Morozin, a CIA-trained chef with a storied history at several top Philly kitchens. The small dining room, formerly La Madera, serves a tightly curated, refined American menu that's locally sourced and frequently changing. Such talent in the kitchen mandates the Chef's Tasting menu. Return diners rave about the baklava, ribeye and Lancaster farms chicken, but why not try Gun Powder Tea Glazed Skate? Plus, the chef's mother often greets guests, and there's no year-long waiting list.

LOUETTE'S BYO

106 Bridge St., Phoenixville  
484-924-9906 / [LouettesBYO.com](http://LouettesBYO.com)

The most recent addition to Phoenixville's restaurant row, Louette's 60-seat cozy dining room and patio space (formerly Marly's) comes from Chef Steve Howells, veteran of several Michelin-starred and top Philly restaurants. Featuring small plates—not appetizer tapas, but smaller versions of entrees—the menu offers categories of Simples, Noodles, Conversation Starters and More Like Mains, plus the option to customize a four-course tasting menu (\$45). The locally sourced eclectic menu puts creative spins on familiar dishes while encouraging diners to experiment with choices like fermented pickle jar, charred broccolini, perfect pastas, shaved pork belly, caramelized cauliflower steak and hand-torn

scallops. Check in for Meatless Mondays and specials like rabbit saddle stuffed with chestnut, ham and rabbit mousse, dirty rice, butternut squash.

Buzzworthy

THE BERCY

7 E. Lancaster Ave., Ardmore  
610-589-0500 / [TheBercy.com](http://TheBercy.com)

There's a new buzzy spot on the eastern Main Line to see and be seen. You'll feel glamorous just entering the glitzy converted bank building (site of Primavera Kitchen) in Ardmore, now an elegant brasserie channeling Parc on Rittenhouse Square. And that's no surprise since Stephen Starr alumni Justin Weathers and Joe Monnish (Exton's El Pastor) are behind this 210-seat beauty with a 40-seat marble bar, teal banquettes and bistro chairs. Sip your French 75 before ordering decadent onion soup, steak frites, cassoulet, bouef bourguignon or other classics accompanied by a selection of French wines and topped off by crème brûlée, tarte tatin or soufflé. It's both date-night-worthy and worth the drive.

EDDIE V'S PRIME SEAFOOD

670 W. DeKalb Pk., King of Prussia  
610-337-7823 / [EddieV.com](http://EddieV.com)

With locations from Arizona to Virginia and the first in the Philly area, Eddie V's is a classic expense-account and special-occasion seafood and steak restaurant in King of Prussia that

checks all the boxes. Oyster bar, caviar selections, shellfish tower, surf and turf (\$87), hand-cut steaks, a la carte sides and flaming desserts. There's live jazz in the V Lounge, happy hour with hand-shaken cocktails (not stirred?) and 300 wine choices. With 247 seats, private dining rooms with full tech, and valet parking, high rollers from nearby Valley Forge Casino are likely to roll on over.

TERRAIN CAFÉ AT DEVON

138 Lancaster Ave., Devon  
610-590-4675 / [ShopTerrain.com/Devon-Restaurant](http://ShopTerrain.com/Devon-Restaurant)

At last! Main Liners no longer have to trek to Glen Mills to enjoy the charms of Terrain Café. The new setting adjacent to the Devon Horse Show grounds is home to another exquisite Urban Outfitters production. A charming greenhouse space—light, airy, plant-filled—is the place to lunch, brunch and enjoy dinner. Wait times can be over an hour for a Tuesday lunch! Fans will find familiar dishes—mushroom soup, specialty burger, flower pot bread—and locally sourced seasonal treats like the artisanal cheese board, toasts (eggplant, burrata, fig), salads (arugula, beet, kale), small and large plates (steak frites, duck breast, salmon). Wine and extensive drinks menus hold other temptations. End with a chocolate terrarium.

AMIS TRATTORIA

138 W. Lancaster Ave., Devon  
610-590-4782 / [AmisTrattoria.com](http://AmisTrattoria.com)

Devon Yard also brought a Vetri offshoot to the 'burbs with the fourth location of Amis Trattoria. The sleek industrial chic space attracts a fun crowd to its bar and dining rooms for weekend lunch and dinner. The pizettes (personal pizzas) are tempting, though we preferred the summer peach and prosciutto to the fall fig replacement. A full array of apps (Sal's Old School Meatballs) and mains (branzino, pork and lamb chops) fill the menu, but the pastas are the highlight—with a special shout-out for the bucatini with jalapeño and almond pesto and the tonarelli cacio e pepe, beautiful in its simplicity of cheese and pepper. Chocolate lovers order the tartufo for dessert.

National Nods & Nominations

TALULA'S TABLE

102 W. State St., Kennett Square  
610-444-8255 / [TalulasTable.com](http://TalulasTable.com)

About 600 judges, including restaurant critics, food and wine editors, culinary educators and former winners, narrowed 20,000 applicants to a mere 20 semi-finalists for the James Beard Foundation's outstanding restaurant awards. One of them was Talula's Table. So, ask yourself: one year from today—that's the wait time—what are you doing? If your calendar is blank, make a reservation today. (If your timing is flexible, check social media for occasional

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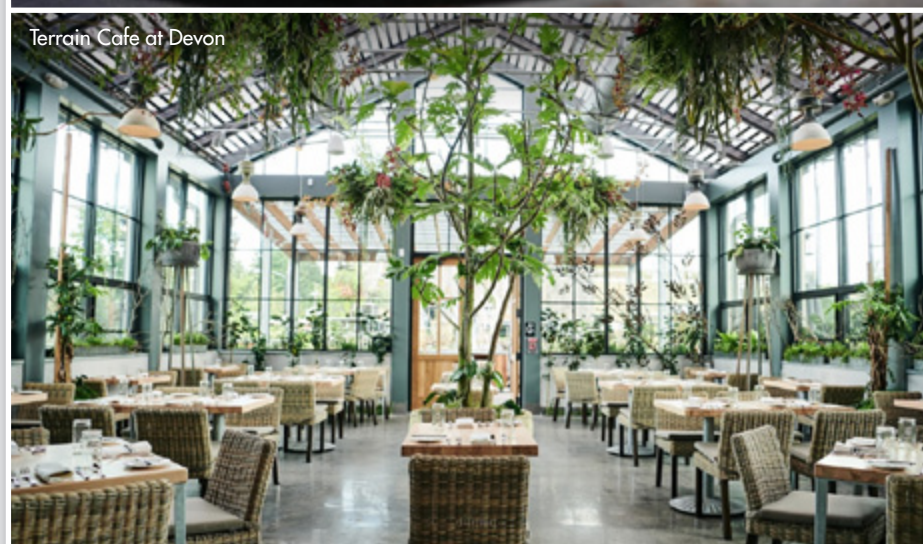
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Eddie V's Prime Seafood



Terrain Cafe at Devon



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Verbena BYOB



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openings.) And prepare for a “super-seasonal” banquet that changes often but is always exceptional. Six months out, you’ll dream about it. Three months out, you’ll think you can taste it. Afterwards—eight courses, from pumpkin soup to lobster risotto to smoked roast beef tenderloins—you won’t forget you ate local and well.

**TERESA’S NEXT DOOR**

124-126 N. Wayne Ave., Wayne  
610-293-9909 / [TerasasNextDoor.com](http://TerasasNextDoor.com)

So much to enjoy. You can go for the beer: there are 28 on tap and hundreds of appropriate glasses. Choose an import, e.g., Moinette Brune from Belgium. Or domestic: perhaps Nitro Merlin from Firestone Walker. Or go local with a selection from Hidden River or Sly Fox: Chester County Brown, maybe. If you can’t find it on draft, choose from about 70 labels in bottles. Or enjoy the wines—about 100 in its cellar—by the

glass or the bottle, from around the globe. Or sample the whiskey—over 300 on the menu—and gin—about 20. No wonder the James Beard Foundation selected Teresa’s Next Door as a 2018 semifinalist in its Outstanding Bar Program. So good and so close to home.

**Places to Watch**

**MAIN & VINE CALIFORNIA BISTRO**

789 E. Lancaster Ave., Villanova  
484-380-3688 / [MainAndVineBistro.com](http://MainAndVineBistro.com)

Find Napa Valley in the Delaware Valley at Main & Vine California Bistro, bringing vine-fresh cooking to the Main Line. The former Ave Kitchen space was redesigned for a modern, open feel, anchored by a 26-seat bar and 12-seat pizza bar—pizza as theater—serving light fluffy Napa-style sourdough pizzas. The menu’s themes include Starters, Sociables for sharing, From the Vine salads, Pizzas and Mains, plus Family Table special menus for each weekday. Other favorites include the Wild Isles salmon (sustainable and delicious) and the black grape and blue cheese pizza with hazelnuts, rosemary and local honey. California beers and wines—at many price points. A lively happy hour and late night dining.

**AVOLA KITCHEN + BAR**

625 N. Morehall Rd., Malvern  
484-328-8584 / [AvolaKitchenAndBar.com](http://AvolaKitchenAndBar.com)

Named after a seaside village in Sicily, Avola serves up a Mediterranean-influenced menu with Old World flavors and farm fresh ingredients. Owned by a group of area restaurateurs (Twenty9, Stephens on State, and more), this new addition to the Great Valley area in Malvern offers small plates, pastas and a pizza lineup—artisanal, Kennett, Diabolo, roast pork—from

a 900-degree oven. A popular happy hour with food and drink specials pulls in the after-work crowd to the high-ceiling modern space. Plenty of local beers on tap, too.

**EPICUREAN GARAGE**

570 Simpson Dr., Chester Springs  
610-615-5189 / [EpicureanGarage.com](http://EpicureanGarage.com)

Honest local eats and cold beer. That’s the promise from owner Lee Krasley (America Bar and Grill, Epicurean) for his new 150-seat, family-friendly, industrial chic eatery in the Eagle Point Village Shopping Center. Serving farm-to-table comfort food along with Root Down beer and BYOWine, the menu has apps, salads, sandwiches, burgers, mains, eggs, shakes and weekend brunch. Whew! There’s lots to read about ingredients and sourcing—homemade sausage from Spring City pork, Jail Island salmon, LeBus bread. The brunch menu has special treats like banana brown sugar macadamia nut waffle, with bananas foster syrup and eggs in hell with Texas chili, black bean salsa, cheddar, Louisiana crystal drizzle, jalapeños, scallions. Fit for an epicurean.

**LIBERTY UNION BAR AND GRILL**

325 Simpson Dr., Chester Springs, 484-359-4061  
519 Kimberton Rd., Phoenixville

484-927-4244 / [LibertyUnionBar.com](http://LibertyUnionBar.com)

They had me at complimentary tater tots, wrote one diner—perhaps a reason for opening the second location in Phoenixville. Tots plus specials—BOGO burgers, free first drink for restaurant folks, quizzo, open mic, live music Fridays and Saturdays—and a menu featuring food from around the country—California wrap to Kennett Square tacos—make this a welcoming hangout with a lively bar and family-friendly dining room. Pick an app—Rhode Island cala-



Chadds Ford Tavern



Eagle Tavern & Taproom

mari or Texan caviar—trendy options like build-your-own quinoa bowl, and American standards (ribeye, salmon, crab cakes) to satisfy everyone. Come for happy hour specials, the featured state of the week (complete with themed starter, sandwich and beverage), and good company.

**Great Expectations**

**ENOTECA TREDICI**

Opening in Downingtown, summer 2019  
[Tredici.com](http://Tredici.com)

If Enoteca Tredici transformed a 5,000-square-foot warehouse in Bryn Mawr into one of the sexiest new restaurants in the Philly area, imagine the magic brewing inside the historic paper mill overlooking the Brandywine in Downingtown—\$1.5mill budgeted for the reno! Known for approachable Mediterranean fare in beautiful spaces, Enoteca Tredici follows Firecreek and Milito’s in the historic site with plans to echo some design features of the Main Line stunner—soaring live trees, expansive central bar. Expect small plates, interesting pizzas inspired by the Zavino sister restaurant, and a strong wine list (a *Philly Mag* best). This 6th location for the Zavino Restaurant Group is a stylish addition to Downingtown dining. Late summer opening.

**At the Mall**

**MISTRAL RESTAURANT**

160 N. Gulph Rd., King of Prussia  
610-768-1630 / [MistralKOP.com](http://MistralKOP.com)

If ever mall food could be taken to another level, it would be at the KOP Mall and at Mistral. From four-time James Beard-nominated Chef Scott Anderson, of acclaimed Mistral in Princeton, this creative, sophisticated, globally

inspired menu elevates the culinary IQ of the entire mall. And while the menu has chicken wings and burgers, Mistral’s are pineapple chili glazed wings and a dry-aged burger with bacon jam. So whether you’re taking a break from shopping or doing destination dining, bring friends to share the small plates of squash beignets, salmon poke, pork belly ramen. There are large plates, but we seldom make it to them. Specialty cocktails, a knowledgeable somm and curated wine list.

**NORTH ITALIA RESTAURANT**

350 Mall Blvd., King of Prussia  
484-751-9000 / [NorthItaliaRestaurant.com](http://NorthItaliaRestaurant.com)

On KOP Mall’s lower level is the first PA location for the hand-stretched pizzas and fresh pasta from North Italia, a chain from James Beard-nominated Sam Fox, also of nearby True Food Kitchen. The 300-seat bright, modern spot opened in October with crave-worthy brunch, lunch, dinner and happy hour (\$20 Board & a Bottle special). The trendy menu includes plenty of apps from chef’s board to grilled cauliflower, pastas from meatballs to squid ink and a specialty Bolognese, dinner entrees from branzino to salmon, with a popular chicken parm, pizzas with a daily special, plus desserts from affogato to tiramisu. Cocktails are similarly hip—Aperol spritzer to the Milano Mule—and a tempting wine list.

**Taverns 2.0**

**CHADDS FORD TAVERN**

1400 Baltimore Pk., Chadds Ford  
484-800-4084 / [CFTavern.com](http://CFTavern.com)

The Colonial tavern ambiance remains at this gathering spot frequented by Wyeths and Weymouths and owned for almost 50 years by Tommy Drane. Updated by new Chef/owner Phil Ferro, with a mission to have the regulars

“yearn to return” while attracting new fans, CFT has much to recommend it. Happy hour seven days a week, two bars, raw bar, private dining, pairing dinners, live entertainment and patio dining planned for spring. If they don’t already have it, Ferro likely will add it. Plenty of apps (tavern lobster chowder), shared plates (flatbreads), tavern classics (crab cakes, steak frites), prime steaks & chops, plus daily specials, decadent desserts (chunky monkey bread pudding) and a 215-year history.

**EAGLE TAVERN & TAPROOM**

123 Pottstown Pk., Chester Springs  
610-458-5331 / [EagleTavern.com](http://EagleTavern.com)

An icon got a makeover when the Eagle Tavern got new owners last year. The neighborhood mainstay with hundreds of years of history—a sign reads “First Established 1727”—is evolving, now offering Paranormal Dinner & Show and beer dinners with nearby East Branch Brewing. A team with ties to Victory Brewing—owner Matt Krieger, Chef Owen Kolva—has updated the interior and the ambitious menu. There are apps, selections from land and sea and garden, plus plats du jour, weekly specials and bar menu. There’s real range—from house pickles to Scotch eggs and Allagash to Yuengling on the beer menu. The second floor taproom is for sports and live music fans.

**Place to Grab a Beer**

**ROOT DOWN BREWING COMPANY**

1 N. Main St., Phoenixville  
484-393-2337 / [RootDownBrewing.com](http://RootDownBrewing.com)

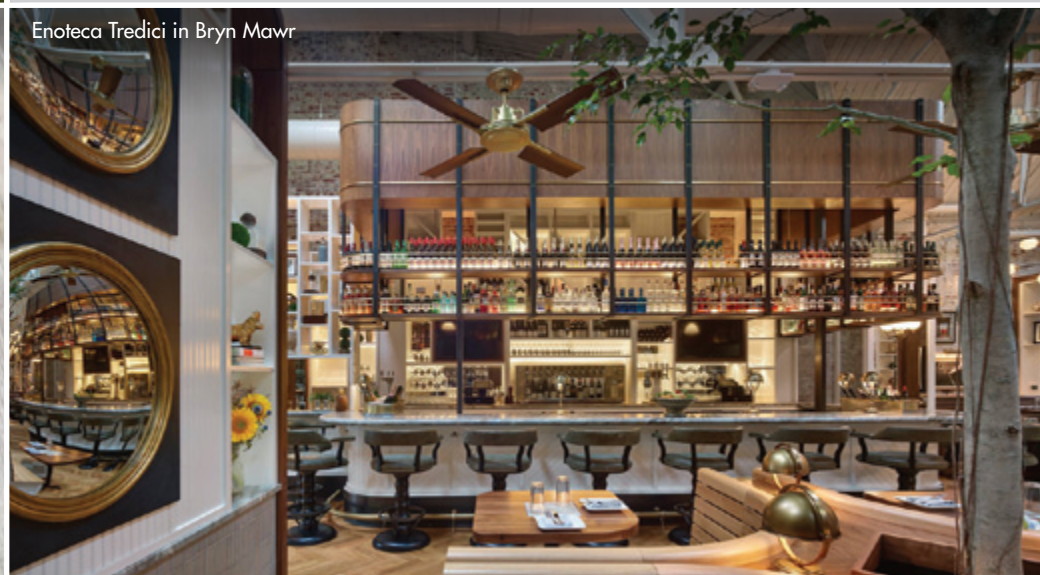
To grab a beer with a friend, head for Chester County’s beer capital—Phoenixville. Among the many choices, Root Down offers special attractions. The big space mixes historic and



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Avola



Enoteca Tredici in Bryn Mawr



hip—exposed brick, graffiti murals, kung fu movies—plus a long welcoming bar and a game space with video games, bubble hockey, corn hole. Add award-winning beers like Bine (Great American Beer Fest gold for American-style IPA; plus silver for Salty by Nature, a gose), along with a strong supporting pub gub menu—from loaded nachos to cauli bites, brisket on a biscuit to vegged out wrap. They also garnered a win for best mid-sized brewpub and brewer of the year. Stop in to see why.

## Taproom

### TAP 24

36 W. State St., Media  
484-442-8839 / Tap24Media.com

We have a soft spot for descriptive names, so a taproom with 24 rotating taps has our number. This relaxed sports bar has much to recommend it beyond the purse hooks and outlets at each bar seat. A short but solid menu offers starters like tots poutine, plus burgers, signature fried chicken, Cubano and BBQ pulled pork. On-tap choices, with strong local representation, run the gamut from lagers to hoppy stuff to dark to sour, barrel-aged and others, along with an extensive drinks list of cans, bottles, cocktails and wine. An On Deck list tempts return visits. The low-key vibe, brick and dark wood interior, plus servers in flannel add to the ambiance.

## New Brewery Concept

### STOLEN SUN CRAFT BREWING & ROASTING COMPANY

342 Pottstown Pk., Exton  
484-879-4161 / StolenSun.com

“Come for the coffee, stay for the beer,” says Stolen Sun Craft Brewing and Roasting

Company. What the slogan doesn't mention is the fabulous food in between. The new combo brewery-“roastery”—eatery gets high marks for all three. The open space, once gym warehouse storage, is set up for a good time with your crowd. Taste an on-site-brewed IPA, plus on-site-roasted coffee and chef's special—a seafood crepe or three-mushroom ramen with broccoli—at colorful wooden tables on the lower level. Play board games, bar-watch over the balcony or peek into the blue-floored brewery from the second floor. Check hours, then go hang out a while.

## Beer Gardens

### THE GABLES AT CHADDS FORD

423 Baltimore Pk., Chadds Ford  
610-388-7700 / TheGablesAtChaddsFord.com

Our area is bursting with breweries and tap-houses—both good things. So what better use of beautiful grounds than to create a warm-weather beer garden. When Kennett's popular pop-up, The Creamery, closed last summer, The Gables occasional beer garden filled the bill. Like the restaurant, the beer garden was simple and elegant, using the beautiful back terrace (or banquet room for rain or heat) for sipping beers, summer berry peach sangria or wine while enjoying the bar menu, featuring favorites like bourbon pulled pork sandwiches, truffle fries and watermelon salad. A s'mores station (with homemade flavored marshmallows), lawn games and great music added to the ambiance. Stay tuned for plans for summer 2019!

### BISTRO ON BRIDGE

208-212 Bridge St., Phoenixville  
610-935-7141 / BistroOnBridge.com

How about a rooftop beer garden? With a 1973 VW beer bus? That's what was

added during the renovation at Bistro on Bridge. The Instagram-worthy second floor Analog Room is a large open space overlooking the heart of Phoenixville—a family-friendly spot with a retro vibe, picnic tables and plenty of games, including vintage *Pac-Man* and *Frogger*. There's indoor space—with sofa and fireplace—protected by two large retractable garage doors. Enjoy a wide selection of canned beer, plus vintage cocktails and frozen drinks. Sample Bistro's satisfying menu, too.

### SUBURBAN RESTAURANT AND BEER GARDEN

570 Wellington Square, Exton  
610-458-2337 / SuburbanBG.com

Putting its devotion to beer gardens in its name, Suburban Restaurant and Beer Garden also honors all things local, including PA craft beer and spirits—don't ask for a shot of Cuervo here. Chef/owner Eric Yost comes by his local roots honestly, with stints at White Dog and the former Wyebrook Farm restaurant, both adherents to sustainable sourcing. His beer garden cred is also well earned, with a menu featuring faves like Bavarian pretzel with IPA mustard, pork schnitzel and bratwurst. Recently expanding the Suburban brand to include a nano-brewery in Honey Brook, Yost added his own brews to a strong lineup on tap—all the local suspects, plus Hijinx, Funk and Fegley's from around the Commonwealth.

### PINOCCHIO'S RESTAURANT & BEER GARDEN TO GO

131 E. Baltimore Ave., Media  
610-566-7767 / PinPizza.com

Beer Garden To Go is a different take on the community gathering space at the heart of the concept, but Pinocchio's does everything to

make beer fans happy. It's the first bottle shop in DelCo, now open until 1 a.m. on Monday–Saturday, with 25 beers on draft, 200 craft and international options, and about 1000 choices overall. So order a draft from the hometown brews selections and get advice from the knowledgeable staff to help fill your six-pack to go as you wait for your take-out pizza. Then take your movable beer garden to-go home and kick back. Or enjoy the new deck upstairs.

## Beer with a Purpose

### SLY FOX BREWING COMPANY

520 Kimberton Rd., Phoenixville, 610-935-4540  
331 Circle of Progress Dr., Pottstown  
484-300-4644 / SlyFoxBeer.com

Beer and curing childhood cancer? Why not. This special pairing is why we celebrate the partnership of Sly Fox with Alex's Lemonade Stand. Available this past April–August, the spring seasonal, Alex's Lemon Wheat Ale, was an inspiring, bright, refreshing, unfiltered pale wheat ale, with real lemon oil and lemon zest, plus natural flavors—a tribute to the original lemonade stand. A portion of the proceeds on sales was donated to support Alex's mission to find cures for all types of childhood cancer. Best enjoyed while wearing something lemon yellow. Look for its return this May.

## Cider

### DRESSLER ESTATE

Available at local retailers / DresslerEstate.com  
With crowd-sourced start-up funds, a first cider-versary, participation in Philly's first Cider Week, and a shout-out from Craig LaBan, Dressler Estates deserves recognition. Brian and

Olga Dressler began in 2012 as homebrewers who evolved into cider makers working magic with yeast and apples. Their champagne yeast produces a pret-nat-style of hazy sparkling cider with fine bubbles, while their popular still cider is a clear, pale straw color with a dry, apple-forward aroma—far from cloying, overly sweet apple wine. These crisp, distinct ciders are well worth sipping and sharing. All hail this welcome addition to the local craft beverage scene in a state that's the 4th largest grower of apples.

## Gin

### REVIVALISTS GIN

350 Warwick Rd., Elverson  
610-901-3668 / RevivalistSpirits.com/Bistro

Gin is in, and small batch gin is big, natch. With a portfolio of gins reflecting our changing tastes during each season, Dan and Scott Avellino's Revivalist Gins, produced at Brandywine Branch Distilleries' 19th-century stone barn, continue to garner accolades. The winter Solstice gin—with dried cherry, orange peel and ginger, finished in red wine barrels to a surprising millennial rose gold tone—earned 92 points from *Wine Enthusiast*. And in 2018, Equinox—light, fresh and citrusy with hints of mint and spring—won double golds in the New York World Spirits competition. For those whose gin-sperience is limited to G&Ts, try the jalapeño infused Dragon Dance—“a wild ride of taste and botanical adventure.”

## New Spirits

### PENNSYLVANIA DISTILLING CO.

50 Three Tim Rd., Malvern  
484-568-4920 / PennDistilling.com

Opened in August, this grain-to-glass distillery is the Main Line's first, though not Chester County's (there's Brandywine Branch, Manatawny and Bluebird distilleries). Not to be confused with Fishtown's *Philadelphia* Distilling (makers of famed Bluecoat Gin), Pennsylvania Distilling Co. is one of the new stops on the growing local Craft Distilling and Spirits Trail. The small-batch spirits are handmade with passion and care by owners Joseph Amoroso and Richard Buoni, who adhere to old-fashioned principles of distilling from scratch with all natural ingredients. Visit the tasting room or take a tour to sample flights or specialty cocktails—try the Malvern Mule or This Is Not a Negroni—with rye whiskey, vodka, light and dark rum, plus gin. Help them reach their goal of 1,000 cases their first year.

## Whiskey Bar

### RIPPLEWOOD WHISKEY & CRAFT

29 E. Lancaster Ave., Ardmore  
610-486-7477 / RipplewoodBar.com

Already earning a nickname, the Ripp, next to Ardmore Music Hall, is another reason to head east—yes, there's more than Tired Hands Brewing in Ardmore. Two floors of throwback American comfort food complemented by creative craft cocktails—Buzzed Bunny, Jorge Clooney, Millionaire Juice Box—plus beer, wine and cider, if you must. The changing menu is heavy on bar snacks and sharables with the pretzeled Parker House rolls (whipped truffle butter) and Ripp fries (fondue, jalapeño, brisket) as standouts. The burger (gouda, Lebanon bologna, special sauce) is legendary—might be the best you've ever had. Save room for the Brookie—brownie, chocolate chip cookie combo in a hot skillet with ice cream.



Root Down Brewing Co.



The Gables at Chadds Ford Beer Garden



Bistro on Bridge



Dressler Estate Cider



Revivalist Gin - Equinox



PA Distilling Co. - Rye Whiskey





Great American Pub



Tavola Restaurant + Bar



Black Powder Tavern



Appetites on Main

## New Winery

### 1723 VINEYARDS

5 McMaster Blvd., Landenberg  
888-330-0526 / 1723Vineyards.com

Fifth-generation farmers and first-generation wine makers Sarah and Ben Cody profess a passion for great wine and working with their hands. So they planted 11 acres in historic New London township (chartered in 1723, hence the name) with varietals that thrive in the region. Sharing their wine in an on-site tasting room, farm-to-table wine pairing dinners with a neighboring farm, and a wine club offering special releases, they're building a loyal following. Sample their range of craft wines from albariño and chambourcin to their favorite, cabernet franc, the one they believe most captures the terroir of their vineyard. Can you taste the intense aroma of pepper and eucalyptus colliding with dark chocolate flavors against lightly charred, cedar oak?

## Brunch Cocktail

### TAVOLA RESTAURANT + BAR

400 W. Sproul Rd., Springfield  
610-543-2100 / Tavalas.com

A great brunch needs a great Bloody Mary, and Tavola's Garden Bloody Mary has legs. After being named the People's Choice Best Bloody Mary in America at the 2014 Food Network's *Chopped!* Wine and Food Festival, this brunch mainstay was selected as *Drinking in America* blog's 2018 pick for the best in Pennsylvania. And we agree. What distinguishes Chef Irene Moretti's recipe is garden-fresh herbs and veggies plus ingredients like house-made bread

and butter pickles in brine mixed with a secret blend of Absolut peppar and cilantro vodkas, then garnished with a skewered piece of shrimp lejon. You can build your own Bloody Mary at Tavola's popular Sunday brunch, but why?

## Patio Bar

### GREAT AMERICAN PUB BAR + GRILL

148 Bridge St., Phoenixville  
Other locations: Conshohocken, Wayne  
610-917-3333 / TheGreatAmericanPub.com

Although we're fans of the adaptive reuse of the grand old Columbia Hotel, here's a shout-out to an amazing patio dining experience nestled in a space just off Bridge Street in Phoenixville. In the shadow of that historic hotel, this courtyard space with fountain, pergola, string lights and plenty of tables often hosts music in addition to loyal fans. But the highlight is about a dozen adorable covered wooden booths where you can enjoy a special experience—your own island of conviviality. With the name pub, expect great food and apps—like pub beef sliders—plus an extensive menu. Try the Chef Specialties—smoked brisket, smoked carnitas and sweet and smoky baby back ribs. Perfection on the patio!

## Drinks with Friends

### IRON HILL BREWERY & RESTAURANT

3 W. Gay St., West Chester, 610-738-9600  
Over a dozen locations / IronHillBrewery.com

Raise a glass to friends while you lift your fork for a meal at Iron Hill, a favorite watering hole with many area locations. What began as a

birthday gift home-brewing kit is now a restaurant lauded in Craig LaBan's "Best of the 'burbs" in 2017. Patrons flock to the pub after special events—parades and cycling events in West Chester and First Fridays and the Firebird Festival in Phoenixville. Special days and any day pair burgers, pizzas and entrees with their craft beer—seasonal or signature on tap and award-winning bottled reserves. Treat buddies to martinis and Manhattans at indoor or sidewalk seats.

## Drinks After Work

### BLACK POWDER TAVERN

1164 Valley Forge Rd., Wayne  
610-293-9333 / BlackPowderTavern.com

Black Powder Tavern does everything right for after-work drinks. Happy hour pricing is convenient, 5 to 7, Monday through Friday, for draft beers, house wines, classic cocktails, specialty martinis with a menu that goes beyond wings and flatbread. Order poutine, beer-baked pretzel sticks, cheesy devils on horseback and \$8 cheeseburgers. If after-work drinks extend, the full menu offers more small plates, sandwiches, and large plates like cedar plank salmon and NY strip steak. The extensive full drinks menu includes 24 draft beers (Untappd's app has all the updates), seasonal drinks (fall drinks included pumpkin smash), lengthy single malt list, make my mule options, flights, plus more wines and ciders. Raising spirits since 1746 and through 2019.

### COLUMBUS INN

2216 Pennsylvania Ave., Wilmington  
302-571-1492 / ColumbusInn.net

For generations, the Columbus Inn has had a "room where it happens." Invite colleagues for drinks after work at the large tavern room with polished wood bar at one end and TV at the other. Take pals to the porch. Get things done or kick back in comfort at happy hour. Treat someone special to the wine and cheese bar facing a spectacular vault of floor-to-ceiling bottles of wine. Amid sparkling stemware, sink into a seat of luscious red leather and choose from premium spirits, craft cocktails, house wine pours or draft and bottled beer. Then just let it happen ...

## Drinks on the Deck

### THE DESMOND HOTEL

1 Liberty Blvd., Malvern  
610-296-9800 / DesmondGV.com

Looking for a spot to sip wine with a few friends or celebrate happy hour with 50 of your closest colleagues? The Desmond Malvern has you covered. At a clutch of comfy chairs, umbrella table or stool at the outdoor bar, enjoy draft or bottled beers, imported or domestic wines with fare from the seasonal Sunset Grille. Select a signature cocktail: a classic rye Manhattan or a fun-lover's Espresso-tini with Bailey's and Starbucks coffee liqueur. Sudden downpour? No worries, the adjacent Fox & Hounds Pub and spacious lower level lobby with countryside mural have you literally covered, too.

## New Bar Concept

### BURLAP AND BEAN COFFEE

455 W. Baltimore Ave., Media, 484-444-2533  
204 S. Newtown Street Rd., Newtown Square  
484-427-4547 / BurlapAndBean.com

The Burlap and Bean café may be best known for its coffee—organic and roasted in small batches—with three locations in Newtown Square and Media. The music, generally on weekends, also feels fine, down-home and adds to the ambiance. But here we sing the praises of B&B's lemonade bar, which debuted last summer. Made with real lemons, B&B's house-made lemonade has options like muddled strawberries, açai, cucumber and assorted other fruits, berries, herbs and tastes to add to a lieurely summer day. All real, all natural. And colorful! It's oh so refreshing on a hot summer afternoon—and yes, summer will be here sooner than you think. A Pinterest-perfect concept for a non-alcoholic bar, a brilliant alternative to iced and cold brewed coffee.

## Local App for Dining Deals

### LOCALIZED APP

Localized-App.com

It's Friday night. You're in West Chester and looking for something fun to do and a good place to eat. But you're not sure what's hot or not. Localized has the answer. The Localized app—designed and built, well, as you might expect, locally—on your cellphone pinpoints your location and tells you about sales, specials, live music and more at cool places nearby that night and within the next week. Following its pilot in West Chester, Localized is now adding to its base of breweries, restaurants, pizza shops and other types of businesses so you're ready for a night on the town. Or you can always check the Events section and the Best of the Best dining listing on the *County Lines* website!

## Local TV Star

### BROOKLYN GIRL BAKERY

2208 Kimberton Rd., Phoenixville  
610-757-8318 / BrooklynGirlBakery.com

At Brooklyn Girl Bakery, New York City style meets Chester County taste buds and Hollywood excitement. This summer owner Peri Anderson and her teammate won the Netflix *Sugar Rush* reality show's cake challenge and \$10,000 with their show-stopping Brazilian Carnival-inspired devil's food with dulce de leche. Back from Los Angeles, she's still earning accolades here. Without leaving the county, order stunning award-winning party and wedding cakes—sculpted, tiered, filled, frosted, fondant-covered, traditionally round or even shaped like a typewriter or chic purse in flavors including Coney Island Carrot and Madison Square Marble. Described by a fan as "ridiculously gorgeous, ridiculously delicious." Taste for yourself.

## Appetizers

### APPETITES ON MAIN

286 Main St., Exton  
610-594-2030 / AppetitesOnMain.com

Call it Appetizers on Main, given its mastery of the major app food groups. For fried apps—fried calamari, mozzarella sticks, pickles and potatoes. That leads to the crossover fried and potato apps—house specialty bacon cheese fries (shoestring, waffle-cut, tater tots), NOLA fries and crazy potato skins. Next up, the bites group—pretzel or mac & cheese bites, plus cheese-steak eggrolls (although they're a few bites). For classics apps—a wide variety of wings (10 sauces,

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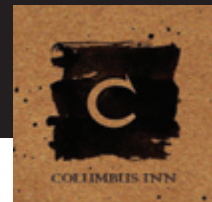
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Keep this guide handy all year long and make a resolution to try as many of these great restaurants as you can!

## SOME OF OUR FAVORITES

### PENNSYLVANIA

#### Avondale

★ **The Farmhouse Restaurant at Loch Nairn**

514 McCue Rd.  
610-268-2235; [LochNairn.com](http://LochNairn.com)

#### Berwyn

★ **30 Main Bistro**

660 Lancaster Ave.  
610-220-2367; [30MainLine.com](http://30MainLine.com)

★ **Nectar**

1091 Lancaster Ave.  
610-725-9000; [TasteNectar.com](http://TasteNectar.com)

#### Birchrunville

★ **Birchrunville Store Cafe**

1403 Hollow Rd.  
610-827-9002; [BirchrunvilleStoreCafe.com](http://BirchrunvilleStoreCafe.com)

#### Bryn Mawr

★ **Bryn + Dane's**

915 W. Lancaster Ave.  
610-527-1787; [BrynAndDanes.com](http://BrynAndDanes.com)

★ **Cerise Craft Steakhouse**

1011 Lancaster Ave.  
610-527-4400; [RestaurantCerise.com](http://RestaurantCerise.com)

★ **Enoteca Tredici**

915 W. Lancaster Ave.  
484-381-0268; [TrediciBM.com](http://TrediciBM.com)  
Opening in Downingtown, summer 2019

★ **Yangming**

1051 Conestoga Rd.  
610-527-3200; [YangmingRestaurant.com](http://YangmingRestaurant.com)  
Always included in "Best Of Awards," this Chinese-fusion rock star offers cuisine to delight your taste buds in a newly renewed and redesigned interior. Jumbo lump crab cakes, firecracker veal and capellini with shrimp are can't-miss choices. Happiness hour, Mon-Fri, 4:30 to 6:30. Also named in Best Chinese Restaurants list in *Travel & Leisure Magazine*. Banquet facilities. Open 7 days.

#### Chadds Ford

★ **Brandywine Prime**

1617 Baltimore Pk. (Rts. 1 & 100)  
610-388-8088; [BrandywinePrime.com](http://BrandywinePrime.com)

★ **Chadds Ford Tavern**

1400 Baltimore Pk.  
484-800-4084; [CFTavern.com](http://CFTavern.com)

★ **The Gables at Chadds Ford**

423 Baltimore Pk.  
610-388-7700; [TheGablesAtChaddsFord.com](http://TheGablesAtChaddsFord.com)  
You'll find a combination of fresh seasonal cuisine, rustic yet elegant charm and enchanting outdoor dining that will keep you coming back time and again. Have a cocktail in the lounge while listening to live piano Thurs, Fri and Sat evenings, or sample the bar menu outside in the fire pit area. Enjoy great Happy Hour specials weekdays from 4:30 to 6:30, including discounts on all beers on the rotating draught list.

#### Chester Springs

★ **Eagle Tavern & Taproom**

123 Pottstown Pk.  
610-458-5331; [EagleTavern.com](http://EagleTavern.com)

★ **Epicurean Garage**

570 Simpson Dr.  
610-615-5189; [EpicureanGarage.com](http://EpicureanGarage.com)

★ **Liberty Union Bar and Grill**

325 Simpson Dr.  
484-359-4061; [LibertyUnionBar.com](http://LibertyUnionBar.com)

★ **Limoncello Chester Springs**

499 W. Uwchlan Ave.  
610-524-3112; [LimoncelloRestaurant.com](http://LimoncelloRestaurant.com)

★ **Yellow Springs Inn**

1657 Art School Rd.  
610-827-7477; [YellowSpringsInn.com](http://YellowSpringsInn.com)

#### Concordville

★ **Concordville Inn**

Baltimore Pk. (Rt. 1)  
610-459-2230; [ConcordvilleInn.com](http://ConcordvilleInn.com)

#### Devon

★ **Terrain Café at Devon**

138 Lancaster Ave.  
610-590-4675  
[ShopTerrain.com/Devon-Restaurant](http://ShopTerrain.com/Devon-Restaurant)

★ **Amis Trattoria**

138 Lancaster Ave.  
610-590-4782; [AmisTrattoria.com](http://AmisTrattoria.com)

#### Downingtown

★ **Amani's BYOB**

105 E. Lancaster Ave.  
484-237-8179; [AmanisBYOB.com](http://AmanisBYOB.com)

★ **Bangles Indian Cuisine**

889 E. Lancaster Ave.  
610-269-9600; [BanglesIndianCuisine.com](http://BanglesIndianCuisine.com)



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Ron's Original Bar & Grille



Appetites on Main





Más Mexicali Cantina



Pietro's Prime Steakhouse & Martini Bar



Yangming



Pinocchio's Restaurant



General Warren



La Verona

### Beaver Creek Tavern

1350 Bondsville Rd.  
484-593-0481; BeaverCreek-Tavern.com

### Station Taproom

207 W. Lancaster Ave.  
484-593-0560; StationTaproom.com

### Victory Brewing Company

420 Acorn Ln.  
610-873-0881; VictoryBeer.com

## Drexel Hill

### Shere-E-Punjab

Drexel Line Shopping Center, 5059 State Rd.  
484-452-8140; ShereEPunjab.com

## Exton

### Al Pastor

560 Wellington Square  
484-341-8886; EatAlPastor.com

### ★ Appetites on Main

Main Street At Exton, 286 Main St.  
610-594-2030; AppetitesOnMain.com  
Casual American comfort food at a good value with a taproom atmosphere in front and a family/quieter section in back. During warmer months, they open the pet-friendly outdoor patio. Happy hour daily, 4 to 6, and weekly entertainment including Free Texas Hold'em tournaments, karaoke, live music, DJs. Daily specials, 1/2-price wings on Mon. Open daily, 11 am to 2 am, full menu until 1:30 am.

### ★ Bluefin Eagleview

555 Wellington Square  
610-458-3234; BlueFinEagleview.com

### Brickside Grille

540 Wellington Square  
610-321-1600; BricksideGrille.com

### ★ Duling-Kurtz House & Country Inn

146 S. Whitford Rd.  
610-524-1830; DulingKurtz.com

### Nudy's Café

541 Wellington Square  
610-458-7667; NudysCafes.com

### The Pour House

116 N. Pottstown Pk.  
610-280-7900; PJsPourHouse.com

### Red Star Craft House

146 Exton Square Mall  
610-524-5893; RedStarCraftHouse.com

### ★ Ron's Original Bar & Grille

74 E. Uwchlan Ave. (Rt. 113)  
610-594-9900; RonsOriginal.com  
Serving real food, for the health of it! Prepared from scratch on site daily with all natural ingredients. American/Italian cuisine with daily specials and a School Night Value Menu Sun-Thurs. Live music, Wed-Fri-Sat; Happy hour, Mon-Fri. Lunch and Dinner, Mon-Thurs, 11 to 9:30; Fri, 11 to 11; Sat, 11 to 10; Sun, 11:30 to 9. Bar is open until midnight; Thurs until 1 am, Fri-Sat until 2 am.

### ★ Suburban Restaurant & Beer Garden

570 Wellington Square  
610-458-2337; SuburbanBG.com

### ★ \* Vickers Restaurant

192 E. Welsh Pool Rd. (corner of Gordon Dr.)  
610-363-7998; VickersRestaurant.com  
Don't miss the famed Steak Diane prepared table-side at this Chester County gem. Specialties like bison, lamb and Dover sole have been menu staples at this historic farmhouse-turned-fine-dining spot since 1972. Dine fireside or cozy up to the mahogany bar to enjoy an award-winning wine list, vintage cocktails and live piano. Mon-Sat, 5:30 to 9; Happy Hour, Mon-Fri. Private rooms for rehearsal dinners, special events and weddings.

## Glen Mills

### Bluefin Sushi & Asian Cuisine

Cross Road Center, 1102 Baltimore Pk.  
610-459-2055; BlueFinGlenMills.com

### ★ Byrsa Bistro

128 Glen Mills Rd.  
610-558-4700; ByrsaBistro.com

### Harvest Seasonal Grill & Wine Bar

549 Wilmington-West Chester Pk.  
610-358-1005; HarvestSeasonalGrill.com

### Shere-E-Punjab

301 Byers Dr.  
484-841-6345; ShereEPunjab.com

### Terrain Garden Café

914 Baltimore Pk.; 610-459-6030  
ShopTerrain.com/Glen-Mills-Restaurant

## Kennett Square

### Country Butcher Fine Foods Market

145 S. Walnut St.  
610-444-5980; CountryButcherMarket.com

### The Creamery

401 Birch St.  
484-732-7040; KennettCreamery.com

### ★ Grain Craft Bar + Kitchen

108 W. State St.  
610-444-7232; MeetAtGrain.com

### ★ Hearth Kitchen

Shoppes at Longwood Village  
484-732-8320; HearthKennettSquare.com

### ★ Kennett Square Inn

201 E. State St.  
610-444-5687; KennettInn.com

### ★ La Verona

114 E. State St.  
610-444-2244; LaVeronaPA.com  
Using only the finest and freshest ingredients, highlighting the northern region of Italy, they're committed to making your meal a memorable one, with professional service in a welcoming social atmosphere. There's a private dining area for parties up to 65. Join them for Happy Hour, Mon-Fri, 4 to 6. Serving lunch and dinner, Mon-Thurs, 11:30 to 9:30; Fri, until 10; Sat, noon to midnight; Sun, noon to 9.

### ★ Lily Asian Restaurant

104 W. State St.  
610-925-3700; LilySushiAndGrill.com  
Drawing fans in Kennett since 2011, this stylish, modern Asian restaurant serves Japanese, Chinese and Thai dishes insisting on high quality food, freshly prepared with the finest ingredients. Meet friends for lunch, have dinner with family

or come for a celebration. Tuesday is all-you-can-eat sushi. BYOB, enjoy the comfortable ambiance, delicious food and excellent service. Lunch and dinner 7 days, Sun-Thurs, 10:30 to 9:30; Fri-Sat, 10:30 to 10:30.

### Sovana Bistro

696 Unionville Rd.  
610-444-5600; SovanaBistro.com

### Sunrise Café & Tearoom

127 E. State St.  
610-444-8141; SunriseCafeKSQ.com

### ★ Talula's Table

102 W. State St.  
610-444-8255; TalulasTable.com

### Two Stones Pub

843 E. Baltimore Pk.  
610-444-3940; TwoStonesPub.com

### ★ Verbena BYOB

102 State St.  
484-732-7932; VerbenaBYOB.com

### Victory at Magnolia

650 W. Cypress St.  
484-730-1870; VictoryBrewing.com

## Kimberton

### ★ The Kimberton Inn

2105 Kimberton Rd.  
610-933-8148; KimbertonInn.com

## King of Prussia

### Davio's Northern Italian Steakhouse

King of Prussia Town Center, 200 Main St.  
610-337-4810; Davios.com/KoP

### ★ Eddie V's Prime Seafood

670 W. DeKalb Pk.  
610-337-7823; EddieV.com

### Fogo de Chão Brazilian Steakhouse

King of Prussia Town Center, 155 Main St.  
484-965-9655; FogoDeChao.com

### ★ MidiCi The Neapolitan Pizza Company

201 Main St., Suite 100  
484-322-2579; MyMidici.com

The Whip Tavern



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Tavern 52



La Baguette Magique

★ **Mistral Restaurant**

160 N. Gulph Rd.  
610-768-1630; MistralKOP.com

★ **North Italia Restaurant**

350 Mall Blvd.  
484-751-9000  
NorthItaliaRestaurant.com

**Paladar Latin Kitchen & Rum Bar**

King of Prussia Town Center, 250 Main St.  
484-965-9779; PaladarLatinKitchen.com

**sweetgreen**

KOP Mall, 350 Mall Blvd.  
610-312-0195; Sweetgreen.com

**Landenberg**

**Paradocx Vineyard**

1833 Flint Hill Rd., 610-255-5684; Paradocx.com

**Malvern**

★ **Anthony's Pizza & Italian Restaurant**

127 W. King St.; 610-647-7400  
AnthonysItalianRestaurant.com

★ **Avola Kitchen + Bar**

625 N. Morehall Rd.  
484-328-8584; AvolaKitchenAndBar.com

**Bryn + Dane's**

615 N. Morehall Rd.  
610-296-5555; BrynAndDanes.com

**Bunha Faun**

152 Lancaster Pk.  
610-651-2836; BunhaFaun.net

**Christopher's A Neighborhood Place**

335 E. King St.; 484-568-4127  
ChristophersANeighborhoodPlace.com

**The Classic Diner**

352 W. Lancaster Ave.  
610-725-0515; TheClassicDinerPA.com

★ **The Desmond**

The Fork & Bottle, Fox & Hounds Pub, Sunset Grille  
1 Liberty Blvd.  
610-296-9800; DesmondGV.com

✧ **The Farmhouse Bistro**

39 Conestoga Rd.  
610-647-8060; TheFarmhouseBistro.com

**Fattoush Restaurant**

182 Lancaster Ave.  
484-568-4465; On Facebook

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610-296-2534; MalvernButtery.com

**Margaret Kuo's Mandarin Restaurant**

190 Lancaster Ave.  
610-647-5488; MargaretKuo.com

★ **Restaurant Alba**

7 W. King St.  
610-644-4009; RestaurantAlba.com

**The Office Bar & Grille**

1021 Morehall Rd.  
484-318-7806  
TheOfficeBarAndGrille.com

★ **Tonino's Pizza & Pasta Co.**

235 Lancaster Ave.  
610-240-9566; ToninosPizzaAndPasta.com  
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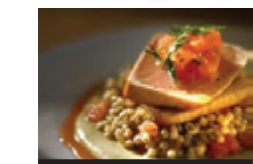
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114 S. Olive St.  
610-892-6944; [Ariano.net](http://Ariano.net)

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217 W. State St.  
610-566-4750; [Azie-Restaurant.com](http://Azie-Restaurant.com)

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305 W. State St.  
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[DesertRoseMediaPA.com](http://DesertRoseMediaPA.com)

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106 W. State St.  
610-892-7616; [FellinisCafe.com](http://FellinisCafe.com)

#### Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant

30 E State St.; 610-627-9000  
[IronHillBrewery.com](http://IronHillBrewery.com)

#### Margaret Kuo's Media

4-6 W. State St.  
610-892-0115; [MargaretKuo.com](http://MargaretKuo.com)

#### La Porta

1192 Middletown Rd.  
610-358-5104; [LaPortaRistorante.com](http://LaPortaRistorante.com)

#### ★ Pinocchio's Restaurant

131 E. Baltimore Ave.  
610-566-7767; [PinPizza.com](http://PinPizza.com)  
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610-891-0400; [ShereEPunjab.com](http://ShereEPunjab.com)

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#### \* Mendenhall Inn

323 Kennett Pk., Rt. 52  
610-388-1181; [MendenhallInn.com](http://MendenhallInn.com)

#### Tavern 52

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610-388-1033  
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✧ **Teca Newtown Square**  
191 Newtown Street Rd.  
484-420-4010; TecaNewtownSquare.com

✧ **Teikoku**  
5492 West Chester Pk.  
610-644-8270; TeikokuRestaurant.com

✧ **Trattoria Giuseppe**  
4799 W. Chester Pk.  
610-353-4871; Mussotra.com

**Paoli**

✧ **Trattoria San Nicola**  
4 Manor Rd.  
610-695-8990; SanNicola.net

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✧ **Bacon Me Crazy Café & Market**  
119 Main St.  
484-924-8324; BaconCrazyCafe.com

✧ **Bistro On Bridge**  
210 Bridge St.  
610-935-7141; BistroOnBridge.com

✧ **Black Lab Bistro**  
248 Bridge St.  
610-935-5988; BlackLabBistro.net

✧ **Great American Pub Hotel, Bar & Grill**  
148 Bridge St.  
610-917-3333; GreatAmericanPub.com

✧ **Il Granaio Italian Restaurant**  
184 Bridge St.  
484-924-8423; IlGranaioPA2.com

✧ **Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant**  
130 E. Bridge St.  
610-983-9333; IronHillBrewery.com

✧ **Liberty Union Bar and Grill**  
519 Kimberton Rd.  
484-927-4244; LibertyUnionBar.com

✧ **Louette's BYO**  
106 Bridge St.  
484-924-9906; LouettesBYO.com

✧ **Majolica**  
258 Bridge St.  
610-917-0962; MajolicaRestaurant.com

✧ **Seven Stars Inn**  
263 Hoffecker Rd.  
610-495-5205; SevenStarsInn.com

★ **Sips Bistro & Bar**  
400 Bridge St.  
484-924-9721; SipsPhoenixville.com

★ **Sly Fox Brewhouse & Eatery**  
520 Kimberton Rd.  
610-935-4540; SlyFoxBeer.com

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SandCastleWinery.com/Taste-Phoenixville

✧ **Thai L'Elephant**  
301 Bridge St.  
610-935-8613; ThaiElephant.com

✧ **Vecchia Pizzeria**  
249 Bridge St.  
610-933-1355; VecchiaPizzeria.com

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✧ **Lily's Grill**  
115 E. High St.  
484-945-1008; LilysGrill.com

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### Unionville

#### Catherine's Restaurant

1701 W. Doe Run Rd.  
610-347-2227; CatherinesRestaurant.com

#### \* Foxfire at The Stone Barn

Rt. 842, (3 mi. N. of Rt. 1)  
610-347-2414; TheStoneBarn.com

### Villanova

#### Azie On Main

789 E. Lancaster Ave.  
610-527-5700; AzieOnMain.com

#### ★ Main & Vine California Bistro

789 E. Lancaster Ave.  
484-380-3688; MainAndVineBistro.com

### Wayne

#### A Taste of Britain

Eagle Village Shops, 503 W. Lancaster Ave.  
610-971-0390  
ATasteOfBritainInWayne.com

#### ★ At The Table BYOB

11 Louella Ct.  
610-964-9700; AtTheTableByob.com

#### Ardé Osteria & Pizzeria

133 N. Wayne Ave.  
484-580-6786; ArdeWayne.com

#### Autograph Brasserie

503 W. Lancaster Ave.  
610-964-2588; AutographBrasserie.com

#### ★ \* Black Powder Tavern

1164 Valley Forge Rd.  
610-293-9333  
BlackPowderTavern.com  
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#### Christopher's A Neighborhood Place

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175 E. Lancaster Ave.  
610-688-7200; MargaretKuo.com

**\* Paramour**  
139 E. Lancaster Ave.  
610-977-0600; ParamourWayne.com

**The Silverspoon Restaurant**  
503 W. Lancaster Ave., Eagle Village  
610-688-7646; SilverspoonWayne.com

**★ Teresa's Café and Next Door Bar**  
120-126 N. Wayne Ave.  
610-293-9909; Teresas-Cafe.com

**White Dog Café**  
200 W. Lancaster Ave.  
610-225-3700; WhiteDog.com/Wayne

## West Chester

(See the West Chester article in this issue for more dining options.)

**★ Andiaro**  
106 W. Gay St.  
484-887-0919; Andiaro.com

**★ Bango Bowls**  
109 W. Gay St.  
484-266-7389; BangoBowls.com

**Bar Avalon**  
116 E. Gay St.  
610-436-4100; AvalonRestaurant.net

**Country Bagel and Bakery**  
145 E. Gay St.  
610-696-8890; CountryBagel.com  
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**The Classic Diner**  
16 E. Gay St.  
484-947-0809; TheClassicDinerPA.com

**\* Dilworthtown Inn & The Inn Keeper's Kitchen**  
Old Wilmington Pk.  
610-399-1390; Dilworthtown.com

**Dolce Zola**  
134 E. Gay St.  
484-887-0760; DolceZola.com

**★ Fiorello's Café Old World Italian Cuisine**  
730 E. Gay St.  
610-430-8941; On Facebook

**High Street Caffe / Vudu Lounge**  
322 S. High St.  
610-696-7435; HighStreetCaffe.com

**★ Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant**  
3 W. Gay St.  
610-738-9600; IronHillBrewery.com

**Kildare's**  
18-22 W. Gay St.  
610-431-0770; KildaresPubWC.com

**Kooma**  
123 N. Church St.  
610-430-8980; KoomaRestaurants.com

**★ La Baguette Magique**  
202 W. Market St.  
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**Landmark Americana Tap & Grill**  
158 W. Gay St.  
610-701-9900; LandmarkAmericana.com

This is the spot to watch the big game or just to get together with family and friends. Serving a wide variety of burgers, tacos, mac 'n' cheese, finger foods as well as healthy options of soups, salads and lighter fare. They carry a full gluten-free menu plus kids' and late night menus. A large private room with full bar is available for parties, meetings and other events. Open Mon-Sun, 11 am to 2 am.

**\* \* Limoncello Ristorante**  
9 N. Walnut St.  
610-436-6230  
LimoncelloRestaurant.com

**\* \* The Lincoln Room**  
28 W. Market St.  
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**★ Love Again Local**  
18 S. Church St.  
484-266-7381; LoveAgainLocal.com

**★ Más Mexicali Cantina**  
102 E. Market St.  
610-918-6280; MasMexicali.com  
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**\* The Mediterranean Restaurant**  
150 W. Gay St.  
610-431-7074; TheMedWCPA.com

**★ Opa Opa Greek Restaurant**  
122 E. Gay St.  
610-696-4100; OpaOpaGr.com

**Pica's Restaurant**  
1233 West Chester Pk.  
610-789-7770; Picas-Restaurant.com

**\* \* Pietro's Prime Steakhouse & Martini Bar**  
125 W. Market St.  
484-760-6100; PietrosPrime.com  
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**★ Rai Rai Ramen & Hawaiian BBQ**  
124 E. Market St. 610-738-8808  
On Facebook

**Roots Cafe**  
133 E. Gay St.  
610-455-0100; RootsCafeWC.com

**\* Ryan's Pub**  
124 W. Gay St.; 610-344-3934  
Ryans-Pub.com

**Saloon 151 Whiskey Bar & Grill**  
151 W. Gay St.  
610-701-8489; Saloon151.com

**Side Bar & Restaurant**  
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### ★ Star of India Restaurant

155 W. Gay St.  
610-429-0125; On Facebook

### Teca

38 E. Gay St.  
610-738-8244; TecaWC.com

### West Grove

#### ★ Twelves Grill & Cafe

10 Exchange Place.  
610-869-4020; TwelvesGrill.com

### West Marlborough

#### ★ The Whip Tavern

1383 N. Chatham Rd.  
610-383-0600; TheWhipTavern.com  
Nestled in the Chester County countryside, the warm and inviting atmosphere of this English pub radiates at the heart of horse country. If you're nearby, stop and settle in for a cozy toast by the fire and share glad tidings and flavours from The Whip. Enjoy traditional pub fare and American favorites. BYO for wine or choose from over 50 seasonal, local and imported beers. Lunch, 11 to 4; dinner Sun, Mon, Wed, Thurs, 4 to 9, Fri-Sat, 4 to 10; brunch, Sun, 11 to 2. Closed Tues.

### DELAWARE

### Centreville

#### ★ Buckley's Tavern

5812 Kennett Pk.  
302-656-9776; Buckley'sTavern.com

#### ★ The Centreville Cafe & Montrachet Fine Foods & Caterers

5800 Kennett Pk.  
302-777-4911; CentrevilleCafe.com  
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### Greenville

#### ★ Pizza By Elizabeths

3801 Kennett Pk.  
302-654-4478; PizzaByElizabeths.com

### Montchanin

#### ★ Crazy Kat's

Rt. 100 & Kirk Rd.  
At the Inn at Montchanin Village  
302-888-4200; CrazyKatsRestaurant.com

### Wilmington

#### Banks Seafood Kitchen & Raw Bar

101 S. Market St.  
302-777-1500; BanksSeafoodKitchen.com

#### Chelsea Tavern

821 N. Market St.  
302-482-3333; ChelseaTavern.com

#### ★ Columbus Inn

2216 Pennsylvania Ave.  
302-571-1492; ColumbusInn.net  
One of Wilmington's most beloved and oldest restaurants, Columbus Inn has welcomed guests for decades to enjoy its contemporary American cuisine, warm hospitality and excellent service. The Inn serves a superb selection of seasonal American fare, eclectic wines and classic to craft cocktails. There is a dining atmosphere for every occasion in the rustic tavern, romantic dining rooms, outdoor seating and private dining.

#### ★ Domaine Hudson Wine Bar

1314 N. Washington St.  
302-655-9463; DomaineHudson.com  
Named "a must-visit restaurant" by The News Journal, Domaine Hudson features Zagat-rated New American food, an award-winning wine list, and impeccable service. Enjoy private dining, exclusive wine dinner events, happy hour specials and more. Awarded Open Table's "Best Wine List in the Greater Philadelphia Region," this has been noted as one of Wilmington's best restaurants.

#### Hotel du Pont, The Green Room

11th & Market Sts., 302-594-3154  
HotelduPont.com/Dining/Green-Room

#### La Fia

421 N. Market St.  
302-543-5574; LaFiaWilmington.com

#### Mikimotos Asian Grill & Sushi Bar

1212 Washington St.  
302-656-8638; Mikimotos.com

#### Tonic Bar & Grille

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302-777-2040; TonicBarGrille.com ♦

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# NEW BREWERIES FOR THE NEW YEAR

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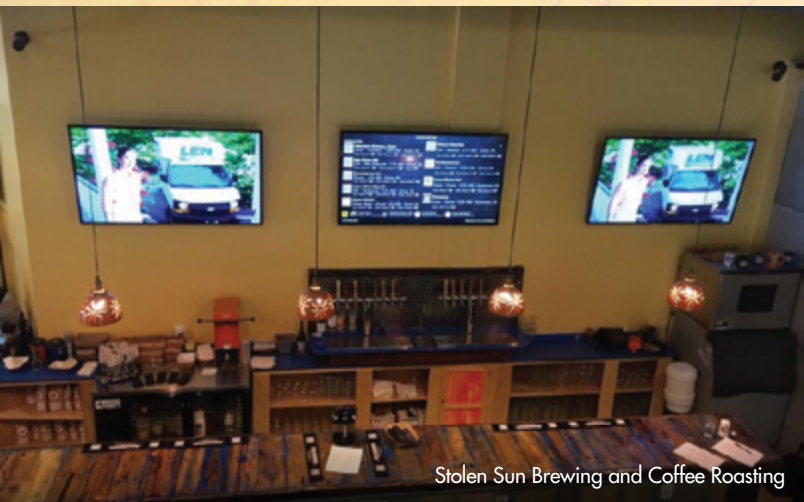
## THE LOCAL CRAFT BEER SCENE CONTINUES TO FLOURISH.

**H**OW MANY BREWERIES IS TOO MANY BREWERIES? Does that number even exist? We'll have to get back to you on that.

In the meantime, the craft beer scene in our area is heating up with new arrivals just about every other month. This year's roundup will surely have you making a list and resolving to visit them twice.

### SOMETHING'S BREWING IN EXTON

The new kid in town, Stolen Sun Brewing and Coffee Roasting is one of the many additions to the growing craft beer scene in Chester County. Exton residents and owners Jonathan and Deirdre Zangwill have jumped into the craft beer scene pumping out some seriously delicious brews. Try their Sweet Tang Gose, a sour beer brewed with, you guessed it, Tang. Their New England styled IPAs and Brut IPAs are also crowd pleasers.



Stolen Sun Brewing and Coffee Roasting



Suburban Brewing Company

Beyond tasty brews, Stolen Sun also serves up freshly roasted coffee to get your morning started right. Jonathan, who's been brewing craft beer for almost 20 years, also found a love for coffee roasting while building a state-of-the-art coffee roasting operation in another life. Now his two passions coexist at Stolen Sun.

Whether your idea of freshly brewed libations is bean- or grain-based, Stolen Sun has you covered.

### HONEY BROOKS' FIRST BREWERY

Executive Chef and owner of Exton's Suburban Restaurant & Beer Garden, Eric Yost, along with home brewer Corey Ross teamed up to open Suburban Brewing Company. Located in Honey Brook, Suburban Brewing has taken that art of carefully crafted and locally sourced dishes that Suburban is famous for and focused that same attention to detail on craft brewing.

Part brewpub and craft brewery mixed with an arcade, Suburban Brewery is the perfect place to grab a pint. With the small batch, single-barrel brewing system, this draft list—try their dark and malty Scottish Export ale or one of their juicy IPAs—will be constantly changing and rotating every time you visit. There's no choice but to come back for more.

### MIGRATE TO BALD BIRDS BREWING COMPANY

Recently opened Bald Birds Brewing Company is bringing their best brews to Audubon. The perfect after-work spot for a drink, this beer hall styled taproom gives that communal feel you want at your neighborhood brewery. Bald Birds Brewing has a variety of beers that are sure to meet any beer drinkers' standards. From pale ales like their Costume Contest to their dark and creamy stout Northern Harrier, these beers will keep you coming back for more.

After a long journey to get their taproom up and running, husband



Bald Birds Brewing Company



Locust Lane Craft Brewery

and wife team Joe and Abby Feerrar are happy to open their very own brewery where friends and community can gather 'round great beer.

### LOCUST LANE CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY

Locust Lane Craft Brewery was founded on the principles of providing fresh, simple and classic beer options to the craft brew community and for a little over a year they've done just that. Locust Lane's founders, Jason Cartwright, Bryan Brockson and brewer Tom Arnold celebrate providing Malvern with their "Simply Crafted" beers.

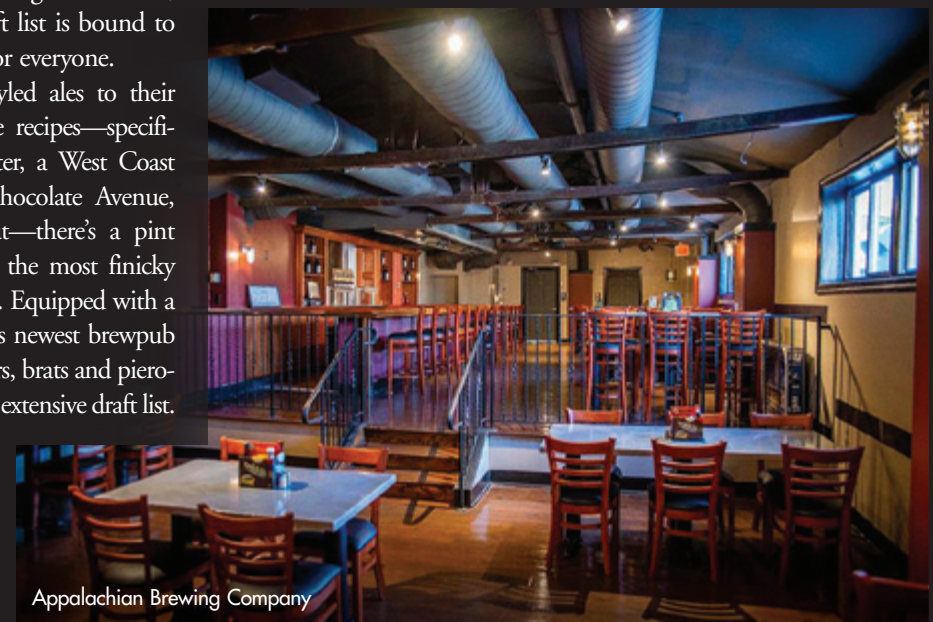
Sample traditional styled beers—such as pale ales, ESBs, stouts and IPAs—and make sure to visit their taproom, have a pint or pick up a four-pack from their to-go cooler open five days a week.

### NEW BREWPUB IN WEST CHESTER

Appalachian Brewing Company opened its 8th location this past September in West Chester. Featuring

about 20 of their signature beers, their rotating draft list is bound to have something for everyone.

From classic styled ales to their funky and unique recipes—specifically Argyle Sweater, a West Coast style IPA, and Chocolate Avenue, a chocolatey stout—there's a pint that'll satisfy even the most finicky of craft beer lovers. Equipped with a full kitchen, ABC's newest brewpub is delivering burgers, brats and pierogies on top of their extensive draft list.



Appalachian Brewing Company

### MICRO BREWING IN PHOENIXVILLE

Steel City Coffeehouse owners-operators Laura Vernola-Simpson and Ed Simpson announced they're bringing a fresh perspective to the growing list of local breweries with their micro-brewing program. Steel City Coffeehouse, renowned in Phoenixville for their exceptional coffee, will serve their own beer brewed by head brewer Seth Clearwater. You can expect to see some traditional styled beers such as porters, stouts and pale ales from Steel City Coffeehouse.

Despite the addition of beer to the menu, Vernola-Simpson says "We're not going to be a beer bar. This is still a café, coffeehouse and listening room—but it's going to be a café, coffeehouse and listening room with some of the best beer you'll find anywhere in the Philadelphia area!"



Steel City Coffeehouse





BraeLoch Brewing

### KENNETT'S BRAELOCH BREWING

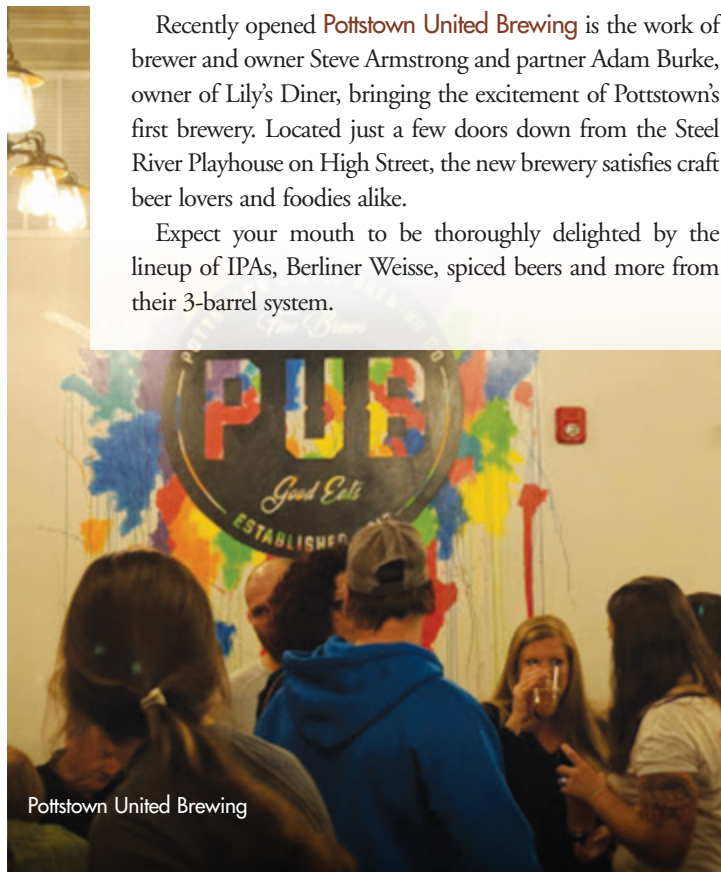
Kennett Square got a new face on the craft beer scene. BraeLoch Brewing owners Kent Steeves and Kathy Drysdale opened their new brewpub next to the Kennett Creamery in a historic 9,200-square-foot building built in 1903.

BraeLoch Brewing boasts a 10-barrel brewing system with a rotating 12-tap draft system. Expect to see their taps filled with farmhouse Saisons, Belgian ales, several IPAs, three rotating seasonal offerings along with some experimental beers.

### POTTSTOWNS PUB

Recently opened Pottstown United Brewing is the work of brewer and owner Steve Armstrong and partner Adam Burke, owner of Lily's Diner, bringing the excitement of Pottstown's first brewery. Located just a few doors down from the Steel River Playhouse on High Street, the new brewery satisfies craft beer lovers and foodies alike.

Expect your mouth to be thoroughly delighted by the lineup of IPAs, Berliner Weisse, spiced beers and more from their 3-barrel system.



Pottstown United Brewing



Wilmington Brew Works



Stitch House Brewery

### BEER IS BACK IN WILMINGTON

After many years as a brewery wasteland, Wilmington has two new additions to the craft beer scene! Welcome, Wilmington Brew Works and Stitch House Brewery.

Wilmington Brew Works is the first production brewery in Delaware's largest city since 1955. Housed in a 100-year-old former laboratory in the old 9th Ward, WBW is home to carefully crafted ales and lagers. Their family-friendly taproom has plenty of indoor and outdoor seating for enjoying their sours, New England IPAs and Belgian-styled ales.

Stitch House Brewery was opened by longtime Wilmington residents who are excited to bring brewing back into the city limits. Some interesting beers to note are their traditional German-styled beers such as a Smoked Ale Dumpster Fire, and their Kolsch Road Soda. Diners can enjoy beers, along with spirits and cocktails. The menu offers beer-friendly options like cheese and meat boards and plenty of sandwiches, as well as share-sized skillet dishes for a social dining experience. ♦

Visit *County Lines'* online *Craft Beer Guide* for more great beer in our area.

*Dan Balmer, founder of the Localized app, a real-time events platform popular among breweries, explores the craft beer scene across the tri-state area. What started as a hobby quickly became a full-time job, expanding into marketing and photography for breweries and restaurants. Dan enjoys anything from traditional styled pilsners to hopped and hyped New England style IPAs.*



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three dry rubs), sliders (choose three), and flat bread pizzas (customize yours). Also the favorite apps group—coconut shrimp, mini crab cakes, mini tacos, bacon-wrapped scallops. And finally, the hummus platter ... because there's one in every group.

## Bacon Theme

### BACON ME CRAZY CAFÉ & MARKET

119 Main St., Phoenixville  
484-924-8324 / BaconCrazyCafe.com

For the bacon-crazy, this place is for you! So why not order the Bacon Plate with two varieties, or a Bacon Sampler with a flight of three types, or Cinnamon Rolls with crumbled bacon, or Bacon Me Crazy Omelets, Bacon Me Crazy French Toast, the BLT or ...? It's all locally sourced, ethically raised, smoked in-house, from free-roaming pigs raised without hormones or antibiotics. There are other things on the menu—eggs, pancakes, burgers, corned beef, potatoes, cheeses—but why? Get there by 3 on most days, but Friday and Saturday nights, it opens again from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m., in case you're in Phoenixville, hungry and want some, um ... bacon.

## Bistro

### SIPS BISTRO & BAR

400 Bridge St., Phoenixville  
484-924-9721 / SipsPhoenixville.com

From Bistro Salad to Le Burger, you can find a complete bistro menu at Sips. Yearning for onion soup, escargots, croque monsieur and madame, coq au vin, steak frites, mussels and more? You can almost hear Edith Piaf singing in the background. A strong, heavily French-influenced wine list (rosés and petillants, along with Champagnes and sancerres) make this the place to go when you won't make it to Paris in the springtime. Patio dining, creative cocktails, and if you love your food, you're invited to buy the kitchen a round of beer. *Bon appetit!*

## Bowls

### BANGO BOWLS

109 W. Gay St., West Chester  
484-266-7389 / BangoBowls.com

Food tastes better in bowls, and there are lots to choose from at Bango Bowls, location #7 for this New York-based chain. Offering cus-

tomized, mood-boosting, healthy food to “fuel your soul with our food,” these good-for-you options are fast and affordable. Choose açai, the purple superfood from the Brazilian rain forests featured in the Bango Bowl, or pitaya, the equally Instagram-worthy dragon fruit in the Pink Dragon Bowl. Poke bowls—deconstructed sushi—make a tasty meal, while oatmeal bowls are a hearty breakfast—go healthy with goji berries with chia, hemp or flax seeds, or yummy with chocolate chips and nutella. Plus smoothies—Purple Rain or La Flaminga—or cold brewed coffee.

## Breakfast with Friends

### MALVERN BUTTERY

233 E. King St., Malvern  
610-296-2534 / MalvernButtery.com

Fresh flowers on long wooden tables and the smell of coffee beckon. Fill up those tables with yogurt and granola parfaits, pastries and egg bowls. Fill the long benches with your buddies, because Malvern Buttery is the place to have breakfast with friends. Go for the poached eggs atop root vegetables or grits—there's a good reason why the Buttery goes through more than 1,000 eggs per week. Lick the gooey homemade peanut butter that drizzled from your country white or wheat toast to your fingers. For a weekend splurge, eat breakfast dessert—sticky buns. Your friends will thank you.

## Cakes for Special Occasions

### CAKES & CANDIES BY MARYELLEN

1332 W. Chester Pk., West Chester  
484-266-0710 / On Facebook

Every special occasion requires a cake—after all, a party without a cake is just a meeting, according to Julia Child, who should know. And Maryellen has been baking amazing cakes in every conceivable shape for every possible occasion. The Flyers' mascot Gritty, Dunder Mifflin-themed Office cake, cakes with Battlebots, black AmEx cards, Ghostbusters, a cigar, beer mug, Army-strong theme or capturing 80 years in three layers—yes, she's done that. Plus a perfect replica of the track shoes worn throughout college by one delighted groom—complete with shoe laces, cleats, perforations, a Nike swoosh and a medal showing his wedding date. If you can think of it, Maryellen will find a way to say it with cake and icing. She definitely takes the cake!

## Creative Chocolates

### NEUCHATEL SWISS CHOCOLATES

461 Limestone Rd., Oxford  
610-932-2706 / NeuchatelChocolates.com

One peek at the royal purple bag and you know something special is inside. Fifth-generation chocolatier Albert Lauber combines world-class Swiss chocolate with exotic and local ingredients for innovative flavors and designs. Rich, dark bars of saffron, pistachio and sea salt. Organic white hot chocolate with Japanese green tea. Silky truffles infused with nearby Va La's red wine. Novel chocolate-dipped Herr's potato chips. Vegan choices with hazelnut or coconut nectar. Designs of high heels, artists' palettes, golf sets, leaves or traditional pieces. All with fair-trade chocolate offered at a shop you'll want to eat your way through.

## New Community Hangout

### CHADDS CAFE & STORE

1609 Baltimore Pk., Chadds Ford  
ChaddsFordBarnShops.com

Sip a little, talk a little, taste a little, shop a little. Welcome to the newest rendez vous point in Chadds Ford: Chadds Cafe + Store in the Chadds Ford Village & Barn Shops. The casual gathering place is where families enjoy hot chocolate on chilly days and neighbors chat over Baba's Brew on hot ones. Ask for Chef Pam Lau's homemade soups and baked goods or purchase one of her distinctive pottery mugs at the granite counter. Then take a seat at an indoor table under exposed beams or in a fire-engine red Adirondack chair on the lawn—come spring. Check it out!

## Warm Cookies

### BAKED COOKIES & DOUGH

34 S. High St., West Chester  
610-981-1457 / BakedWC.com

The faster you decide which kinds to try, the sooner you get to eat them. That's not easy with such an assortment of warm, chewy cookies. Large chocolate chunk, oatmeal raisin, salted caramel, peanut butter or snickerdoodles. Gourmet triple chocolate, sugar, gluten-free and regular chocolate chip, Heath bar and red velvet with dots of creamy white icing swirled in. Devour them at a cute bright blue or pink table at the shop, have them delivered or aim to take them home. Warning: packets of warm morsels might

not make it as far as the sidewalk outside Baked's door. Late night delivery on Fridays and Saturdays, so plan accordingly.

## Date Night

### DOMAINE HUDSON

1314 N. Washington St., Wilmington  
302-655-9463 / DomaineHudson.com

Wine and romance go together, so a restaurant with awards from *Wine Spectator*, *Open Table* and more for its wine list is a good candidate for a date night destination. And Domaine Hudson fills the bill with 40 wines by the glass, 450 in the cellar and, more specifically, a date night special on Thursdays of 3 courses, 2 people, 1 bottle (\$95). You do the math to see if this adds up to an easy choice. Dazzle your date with a place that has its extensive wine list on an iPad, with its inventory arranged by name, price, label, region, varietal and point score/rating. Take it to the next level and reserve a private room.

## Dim Sum

### TOM'S DIM SUM

13 E. State St., Media, 610-566-6688  
2-TomsDimSum.2-MenuCities.com

Busy, lively, sometimes with a line, but the dim sum is oh so good you don't mind! You'll watch, sipping tea, as a profusion of dumplings, buns, sticks and other bite-size delicacies—pork, chicken, beef, fish, shrimp, vegetable—emerge from the kitchen. Like exquisite tiny sculptures, they roll out, past your table and you'll wish you'd ordered that. Or that. Or that! Until your first dim sum arrives, and all eyes turn jealously to your choice! Shanghai shumai, soup dumplings—with delicate skins, filled with broth and meat—to die for, and scallion pancakes to live for. Be glad Tom's came to the 'burbs.

## Donuts

### FRACTURED PRUNE DOUGHNUTS

2630 Egypt Rd., Audubon, 484-370-2176  
660 Downingtown Pk., West Chester  
484-999-8134 / FracturedPrune.com

Everyone has a favorite donut—warm yeasty glazed, classic jelly filled or the seasonal favorite apple cider donut. These hardwired preferences have not deterred an explosion of specialty donut chains that believe “your doughnuts

should be as unique as you.” Started in Ocean City, MD in 1976, our favorite, Fractured Prune, serves hot, hand-dipped, custom cake donuts with thousands of varieties—about 155,648 combos possible, according to their FAQs. For an interactive donut experience, you choose the glaze and toppings for a donut sundae. Or order from their menu of bacon bomb, morning buzz, French toast, salted caramel. The most popular? OC Sand (honey glazed, cinnamon & sugar). And the name, Fractured Prune? Just Google it.

## Family Friendly

### RON'S ORIGINAL BAR & GRILLE

74 E. Uwchlan Ave., Exton  
610-594-9900 / RonsOriginal.com

This is where to take your family for a wide variety of delicious healthy dishes. For the kids, there is everything from mac & cheese to a meatball sandwich. For those a bit older, order a Boss Burger, a grilled Reuben, or something else from the sandwich menu. Or try a pizza, an Oval, or a Piadini—basically, an Italian pita. The Casino, with hot capicola, roasted red peppers and garlic aioli is a favorite. Or, build your own original pasta dinner, choosing the pasta, sauce, protein and veggies. That is, if you can resist the lasagna, Blackened Alfredo or cioppino. Caution though: with such an extensive and tasty menu, expect the kids to grow up fast.

## Farm Dinners

### SIW VEGETABLES FIELD TO FORK DINNERS

4317 S. Creek Rd., Chadds Ford  
610-388-7491 / SIW-Vegetables.blogspot.com

A farm stand, CSA and wholesaler of old-fashioned and newfangled vegetables, fruits and flowers, SIW Farm (stepped in what?) was transformed for the sixth year for 15 summer field-to-fork dinners. Lucky guests savored just-picked produce in an idyllic setting as the meals let the fresh food shine. Guest chefs ranging from Dan Butler, Bryan Sikora, Mark Vetri to William and Merry of The House of William and Merry, crafted menus as diverse as themselves. The rustic-chic 1600s bank barn at Hill Girt Farm—in the Haskell family since 1910—is the picture-perfect backdrop for an al fresco family-style dinner on a working farm (most BYOB and around \$75). For crickets, conversation and farm-fresh cuisine beneath the twinkly lights, mark your calendar.

## Fine European Service

### VICKERS RESTAURANT & BAR

192 E. Welsh Pool Rd., Exton  
610-363-7998 / VickersRestaurant.com

For an Old World dining experience as sparkling as the 1930s emerald dinner ring you donned for the occasion, look no further than Vickers. Set on a white tablecloth, the proper fork is provided for the tableside-prepared Caesar salad and the correct glass holds your merlot. Discreet servers appear with each course—from the escargots to the filet mignon to the flambé highlighted in our awards for 2018's “Best of the Best.” Ask the pianist to play *As Time Goes By* on Friday or Saturday night and linger over after-dinner coffee and conversation by the fireplace. It's never out of style.

## French Pastries

### LA BAGUETTE MAGIQUE

202 Market St., West Chester  
610-620-4729 / MagicBaguette.com

Take a whirlwind tour of France through the pastries of La Baguette Magique. Order *une tasse de café* (every French delicacy demands the company of good coffee), an assortment of pastries and prepare to be transported. Chocolate, chocolate almond or regular *croissants* and *brioche* with chocolate or raisins whisk you to a French outdoor market. In *bugnes*, glimpse ancient ruins in Lyon, home city of founder/owner Catherine Seisson. With friends, find snow-dusted December Provence in the large almond-cream-filled *Galette des Rois* cherished at Christmas time. Shell-shaped *madeleines* invoke the Lorraine region (and Proust) while colorful *macarons* conjure up Paris in one bite. *Magnifique!*

## Gelato

### GEMELLI ARTISANAL GELATO & DESSERT CAFÉ

12 W. Market St., West Chester  
484-557-848 / GemelliGelato.com

What's warmer than ice cream, smoother, richer, creamier, more flavorful and has less fat? If you answered gelato, you're in the know and may already know the gem that is Gemelli. Add that the spatula-scooped gelato here is made from scratch by a skilled and passionate artisan, Vincenzo Tettamanti, from family



recipes improved by years of experimenting and influenced by fresh, local, seasonal ingredients—no artificial anything. Sample fresh-daily, swoon-worthy flavors like salted caramel, tiramisu, lavender vanilla, ricotta fig or the Gelato World Tour Competition-winning goat cheese and fig balsamic reduction. Plus vegan flavors and a popular gelato-making course that sends students home with two pints of their creation. From a gelato artist.

## Greek

### OPA OPA GREEK RESTAURANT

122 E. Gay St., West Chester  
610-696-4100 / OpaOpaGr.com

You know you've arrived at Opa Opa when you see the pretty Greek-blue storefront and smell fragrant herbs as the front door opens. Enjoy favorites, all served in generous portions—tzatziki, gyros, tempting pita, classic Greek salads, spanakopita and Greek yogurt—in a recently expanded dining room bordered by Greek island scenes on the wall. Try the truly special baklava with nuts drenched in honey; it's so good you'll get more to take home. Just try not to eat it on the way. Before your take-away bag gets full, check out the rice pudding and other goodies in the side refrigerator.

## Grill Master

### RESTAURANT ALBA

7 W. King St., Malvern  
610-644-4009 / RestaurantAlba.com

Steeped in hickory and mesquite, Chef Sean Weinberg prepares his trout, duck, pork, hangar steak and other meats as a virtuoso on his wood-burning grill, allowing their aromas to permeate the 125-seat dining room from the open kitchen. Restaurant Alba continues to merit its legendary status and anything from the grill is a gift. Locally sourced, the dishes on the menu list the "Family of Farmers" that supply the kitchen. The creative cocktails, strong selection of Italian wines and beer, mouth-watering desserts surround the main course with unimpeachable elegance. The antipasti (try grilled octopus), pastas (a passion), piatta piccolo—even the sides and locally grown salads—are wonderful. Alba earned numerous awards, including three bells, and deserves every one. If you're looking for something more casual, head for Biga in Bryn Mawr.

## Heirloom Tomato Celebration

### WILLISTOWN CONSERVATION TRUST

925 Providence Rd., Newtown Square  
610-353-2562 / WCTrust.org

Perhaps nature's most splendid fruit, tomatoes are nutritious, tasty and versatile. And Pennsylvania heirloom varieties are a quantum leap better than the rest. Fresh-picked from the vine, as an ingredient or stand-alone dish, heirloom tomatoes make summer picnics special. Preserved in artisan sauces, they make winter meals brighter. To celebrate the red, gold and green marvels, Willistown Conservation Trust hosts an annual Tomato Tasting at Rushton Farm each August, and you should join them to celebrate peak season. Duck under party tents. Sidle up to red-checkered tables laden with rainbows of summer flowers and arrays of tomatoes, chutney, caprese and gazpacho. Add wine, beer, live music and a tour of the farm's gardens and it's a delight for growers and guests alike.

## Hunt Country Meal

### THE WHIP TAVERN

1383 N. Chatham Rd., West Marlborough  
610-383-0600 / TheWhipTavern.com

After the hunt or a week at work spent chasing your tail, unwind at The Whip. Prop your boots on the hearth, cozy up to the bar or head to the patio overlooking Doe Run and ask what's on tap. The longtime, well-loved, award-winning British pub in horse country has pub grub favorites, but even better than the classics dished up across the Atlantic. Warm up with fish and chips, Welsh rarebit or curry. Cool down with ales, stouts, imperials, Uncle Jon's Beer #1—an IPA from Stolen Sun Craft Brewing—or For Fox Sake cider from Big Hill Ciderworks.

## Ice Cream Trail Stop

### CHESTER SPRINGS CREAMERY AND MILKY WAY FARM

521 Uwchlan Ave., Chester Springs  
610-827-1484 / MilkyWayFarm.com

Pennsylvania has an officially sanctioned Ice Cream Trail! Who knew? Now that you do, why not hit the trail. One of the 12 "cow-to-cone" stops is Chester Springs Creamery at family-owned Milky Way Farm. Make it an outing:

say hello to the cows, go on a hayride and then choose a few scoops of some of the best ice cream around. Flavors are named for members of their herd. Bessie's Black Raspberry, Blossom's Butter Pecan and Molly's Mint Chocolate Chip are just a few of the 48 that can be piled on cones or sundaes, whipped up in milkshakes or taken home in packages. It's something to moo about.

## Indian Cuisine

### BANGLES INDIAN CUISINE

889 E. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown  
610-269-9600 / BanglesIndianCuisine.com

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## Italian Feast

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## Italian Family Dinner

### LIMONCELLO RISTORANTE

499 E. Uwchlan Ave., Chester Springs  
9 N. Walnut St., West Chester  
610-436-6230 / LimoncelloRestaurant.com

Everyone knew: Sunday dinner was the best meal of the week. Sumptuous dishes. Glasses overflowing with wine. Enough room around the table and food for anyone and everyone who showed up ... family, friends, even all the cousins. And there was always dessert. For a big Italian family dinner every day, look no further than Limoncello, where everyone wants to be. The chicken limoncello is superb and the veal saltimbocca is tasty. There's plenty of wine—at the bar before dinner and at the table with your meal. For dessert, there's always tantalizing cannoli and Mom's Tiramisu, light as air. Go ahead—call up the whole family.

## Italian Classics

### LA VERONA

114 E. State St., Kennett Square  
610-444-2244 / LaVeronaPa.com

Close your eyes as you savor the spinach and mushroom ravioli, gnocchi or tortellini pasticcianti. With such *cucina classica* delights, you might believe you're in Verona, Italy, where a winding river wanders through the medieval town. At the Kennett Square restaurant inspired by and named after the town, go for grilled octopus or a margarita pizza at the bar during happy hour. Or sample the *zuppa* or *insalata* at lunch. With its location near Longwood Gardens and its warm and relaxing atmosphere, dare we say it's just the right ending to a visit to Longwood's Italian water gardens?

## Leisurely lunch

### SPENCE CAFÉ

131 N. High St., West Chester  
610-918-1272 / Spence.cafe

The Spence family operated several West Chester restaurants before World War I. Since moved, but today under Chef Andrew Patten, the Café continues making a name with locally sourced, hand-crafted dishes. Dinner is sublime, as you probably know. But we love Spence for lunch, particularly the Fall Harvest salad with apples, cranberries, and walnuts. The spinach salad with eggs, bleu cheese and poppy seed dressing is also especially good. As are the sandwiches: the shrimp and crab roll or short rib grilled cheese. Can't choose? Pick two from the soup, salad, sandwich options. The comfortable white-table-cloth ambiance makes it easy to linger and savor a special lunch far from fast food or a sad desk lunch. BYOB on the patio for extra relaxation.

## Jamaican

### MISS WINNIE'S

211 E. Market St., West Chester  
484-266-0508 / MissWinnies.com

Even in the coldest snow, feel Jamaican sunshine as reggae music strikes your ears and a fabulous jerk pork sandwich with jicama slaw and zingy mango chutney hits your mouth. Three minutes into Miss Winnie's and it's easy to see why within its first year, the little restaurant earned big awards. Friendly, down-to-earth owner-founders Bert and Nick Johnston, Winnie's son and grandson, treat customers like esteemed family and serve up terrific Jamaican family recipes at terrific value. Don't miss the glorious steaming fried plantains—a little sweet, a little tangy, crispy outside, almost creamy inside.

## Beef Jerky

### RIGHTEOUS FELON JERKY CARTEL

Online store / RighteousFelon.com

Not rabbit food, nor just for cowboys, beef jerky is catching on as a healthy, high-energy, portable snack, high in iron and zinc. And Righteous Felon jerky is from dry-aged Black Angus beef, all-natural, pasture-raised, hormone and antibiotic-free, raised nearby on the Roseda Farm in Monkton, Maryland. Since 2012, the beef has been made into jerky under the watchful eyes of a gang of Downingtown brothers and

their friends. You can (and should) read about the "jerky cartel" at the website. Buy O.G. Hickory (the original), Habanero Escobar (the spiciest), or any of a line of eight jerkies on-line from the company or from Kimberston Whole Foods, Di Bruno Brothers or other retailers.

## Mediterranean

### BYRSA BISTRO

128 Glen Mills Rd., Glen Mills  
610-558-4700 / ByrsaBistro.com

Past a magnificent rock garden and terrace for relaxing with summertime drinks, enter Byrsa Bistro in the Magon Legacy Estate home next to the historic Glen Mills train station. Stained glass windows sparkle. A candle-lit table cut from a century-plus old ash tree awaits. In comfortable elegance, begin your meal with a vegetarian Mediterranean sampler with divine warm pita and hummus, delicate stuffed grape leaves and scrumptious spicy carrots. Continue with generous portions of spicy paella, Moroccan-style chicken tagine or cavatelli and lamb. The BYOB with friendly, attentive staff also now offers its own reds and partner wines, including Va La's delicious Prima Donna. Get swept away by its charm.

## Fiesta Everyday

### MÁS MEXICALI CANTINA

102 E. Market St., West Chester  
610-918-6280 / MasMexicali.com

With one foot planted in Mexico and the other in L.A., the atmosphere at Más Mexicali is—cue the mariachis—fiesta-like! It's a party on three levels with an extensive menu—food and drinks—for every mood and member of your party. Feast first on the appetizers—guacamole, quesadillas, tostadas—then turn to a soup or salad, and on to the main course—tacos, fajitas, burritos, chimichangas, enchiladas, and other house specialties. The first-floor Cantina is roomy and spirited. The Velvet Lounge offers a colorful, cozy second-floor respite. Come spring, at the top of the stairs, "Más on the Roof" opens to the best rooftop vista and sunset view of West Chester. But, wherever you go, take your time. There's always mañana.

## Pasta Dishes

### HEARTH KITCHEN

Shoppes at Longwood Village, Kennett Square  
484-732-8320 / HearthKennettSquare.com

Fans of Bryan Sikora were delighted by his return to the Kennett area with this rustic Italian kitchen near Longwood Gardens. The wood-fired pizza oven turns out magic and the entrees evidence an experienced hand. But it's the hand-made pastas that uniformly get raves. Rolled or extruded, fresh pastas provide a soul-satisfying medium for the chef's inspired seasonal sauces. Only the choice is tough—mafalde with smoked portabella, mushroom marsala gravy, toasted parmigiana bread crumbs; ricotta gnocchi with butternut squash, chestnuts, braised ham hock, shaved Brussels sprout, parmigiana; or radiatori with roasted duck, lemon peel, green peppers, olives, tomato reduction, fruity olive oil, parmigiana. Even the kids menu boasts garganelli pasta. No spaghetti and meatballs here.

## Tastiest Little Pies

### NOMADIC PIES

132 W. State St., Kennett Square  
610-857-7600 / NomadicPies.com

Everyone thinks of pie at Thanksgiving but at Nomadic Pies they're so good, why not enjoy pies year 'round? Five-inch sweet pies—just the right size to keep in the freezer for emergencies—are mounded high with fruit and a golden flaky crust. Buy a few piping hot little savory Marsala chicken and shepherd's pies to share and sample, or keep one tasty selection for yourself. This year after selling the food truck that started the venture and gave it its name, the business is a bit less nomadic, but the popular pies can be found at farmers markets and the enticing home base in Kennett.

## Pizzas

### MIDICI THE NEAPOLITAN PIZZA COMPANY

201 Main St. Suite 100, King of Prussia  
484-322-2579 / MyMidici.com

Under an olive tree planted in the middle of the bright airy room, admire the gleaming gold wood-burning oven. Then notice the ingredients on your pizza: the light, flavorful crust, from finely ground caputo "00" flour; ripe San Marzano tomatoes; extra virgin cold-pressed olive oil; Parmigiano-Reggiano; and soft, delicate mozzarella. The pizzas that emerge—classic Neapolitan and chewy, either specialty or choose-your-own—are unusually fresh, wholesome and

authentic. Try best-selling double pepperoni or The Devil's—house-made spicy sausage, spicy salami, chilies. The appetizers—homemade meatballs, house meat board or cheese board, are also inspired and delectable. With more than 45 locations nationwide, MidiCi is neither local nor unique. But it's damned good!

### PIZZA BY ELIZABETHS

3801 Kennett Pk., Greenville, DE  
302-654-4478 / PizzaByElizabeths.com

Not your average pizza joint is a familiar description for this elegantly casual Greenville mainstay topping 25 years of celebrating specialty pizzas and Elizabeths. From the Queen to Barrett Browning, to Taylor and Arden, plus Boop and White (Betty's, too), the wood-fired pizzas include over a dozen creative combos in mini or regular size atop white, low-fat honey wheat, or gluten-free crust, with sauces from chunky tomato to pesto to alfredo, plus veggies and herbs. Or DIY from the long list of all natural ingredients. A dozen gourmet salads

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114 S. Olive St., Media  
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**Ramen**

**RAI RAI RAMEN & HAWAIIAN BBQ**

124 E. Market St., West Chester  
610-738-8808 / on Facebook

Who doesn’t love a good noodle—thin, thick, flat, loopy, straight or otherwise? Foodies go once to Rai Rai Ramen and are hooked. Why? Attentive service—they’re greeted, seated and served quickly. Atmosphere—even Rai Rai’s clean, sleek look is appetizing. And great food. Options for dishes with authentic Japanese ramen are vast: with seafood, vegetables, oxtail, ribeye steak, chicken, pork, miso or curry-flavored, in superb broth, with gluten-free rice noodles and in all sorts of combinations. The chefs accommodate special requests whenever possible. Open in West Chester since 2017, it’s already a hot spot for lunch and a quick dinner.

**Southern Classics**

**DIXIE PICNIC**

215 Lancaster Ave., Malvern  
484-320-8024 / DixiePicnic.com

Yes, ma’am, at Dixie Picnic the lunchtime pimento cheese and house-smoked Virginia ham sandwiches, potato salad and breakfast-time sausage gravy biscuits are as authentic as the portraits of the kin—Momma, Aunt Myrtle and

others who handed down the recipes—on the wall. From the deviled eggs to the po’ boys and big selection of lip-smacking “upcakes”—upside down cupcakes iced on the top and sides to maximize the icing—vittles are served with Southern hospitality. Dig in at a sidewalk table, casual wicker settee indoors or bring your own picnic basket to fill and take home. Y’all must go.

**Classic Steakhouse**

**PIETRO’S PRIME STEAKHOUSE & SEAFOOD**

125 W. Market St., West Chester  
484-760-6100 / PietrosPrime.com

A steakhouse ought to be simple: elegant but down-to-earth. And so it is with Pietro’s, offering classics like strip steak, filet, ribeye, all Pureland Premium Black Angus Beef, richly marbled, broiled to perfection. Zagat-rated, the onion rings are spectacular; the martinis, just right; the service, excellent; the live music and ambiance, comfortable and soothing. Since 1927, Pietro Guinta, who owned a grocery downtown at Darlington and Biddle, conveyed respect for the customer. So did his children and grandchildren, who absorbed the store and ran it at several different locations through 2006. In 2007, great-granddaughter Marisa and Sean Powell, the Executive Chef of Pietro’s, founded Pietro’s Prime, and continue that tradition.

**Sushi Feast**

**LILY ASIAN CUISINE**

104 W. State St., Kennett Square  
610-925-3700 / LilySushiAndGrill.com

On Tuesdays, it’s All-You-Can-Eat sushi and sushi lovers rejoice! Fresh, beautifully and artistically served. Many customers swear Lily’s serves the best around, with about 20 varieties of sushi and sashimi—salmon roe, sea urchin, sea bream, eel, octopus, tomago, bluefin and white tuna, among them. Plus you’ll find 50 or so specialty rolls, everything from the simple California Roll to the exotic Angry Dragon Roll, with spicy tuna and king crab, shrimp tempura, avocado and sweet citrus sauce. Check what’s on the All-You-Can-Eat menu on Tuesday, but, in any case, you won’t be disappointed.

**Innovative Sushi**

**BLUEFIN EAGLEVIEW**

555 Wellington Sq., Exton  
610-458-3234 / BluefinEagleview.com

Discover Bluefin Eagleview, where each creative specialty sushi roll—a delightful adventure for the eye as well as the palate—boasts a different flavor, texture and personality. Tiny crispy tempura chips give a satisfying crunch to the artful Wellington roll, named after the Square where the restaurant sits. Japanese-style pumpkin sauce lights up a unique shrimp tempura and cucumber seasonal maki. Don’t miss the spectacular oyster mushroom roll featured in *County Lines*, March 2018. All in a contemporary setting where granite tables gleam and attentive staff from award-winning sushi chefs to servers ensure your meal is superb.

**Special Sweet Treat**

**GENERAL WARREN**

9 Old Lancaster Rd., Malvern  
610-296-637 / GeneralWarren.com

If your bliss involves delectable desserts and chocolate treats, follow it to the General Warren, where the desserts are as fine as the dining. As champion for two years running at Sweet Charity—a dessert-focused annual fundraiser—Executive Pastry Chef Andy Sciarretta, C.E.P.C., has a treat for you. Sink your teeth into sumptuous chocolate ganache-covered cheesecake, French apple galette or hazelnut mousse in a chocolate shell. Order online from General Warren’s General Store and pick up award-winning praline pecan cheesecakes or mini pastries: eclairs, key lime tarts, Black Forest verrines and more. Magnificent to the eyes as well as the taste buds, they’re a triumph.

**Theme Dinners**

**AT THE TABLE BYOB**

11 Louella Ct., Wayne  
610-964-9700 / AtTheTableByob.com

“People who love to eat are always the best people,” says a Julia Child quote above the open kitchen in At the Table. And people love to eat recipes of the best chefs—inspiration for 4-course menus paying homage to two culinary legends who influenced Chef/owners Alex Hardy and Tara Buzan. Julia Child, who inspired chefs and home cooks alike, was honored with a menu including vichyssoise, seared duck breast, boeuf a la bourguignonne, tarte tatin. The menu for Thomas Keller, of Napa’s French Laundry and New York’s Per Se, included Acadian oysters and pearls, bowfin

caviar, foie gras, strip steak—bone marrow, bordelaise sauce, plus honey cream tartlet. Visit to see what’s at the table now.

**Tea Time**

**THE LINCOLN ROOM**

28 W. Market St., West Chester  
610-696-2102 / on Facebook

Make lunch a tea party at the Lincoln Tea Room, where tea is queen. Caffeinated, decaf and herbal—try peach or cinnamon apple cider-infused—the teas served elegantly in pretty teapots and teacups are excellent, as is the food. Delightful tea sandwiches include tomato basil, chicken salad, the classic cucumber, boursin with fresh green apple on cinnamon bread and more. What’s tea without a scone? Take a traditional scone with lemon curd for lunch or cinnamon toffee slathered in Devonshire cream for dessert. All these pleasures are available in a comfortable tea shop that’s never stuffy—whether or not you choose to use the Queen’s English or elevate your pinkie. Tea time or anytime.

**Vegan**

**LOVE AGAIN LOCAL**

18 S. Church St., West Chester  
484-266-7381 / LoveAgainLocal.com

For those who love vegan, there’s something new to love in Chester County—Love Again Local in West Chester. Slide into green chairs in the friendly, open space and dig into dishes of the 100% plant-based menu. Fans rave about Cuban and Vinny sandwiches. Enjoy holiday wheat and soy “turkey” sandwiches with mugs of cocoa. For those shying away from meat and cheese substitutes to simply celebrate vegetables, dive into salads. For kids, there’s a PB & Jam Jam Jr. (gluten-free version available, too) with a cookie and juice box. For more fun, sign up for their plant-based cooking and nutrition classes.

**Local Cookbook**

**THE FOX’S KITCHEN FROM THE HOUNDS FOUNDATION**

1701 Horseshoe Trail, Chester Springs  
610-601-9008 / TheHoundsFoundation.org

Subtitled “Cherished Recipes from Philadelphia’s Historic Radnor Hunt,” this addition to kitchen shelves or coffee tables has targeted its audience. Dedicated to Betty Moran and sponsored by The Hounds Foundation, the cookbook is stuffed with recipes from Radnor Hunt members and friends along with gorgeous photos, some history, fox-hunting etiquette and more. The 15 menus, with a hundred recipes, include Tailgate Party, Fox & Hound Fireside Meal, Bitches’ Brunch, Huntsman’s Gathering and Tallyho, Let’s Eat. The menus offer an array of dishes, but the cocktails and appetizers are legendary: Polo Punch, Devon Julep, Earl Grey Gin & Tonic, plus artichoke and caper dip, easy fig spread, Texas caviar dip, blue cheese pecans, chutney cheese pate. Add Scotch eggs and venison chili, plus caramel and sea salt brownies, and Tallyho, indeed! ♦

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# Home Brewing 101

The real question is, why **not** try home brewing?

Corey Ross

**W**HY DO I PREFER TO WAIT FOUR WEEKS TO DRINK a beer I brewed myself when I can drive five minutes to the beer store and buy a cold 4-pack?

That's often the first question people ask when I tell them I own a home brew supply shop. And it's actually a valid question. So I often find myself selling or even defending the virtues of making your own beer at home. Which I'm happy to do.

## A FEW REASONS

When I give my 60-second pro-home-brew elevator speech, I mention things like: if you can make soup or chili you can make beer, and it's a really fun, social hobby where you can brew with friends or share your delicious final product with co-workers and family.

I also mention the freshness aspect of brewing beer. How many times have you been burned when you forgot to check the Best By date on a bottle and got home to find the beer didn't taste as fresh as it should?

Then, if I feel that they're really interested in home brewing, I'll mention the accessibility and cost savings of brewing your own beer. Once you've made the one-time brewing equipment purchase, the expense for two cases of fresh home brew typically runs between \$40 to \$65 per batch (that's for *two cases*). It's tough to get out of your local beer distributor without spending \$60 for just three 4-packs of craft beer, let alone *one case*.

Making good home brewed beer is easy and can be accomplished by even the first-time brewer. Much like cooking or baking, home brewing requires attention to time, temperature and process.

With that said, remember that humans have been brewing beer for hundreds of years without access to YouTube how-to videos or modern ingredients and cleaning products. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson were known to be home brewers back in the day—that's way back in the Colonial days.

## THE GEAR

For under \$200 you can get started with a basic home brew equipment kit (reusable) and your first ingredient kit (one-time use) that will yield about two cases of beer. Depending on where you shop, you'll find



A stainless steel fermenter is one of many equipment upgrades available if you take your home brewing hobby to the next level.



A bucket of hops, waiting to make the magic happen



Monitoring the fermentation process



Brewcraft's Northlands Nut Brown Ale ingredients kit



A basic home brew equipment kit

different options for the starter equipment kits. But most kits typically have the same basic equipment to get you started: 5-gallon brew kettle, 6-gallon fermenter, bottling bucket, thermometer, hydrometer (measures liquid density), siphon, tubing and usually some cleaning/sanitizing items, too.

Then, like any other hobby, the sky's the limit for how much you spend on

equipment upgrades and all the ancillary toys that go along with home brewing. You can keep it on the cheap by buying used equipment and plastic food grade buckets, or rival a commercial brewery with shiny stainless steel fermenters and an automation brew system.

Sometimes designing your own home brewery is almost as much fun as brewing!

## TIME TO BREW

Once you have your equipment ready to go, it's time to brew! The standard ingredient kit has all the ingredients needed to brew a 5-gallon batch for your first two cases of home brew. The kits come with malted barley extract, hops, yeast, bottle caps, corn sugar for carbonation, and of course detailed step-by-step instructions.

The brewing timeline is fairly straightforward. The time from brewing the beer to drinking it takes

about 4 or 5 weeks, depending on the style of beer. Using the starter kit, the actual brewing process itself takes only about 2.5 to 3 hours. Give yourself closer to 3 hours for your first batch or if you plan to imbibe while you brew.

After you brew the beer and pitch the yeast (add the yeast to the beer wort, but pitching sounds much



cooler), fermentation takes from 7 to 10 days. Then, depending on the style of beer you're making, you can condition the beer a few more days (letting the beer rest to improve clarity) or you can bottle your beer.

Once bottled, the beer needs to condition and finish carbonating in the bottle, which usually takes another two weeks. Like Tom Petty sang, "waiting is the hardest part." The two weeks when the beer is carbonating in the bottles seems like two *months* for that first batch. But be patient, grasshopper, it will be worth the wait. I promise.

#### AFTER THE FIRST BATCH

With the first batch a success, it's time to restock ingredients and get that second batch going. We're lucky that the greater Philadelphia area has quality home brew supply stores for buying the ingredients

The benefit of going into a bricks and mortar store to buy ingredients in person, especially when starting out, is that you can ask questions—or even bring in a sample of your beer to show it off or to see how to make it better.

Another suggestion for newer home brewers who want to improve from batch to batch is to join or attend local home brew clubs. These clubs are a great place to bring samples for feedback or to ask questions of more experienced brewers. Home brewers love to talk about their new passion and are generous with advice. Some very generous.

#### WORDS OF WISDOM

As I tell customers who come into my shop scouting out equipment and ingredients for their first batch, home brewing will appeal to people with many different interests and backgrounds. There's definitely an art and science to brewing. Brewers with science degrees will gravitate towards the chemistry of brewing. And, brewers who like to experiment with ingredients will appreciate the artistic side. And beer lovers will enjoy every aspect of the process of brewing.

There's so much joy in making your own beer and sharing it with friends and family. Cheers! ♦

*Corey Ross is the owner of Fancy Camper Home Brew Supply in Malvern. He started his brewing journey in the mid '90s working at a brew-on-premise/micro brewery in the area and has continued home brewing ever since. In addition to running his home brew shop, Corey is the brewer/partner at Suburban Brewing Company in Honey Brook.*



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- Feb. 23**, Kennett Winterfest. 600 S. Broad St., Kennett Square. KennettWinterfest.com
- Mar. 2**, Philly Craft Beer Festival. 4747 S. Broad St., Philadelphia. PhillyCraftBeerFest.com
- Mar. 2**, Pittsburgh Invades Philly Beer Fest. 250 King Manor Dr., King of Prussia. BreweriesInPA.com/the-pittsburgh-invades-philly-beer-fest-returns-march-2nd-2019
- Apr. 6**, Rails & Ales: Railroad Museum of PA. 300 Gap Rd., Strasburg. RailsAndAles.org
- May**, Sly Fox Bockfest & Goat Race. 519 Kimberton Rd., Phoenixville. SlyFoxBeer.com
- May**, Brandywine Valley Craft Beer Festival. E. State St., Media. IronHillBrewery.com/Media.
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## BEST PLAYERS SCORE ADMISSIONS TO TOP COLLEGES

IT WAS A TRIUMPHANT, THOUGH SOMEWHAT FRUSTRATING, season for the independent schools of *County Lines* country. Malvern Prep football, Haverford School soccer, Episcopal Academy girls' soccer, Salesianum School soccer and Villa Maria Academy field hockey teams all took home championships.

But a few other teams—Baldwin School soccer, Bishop Shanahan girls' soccer and volleyball, and Padua volleyball and field hockey team, for example—fought valiantly to the semi-finals or finals, but left their dreams on the field.

### FOOTBALL

At the end of the season, **Malvern Prep** was undefeated at 11-0 and won the Inter-Ac League (independent schools in the Philadelphia area). Kurt Ruch, Director of Athletics, declared the season “fantastic” and credited Coach Dave Gueriera, his assistant coaches, players and families for doing a “wonderful job.”

Quarterback Drew Gunther had mulled offers from five colleges, including Brown, but chose Virginia Tech, the first one he



Malvern Prep

visited. Keith Maguire, who played wide receiver and line backer, received 21 offers from colleges, and committed to Clemson. And lineman Jake Hornibrook accepted an offer—he received 22 altogether—from Stanford.

### SOCCER—BOYS

The varsity soccer team at the **Haverford School** won the Inter-Ac League and was ranked #12 in the Commonwealth, ending the season at 13-2-4, with goals scored by 12 different players. Inter-Ac MVP Griffin Wada will play at the University of Chicago next year. The team's striker, Will Micheletti, with 12 goals and 11 assists, was selected as All-Inter-Ac 1st team and heads to Franklin & Marshall. Midfielder Nick Pippis earned 2nd team All-Inter-Ac honors and will move down the street to Haverford College.

Finishing 3rd in the Inter-Ac League, **Episcopal Academy** was 13-4-3 in boys' soccer. Coach David Knox named three players who were “crucial” to the team, calling them “a special group of players who are really tight with each other [with] a tremendous work ethic and will to win.”

EA midfielder Harrison Malone, with 11 assists and 5 goals, is still deciding on a college. The Churchmen's striker, Samuel Wilson, scored 20 goals and will be playing at Colby College next year. Goalkeeper Trevor Manion, a junior who gave up only 16 goals in 19 games this season, has been heavily recruited by many top Division 1 programs.

For the 7th straight year, the Delaware championship was won by **Salesianum School**, finishing the season 13-2. The team was ranked #1 in Delaware and #9 in the nation. Coach

Scott Mosier calls the team “a positive, hard-working group [with] high aspirations.”

Center-back Tommy McGrail, whom Coach Mosier called “the most complete” player at the school, was named Player-of-the-Year, All-American, #1 player in the state and 1st team All-State. Jack Leonard at center-mid was “gifted with fitness, quickness and speed [though] incredibly technical on the ball .... His ability to create in the attacking third is truly special,” said Coach Mosier. Both players have committed to the University of Delaware.

### SOCCER—GIRLS

Finishing 14-3-3, **Bishop Shanahan High School's** girls' varsity soccer team made it to the District semi-finals. Ally Waite was selected to the 1st team of the All-Ches-Mont league. She was runner-up for the league's Player of the Year, concluding the season with 9 goals and 10 assists. Next year, she'll play at Misericordia. Shanahan's leading scorer, junior Alaina McLaughlin, scored 17 goals for the season and was also named to 1st team All-Ches-Mont. Mary Byerley ended the season with 8 goals and will play next year for Temple University.



Westtown School

In a “heart breaker,” the **Westtown School** girls' varsity soccer team, with a 9-0 record in the Friends School League and 13-1-1 overall, lost 1-0 to the Baldwin School in the Independent School State quarter-finals (PAISSA). For the season, the Westtown team scored 44 goals, allowing only 6 against. Natalie Neuman, the team's 4-year starting goalie, had ten shutouts. Sara Oswald, its all-time leading scorer, finished with 81 career goals. The two seniors have both committed to Lafayette College.

Although the **Baldwin School** won the Independent School semi-final, it lost in the final round. Gia Vicari, the school's all-time leader in goals and assists, was selected to play in the High School All-American game and has committed to Georgetown.

The PAISSA girls' soccer championship (state independent school league) went to penalty kicks. Ultimately, **Episcopal Academy** won. Defender Maddie Louderhead, who committed to the University of Richmond, scored the winning goal.



Villa Maria Academy

Midfielder Anna Salvucci will go to the University of Connecticut, and forward Olivia Dirks heads for Penn State. Both Salvucci and Dirks played in the High School All-American game in December.

### FIELD HOCKEY

Coach Katie Evans' **Villa Maria Hurricanes** finished 18-3 overall and 12-0 in the Catholic Academies conference. They are sending two on their team—Hannah Miller and Mary Harkins—to Duke. Miller, a forward, landed 46 goals and 21 assists, while Harkins, at midfield and defense, had 16 goals and 11 assists. Midfielder Adele Iacabucci, with 17 goals and 13 assists, is headed for the University of Virginia.

In Delaware, **Padua Academy** had an outstanding season: 14-1, quite a run, losing only in the final of the state tournament. Midfielder Riley Hickox had 7 goals, 5 assists and was selected to the 1st team All-State. Selected to the 2nd team All-State were goalkeeper Shannon McCormac, with 17 saves; midfielder Anna Getty, with 6 goals; and forward Angela Taglione, with 7 goals and 10 assists. All have yet to decide on their college choice.

### VOLLEYBALL

Ron Reidinger, Athletic Director at **Bishop Shanahan**, watched the school's volleyball team soar, shutting out the Ches-Mont conference and ultimately finishing #2 in Pennsylvania with a 31-3-4 record. Four seniors who led the way were Michaela Devlin, headed to Sacred Heart University, Julianne Gallagher to American University, Julia Thomas to Iona College and Alyssa Wright to Bryant University.

Led by several underclassmen, **Padua** finished with a #2 ranking in volleyball in Delaware and a 16-3 record overall. Its outside hitter, 1st team All-State junior Jessica Molen, had 185 kills, 38 aces and 181 digs. Sophomore Mackenzie Sobczyk, middle hitter, made the 2nd team All-State, scoring 76 kills and with a hitting percentage of .423. With a .357 hitting percentage, junior Michelle Kozicki, middle hitter, was named to the 3rd team All-State and scored 76 kills.

Ranked #4 in Delaware, **Archmere Academy** made it to the finals of the state tournament with a 19-2 season. Coach Mary Pat Kwoka declared it “an amazing season.” Julia Kochie made 1st team All-State and hit an average of .292, 3.6 digs and 3.8 kills per set. Lauren Edmiston made 2nd team All-State and hit .287.

### CROSS COUNTRY

The **Westtown School** boys finished 2nd at the Independent Schools championship, led by 9th grader Will Grady, finishing the course in 17:50. Their top 5 all finished the course in 18:37 or less.

On the girls' side, the **Academy of Notre Dame** finished 2nd and **Friends' Central School** finished 3rd at the Independent Schools championship. Notre Dame's average speed for its top 5 runners was 21:32. Friends Central's top 5 actually averaged a faster 21:15, led by Rebecca Wucinich, a junior.

All in all, a great season for the individual student athletes, the teams and the schools. We wish them well in college and beyond! ♦



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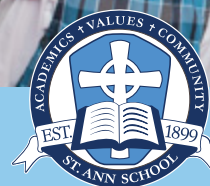
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