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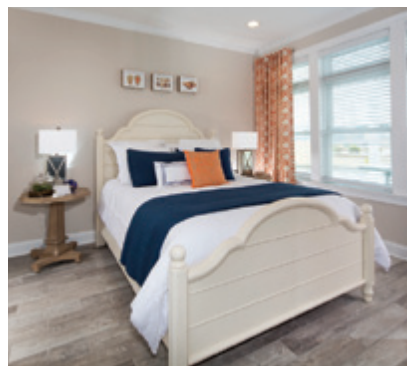
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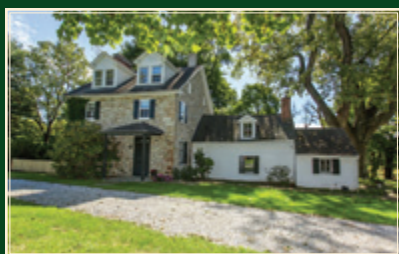
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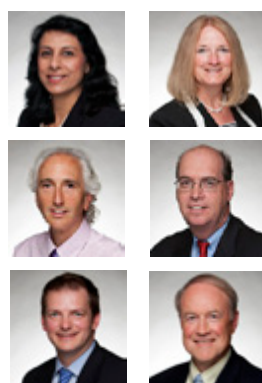
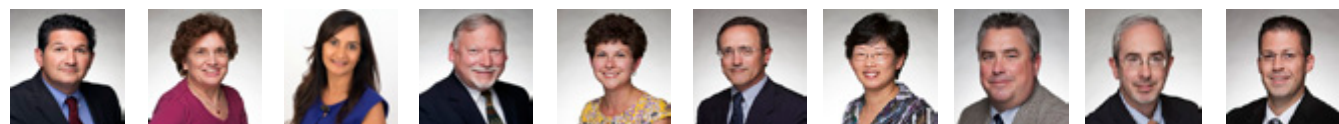


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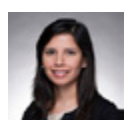
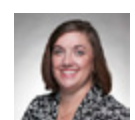
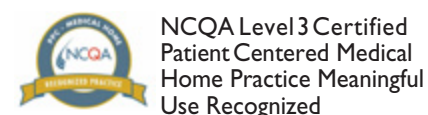
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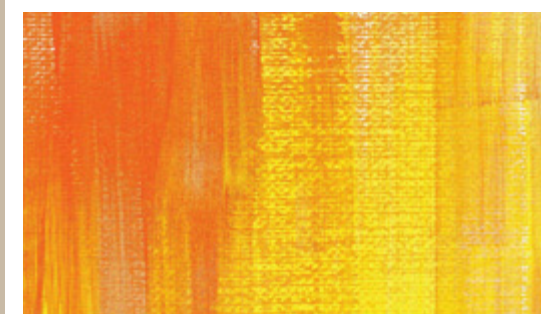
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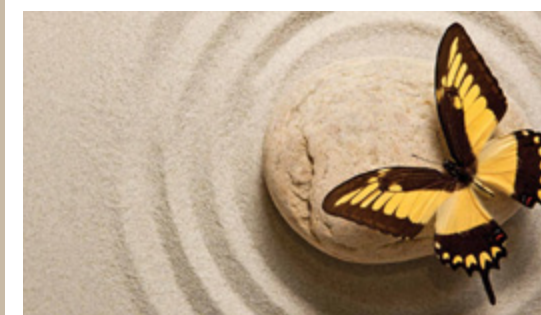
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Happy New Year! And welcome to our 2017 Annual Dining Guide!

Once again it's our pleasure to serve up the "Best of the Best" in local dining and imbibing. We lift a fork and raise a glass to an exceptional selection of local eateries and drinkeries. We hope you'll enjoy visiting them as much as we enjoy presenting them to you. Let us know your favorites.

Flip to the center of the magazine if you can't wait to see what's new, buzz-worthy, unique and soul satisfying. You'll also find a Hall of Fame to remind you of old favorites, a preview of upcoming food events for 2017, plus a reminder about the Taste of Phoenixville fundraiser on January 19.

This food-focused issue brings you Andrea Thatcher's cookbook recommendations for keeping Sunday suppers alive, Kim Knipe's suggestions for healthy eating when you dine out, and Laura Brennan's interview with Chef Peter Gilmore, who's now training future generations.

Malcolm Johnstone shares recent developments in "New Chapters in the History of West Chester Dining," while Bryan Kolesar tours five places to satisfy beer fans in "Happy New Brewpubs & Breweries." For preparing restaurant-quality meals without the restaurant, Mary Dolan's "Magic In (and Out of) the Kitchen" is your guide. From delivery to pick-up, personal chefs to cooking classes, you've got options.

Rounding out the issue, we bring you our recap of the fall sports season at independent schools. Get the 411 on our championship schools and find out the colleges that recruited top local stars in "Independent Schools Fall Sports Round-up."

And if your New Year's resolutions include discovering more of what our community offers, be sure to check our Best Local Events section for things to do for you and your family.

We hope you enjoy this tasty issue! Here's to a great 2017.

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talented family. A ceremony marking this honor is planned for July 12, 2017. More at BrandywineMuseum.org.

January First?

While you're adjusting to the New Year, ever wonder why the first month is named January? It's derived from **Janus**, the Roman god of Beginnings and Transitions, with two faces—one looking forward, and one looking back—that gaze into the past and future. A few days after the winter solstice, Janus's worshippers would express good wishes to their neighbors, just as we do on New Year's Eve. More at CrystalLinks.com/Janus.



Brain Teaser Time. Is mental exercise on your New Year's list? If so, you're in luck because January is **National Brain Teaser Month**. Not only do brain teasers improve memory and mental flexibility, they can also help delay or even prevent Alzheimer's and dementia. Just a few minutes a day can make a difference. Combat holiday haziness with some quick, fun games that'll keep you sharp. Find brain teasers on Lumosity.com.

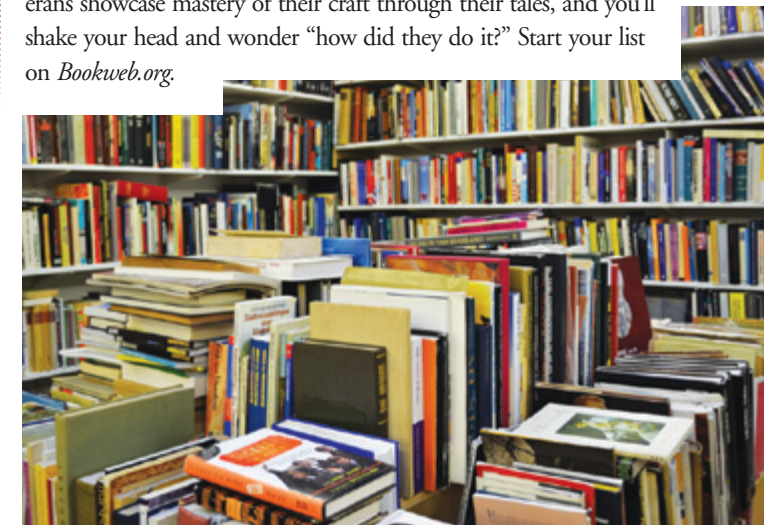


The Music Lives On.

Some may remember the **Valley Forge Music Fair**, which showcased events and talent from 1955 to 1996. Well, it's back! That's right—the Valley Forge Casino Resort, not far from the KOP Mall, now hosts the Music Fair in place of the former Devon venue. Upcoming shows include comedian Lisa Lampanelli on January 28th and artist Travis Tritt in April. Tickets at VFCasino.com.

Reading Renewed.

Alert to avid and casual readers alike. It's a new year with new books to enjoy! Check out some of the best upcoming indie stories, as named by the **American Booksellers Association**. On January 3rd, try "History of Wolves" by Emily Fridlund, a native to PA. Debut authors and seasoned veterans showcase mastery of their craft through their tales, and you'll shake your head and wonder "how did they do it?" Start your list on Bookweb.org.



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January Picks Our Picks for top events this month

The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County's Hootenany Hoedown & Winter Beer Garden

January 21



Kick up your heels for a great cause, dance, enjoy tasty food, libations, silent and live auctions, gaming tables and party 'til you drop. The annual Hoedown benefits The Land Conservancy's mission to ensure the preservation and stewardship of open space. *Hartefeld National Golf Club, 1 Hartefeld Dr., Avondale. 5:30 p.m. \$75-\$150. 610-347-0347; TLCForSCC.org.*

Philly Home Show

January 13-16, 20-22

Be inspired by celebrities, like Matt Muenster from DIY Network's *Bath Crashers*, plus experts who turn your ideas into reality. The Make-It, Take-It workshops are back, guiding groups through projects that participants get to take home. *PA Convention Center, 1101 Arch St., Phila. Check website for hours. \$3-\$13. 215-274-1948; PhillyHomeshow.com. Look for the Philly Home & Garden Show coming Feb. 17-19 to the Greater Phila. Expo Center in Oaks.*



Inside the Opera Studio "Devils, Drunks & Dastardly Dudes"

January 20, 22

In this Opera Studio, you'll be taken on an operatic journey of men behaving badly (adding a tenor in the mix, too). *Opera Delaware, 4 S. Poplar St., Wilmington. Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m. Tickets start at \$29. 302-442-7807; OperaDE.org.*

Family Pet Shows

January 13-15

All your favorite pets and special attractions, too, including Dynamo Dogs, K9 Dog Training, Superfit Canine and Fly-ball Tournaments, Rainforest Reptile Show, The Delco Bird Club and much more. *The Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, 100 Station Ave., Oaks. Fri., 4 to 9 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$5-\$12. 12 and under free on Friday. FamilyPetShows.com.*



Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation's 11th Annual Lemon Ball

January 14

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 p.m. \$275. 610-649-3034; Alexs-Lemonade.org.*



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THROUGH JANUARY 8

A Brandywine Christmas.

It's a wonderland with trees and displays, lights, holiday shopping, music, the O-gauge model train display and more. *Jan. 7, Terrific Trains Family Program, create a colorful train to display at home. 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. Daily 9:30 to 4:30. \$6-\$15.*

610-388-2700; BrandywineMuseum.org.



THROUGH JANUARY 10

Longwood Gardens Garden Railway.

This whimsical display is set into motion with G-scale model trains traveling in and out of bridges, tunnels and special water features. *1001 E. Baltimore Pk., Kennett Square. Timed admission tickets required. \$12-\$23.*

610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.



THROUGH JANUARY 15

Delaware Museum of Natural History Presents "Arctic Adventure & Rainforest Explorers." Hands-on activities supported by a narrative and colorful graphics make the study of climate change a personal experience. *4840 Kennett Pk., Wilmington. Mon-Sat, 9:30 to 4:30; Sun, noon to 4:30. \$7-\$9.*

302-658-9111; DelMNH.org.

THROUGH JANUARY, TUESDAYS

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549 Wellington Square, Exton. 10 to 11 am. 610-458-1144; WellingtonSquareBooks.com.

THROUGH APRIL 23

The Franklin Institute. Through April 2, Robot Revolution—a collection of cutting-edge robots curated from innovative global robotics companies and universities. Through April 23, Jurassic World: The Exhibition—come face to face with a Brachiosaurus, a Velociraptor and a Tyrannosaurus rex.



JANUARY 7-8, 14-15, 21-22

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610-935-1126; SVMRRC.com.

JANUARY 14-16

Hagley Museum & Library Invention Convention. This year you'll explore how videographers create videos that entertain and inform us with plenty of video-related activities for visitors to try. *Held in the Soda House, 298 Buck Rd., Wilmington. 10 to 4. \$6-\$8.*



JANUARY 16

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service at Delaware Art Museum. Celebrate his legacy and give back to the community through art as you create cards that will be distributed with meals from the Sunday Breakfast Mission. *2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. 10 to 4. Free.*

MORE HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS.....

THROUGH JANUARY 8

Yuletide at Winterthur. Featured this year, sparkling trees and American Christmas vignettes, from skating and sleigh ride scenes inspired by Currier & Ives, to a Mississippi family's holiday decorations, to the White House. *5105 Kennett Pk. (Rt. 52), Winterthur, DE. Tues-Sun, 10 to 5. \$5-\$20.*

800-448-3883; Winterthur.org.

THROUGH JANUARY 8

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610-287-9349; MontcoPa.org.

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800-651-6912; NemoursMansion.org.

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THROUGH JANUARY 28

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610-688-3553; WayneArt.org.



THROUGH JANUARY 29

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 27-FEBRUARY 5

Academy of Notre Dame de Namur 44th Annual Fine Art Show & Sale. The exhibition and sale will open with a catered preview



reception with the artists on *Jan. 27, 6 to 9 pm.* Call for tickets. *The Mansion, 560 Sproul Rd., Villanova. Daily noon to 4. Free.*

NDArtShow. ArtCall.org.

FEBRUARY 1-5

Malvern Retreat House Art Show. Works from about 100 juried artists, a featured exhibit of figurative art and a complimentary wine and cheese social on *Feb. 2, 5 to 8.* Malvern Retreat House, McShain-Horstmann Family Life Ctr., 315 S. Warren Ave., Malvern. Benefits the Retreat House. *Wed-Sat, 10 to 7; Sun, 10 to 4.*

484-321-2562; MalvernRetreat.com/ArtShow.



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JANUARY 27-FEBRUARY 5

Philadelphia Auto Show. Catch a glimpse of the industry's latest models at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. *Black Tie Tailgate, Jan. 27, 7 pm.* Benefits the Division of Neurology at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Tailgate tickets start at \$250. *1101 Arch St., Phila. Check website for show hours. \$7-\$14.*

215-418-2000; PhillyAutoShow.com.



DESIGN/HOME SHOWS.....

JANUARY 6-8

Greater Philadelphia Spring Home Show. Designed for those who are in all stages of remodeling, landscaping and decorating their homes. *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.



JANUARY 28-29

Historic Home Show. For anyone who wants to learn more about restoring, renovating, deco-



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610-354-8118; HistoricHomeShows.com.

FOOD.....

JANUARY 21-MARCH 31

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GARDENS.....
JANUARY 27
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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 22
Brandywine River Museum of Art. “Rural Modern: American Art Beyond the City.” 1 Hoffman’s Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. Daily, 9:30 to 4:30. \$6–\$15. First Sunday of month, free. 610-388-2700; BrandywineMuseum.org.



THROUGH JANUARY 31
Chester County Historical Society. “Quilts: The Next Layer.” An up close look at more than a dozen exquisite quilts recently donated to CCHS that have never before been on exhibit. 225 N. High St., West Chester. Tues–Sat, 9:30 to 4:30. \$3.50–\$6. 610-692-4800; ChesterCo-Historical.org.



THROUGH FEBRUARY 12
The Delaware Art Museum Exhibits. *Through Jan. 8*, Elizabeth Osborne: The Sixties; *through Jan. 22*, Truth & Vision: 21st Century Realism; *through Feb. 12*, Fluidity, the work of Carla Lombardi, N. Sarangoulis, Libbie Soffer, Valetta. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 8, free after 4 pm; Fri–Sun, 10 to 4, free on Sun. \$6–\$12. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

THROUGH MARCH
Freedom: To Secure the Blessings of Liberty. LancasterHistory.org presents an exhibition where visitors can discover the stories of Lancasterians who sought freedom, lived in freedom and were denied freedom over the course of 300 years. 230 N. President Ave., Lancaster. Mon–Sat, 9:30 to 5. LancasterHistory.org.



FEBRUARY 2
National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum Lecture. For Black History Month, this lecture explores the connection of African-American history and the history of the iron and steel industry in America. 50 S. First Ave., Coatesville. Doors open 5:30 with refreshments; lecture at 6. \$5. 610-384-9282; SteelMuseum.org.

MUSIC, DANCE, ENTERTAINMENT.....
THROUGH JANUARY 15
The Grand Wilmington. *Jan. 15*, The Olate Dogs, 2 pm, \$28; *Jan. 19*, Enter the Haggis/We Banjo 3, 8 pm, \$32; *Jan. 21*, Classic Albums Live performs “Purple Rain,” 8 pm, \$33; *Feb. 9*, Battle of the Sexes Comedy Show, 8 pm, \$31. 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. 302-658-7897; TheGrandWilmington.org.



THROUGH JANUARY
Uptown! Events at Knauer Performing Arts Center. Live music, theater, dance and film coming to the new theater. *Jan. 19*, Jazz Cocktail Hour with Rhenda Fearington singing songs of Roberta Flack and Nina Simone; *Jan. 21*, community open house; *Jan. 27*, Better Than Bacon Improv Show. 226 N. High St., West Chester. Check website for details. 484-639-9004; UptownWestChester.org.

THROUGH JANUARY, Fridays & Saturdays
Murder Mystery Nights at Chaddsford Winery. It’s 1985 and there’s been a murder at the opening night of Chaddsford’s Club Rave. Guests will uncover clues to pinpoint the murderer and motive while enjoying hors d’oeuvres and wine. 632 Baltimore Pk., Chadds Ford. 6:30 pm. \$55. 610 388 6221; Chaddsford.com.

JANUARY 13
Vox Ama Deus Ensemble Presents The Best of Gershwin. British virtuoso, Peter Donohoe, piano. Kimmel Center, Perelman Theater,

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JANUARY 15

Tri-State Jazz Society Concert. Community Arts Center, 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. 2 to 4 pm. 610-566-1713; CommunityArtsCenter.org.

JANUARY 19–FEBRUARY 4

The Keswick Theatre Presents. *Jan. 19,* Decades Rewind to 60s, 70s and 80s; *Jan. 21,* An Evening with Pat Metheny; *Jan. 25,* Kris Kristofferson; *Jan. 26,* Adam Ant: Kings of the Wild Frontier Live; *Jan. 27,* #imomsohard; *Jan. 28,* Who's Bad: Michael Jackson Tribute Band; *Feb. 2,* Junie B. Jones *Essential Survival Guide to School;* *Feb. 4,* Jack Hanna. 291 N. Keswick Ave., Glenside. 215-572-7650; KeswickTheatre.com.



JANUARY 28

Longwood Gardens Concert. Farah Siraj performs. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. 8 pm. \$26–\$30 includes all-day gardens admission. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

THEATERS.....

THROUGH JANUARY 8

A Christmas Story: The Musical. Based on the classic holiday movie about the boy who wanted a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. Media Music Theatre, 104 E. State St., Media. Wed–Sun, check website for show times. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

THROUGH JANUARY 15

The Road: My Life with John Denver. A regional music premiere and rare glimpse of the man behind the music. People's Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. \$46–\$51. Check website for times. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

THROUGH JANUARY 15

Sleeping Beauty: A Musical Panto. This is a world premiere of the classic tale of fairies, awakenings and true love, sure to delight audiences of all ages. People's Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. \$28–\$63. Check website for times. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.



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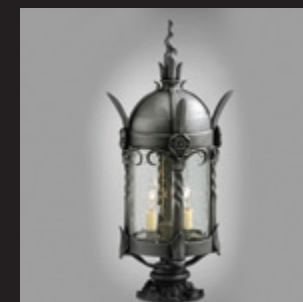


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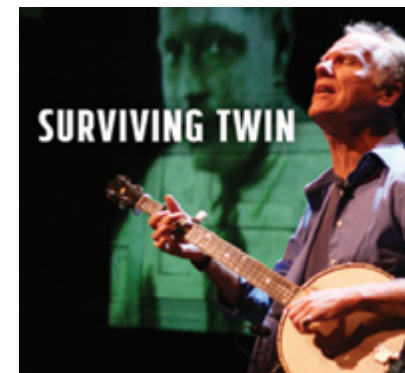
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JANUARY 19, 27

Stages of Discovery Performances. *Jan. 19,* Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia presents *Brown Bear, Brown Bear ...* recommended for PK–2nd grade. *Jan. 27,* Childsplay presents *Rock the Presidents* a multi-media-filled musical revue looks at the lives of 44 presidents, recommended for grades 3–8. The Playhouse, 1007 N. Market St., Wilmington. 9:30 am. \$7. 302-652-5577; TheGrand-Wilmington.org.

JANUARY 21–FEBRUARY 5

Loudon Wainwright III's *Surviving Twin*. Created and performed by Grammy Award-winning Loudon Wainwright as a “post-humorous collaboration” with his late father. People's Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. \$33–\$53. Check website for times. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.



JANUARY 25–FEBRUARY 19

Romeo & Juliet. Shakespeare's legendary play has never lost its relevancy. Media Music Theatre, 104 E. State St., Media. Wed–Sun, check website for show times. 610-891-0100; Media-Theatre.org.

JANUARY 26–29

Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Chester County—*Ruddigore*. Packed with ghosts, ghouls, curses, madness, jealousy and a Victorian-era love story—this is a delight for all ages. Madeline Wing Adler Theatre, 817 S. High St., West Chester. Thurs–Sat, 8 pm; Sat–Sun, 2. \$7–\$23. GSSChesco.org.

JANUARY 28

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West Chester Growers Mkt., Chestnut & Church Sts. 1st, 3rd, 5th 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; Westtown-AmishMarket.net.

Winter markets are open at least once a month or are indoors. Check their websites for details.

N. Market St., Wilmington. 3 pm. \$22-\$22. 302-652-5577; TheGrandWilmington.org.

FEBRUARY 1-19

White Guy on the Bus. Written by Bruce Graham, this play provides a candid perspective on the racial divide present today. Check website for show times and tickets, Wed-Sun. 302-594-1100; DelawareTheatre.org.

FEBRUARY 7-12

Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella. Delighting audiences with its contemporary take on the classic tale, this lush production features an incredible orchestra, jaw-dropping transformations and all the moments you love. The Playhouse on Rodney Square, 1007 N. Market St., Wilmington. \$40-\$85. 302-888-0200; ThePlayhouseDE.org.

TOWNS, TALKS & TOURS.....

JANUARY 6, 14, 19

First Fridays, Second Saturdays, Third Thursdays. **Jan. 6, First Fridays:** **Kennett Square Art Stroll**, 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com. **Lancaster City**, 717-509-ARTS; LancasterArts.com. **Oxford**, 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org. **West Chester**, 610-738-3350; DowntownWestChester.com; **Wilmington**, 302-576-2489; WilmingtonDE.gov. **Jan. 14, Second Saturday:** **Media**, 484-445-4161; MediaArtsCouncil.org. **Jan. 19, Malvern Stroll**, MalvernBusiness.com. ♦

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**JANUARY 11

Exton Senior Living

600 N. Pottstown Pk., Exton

610-594-0200; FiveStarSeniorLiving.com

Rover Community Transportation Service Information Session and sign-up. 11 a.m.

JANUARY 17

Wellington at Hershey's Mill

1361 Boot Rd., West Chester

484-653-1200; WellingtonRetirement.com

Wellness Fair. New Year, New You! Free health screenings, health-related information, raffles and giveaways. 1 to 4 p.m.

JANUARY 24

Spring Mill Senior Living

3000 Balfour Circle, Phoenixville

610-933-7675; SpringMillSeniorLiving.com

New Year's Resolutions. Bayada Home Health explores different areas of health and well-being. Set goals and have fun. 2 to 3:30 p.m.

JANUARY 26, FEBRUARY 23

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1361 Boot Rd., West Chester

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FEBRUARY 14

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600 N. Pottstown Pk., Exton

610-594-0200; FiveStarSeniorLiving.com

Sweetheart Social. Live entertainment and chocolate treats. 2 p.m.

FEBRUARY 21

Spring Mill Senior Living

3000 Balfour Circle, Phoenixville

610-933-7675; SpringMillSeniorLiving.com

Be Smart and Have a Healthy Heart. Bayada Home Health leads a healthy heart discussion for Heart Health Month. 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 24

Plush Mills

501 Plush Mills Rd., Wallingford

610-690-1630; PlushMills.com

The Hills are Alive. A theatrical production by Philly Senior Stage. RSVP: 610-690-1630. 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 28

Daylesford Crossing

1450 Lancaster Ave., Paoli

610-640-4000; DaylesfordCrossing.com

Mardi Gras Happy Hour. Jazz at 5 p.m.

MARCH 14

Wellington at Hershey's Mill

1361 Boot Rd., West Chester

484-653-1200; WellingtonRetirement.com

How Do I Get My House Ready to Sell?

Luncheon and moving seminar by downsizing experts. Free. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MARCH 21

Spring Mill Senior Living

3000 Balfour Circle, Phoenixville

610-933-7675; SpringMillSeniorLiving.com

Get Your Zzzzs. Understanding Sleep Disorders.

Join Bayada Home Health Care for a discussion that will keep you awake and give you strategies for a better night's sleep. 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

MARCH 24

Plush Mills

501 Plush Mills Rd., Wallingford

610-690-1630; PlushMills.com

"Making of America." A 5-week program presented by Widener Univ. Osher Lifelong Learning initiative. \$30.

APRIL 11

Wellington at Hershey's Mill

1361 Boot Rd., West Chester

484-653-1200; WellingtonRetirement.com

How Does the Home Selling Process Work in Today's Market? Luncheon and moving seminar by financial experts. Free. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MAY 6

Pleasant View Retirement Community

544 N. Penryn Rd., Manheim

717-665-2445; PleasantViewRC.org

Saturday on the Square. Enjoy great food, entertainment, friends and neighbors in the Town Square. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MAY 11

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1450 Lancaster Ave., Paoli

610-640-4000; DaylesfordCrossing.com

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JANUARY

19 **Taste of Phoenixville** Good Samaritan fundraiser. 610-933-9305; TasteOfPhoenixville.com

27 **Robert Burns Memorial Whisky Tasting** Colonial Theatre fundraiser. Phoenixville. 610-917-1228. TheColonialTheatre.com

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

6-12 **King of Prussia Restaurant Week** Craft beer fest with food. 484-681-9452; VisitKoP.com/DineKoP

9 **Emergency Aid's Taste of the Main Line** Radnor. Benefits Emergency Aid of PA. 610-896-7588; TasteOfTheMainLine.com

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

APRIL

3-8 **City Restaurant Week in Wilmington** Prix fixe lunch and dinner menus at premier restaurants. CityRestaurantWeek.com

8 **Philly Farm & Food Fest** Sustainable food and products. PA Conv. Center, Phila. PhillyFarmFest.org

27 **Dining Out For Life** Fundraiser for AIDS organizations. In the Del. Valley. DiningOutForLife.com

30 **20th Celebrity Chefs' Brunch** Hosted by Anne Burrell. Benefits Meals On Wheels. Wilmington. 302-656-3257; MealsOnWheelsDE.org

MAY

4-Sept. 28, Wednesdays **Media's Dining Under the Stars** On State St. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com

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

* **Great PA FlavorFest** Wineries, food, vendors. Ren. Fairgrounds, Manheim. 717-665-7021; PARenFaire.com

JUNE

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

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

24-25 **New Castle County Ice Cream Festival** Great food, ice cream, music. Wilmington. RockwoodIceCream.com

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

JULY

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

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

9-10 **32nd Mushroom Festival** Fundraiser. Kennett Square. 610-444-8188; MushroomFestival.org

11-16 **Brandywine Valley Restaurant Week** Northern DE and Southern Chester County, PA. BrandywineTaste.com.

17 **38th Chester County Restaurant Festival** West Chester. 610-738-3350; DowntownWestChester.com

21 **Annual "Taste of the Town"** Wallingford. 610-566-1713. CommunityArtsCenter.org

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

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

* **Restaurant Week in West Chester** 610-738-3350; DowntownWestChester.com

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

OCTOBER

8 **14th West Chester Rotary Chili Cookoff** Fundraiser. 484-343-4577; WestChesterChiliCookoff.com

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

NOVEMBER

* **5th Coffee & Tea Festival** Seminars, pairings, tastings. Greater Phila. Expo Center, Oaks. CoffeeAndTeaFestival.com

* **Media Restaurant Week** 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com

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

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

* — **Dates To Be Determined.**



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

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

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And the proceeds benefit the Good Samaritan Shelter, a private nonprofit organization dedicated to helping with homelessness. Good Samaritan has been organizing the Taste of Phoenixville for 15 years. Its director, Nate Hoffer says it's our opportunity to "guard our hearts against being judgmental or critical" and remember "poverty is not a character flaw."

Located in Phoenixville, the Shelter provides emergency and transitional housing for about 37 men. In general, they want to return to the workforce and reestablish themselves in an independent, self-sufficient residence as they work to get their lives back.

The Shelter's work often involves providing more than a bed and roof. It also may offer its clients a job, often through Nourish Mobile Market, which handles fruit, vegetables and dairy products from a variety of sources—Kegel's Produce, Greener Partners, Jack's Farm, Hill Creek Farm, Seven Stars Farm—for example. And Good Samaritan will match the client's savings up to \$600, and provide interest-free loans of up to \$1500, to buy, for example, a vehicle.

There's another shelter for women and children located in Ephrata that works with its guests to provide a safe place to regain stability in their lives.

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PETER GILMORE: A CHEF'S CHEF



Laura Muzzi Brennan

FOUR DECADES INTO HIS CAREER, CHEF PETER GILMORE GIVES THE IMPRESSION HE'S JUST GETTING STARTED.

TO CALL HIS RESUME IMPRESSIVE IS AKIN TO CALLING lobster Thermidor the catch of the day. After graduating from the Culinary Institute of America and apprenticing in France, Peter Gilmore cooked at the renowned Le Bec-Fin for 22 years, rising through the ranks to become Chef de Cuisine.

From 2001 to 2012, he owned the eponymous Gilmore's in downtown West Chester where his classic French cuisine earned him the honor of being named one of Philadelphia's Top Ten Restaurants as well as one of America's and the World's Top Restaurants by Zagat's Guide. More recently, in 2012, Gilmore became the first Program Director of Culinary Arts for Delaware County Community College.

Late last October, I chatted with him in his office on DCCC's Brandywine Campus about his life in famous kitchens, his work shaping the next generation of chefs, his thoughts on food trends and even the word foodie itself.

At our chat, I notice a couple of photos on the windowsill behind Gilmore's chair. In one, his arm is around Julia Child. In another,

he's standing shoulder to shoulder in a Who's Who group shot of modern culinary icons, including Daniel Boulud, Paul Bocuse and Georges Perrier. Volume after volume of "Art Culinaire" line the bookshelves. His desk faces the door leading to classrooms, kitchen and his 70-some students and their culinary dreams.

FORMATIVE YEARS

Gilmore recalls his days at Le Bec-Fin fondly. "It was an honor to have a job at Le Bec-Fin," says Gilmore. "Georges [Perrier] was stern but fair, and I became a great sauce maker because he was." For Perrier's Le Bec-Fin cookbook, Gilmore wrote the recipes and did the food styling. "I rewrote that crab cake recipe four times!" he laughs as he shows me Perrier's inscription in his personal copy.

When our conversation turns to Gilmore's Restaurant, the chef tells me he misses the accolades but even more, the camaraderie in the kitchen—rocking out to his favorite song (U2's "Where the Streets Have No Name"), the inside jokes (if you meet him, ask about his staff's favorite acronym) and the quiet moments.



Peter teaching students at DCCC



Students practicing on their own

One of his favorite memories: early mornings in the kitchen talking food with sous chef Jason Curtis in between bites of crusty bread dipped in rich short rib braise. When Curtis was preparing for Chaîne des Rotisseurs Jeune Commis Rotisseurs Competition, Gilmore brought in baskets of ingredients to help him practice. After Curtis won the U.S. title, Gilmore traveled with him to Finland for the international competition.

CHEF TO CHEF

Gilmore's always enjoyed the tradition of passing on knowledge from one chef to another, so when he closed Gilmore's in

2012, working with aspiring chefs seemed the natural next step.

As DCCC's first program director, Gilmore's days are full: developing the culinary curriculum including for a program at Widener, shopping for ingredients, advising students and teaching classes.

This past fall his teaching included Professional Cooking I at Widener University and Professional Cooking II at the Brandywine campus of DCCC, each a four-hour class, one-day-a-week requirement for students on both certificate and associate's degree tracks. Aspiring cooks note: DCCC also offers non-credit classes, such as "The Art of the Meal."

"I teach the way restaurants are actually run," Gilmore explains. He demands professional behavior and dress from day one. In between knife skills and sauce making, Gilmore gives students the lowdown on the chef's life: "You really have to love it because you'll work nights, weekends, birthdays. It's hard work. It's dirty work."

On owning a restaurant: "There's much to think about beyond cooking—payroll, insurance—and you have to figure out how to use everything [e.g., every part of a vegetable] or else you'll find yourself out of business." His advice to students who aspire to celebrity chef status: "Be out there. Do your charity work: it's good for networking and community and karma."

The best chefs, says Gilmore, are not the yellers and screamers of popular culinary myth and reality TV but people with



Peter surrounded by inspiration in his DCCC office

humility and the creativity to transform the familiar into something new. "A dish is always a reinterpretation of what someone else has done," he says, "so you have to enjoy that reinterpretation."

LESSONS ALL AROUND

Turns out, the DCCC culinary students aren't the only ones learning lessons in the kitchen. Besides figuring out what the heck a rubric is [a tool for grading students' work], Gilmore tells me he's learned patience.

Another challenge: teaching students whose work and life experience vary widely.

Gilmore's Restaurant in West Chester from 2002



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His youngest students are in their late teens, his oldest about 70. Some have cooked professionally; others are starting from scratch.

When it comes to goals, he recognizes there's a wide range there, too: "Not everyone wants to be in a 5-star kitchen," acknowledges Gilmore. "But if you do," he continues, "the DCCC program puts you squarely on that path."

One notable graduate is Brian Sanders, sous chef at Restaurant Alba in Malvern. Just that day, Sanders texted Gilmore a photo of the most gorgeous plateful of white truffles, knowing Gilmore would ooh and aah as only a fellow chef and passionate foodie could.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

As for the word "foodie," Gilmore doesn't mind it at all. But "artisanal," he says, is overused. As for food trends, he believes local and sustainable have staying power. He predicts that, over the next few years, diners will see more Cuban food, "clean" menus (free of artificial ingredients and additives), and an uptick in food delivery services such as UberEATS.

Because Gilmore still loves the thrill of cooking for appreciative diners, he recently partnered with chef Cindy McClure to create Gilmore and McClure Fine Dining. In addition to teaching cooking classes, they cater large parties and intimate dinners. All events take place at Casa di Tutto Sorrisi, McClure's opulent European-inspired mansion set on 18 acres of lush farmland in Chester Springs.

Toward the end of our interview—we talk for two hours before I think to check

the time—Gilmore shows me the menu for an Italian Delights dinner he and McClure are hosting that weekend. As he describes pappardelle bolognese, cozze in brodo anisette and ricotta fatta in casa, it's clear he's still in love with his craft.

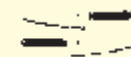
But I had to know whether the main object of his affection has changed, so I ask him to name his current favorite cuisine. "Still French," he says without hesitation and then breaks into a wide grin. ♦



Gilmore's Restaurant in the early days

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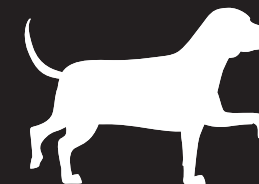
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FIND INSPIRATION IN THESE RECOMMENDATIONS

AFTER THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF THE HOLIDAYS, it can be nice to retreat into the kitchen for a cozy family meal. No more high pressure Entertaining with a capital E. Invite who you want, or no one at all. Set the table or don't.

Here's hoping this list of favorite cookbooks provides you with inspiration for a return to the simple Sunday supper—a meal you can spend your time working on and lingering over.

Whether your idea of simple is Mimi Thorisson's recipe for Poulet-au-Pot (literally, chicken in a pot) or Anthony Bourdain's Duck Rillettes, these recommendations have something for every taste, skill level and time commitment.

FRENCH COUNTRY COOKING: MEALS AND MOMENTS FROM A VILLAGE IN THE VINEYARDS

by Mimi Thorisson

As an ambitious home chef and lover of artfully styled food photos, I'm a big fan of Mimi Thorisson—so big a fan I recommended this book last month as a great gift. Thorisson is the author of "A Kitchen in France: A Year of Cooking in My Farmhouse," the blog Manger, and an inspiring food and travel Instagram @mimithor.

Her new book, "French Country Cooking," calls forth a rustic, homemade sense of luxury. Luxury is time. (And in some cases you'll need that luxury for the recipes in this book.) Luxury is simple, high quality ingredients. (You'll need those, too.) There's a whole chapter on Sunday Suppers *en famille* with recipes like the aforementioned Poulet-au-Pot and Comte, Ham and Walnut Feuille—basically the fancy French version of a ham and cheese hot pocket. Don't let the French intimidate, this is not a high-concept cookbook. It's simple food done well.

APPETITES by Anthony Bourdain

Like Anthony Bourdain's larger than life personality, this book is messy, irreverent and without pretension. Or, with a little rebellious, "I know what the you-know-what I'm talking about, and it'll be delicious" pretension. Bourdain talks about the transition from wild child chefdom to fatherhood, and how for the first time in his life he's cooking for his family instead of other people's families. And this is what he cooks.

Flip through the pages and get pointers on how a professional chef elevates the same staples you're flinging in your kitchen like omelets and burgers. Or benefit from Bourdain's world travels to prepare dishes like his father-in-law's Spaghetti alla Bottarga, Korean fried chicken, and a version of Mere Brazier's Poulet "en Vessie" that doesn't require the pig bladder. (Thanks for that, Tony.)

While this is about what Bourdain makes for his nine-year-old daughter, don't expect "kid friendly" meals. This book is about acclimating your child's palate to more adult cuisine, which Bourdain has clearly made a priority. The delicate of constitution (and prudish of language) may not enjoy the irreverent tone. But it's a fun book with a bunch of good meals—what more can you ask for?

THE KINFOLK TABLE: RECIPES FOR SMALL GATHERINGS

by Nathan Williams

The delicate cook might find more of a kinship with "The Kinfolk Table" than "Appetites." I can't think of a magazine Bourdain would hate more than "Kinfolk"—the bastion of Brooklynesque trendy hipster homesteading. But, "the simple pleasures of a shared meal," which "The Kinfolk Table" bids you to discover, are what we're all after in the end.

This is a book for fans of the slow movement—the cultural shift towards slowing down life's pace. The book takes you through multiple regions starting with, yes, Brooklyn, and meandering with local cooks and creators through the English countryside, Copenhagen and the West Coast's Brooklyn—Portland, Oregon. This variety of contributors helps give the book an eclectic mix of recipes perfect for the authors' alternative idea of entertaining—casual, intentional, meaningful. It's basically your coolest friends' best recipes.

V STREET: 100 GLOBE-HOPPING PLATES ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF VEGETABLE COOKING

by Rich Landau & Kate Jacoby

Now for something local. This one may sound familiar as "V Street" is written by the award-winning chef/owners of vegetarian restaurants V Street and Vedge in Philadelphia—Rich Landau and Kate Jacoby. With a nice little section on how to shop ethnic markets, this book can help you switch things up and broaden your repertoire in more ways than one. Not only does it work some vegetarian recipes into your rotation (or offer new and exciting meals to your already-vegetarian kitchen) but it takes you around the world as the

title implies. Your horizons (and your pantry) will expand with offerings like Israeli grilled eggplant, Tandoor zucchini, Huli Huli barbecue seitan tacos and more. If vegetables aren't your idea of a main dish, you'll come away with some show-stopping side dishes.

HOME MADE WINTER

by Yvette van Boven

It can be hard to cook in the winter. It feels like nothing is in season and comfort food doesn't always excite. When I'm in a winter cooking rut, I turn to Yvette van Boven's "Home Made Winter." (She is also the author of "Home Made," "Home Made Summer" and "Home Baked.")

There are a lot of meals from van Boven's Irish upbringing, including toad in the hole, homemade Irish butter, potted ham, steak and kidney pie and Guinness fruitcake. There are also cozy, warming mains like baked risotto with cauliflower, gruyère and crisp bread crumbs, and pulled pork. A frittata of kale and bacon was one I never expected to become a staple in my repertoire, but it has. Kale is so much better with heavy cream, cheese and bacon!



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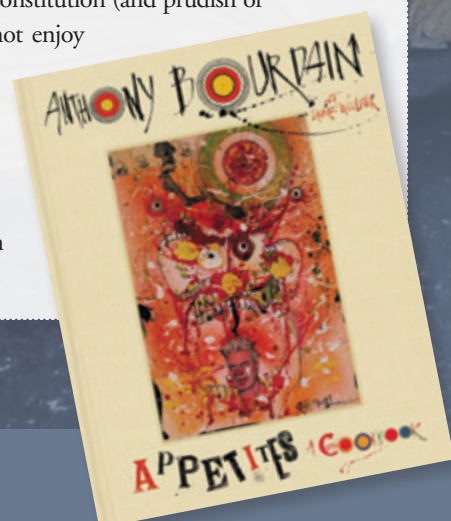
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While Dining Out

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WHEN I WAS A LITTLE GIRL, GOING OUT TO EAT with my family was a special occasion. It didn't happen often, and it felt so extraordinary that I'd order things I'd never eat at home. That's certainly not the case now. I buy lunch at least twice a week, our family goes out to dinner about once a week, and takeout food graces our table several times a month.

Raise your hand if this sounds like you.

If your anniversary marks a rare dinner out and truly is a once-a-year treat, then this article isn't for you. But for the rest of us, dining out is more a normal occurrence than a special occasion. If that's your life, celebrate that you don't have to prepare or clean up after this meal. And consider these four things: where to eat, what to choose, how to eat, and how much to have.

WHERE TO EAT: Choose a restaurant that serves healthy options you like. Most places have at least a few healthful choices on their menu—or dishes that can be made healthful with a tweak or two. Many chain restaurants have nutrition facts online so you can make educated choices. Yet, there are still some places with very few dishes that aren't deep fried or smothered. Try to avoid those!

WHAT TO CHOOSE: When choosing your meal, you probably can't justify deep fried anything, cheese or alfredo sauce, more than six ounces of meat, or a dessert with an entire day's worth of fat and calories. Keep that in mind.

If you can, research nutrition information online, then you can be armed with notes outlining healthful choices. If you can't do

that, learn the code words on menus. Avoid options using words like breaded, smothered, crispy, au gratin, creamy or butter sauce. Instead, embrace foods described as broiled, roasted, grilled or steamed.

More ordering tips: *It's OK to be high maintenance!* Ask for sauces and dressings on the side. And for your food to be prepared with no added salt, minimal oil or butter, and request steamed vegetables or a side salad instead of fries or chips. Ask if brown rice or whole wheat pasta is available.

Also, stick with water or unsweetened iced tea. Why waste calories and money if the food is the main attraction? Limit alcohol since it tends to make you eat more—plus there are extra calories in alcohol and mixers.

By the way, if you're the first to order, you're less likely to be influenced by less-than-healthy choices of others at your table!

HOW TO EAT: Once your food arrives, take a moment to appreciate the colors and textures on your plate. Appreciate that someone prepared it just for you, and you didn't have to prepare it yourself!

Then enjoy your food mindfully to truly relish the meal. Sip water. Put your fork down between bites. Concentrate on your dinner companions and conversation or the

quirky decorations on the wall. Eat slowly, since it takes about 20 minutes for your brain to catch up with your stomach when you're full.

HOW MUCH TO HAVE: Portions served in restaurants 30 years ago were much closer to an appropriate serving size than those we see today. Because we eat quickly, are trained to clean our plates, and are conditioned to see large portions, we often eat much more food than our bodies need.

If half or lunch-sized portions are available, consider that option. Studies show that people tend to eat more when served more, yet are no more satisfied than when served smaller portions.

Share your entrée or appetizer with a dining companion, but always request your own salad. Ask for a take-home box to be delivered with your meal. You can box half or more of the meal before you even start eating. If you don't want the leftovers, put a napkin on top of your plate to avoid picking at the food that's still there.

WE'RE ONLY HUMAN

These tips aren't meant to ruin your good time or make you feel guilty for an occasional indulgence. Just consider them a reminder that frequently dining out can



Choose a side salad, with dressing on the side, instead of fries.

lead to indulging more than we intended. And be assured that healthful food can be quite tasty!

We might not always choose the perfect healthful option. And we may sometimes eat more than we should or order a cocktail or dessert because it just sounds so good! It happens. Just get back on track with your healthy habits. You're in this for the long haul, not just one meal.

And remember to move around more, be proud of the healthy behaviors you do accomplish, and eat an extra veggie or two.

Oh, and make sure to tip your server well for coming through for you! ♦

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503 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne
610-964-2588 / AutographBrasserie.com

Sign up for the Main Line's new-ish swanky, upmarket signature place to go for a special occasion or good time. Marty Grims, of White Dog and Moshulu, totally transformed the former Peppercorn space (also formerly georges') in Eagle Village Shops to create separate venues bedecked with framed record album covers and signed photos: a lively bar with brass instrument chandelier, sunny Sycamore dining room with private booths, and the dark and clubby Club Room. Chef Ralph Fernandez cooks up French/Spanish/Italian at this American brasserie for brunch, lunch, happy hour, dinner and late night (with music until midnight). Sip signature drinks (Pom & Circumstances for toasting the graduate), wines and beer. Pastas, duck, tuna crudo and charred octopus are hits. Will it become a new mainstay?

Firepoint Grill

3739 West Chester Pk., Newtown Square
484-428-3093 / FirepointGrill.com

Newtown Square's aptly named new hot spot, Firepoint Grill, foreshadows more exciting developments at Ellis Preserve. This major investment by Lehigh Valley's Paxos Restaurant group (Melt, Blue, Top Cut, Torre) is a much-needed addition, adding a chic American grill with 250 seats inside and 150 more outside on the all-weather patio. A lively vibe emanates from the central bar and draws you to the open kitchen with wood-fired grill. Starr restaurant alum, Chef Hugh Moran, ticks off trends starting with "vittles"—cast iron cheddar cornbread, fire oven baked rosemary focaccia, sea salt potato chips, fried olives. Salads, sandwiches, burgers and pizzas lead up to main plates—rotisserie chicken, steaks and seafood. Plus cocktails, craft beer and wine list. A flash of fun.

Davio's Northern Italian Steakhouse

King of Prussia Town Center
610-337-4810 / Davios.com/KOP

No need to drive to Center City (or Boston, Atlanta, New York) and pay for parking to enjoy the upscale northern Italian steakhouse's handmade pasta, prime-aged Brandt steaks (8-oz. filet to 24-oz. ribeye) and fresh seafood (lobster risotto's a fave). Davio's, now at the KOP Town Center, serves lunch, brunch and dinner in the elegant, high-ceiling, 9,000-square-foot space, with a casual Galleria nearby. Sample trademarked spring rolls—Philly cheese steak, chicken parm, Buffalo chicken and more—or American Kobe beef meatballs as you sip one of 200 wines from Italy, France and the U.S., 12 by the glass, seasonal cocktails or craft beer. The Center City spot for power breakfasts and lunches has garnered accolades for 16 years. Now close by.

Fogo de Chão Brazilian Steakhouse

Kind of Prussia Town Center
484-965-9655 / FogoDeChao.com

When you're hungry and you know it, go to Fogo! Open since last summer, this churrascaria (Brazilian steakhouse) is part of a popular chain known for all-you-can-eat, high-quality grilled meats sliced tableside by friendly gaucho chefs. Picanha—the restaurant's garlicky signature steak—is a crowd favorite. Carnivores and vegetarians alike adore the warm, cheesy rolls, garlic mashed potatoes and caramelized bananas that are magically replenished throughout the meal. The Market Table—an uber salad bar

featuring traditional Brazilian and international salads, cheeses and charcuterie—is an experience unto itself. For dessert: papaya cream or South American flan. Dine inside for a view of the open kitchen or al fresco on the expansive patio.

The Goat's Beard

103 N. Wayne Ave., Wayne
484-584-4979 / TheGoatsBeardWayne.com

Main Liners also rejoiced when this popular Manayunk gastropub opened a second location last summer in the heart of Wayne. Local and sustainable are on tap and on table with diners loving Chef Joel Romano's inventive takes on American cuisine. Steak mac and cheese, burgers and pork and kimchi fries top the list. The "whiskey bible" pays homage to the USA with 70 varieties. Craft beer menu includes many PA brews. With Pint and Pound (of wings) Mondays, "1 burger, 1 bourbon, 1 beer" Wednesdays and live music Thursday through Sunday, the week never looked better.

Places to Watch

Al Pastor & Bella Vista

Eagleview Town Center – Wellington Sq., Exton
610-458-1900 / EagleviewTownCenter.com

Restaurant row in Eagleview Town Center? Two new restaurants join Brickside Grill and Nudy's Café, with plans for two more dining options later in 2017. The newest additions are joint efforts by Steven Starr alums, Justin Weathers and Chef Joe Monnich, and share more than the duo's vision—they also share a kitchen. Al Pastor,

a mod Mexican, serves specialties like tuna ceviche, squash blossom quesadillas, and pork belly tacos, plus great tequilas. Trattoria-style Bella Vista offers a changing menu with charcuterie and cheese boards, panini, handmade pasta and signature pizzas paired with regional Italian wines. Look next for Chef Eric Yost, of Wyebrook Farm fame, at the helm of Suburban, a farm-to-table beer garden. And later in 2017, a sushi place.

Broad Table Tavern

10 S. Chester Rd., Swarthmore
610-543-7500 / TheInnAtSwat.com

Seasonally inspired, locally sourced, showcasing regional and artisanal products—what you'd expect at an eatery in the midst of the Swarthmore campus and part of the new-ish inn there. To the surprise and delight of locals and Swatties (alums), the place has a liquor license, finally allowing signature cocktails, wine and a strong beer list. The modern, airy space gets raves, as do the outdoor deck and indoor fireplace. The food side has an ambitious mission of serving breakfast, brunch, lunch and dinner from a well-received menu of salads, sandwiches, scratch pastas and specialties—from hanger steak to cauliflower steak—plus plenty of fun apps, like grilled octopus and burrata.

Brown Derby

1470 Baltimore Pk., Toughkenamon
610-268-8252 / FireHillPub.com

Return of the Brown Derby name raised spirits among those who remembered at least part of its 80-year history of serving



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The Goat's Beard



Brown Derby



Al Pastor

steak, lobster and Italian dishes. Current owners, including Chef Ray Maxwell (Kennett's Chef-atopia), went old school. The retro menu—crab cakes, lobster tail, lots of steaks, plus Derby Classics—is back, plus modern touches not on the 1934 menu, like small plates, charcuterie and local artisan cheese. There are still Italian faves—crab ravioli, chicken marsala—along with enough mushroom dishes for mushroom country. Chef Maxwell says: “This will bring you back to a time when you went with your parents ...[for] prime rib and a baked potato bigger than your eyes could see, with great service.” Here’s hoping!

Bryn and Dane's

*Bryn Mawr Village, 915–925 W. Lancaster Ave.
Bryn Mawr, BrynAndDanes.com*

Word on the street is this fast-casual will open its Bryn Mawr location in early January. Its mission: make healthy eating a breeze. The menu includes fresh smoothies, egg scrambles, salads, soups, sandwiches and wraps. Bowls—your choice of Greek yogurt, oatmeal, açai or chia pudding topped with fresh fruit—start the day right. Fans at other locations praise the Mo Green smoothie and sweet potato fries. *Bryn* and Dane's in *Bryn Mawr*? Meant to be. Coming to Malvern soon, too.

On Trend: Latin Cuisine

Paladar Latin Kitchen & Rum Bar

*King of Prussia Town Center
484-965-9779 / PaladarLatinKitchen.com*

Although Cleveland is no hotbed of Latin cuisine, the new Cleveland-based Paladar (Cuban for family-owned restaurant) at KOP



Paladar Latin Kitchen & Rum Bar

Town Center is a bright spot in the Latin food trend. Drawing inspiration from Cuba, South America and beyond, the menu serves up small plates, Latin comfort food, grilled meats and fresh seafood, plus tacos (braised duck and blackened fish drew raves), sides (surprising chorizo with kale) and an impressive list of 80-some rums (try the tasting flights). Sourcing thoughtfully (wild Alaskan salmon; corvino, not talapia) and with dedication (special quests for best bacon and ice cream), Chef Joe Tif's menu is inventive but not self-conscious. Classics like Ropa Vieja and craft-your-own guac (add bacon, goat cheese, more) get nuanced treatment and creative twists.

Brewpubs & Breweries

See the article, “Happy New Brewpubs & Breweries,” in this issue covering La Cabra Brewing, Brick & Brew, The Bottle Room, Tuned Up Brewing Company and Sterling Pig Brewery.

Pizzas for Every Mood

BIGA Pizza + Beer

*810 Glenbrook Ave., Bryn Mawr
610-525-4800 / RestaurantBiga.com*

When Restaurant Alba's Sean Weinberg opens a pizza place, you know it's not your father's pizzeria. So when Biga Pizza premiered last summer in Bryn Mawr, pie fans applauded. For good reason. The hip, exposed brick space serves up wood-fire crusted gems with inventive combinations of toppings, along with some of the best salads ever (the autumn salad with arugula, fennel, pear, lime vinaigrette). Favorite pizzas include The Kingdom (bacon, beer braised onions, scamorza) and Da Bomb (soppresatta, tomato, mozzarella, Calabrian chilis). Add a curated craft beer menu (Tired Hands on tap) and your next reservation.

BIGA Pizza + Beer



Lorenzo and Sons Pizza

*27 N. High St., West Chester
484-999-8756 / LorenzoAndSonsPizza.com*

It was a long time coming, though not as long as the wait for Pica's ... Happily Lorenzo's gigantic slices—bigger than your head—satisfy West Chester U students and New York street-pizza lovers equally. The classic thin crust, cheesy goodness appeals anytime, and does a great job soaking up evidence from a night of bar hopping. Want toppings? Come on Tuesdays. Bring the big car if you order a whole pie—it's 27 inches across!

Nicoletta Pizzeria

*King of Prussia Mall, 610-312-0171
NicolettaPizza.com/KingOfPrussia*

All pizza seldom conjures visions of Michelin stars but the new, very upscale food court, named Savor KOP, offers that heavenly experience. Given the caliber of shops (international designers—think Fendi, Gucci, Hermès), the addition of Manhattan's Michael White (of Marea fame, with pizzerias in NY and NJ), with his handmade pizzas, pastas and gelato, is a culinary complement.

Served in quarter-pie portions rather than slices, with gluten-free crust options and killer sides (awesome arancini), a snack will help you shop 'til you drop. The NYC location has a never-ending happy hour on Mondays, which sadly, can't happen here without a liquor license.

Pica's Restaurant

*1233 West Chester Pk., West Chester
610-789-7770 / Picas-Restaurant.com*

The long wait is finally over! Delco's legendary pizza comes west as this family Italian opens its new location in late 2016-early 2017. With cheese below, sauce above and toppings galore, Pica's signature rectangular pie is sure to become a West Chester favorite. Head Chef Emmanuel Rosario (Lori Pica's husband, FYI) is tweaking the menu for the new location. While there won't be cheesesteaks, popular dishes like housemade pastas and trinity of parms (chicken, eggplant, veal) aren't going anywhere. Like the Upper Darby location, this one offers cozy booths. Or savor your slices in the windowed garden room or Frank's Corner surrounded by Old Blue Eyes' memorabilia.

Pizzeria Vetri Square Pie

*King of Prussia Mall
267-422-4201 / PizzeriaVetri.com*

More upscale pizza at the Mall? Though we'd hope to be enjoying this pizza at Devon Yards (see 2016 Best of the Best), Vetri's location inside Urban Outfitters opened this fall, rolling out a thick-crust, Roman style in square slices, hence the name. There's counter service, plus seating for 60, with beer, wine and more on the menu. Try a rotolo (rolled pizza dough with fillings) and dessert pizzas. Choose for your slice or half-tray order from five traditional toppings and five seasonal specials—like the Zola (gorgonzola, radicchio, speck and apple) or the Zucca (topped with roasted pumpkin, taleggio, sage and brown butter). And hum “At Last!”

SNAP Custom Pizza

*291 Main St., Exton
484-875-5800 / SnapCustomPizza.com
Other Locations: Ardmore, Newark, DE*

Despite popular wisdom, instant gratification and unlimited choices *can* make you happy. The proof: SNAP Pizza where dream pies emerge hot from the oven in five minutes or less and cost just \$7.99. Start with traditional or gluten-free crust. Pick a sauce and cheese, say San Marzano tomato and house made mozzarella. Select as many proteins and vegetables as your heart desires. Pepperoni? Yes. Veal meatballs? Yes. Bacon, mushrooms, peppers? Yes, yes, yes! For the choice-averse, there are signature pies. The Kennett Square's got herb butter sauce, mushrooms, goat cheese and arugula. With nutella dessert pizza and complimentary wine on Wednesdays, no wonder this BYOB made our list in a snap.

Binge House Pizza

Facebook.com/BingeHousePizza

What—free pizza? Yes, you get virtually free pizza (charging to cover costs) at the monthly pop-out. That's if you respond in time to the Facebook offer, drive to the Downingtown home of the Binger, Jim Oley, and agree to offer feedback. Binge Pizza is an unconventional work-in-progress to perfect a pizza recipe with the plan of opening a pizza shop—it came close in November. The project has been going on for over a year, even had an October tasting at The Bottle Room in Downingtown. From classic toppings, cup-n-char pepperoni, and Brussels sprouts with bacon, the concept is an adventure.

New Spirits

Brandywine Branch Distillery & Bistro

*350 Warwick Rd., Elverson, 610-901-3668
BrandywineBranchDistillers.com*



Brandywine Branch Distillery & Bistro

A self-proclaimed destination distillery in a century-old barn in north Chester County offers grain-to-bottle spirits—including seasonal gins (Equinox, Summertide, Harvest, Solstice, from \$40–50) plus bourbons with even more promised. Master blender Riannon Walsh's 30-some years of experience are expressed in small batch Revivalist Botanical gins that are as far from London dry gins as this regional distillery is from the UK. Stop in for tours, tastings, classes (one on nosing) and farm-to-table bistro. Experience the online tour with Senator John Rafferty, Jr., or ask for the gins at local bars and restaurants. *The Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times* and TV series *Innovations* (with Ed Begley) have discovered them. You should, too.

Award-Winners to Sip

Manatawny Still Works

*320 Circle of Progress Dr., Suite 104, Pottstown
484-624-8271 / ManatawnyStillWorks.com*

Local distilleries are garnering recognition, with Pottstown-based Manatawny bringing home five individual awards in 2016 from the American Craft Spirits Assn. (a craft spirits trade group). Two silvers for small batch whiskeys (batch #6 and #7),



Pietro's Prime Steakhouse & Martini Bar

Bluebird Distilling



silver for small batch rum (batch #3), and bronze for J. Potts Whiskey and for Odd Fellows No. 214 Gin, plus a handful of golds from The50Best.com. Not bad for their three-year history.

» **Bluebird Distilling** «

100 Bridge St., Phoenixville
610-933-7827 / BluebirdDistilling.com

Not to be outdone, Phoenixville's two-year-old Bluebird Distillery also collected five awards from the American Draft Spirits Assn. last year—earning an award in every category they entered. Bluebird brought home silver for their vodka, whiskey and sugarcane rum; with bronze for four-grain bourbon and juniperus gin. Food critic Craig LaBan anointed the Four Grain Bourbon as having the “makings of something special.” Sip for yourself.

Serious Cocktails

» **General Warren** «

9 Old Lancaster Rd., Malvern
610-296-3637 / GeneralWarren.com

We propose a toast to the General Warren. For fine wines and grownup cocktails, this historic Colonial inn is the winner. Extensive wine menu includes Old and New World vintages, champagnes, sparkling wines and 14 lovely, affordable wines by the glass. Another highlight: their own seasonal cask-aged cocktails. This winter, try Dad's Hat Rye Manhattan and Bluecoat Gin Negroni. Raise your glass in the elegant main restaurant or take a seat at the casual Warren Tavern's U-shaped soapstone bar. If a table near the Tavern's wood-burning fireplace opens up, drink to your good fortune. This spring: Sip away at the new bar in the Spring House Terrace.

PA Wine to Try

» **Penns Woods Winery** «

124 Beaver Valley Rd., Chadds Ford
610-459-0808 / PennsWoodsEvents.com

» **Paradocx Vineyard** «

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

This year we recommend traminette, a relatively new white hybrid varietal (Gerwertztiminer crossed with a French-American varietal), spawned in university labs in the 1960s, released in 1996, and a great success in cooler climes—Michigan, Hudson Valley, Chester County. Its off-dry, aromatic character won Penns Wood Winery a double gold award at the Finger Lakes International wine contest and Paradocx Vineyard a silver from BTI Tastings.com. This straw yellow wine is a crowd-pleaser. Penns Woods' has sweet smells of honey and lemon zest giving way to a clean, crisp mineral finish, while the Paradocx wine shows aromas of pressed roses, musky peaches and overripe white grapes. It's easy to drink, yet complex and appeals to both sweet and dry wine lovers. Enjoy it on its own, or with Thai food. Drink local!

Cider Pairing

» **Frecon Farms** «

501 S. Reading Ave., Boyertown
610-367-6200 / FreconFarms.com

» **Gracie's 21st Century Café** «

1534 Manatawny Rd., Pine Forge
610-323-4004 / Gracies21stCentury.com

When soulmates find each other, it's a beautiful thing. Last fall, Frecon Farms teamed up with Gracie's 21st Century Café to host a Table in the Orchard event. After a ramble through the orchard and cidery tour, guests enjoyed four courses paired with Frecon's cider. Menu included prosciutto-wrapped Frecon peaches, Valley Milkhouse cheeses, chicken and apple schnitz meatballs, pork filet mignon and dessert from Frecon's bakery. The highlight: the unveiling of Scrumpy, Frecon's newest cider. Guests had such a good time that plans are afoot for more dinners in 2017. Until then, we're getting our Frecon on at General Warren and Eagleview, Downingtown and Malvern farmers' markets.

Healthy Drink

» **Baba's Brew Kombucha** «

333 Morgan St., Phoenixville
267-738-1973 / BabasBrew.com

Turns out our great grandmothers were right. At least that's true for Olga Sorzano, whose Siberian baba always kept homemade kombucha on hand. Long treasured for its health benefits, kombucha combines sweet tea with a yeast-bacteria culture for an effervescent drink low in calories and sugar, but high in probiotics and all the stuff your bubbe said would keep the doctor away. In her Phoenixville nano-brewery, Sorzano creates seasonal flavors like Rosy Apple and Asian Pear Ginger and year-round Flower Power. Baba's got a shout out from *Inquirer* food critic Craig LaBan, and it's popping up in bottles and on tap in over 100 locations. Look for the brewery's new tasting room and BIY (Brew-It-Yourself) classes.

Cortado

» **La Colombe Bryn Mawr** «

915 W. Lancaster Ave., Ste. 160, Bryn Mawr
215-398-3091 / LaColombe.com

Not so long ago, we thought we were pretty cute with our cappuccino foam mustaches. These days, we're all about the cortado—espresso with more steamed milk than a macchiato but less than a latte. At La Colombe Bryn Mawr, it's perfection with a foamy heart on top. Baristas are happy to answer your coffee Q's while serving croissants, pastries, salads and sandwiches made fresh at their Fishtown location. Smoked salmon bialy with dill cream is a must-try. And the space itself? It's bright and welcoming with large windows, gray-washed brick walls, small tables and wood benches. We're thrilled this Philly gem came west!

Community Space

» **Malvern Buttery** «

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

Though John and Silenia Rhoads opened their café-bakery just one and a half years ago, it's already earned a place in the hearts of Malvernites. Comfy chairs, rustic communal tables and a vibe that's simultaneously adult and kid-friendly means whether you've come for breakfast, lunch or an expertly made cappuccino, you'll want to linger. The buffet bar holds a changing menu of creative sandwiches, salads, soups as well as pastries, cookies and croissants. Can't decide? Word on King Street is you can't go wrong with a brioche sticky bun or all-you-can-eat toast with housemade jams. For DIY foodies, the Buttery hosts classes in granola making and tea blending. In 2017, check out their occasional seasonal suppers.

Al Fresco Dining

» **Outdoor Dining in West Chester** «

DowntownWestChester.com

There's Media's Dining Under the Stars on warm Wednesday nights and Kennett's Third Thursdays on State Street. Now we celebrate the movable feast that is West Chester dining *every* night *and* day. Weather permitting, tables and chairs are pulled to the brick sidewalks along Gay, Market and side streets (that's you, Limoncello and Station 51). Lunch, brunch, happy hour and dinner hour are made for taking in West Chester's charm as a sidedish. From breakfast at The Classic Diner to a perfect martini at Pietro's Prime, there are so many tables waiting for you to enjoy the pleasures of al fresco dining in the borough.

Bento Boxes

» **Lily Asian Restaurant** «

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

Fresh, artful and reasonable priced (\$9–14) are three reasons we love these “boxed” lunches. Reasons 4 and 5: they're a godsend for the indecisive and leave us feeling sated, not stuffed. All bentos include miso soup, dumplings filled with pork and chicken, and salad with sesame dressing, a nice change from carrot-ginger. The tempura



sweet potato maki is a standout. For an entrée choice, regulars say go for bang bang shrimp, seafood pad Thai, red chicken curry, General Tso's chicken or sushi/sashimi combo. Vegetarians cast their vote for fried tofu steak or vegan delight (stir-fried veggies in garlic sauce).

Celeb Spotting

» **La Verona** «

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

For dinner with a side of celebrity, we honor La Verona. Last July, Vice President Joe Biden dined al fresco at this traditional Italian in the heart of Kennett Square. The ever-amiable Veep also took time for a photo op with owner, Jack Mavraj. While daughter Ashley tucked into crab cakes, Biden feasted on burrata salad and crowd-favorite chicken parmesan. Polls show veal and eggplant parms and homemade pastas also enjoy high approval ratings. The biggest vote getters are mushroom soup (hometown advantage?) and a roasted artichoke/prosciutto appetizer. For entertainment—other than hosting government dignitaries—La Verona brings in live music on Thursday and Saturday nights.

Charcuterie

» **Cornerstone BYOB & Artisanal Market** «

1 West Ave., Wayne
610-688-1888 / CornerstoneWayne.com

Last year, we called it a place to watch. This year, it's the place to be! Chef-owners Nick and Christine Kondra search the world for the finest cured, smoked and cooked meats and fish for their chic, cozy Wayne BYOB. They craft sausages, patés, terrines and mousses in house. For a chef's board, you get cheeses, charcuterie like 'Nduja (not available anywhere else in our region), plus accompaniments and the story behind the bites. Board selections change daily. Have a favorite? The Kondras will accommodate. And Christine's special talent is designing custom boards to complement your wine and liquor selection. Take the Cornerstone experience home and

subscribe to “Taste,” a seasonal curation of hand-selected, artisanal products delivered to your door.

Cinco de Mayo All Year

» **Más Mexicali Cantina** «

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

Some places feel festive, with a celebratory vibe when you walk in. And Más has three levels of fun, each offering the distinctive experience that makes Mexican fiestas so, well, festive. You'll feel like it's Cinco de Mayo when you tuck into specialties and ceviches of the day, sizzling fajitas, overloaded burritos, tantalizing tacos, even vegetarian options. That's your solid basis for fun and food, enjoyed in the first-floor cantina or elsewhere. The second-floor Tequila Bar and Velvet Lounge has a different energy, as does the Rooftop Bar with the best view in West Chester. Great frozen drinks, sangria, long beer list, and good for Taco Tuesdays.

Comfort Food

» **The Classic Diner** «

352 Lancaster Ave., Malvern, 610-725-0515
16 E. Gay St., West Chester, 484-947-0809

TheClassicDinerPA.com

Had we but world enough and time, we would wax poetic about every comforting dish at these upscale breakfast and lunch gems. But alas time's winged chariot—and limited space—hasten us toward the highlights: bacon, sliced thick in house. A thing of beauty. Eggs Benedict, served classic style or with filet mignon, avocado and tomato, or jumbo lump crab. Impossible to pick a favorite. Turkey pepper hash, tuna melt, handmade potato chips. Retro but always in style. Buttermilk pancakes and brioche French toast stuffed with pear and cinnamon cream. What's not to love? “Stickiest” buns, grilled and slathered with butter. Enough said.

KOP Dining

» **King of Prussia Mall Dining** «

Simon.com/Mall/King-of-Prussia



General Warren



La Colombe



Baba's Brew Kombucha



Cornerstone



Soltane Café



Más Mexicali Cantina



The Fat Ham



Brandywine In White, 2017

Though we have a favorite (see below) and cover others at the KOP Mall and Town Center, there are even more new options: **Melt Shop**, boasting artisanal comfort food with gourmet grilled cheese; a second **Shake Shack** for classic burgers; and healthy **sweetgreen**, offering locally sourced food, warm bowls and inventive salads. KOP Town Center boasts **Naf Naf Grill's** Middle Eastern magic—falafels, shawarmas, pitas; **b.good's** naturally good fast food with plenty of kale; plus **honeygrow's** fast-casual wholesome, farm-to-table; **City Works**, one of the largest beer bars/restaurants in the U.S.; **Mission BBQ** (guess what they serve); and **Founding Farmers** serving sustainable, quality food and drink. Whew!

The Fat Ham

Some folks beamed at designer stores opening at the KOP Mall, but foodies took notice when Kevin Sbraga, *Top Chef* winner with a Perrier-Starr-Garces pedigree, opened his second spot paying homage to Southern comfort food. Find The Fat Ham in the connector between the Court and Plaza and check out a menu dripping in Southern classics, like blackened catfish and grits, skillet cornbread, collard greens. There's a Sunday Supper menu, table service and 30-some whiskeys—not the usual mall fare. Try the famous fried Hot Chicken (8 on a hot scale of 10), a

Nashville specialty spiced with cayenne pepper, with a Low Country Punch to dose the fire. You may forget to shop.

Dining With a Purpose

Brandywine in White 2017

Marking its fourth year last August, Brandywine in White is an elegant, pop-up summer gathering—or fine dining flashmob fundraiser for a cause—that helped The Land Conservancy preserve Barnard's Orchard's land. Inspired by a Paris event attracting 10,000, BIW hosts guests dressed in white who arrive at a secret outdoor location with a picnic dinner, along with white place settings, wine, glasses, flowers, napkins and anything needed to create a chic all-white event. Watch Facebook for 2017 dates. If you can't wait: Brandywine in Black is sponsored by the Brandywine Conservancy in March.

Soltane Café

Get your coconut cortado, perfect espresso Gaffogato or classic Counter Culture Coffee pour over with a side of bakery magic. This friendly shop in the heart of Phoenixville has a pay-it-forward tip jar and a dedicated staff from Camphill Soltane, a nonprofit in Glenmoore helping those with special needs transition to productive adulthood. Plus it's filled with artisan, organic breads baked to crusty perfection in the wood-fired oven and treats like pear ginger custard pie, gruyère scones, pecan wow bars, and veggie sausage crois-

sants. There's local art on the walls and every reason to start your day here.

Ethnic Bonanza

Media

Dining on Media's State Street was already a United Nation of cuisine choices. From Israeli delights at **Desert Rose**, to Irish eats at **Sligo**, French fare at **La Belle Epoque**, to mainstays like **Margaret Kuo's**, plus pizza places along the way. Add **Jaco Taco** of West Chester fame, exotic Moroccan treats at **Tagine**, the BYOT pleasures (T for tequilla) of authentic Mexican dishes at **Hidalgo**, and **Tom's Dim Sum**, a special favorite.

Tom's Dim Sum

Expanding from Philly's Chinatown, Tom's Dim Sum serves up a full menu but as the name suggests, stick to the dim sum—the original small plate delicacies. Savor or share sublime orders of traditional Shanghia dumplings, soup dumplings (can you fit a whole one in your mouth?), shumai, steamed buns, and our favorite, the light and flaky scallion pancake. You'll happily end with sweet potato cake or Tom's moon cake.

Extreme Cooking Class

Wyebrook Farm

If you're *really* curious how that thick-cut pork chop made its way to your plate, you're the ideal candidate for Wyebrook Farm classes. In La Tuade

class (a French term for cold season pig slaughter), guests witness the humane killing, bleeding and scalding of a pig followed by a butchering demo. Sign up for the Pig Butchering class/demo and you'll see up close the artistry of nose-to-tail butchering and learn all sorts of interesting facts. Do you know how Boston butt got its name? For less extreme tastes, hands-on sausage making, charcuterie classes and a sustainable nutrition series are also offered. After class, bond with fellow students in Wyebrook's acclaimed restaurant.

Fast Casual

Zoës Kitchen

Locations: Bryn Mawr, Glen Mills, Newtown Square, Collegeville, Wayne / [ZoesKitchen.com](#)
We're suckers for a winning combination—especially one involving a hummus trio, grilled pimiento cheese sandwich and baked feta. Founder Zoë Cassimus was born in the Mediterranean and grew up in the South, and her eclectic menu at this fast-casual draws from the best of both worlds. Everything from the kabobs (chicken, steak, shrimp, veggie) to Mediterranean tuna pita with olives and capers tastes fresh and light. Quinoa-vegetable salad and Greek salads are favorites. Fair warning: A bottle of zesty Greek dressing sits on each table. You'll use it with abandon and probably want some to take home. And YaYa's chocolate cake? Yeah, you'll want that, too.

Food & Art

Millstone Café

Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art
Millstone Café, 1 Hoffmans Mill Rd.
[Chadds Ford, 610-388-8331 / Brandywine.org](#)
Life comes full circle. Brandywine Conservancy preserves local farms. Local farms supply Chef MacGregor Mann with produce for Junto, his acclaimed BYOB. Mann becomes on-site caterer for Brandywine River Museum of Art's Millstone Café in spring 2016. It's no surprise the menu is seasonal and local, with native fruits and veggies from the Conservancy's kitchen garden. But in true Mann style, humble and familiar dishes take off in unexpected directions. Try the (beef) cheek steak melt, breaded skate sandwich or shrimp and grits with crispy Lebanon bologna, and you'll taste what we mean. Soups, salads, local coffee and pastries from West Chester's Artisan Exchange are also available. With views of the Brandywine River and Mann at the helm, the Millstone Café is our go-to spot for post-Wyeth lunch and small bites. In early summer, join the foraging hikes.

Thronson Café

Delaware Art Museum, Thronson Café
2301 Kentmere Pkwy, Wilmington
302-351-8555 / [DelArt.org](#)
When Chef Dan Butler of Wilmington's popular Toscana Catering started operating DAM's Thronson Café last summer, visi-

tors found yet another reason to linger at this world-class museum. After a morning immersed in Pre-Raphaelites and Howard Pyle, take in made-to-order paninis, soups, salads, wraps and quiche. With daily salad and pasta specialties and seasonally changing menu, there's always something new. This winter, we're savoring panino layered with prosciutto, brie and fig spread, poached saku tuna salad, and spinach-artichoke gratinée—all while gazing at the Copeland sculpture garden. In warm weather, it's lunch on the café terrace. Want to eat lunch as you talk art? Check out the "Art is Tasty" program on first Fridays.

Food & Music

Roots Café

133 E. Gay St., West Chester
610-455-0100 / [RootsCafeWC.com](#)

Sprout Music Collective

130 E. Prescott Alley, West Chester
610-696-6006 / [SproutMusic.org](#)

Owner Dan Cellucci bit off a big goal: bridge the gap between culinary and musical entertainment. In creating Roots Café and Sprout Music Collective, he did just that. Roots has a down-to-earth vibe (pun intended) and serves local, seasonal food that's healthy for people and planet. Cellucci tweaks breakfast and lunch every few months, but both are available most days. Translation: order a Bloody Mary, root vegetable latke-portobello "bennie" or combo lunch duo any time the mood strikes. The dinner menu is constantly evolving but always includes chef's tasting. After a meal at Roots, walk through the garden patio to Sprout, a member-based club open for live music by local artists. Satisfy midnight cravings with tapas, flatbreads and sandwiches while sipping seasonal handcrafted cocktails and mocktails. ...Continued on page 80



The Creamery Pop-Up



Chef MacGregor Mann

BEST of the BEST HALL OF FAME

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BIRCHRUNVILLE STORE CAFÉ

First covered in 2005 as the Best Off the Beaten Track. Later in 2007, 2008 and 2011, it won Best Restaurant. In 2012–2016, Best Destination Restaurant. A very small, very intimate, very out-of-the-way place, specializing in French-Italian cuisine, run by Chef Francis. We highly recommend as life-list worthy.

BUCKLEY'S TAVERN

In 2005, and from 2007–2011, it was the Best Casual place to go. In 2013–2016, it won various awards three more times. A private residence back in 1817, Buckley's has since been a blacksmith, a stagecoach stop, a tollgate, and a taproom and ice cream store. Since the 1950s, it's always been a friendly meeting place, where the cream of Delaware's chateau country can share a brew with the hoi polloi. Plus PJ Sunday brunch.

MAJOLICA

In 2006, it gained attention as Best New-comer. Since then, Majolica, and Chef Andrew Deery have won an award every year, including Best Chef in 2014 and Most Innovative Chef in 2015–2016. The menu has changed, but the food, service and atmosphere remain the same: sophisticated, local, seasonal, inspired. Started a restaurant renaissance in Phoenixville that lives on.

MARGARET KUO'S

From 2006–2013, Kuo's offered the Best Chinese food and in 2010–2015 offered the Best Japanese food in *County Lines* country. In 2016, it received an award for Best Chinese New Year. For 42 years, Margaret Kuo's restaurants—the Peking in Media's Granite Run Mall, the Mandarin in Malvern, Margaret Kuo's in Media, Wayne and the Farmer's Market on Route 30 in Wayne—have been consistently awarded for elegance, authenticity and fine dining.

NECTAR

Consistently, from 2007–2016, the Best Asian Fusion restaurant in *County Lines* country. Chef Patrick Feury—his credentials include New York (Waldorf, LeCirque), Paris (Les Olivades), Atlantic City (Borgata)—leads a

team using the freshest, natural and organic ingredients from over a dozen local farms and artisans. The kitchen also includes Kenny Huang, raised in Canton, China, and Julie Waters as Pastry Chef. They've made their restaurant into a Main Line institution.

RESTAURANT ALBA

Debuted in 2006 in People Are Talking About. Later, since 2008, it's consistently been selected as Best Local/Seasonal Restaurant. Sean Weinberg is the chef; simplicity his task. Using a wood-fired stove and partnering with several local farms to source the best ingredients, Weinberg cooks a casual menu with great surprises. A strong beer and wine list—wines mostly from Alba, Italy—complete the meal.

SOVANA BISTRO

In 2008, and from 2010 through 2016, Sovana was selected as Best Bistro. In the heart of horse country, it offers hearty sandwiches, burgers, salads, specialty pizzas, pastas, vegetarian delights and elegantly prepared meat and fish. It also sports an extensive wine, beer and cider list, plus a great bar.

STATION TAPROOM

An ever-changing list of 12 beers on tap, plus over 30 in bottles. In addition, about 30 whiskeys and 10 single malt scotches, not to mention its shorter but distinguished wine list. Together with its scrumptious salads, paninis and other plates, just off the Downingtown railroad stop, it's the place to stop for beer and food lovers. Selected as Best Taproom 2014–2016. It owned the category.

STOCKYARD INN

You'll have to travel to Lancaster for the Best Steakhouse, 2006–2016, but when you get there, order, you guessed it, the steak! Casual, elegant, a favorite of locals. The filet mignon is best. Or the strip or sirloin or delmonico ... And the crabcakes! You'll want to go again and again.

TALULA'S TABLE

In 2009–2016, we chose Talula's as the Best Chef's Table. A small market by day; think cheeses, bakery, dairy and prepared foods and meats from local farms. But for their after-

hours Farmtable Dinner, 8 courses for 10–12 people, must be reserved a year in advance, but the wait will be worth it! Recognized nationally. Beloved locally.

A TASTE OF BRITAIN

Since 2007, A Taste of Britain has been named Best Tea Room six times. They recently celebrated a 25th anniversary in August—25 years in business in the Devon/Wayne area at three separate locations. In 1991 it was a tiny shop on Devon's Route 30, then 42 Berkeley Rd. in Devon, then in 2009 they grew into the current space in the Eagle Village Shops in Wayne. Since 2012, owner Debbie Heth serves afternoon tea with their award-winning fare.

TERRAIN GARDEN CAFÉ

A few years ago, the beloved Styer's Nursery re-opened as Terrain, winning a People Are Talking About mention in 2009's Best of the Best. The new garden store included a lush greenhouse that housed a café, winning our Best Casual award in 2012–2013 and Best Ambience award in 2015–2016. Featuring fresh, local and seasonal produce, meat and dairy products, from nearby farmers, the menu is superb. And the atmosphere is even better!

VICTORY BREWPUB

You probably know that Victory Beer is available nationwide—in fact, internationally—but it's brewed right here in Chester County. At their area brewpubs, you have about 30 beer choices—there are only a few more altogether. It can't be fresher. And the food—essentially bar food—is good too! We selected Victory as Best Brewpub from 2011–2013 and again in 2015–2016.

YANGMING

For years, from 2006–2015, it won our Best Chinese award. Thoroughly remodeled in 2016, when it won the People Are Talking About award. Also recognized nationally in 2011 as the "Best Chinese Restaurant in America." Separate rooms, low light and noise, exquisite service, creative and delectable food, owner Michael Wei serves world-class dishes too numerous to mention and too delicious to sample in one sitting. A Main Line mainstay.

Raise a Fork

Pennsylvania

AVONDALE

★ **The Farmhouse Restaurant at Loch Nairn**
514 McCue Rd.

610-268-2235; LochNairn.com
This is a jewel in the country with two restaurants and a marvelous event facility on a golf course, all open to the public. The Farmhouse Restaurant fine dining experience offers food and service of rare excellence. The Greathouse is the quintessential destination offering casual dining, Sunday Champagne Brunch and celebrations. There are two outdoor dining facilities and a chef's table in their 18th-century subterranean wine cellar.

BERWYN

30 Main

660 Lancaster Ave.
610-220-2367; 30MainLine.com

★ **Nectar**

1091 Lancaster Ave.
610-725-9000; TasteNectar.com

★ **Thai Orchid Restaurant**

556 W. Lancaster Ave.
610-651-7840; ThaiOrchidBerwyn.com

BIRCHRUNVILLE

★ **Birchrunville Store Cafe**

1403 Hollow Rd.
610-827-9002; BirchrunvilleStoreCafe.com

BOYERTOWN

★ **Freon Farms & Cidery**

501 S. Reading Ave.
610-367-6200; FreonFarms.com

BRYN MAWR

★ **BIGA Pizza + Beer**

810 Glenbrook Ave.
610-525-4800; RestaurantBiga.com

★ **Bryn & Dane's**

Coming soon. 915–925 W. Lancaster Ave.
BrynAndDanes.com

★ **La Colombe**

915 W. Lancaster Ave., Suite 160
215-398-3091; LaColombe.com

★ **Restaurant Cerise**

1011 Lancaster Ave.
610-527-4400; RestaurantCerise.com

★ **Yangming**

1051 Conestoga Rd.
610-527-3200; 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 crabcakes, 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

Antica

1623 Baltimore Pk.
484-770-8631; AnticaPA.com

★ **Brandywine Prime**

1617 Baltimore Pk. (Rts. 1 & 100)
610-388-8088; BrandywinePrime.com

★ **The Gables at Chadds Ford**

423 Baltimore Pk.
610-388-7700; 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–Sat evenings, or sample their new bar menu outside in the new fire pit area. Enjoy a three-course prix fixe dinner in the dining room every Tuesday and Wednesday and great Happy Hour specials weekdays, 4:30 to 6:30 pm.

★ **Junto**

Olde Ridge Village Shoppes
100 Ridge Rd.
484-547-8041; JuntoBYOB.com



The Whip Tavern



The Gables at Chadds Ford

CHESTER SPRINGS

★ **Limoncello Chester Springs**

499 W. Uwchlan Ave.
610-524-3112; LimoncelloRestaurant.com
See their listing under West Chester.

★ **Yellow Springs Inn**

1657 Art School Rd.
610-827-7477; YellowSpringsInn.com

CONCORDVILLE

★ **Concordville Inn**

Baltimore Pk. (Rt. 1)
610-459-2230; ConcordvilleInn.com



Ludwig's Village Market & Catering



Autograph Brasserie



General Warren



Tavola Restaurant + Bar



The Farmhouse Restaurant at Loch Nairn



Pietro's Prime Steakhouse & Martini Bar



Ron's Original Bar & Grille



The Couch Tomato



Marquee Bar and Lounge at Hotel Warner



Lily Asian Restaurant



Tonino's Pizza & Pasta Co.



Más Mexicali Cantina

DOWNINGTOWN

Amani's BYOB

105 E. Lancaster Ave.
484-237-8179; AmanisBYOB.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
See their listing under Media.

EXTON

★ Al Pastor

Eagleview Town Ctr., 560 Wellington Sq.
484-341-8886; EatAlPastor.com
Al Pastor, a modern-Mexican eatery is now open in Eagleview Town Center. Along with Bella Vista, these two restaurant concepts are heralded by former Stephen Starr alums Justin Weathers and Chef Joe Monnich. Expect a wide range of Mexican influences on favorite dishes in the always-changing menu—and don't miss the signature Pork Belly Al Pastor Tacos! Make your reservations now.

Allegria Ristorante

8 E. Welsh Pool Rd.
610-524-6060; Allegria-PA.com

★ Appetites on Main

Main Street At Exton, 286 Main St.
610-594-2030; AppetitesOnMain.com
Offering casual American comfort food at a good value. This bar/restaurant has a taproom atmosphere in front and a family/quieter section in back. During warmer months, they open the huge outdoor patio. Happy hour daily, 4 to 6, includes \$2.50 select domestics, \$1 off all appetizers, craft beer and cocktails. Daily drink and food specials (½ price wings on Monday). Open daily 11 am to 2 am, full menu until 1:30 am.

★ Bella Vista

Eagleview Town Ctr., 560 Wellington Sq.
484-341-8621; EatBellaVista.com
Bella Vista, a trattoria-style Italian restaurant is now

open in Eagleview Town Center. Along with Al Pastor, these two restaurant concepts are heralded by former Stephen Starr alums Justin Weathers and Chef Joe Monnich. Only the freshest ingredients, handmade pastas and pizzas will be featured in the always-changing menu. Make your reservations now.

Brickside Grille

Eagleview Town Ctr., 540 Wellington Sq.
610-321-1600; BricksideGrille.com
Innovative American cuisine with ethnic influences in an upscale, casual atmosphere. Oyster bar, Sunday Brunch, and Banquet facilities. Open Mon–Sat, from 11 am; Sun, from 10 am.

Buca di Beppo

300 Main St.
610-524-9939; BucaDiBeppo.com

The Drafting Room

Colonial 100 Shoppes (Rt. 100)
610-363-0521; DraftingRoom.com

* Duling–Kurtz House & Country Inn

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

★ Eagleview Farmers Market

540 Wellington Square
610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com

Nudy's Café

Eagleview Town Ctr., 541 Wellington Sq.
610-458-7667; NudysCafes.com
Nudy's, now with 7 locations in Chester County, has been comforting diners in a casual setting for breakfast and lunch since 1979. With over 110 items on the menu, there's a meal for everyone's taste from young children to college students and their families. They also do corporate catering. Mon–Fri, 7 to 4; Sat–Sun, 7 to 3.

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, from 5 to 7. 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.

★ SNAP Custom Pizza

291 Main St.
484-875-5800; SnapCustomPizza.com

★ Suburban Beer Garden

Coming soon to Wellington Square.

* Vickers Tavern

Corner of E. Welsh Pool Rd. & Gordon Dr.
610-363-7998; VickersTavern.com

GLEN MILLS

Bluefin Sushi & Asian Cuisine

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

Byrsa Bistro

128 Glen Mills Rd.
610-444-3277; ByrsaBistro.com

Harvest Seasonal Grill & Wine Bar

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

Not Your Average Joe's

561 Glen Eagle Sq. 610-500-2222
NotYourAverageJoes.com/GlenMills

★ Shere-E-Punjab

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

See their listing under Media.

♣ Terrain Garden Café

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

★ Zoë's Kitchen

1751 Wilmington Pk. Ste. B-1
484-800-8914; ZoesKitchen.com
Other locations: Newtown Square, Wayne, Bryn Mawr, Collegeville

GLENMOORE

Ludwig's Village Market & Catering

2918 Conestoga Rd.
610-458-0700; LudwigsVillageMarket.com
They are a locally owned and operated epicu-

rean market and caterer in northern Chester County, offering freshly made soups, mouth-watering sandwiches and salads, in addition to fresh meats, seafood and gourmet market selections. From exquisitely prepared foods-to-go, intimate to extravagant catered events, gastronomic demonstrations and personal chef services, make them a top choice for all things culinary.

HONEY BROOK

★ Restaurant at Wyebrook Farm

150 Wyebrook Rd.
610-942-7481; WyebrookFarm.com

KENNETT SQUARE

Country Butcher Fine Foods Market

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

Floga Bistro

826 E. Baltimore Pk.
610-444-6500; FlogaBistro.com

* Half Moon Restaurant & Saloon

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

Kaboburritos Mediterranean Grill

The Market at Liberty Place, 148 W. State St.
610-880-6074; KaboBurritos.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 ambience, delicious food and excellent service. Lunch and dinner 7 days, Sun–Thurs, 10:30 to 9:30; Fri–Sat, 10:30 to 10:30.

M&M Catering BBQ & Smoked Meats

The Market at Liberty Place
610-235-6375; TheMarketAtLibertyPlace.com

★ Nomadic Pies

132 W. State St.
610-857-7600; NomadicPies.com

♣ 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

★ The Creamery

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

Two Stones Pub

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

* Creed's Seafood & Steaks

499 N. Gulph Rd.
610-265-2550; CreedsKOP.com

★ Davio's Northern Italian Steakhouse

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

★ The Fat Ham

KOP Mall, 350 Mall Blvd.
610-765-4045; SbragaDining.com



Yangming Restaurant



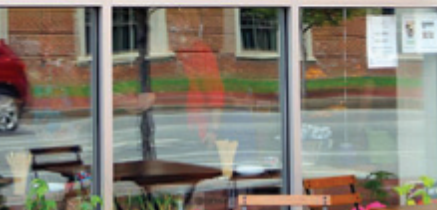
A Taste of Britain



Saloon 151 Whiskey Bar & Grill



La Baguette Magique



Paradocx at The Market at Liberty Place



White Dog Café



Al Pastor



Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant



Bella Vista

★ **Fogo de Chão Brazilian Steakhouse**

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

★ **Hai Street Kitchen & Co.**

KOP Mall, 160 N. Gulph Rd.
610-290-8576; HaiStreetKitchen.com

★ **Nicoletta Pizzeria**

KOP Mall, 350 Mall Blvd., 610-312-0171
Simon.com/Mall/King-of-Prussia

★ **Paladar Latin Kitchen & Rum Bar**

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

★ **Pizzeria Vetri**

KOP Mall, 640 W. DeKalb Pk.
267-422-4201; PizzeriaVetri.com

★ **sweetgreen**

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

LANCASTER

Gibraltar

931 Harrisburg Pk.
717-397-2790; GibraltarGrille.com

Lancaster Brewing Company

302 N. Plum St.
717-391-6258; LancasterBrewing.com

The Pressroom

26–28 W. King St.
717-399-5400; PressroomRestaurant.com

✧ *** Stockyard Inn**

1147 Lilitz Pk.
717-394-7975; StockyardInn.com

MALVERN

Anthony's Pizza & Italian Restaurant

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

Bunha Faun

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

★ **Cedar Hollow Inn**

2455 Yellow Springs Rd.
610-296-9006; CedarHollowInn.com

Christopher's

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

★ **The Classic Diner**

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

✧ **The Farmhouse Bistro**

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

★ ✧ **General Warren**

9 Old Lancaster Rd.
610-296-3637; GeneralWarren.com

A charming 18th-century historic country inn serving new American cuisine paired with classic Continental specialties. Fresh fish, steaks, lamb, small plates, vegetarian and vegan entrées, too. Private party rooms for 15 to 60 guests. Rehearsal dinners and intimate weddings. Beautiful Springhouse Terrace for al fresco dining and all-season receptions. Eight lovely guest suites available for overnight accommodations. Lunch, Mon–Fri, 11:30 to 2:30; Dinner, Mon–Sat, 5 to 10.

The Hunt Room at the Desmond

1 Liberty Blvd.
610-296-9800; DesmondGV.com

Jimmy's BBQ

309 Lancaster Ave.
610-879-8805; JimmysBBQ.com

★ **Malvern Buttery**

233 E. King St.
610-296-2534; MalvernButtery.com

✧ **Margaret Kuo's Mandarin Restaurant**

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

The Office Bar & Grille

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

✧ **Restaurant Alba**

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

★ **Tonino's Pizza & Pasta Co.**

235 Lancaster Ave.
610-240-9566; ToninosPizzaAndPasta.com
This is a family-run business that prides itself in using the freshest ingredients to make authentic homemade Neapolitan pizza, pasta and signature Italian dishes. They invite you to come in and dine, BYOB, Mon–Sat, for lunch and dinner, Sun, noon to 9 pm.

MEDIA

★ **320 Market Café**

21 W. State St.
610-565-8320; The320MarketCafe.com

✧ **Azie Restaurant**

217 W. State St.
610-566-4750; Azie-Restaurant.com

Brazuca Brazilian Restaurant

1032 N. Providence Rd.
484-444-2788; BrazucaBRC.com

★ **Desert Rose**

305 W. State St.
484-442-8012; DesertRoseMediaPA.com

Dominic's

100 State St.
610-627-2011; DominicsHandCarved.com

Fellini Café Trattoria

106 W. State St.
610-892-7616; FellinisCafe.com

Hidalgo

30 W. State St., 484-443-8945
Facebook.com/HidalgoTasteofMexico

Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant

30 E State St.
610-627-9000; IronHillBrewery.com
See their listing under West Chester.

★ **Jaco Juice & Taco Bar**

21 W. State St.
484-444-2838; JacoJuiceAndTaco.com

✧ **Margaret Kuo's Media**

4–6 W. State St.
610-892-0115; MargaretKuo.com

La Porta

1192 Middletown Rd.
610-358-5104; LaPortaRistorante.com

La Na Thai French Cuisine

33 W. State St.
610-892-7787; LaNaBYOB.com

Quotations Restaurant

37 E. State St. 610-627-2515; On Facebook

Riddle Ale House

1073 W. Baltimore Pk.
610-566-9984; RiddleAleHouse.com

★ **Shere-E-Punjab**

208 W. State St.
610-891-0400; ShereEPunjab.com

★ **Tagine**

111 W State St.
610-566-6101; TagineMedia.com

★ **Tom's Dim Sum**

13 E. State St.
610-566-6688; TomsDimSum.com

MENDENHALL

✧ **Mendenhall Inn**

323 Kennett Pk., Rt. 52
610-388-1181; MendenhallInn.com

NEWTOWN SQUARE

★ **Firepoint Grill**

3739 West Chester Pk.
484-428-3093; FirepointGrill.com

✧ **Ristorante La Locanda**

4989 West Chester Pk. (Rt. 3)
610-353-7033; LaLocandaPA.com

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

Le Saigon Restaurant

82 E. Lancaster Ave.
610-889-4870; LeSaigon.com

Trattoria San Nicola

4 Manor Rd.
610-695-8990; SanNicola.net

PHOENIXVILLE

★ **Bistro On Bridge**

210 Bridge St.
610-935-7141; BistroOnBridge.com

Black Lab Bistro

248 Bridge St.
610-935-5988; BlackLabBistro.net

★ **Gangster Vegan Organics 2**

6 Gay St.
610-616-0000; GangsterVegan.com

Great American Pub Hotel, Bar & Grill

148 Bridge St.
610-917-3333; GreatAmericanPub.com

Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant

130 E. Bridge St.
610-983-9333; IronHillBrewery.com
See their listing under West Chester.

✧ **Majolica**

258 Bridge St.
610-917-0962; MajolicaRestaurant.com

Marly's BYO

106 Bridge St.
610-933-7471; MarlysRestaurant.com

✧ **Pepperoncini Sotto Restaurant & Bar**

184 Bridge St.
484-924-8429; PepperonciniRestaurant.com

✧ **Seven Stars Inn**

263 Hoffercker 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

★ **Soltane Café**

138 Bridge St., 610-933-1819
CamphillSoltane.org/Soltane-Cafe

Stable 12 Brewing Company

368 Bridge St.
610-715-2665; Stable12.com

Thai L'Elephant

301 Bridge St.
610-935-8613; ThaiLElephant.com

Vecchia Pizzeria

249 Bridge St.
610-933-1355; VecchiaPizzeria.com

PINE FORGE

★ ✧ **Gracie's 21st Century Café**

1534 Manatawny Rd.
610-323-4004; Gracies21stCentury.com

POTTSTOWN

Sly Fox Tasting Room

520 Kimberton Rd.
610-935-4540; SlyFoxBeer.com

RADNOR

333 Belrose Bar & Grill

333 Belrose La.
610-293-1000; 333Belrose.com

Estia Greek Taverna

222 N. Radnor-Chester Rd.
484-581-7124; EstiaTaverna.com

Pietro's Pizzeria & Birreria

236 N. Radnor-Chester Rd.
484-367-7072; PietrosPizza.com

ST DAVIDS

Glenmorgan Bar & Grill

593 E. Lancaster Ave.
610-341-3188; Glenmorgan.com



La Verona



Black Powder Tavern



The Wildflower Chef

The Radnor Hotel

591 E. Lancaster Ave.
610-341-3188; RadnorHotel.com

ST. PETER'S VILLAGE

The Inn at St. Peter's Village

3471 St. Peter's Rd.
610-469-2600; TheInnAtSaintPeters.com

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SWARTHMORE

★ Broad Table Tavern

10 S. Chester Rd.
610-543-7500; TheInnAtSwat.com

TOUGHKENAMON

★ Brown Derby

1470 Baltimore Pk.
610-268-8252; FireHillPub.com

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

Avenue Kitchen

789 E. Lancaster Ave.
610-525-3950; AveKitchen.com

WAYNE

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Eagle Village Shops, 503 W. Lancaster Ave.
610-971-0390; ATasteOfBritainInWayne.com
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Ardé Osteria & Pizzeria

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

★ Autograph Brasserie

503 W. Lancaster Ave.
610-964-2588; AutographBrasserie.com
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★ ★ Black Powder Tavern

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

108 N. Wayne Ave., 610-687-6558
ChristophersANeighborhoodPlace.com

★ The Goat's Beard

103 N. Wayne Ave.
484-584-4979; TheGoatsBeardWayne.com

✿ Margaret Kuo's, Wayne

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

Matador

110 N. Wayne Ave.
484-580-8303; MatadorRestaurante.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

Vecchia Pizzeria

134 N. Wayne Ave.
484-580-6135; On Facebook

White Dog Café

200 W. Lancaster Ave.
610-225-3700; WhiteDog.com/Wayne
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WEST CHESTER

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

Avalon Restaurant

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

Boxcar Brewpub

142 W. Market St.
BoxCarBrewingCompany.com

★ The Classic Diner

16 E. Gay St.
484-947-0809; TheClassicDinerPA.com

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Old Wilmington Pk.
610-399-1390; Dilworthtown.com

* **Éclat Chocolate**

24 S. High St.
610-692-5206; EclatChocolate.com

* **High Street Caffe / Vudu Lounge**

322 S. High St.
610-696-7435; HighStreetCaffe.com

* **i-Pasta**

134 E. Gay St.
484-887-0760; iPasta.net

* **Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant**

3 W. Gay St.
610-738-9600; IronHillBrewery.com
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* **Jaco Juice & Taco Bar**

8 W. Gay St.
610-436-4177; JacoJuiceAndTaco.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**

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* **Landmark Americana**

158 W. Gay St.
610-701-9900; LandmarkAmericana.com

* **Limoncello Ristorante**

9 N. Walnut St.
610-436-6230; LimoncelloRestaurant.com
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* **The Lincoln Room**

28 W. Market St.
610-696-2102; LincolnRoomWestChester.com

* **Lorenzo and Sons Pizza**

27 N. High St.
484-999-8756; LorenzoAndSonsPizza.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

* **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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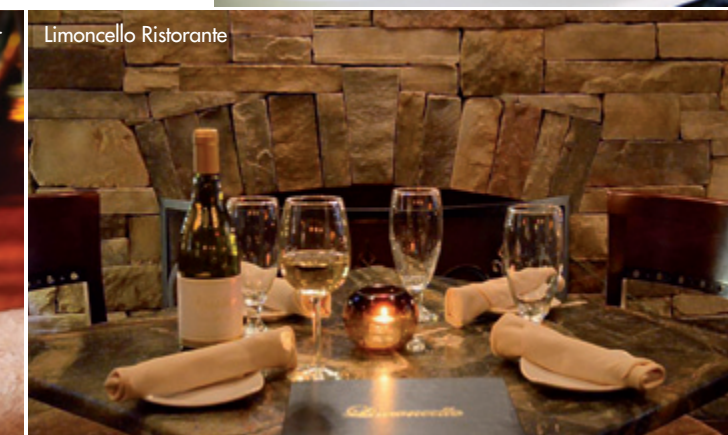
Appetites on Main



Brickside Grill



Pairings Cigar Bar



Limoncello Ristorante

fortable atmosphere. They have live music in the bar Wed–Sat. Lunch Mon–Sat, 11 to 4. Dinner Sun–Sat, 4 until ... Bar is open until 2 am. Come have a drink and or a bite to see what you're missing!

★ **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

Saloon 151's menu features slow cooked meats, hand cut fries, mix and match craft beers to go, and, of course, an extensive whiskey and craft beer list. The interior is pure country and they have daily Happy Hour specials. They also have great live music inside and on the outdoor patio, weather permitting. Open daily, 11 am to 2 am.

Side Bar & Restaurant

10 E. Gay St.
610-429-8297; SideBarAndRestaurant.com

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610-738-8844; Spence312.com

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130 E. Prescott Alley
610-696-6006; SproutMusic.org

Teca

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

T'Ever Café

124 E Market St.
484-787-6187; TEverCafe.com

★ **Westtown Meat Market & Deli**

1030 Old Wilmington Pk.
610-696-5588; WesttownMeatMarket.com

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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
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WESTTOWN

★ **Westtown Amish Market**

1165 Wilmington Pk.
610-492-5700; WesttownAmishMarket.net

Delaware

CENTREVILLE

✳ **Buckley's Tavern**

5812 Kennett Pk.
302-656-9776; BuckleysTavern.com

MONTCHANIN

✳ **Krazy Kat's**

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

WILMINGTON

Chelsea Tavern

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

Domaine Hudson Wine Bar

1314 N. Washington St.
302-655-9463; DomaineHudson.com

Harry's Fish Market and Grill

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

Hotel du Pont, The Green Room

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

Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant

620 Justison St.
302-472-2739; IronHillBrewery.com
See their listing under West Chester.

La Fia

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

★ **Merchant Bar**

426 N. Market St.
302-543-5574; MerchantBarWilmington.com

Mikimotos Asian Grill & Sushi Bar

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

Tonic Bar & Grille

111 W. 11th St.
302-777-2040; TonicBarGrille.com

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BERWYN

★ **La Cabra**

642 Lancaster Ave.
610-240-7908; LaCabraBrewing.com

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★ **Brandywine Branch Distillery & Bistro**

350 Warwick Rd., 610-901-3668
BrandywineBranchDistillers.com

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Kennett Brewing Company

109 S. Broad St.
KennettBrewingCompany.com

★ **Paradocx Vineyard**

The Market at Liberty Place, 148 W. State St.
610-255-5684; Paradocx.com
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MEDIA

★ **Sterling Pig Brewery**

609 W. State St.
484-444-2526; SterlingPig.com

★ **Pairings Cigar Bar**

12 W. State St.
610-565-1895; PairingsCigarBar.com
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PHOENIXVILLE

★ **Baba's Brew**

333 Morgan St.
267-738-1973; BabasBrew.com

★ **Bluebird Distilling**

100 Bridge St.
610-933-7827; BluebirdDistilling.com

Stable 12 Brewing Company

368 Bridge St.
610-715-2665; Stable12.com

POTTSTOWN

★ **Manatawny Still Works**

320 Circle of Progress Dr., Suite 104
484-624-8271; ManatawnyStillWorks.com

SPRING CITY

★ **Tuned Up Brewing Company**

135 N. Main St., 610-306-3182
Facebook.com/TunedUpBrewing

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Marquee Bar and Lounge at Hotel Warner

120 N. High St,
610-692-6920; HotelWarner.com

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Delaware

WILMINGTON

★ **Constitution Yards**

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302-407-5192; ConstitutionYards.com ♦

RIP ~ RESTAURANT CLOSINGS

IT'S ALWAYS SAD WHEN A FAVORITE RESTAURANT CLOSES. HERE ARE RECENT CLOSINGS AND SOME NEW RESTAURANTS OPENING IN THEIR PLACE.

DOWNINGTOWN

Barra Rossa, 2016
Now Milito's Ristorante, Bar, Pizzeria

CHADDS FORD

Farmer's Road Drive Thru, 2016
Opened 2013. Looking for a new location

GLEN MILLS

Cask Bistro by Desert Rose, 2016
Desert Rose is still open in Media

KENNETT SQUARE

Byrsa Bistro, 2016
Byrsa Bistro moved to Glen Mills.
La Madera Bistro at Kennett location
Taste of Puebla, 2016
Now The SawMill Grill

MEDIA

D'Ignazio's Town House, 2015
New Owners Eli Kahn, Adam Loew,
Matt Adams and Rich Miller
Margaret Kuo's Peking, Granite Run Mall
2015, Mall Closed

NARBERTH

Carmine's Creole Café Act II, 2016
Now New Habana, Cuban restaurant

PHOENIXVILLE

Buho's Latin Fusion & Bar, 2016
Location in Exton still open

NEWTOWN SQUARE

Crazy Sofa, 2016
Opened in 2014

RADNOR

Susanna Foo, 2015
Now Harvest Seasonal Grill & Wine Bar
Susanna Foo opened SuGa in Philadelphia

VALLEY FORGE

LP Steaks, Valley Forge Casino, 2016
Now Revolution Chop House

WAYNE

Crêperie Béchamel, 2016
Now At the Table

Ella's American Bistro, 2015
Opened in 2011

WEST CHESTER

3 Little Pigs, 2016
Closed after 22 years.
Now Spence Café

Doc Magrogan's Oyster House, 2016
Now The Social Lounge

Kildare's, 2015
New Owners Dane Grey and
Tom Farnase

RapiDOUGH Pizza Pies, 2016
Now Farrell Brothers's Catering

WILMINGTON

Deep Blue, 2016
Chef Dan Butler has reopened as
Tonic Bar & Grille

New Chapters in *the History of* WEST CHESTER DINING

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READ THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN LOCAL DINING

Spence Café

AS WINTER IS UPON US AND NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION memories fade, feel warmed by the knowledge that downtown West Chester continues its tradition of fine food, expertly made, bringing family and friends together.

And the setting for this is motion picture perfect. In West Chester's historic downtown district, nearly every structure is or appears old enough to set the stage for a different time. When a new eatery opens, it brings a new chapter to the history of the building, adding to the story of the town.

To start 2017, here are some new chapters to savor.

INTER-CONNECTED STORIES

When the popular Three Little Pigs closed after more than two decades of serving soups and sandwiches named after West Chester streets, the north end of downtown hungered for high quality luncheon fare. But now there's reason to celebrate, as Andrew Patten has re-opened **Spence Café** at that location on 131 North High Street, with the promise to maintain the gourmet deli featuring homemade soups, breads and desserts.

Patten also plans a new dinner menu that many will remember from the days when an earlier Spence Café graced East Gay Street. Though Spence Café on North High is a BYOB, Chef Patten invites diners to relax with a pre-dinner drink at the recently opened Marquee Bar & Lounge, across the street in the Hotel Warner.

Both these additions to the dining scene have historic roots in downtown West Chester. Spence's Café was first opened in 1874 by James Spence, a former slave, who named it Spence's Oyster and Eating Saloon. Located on East Gay Street, the building housing the original Spence's is currently being restored by the Zukin family, and for many years it was home to The Social Lounge, a popular restaurant and bar, which in this on-going story, moved a few blocks farther east on East Gay Street.

The **Marquee Bar & Lounge** is a nod to the magnificent Warner Theater that opened in 1930, but had run its course after 50 years. Brian McFadden re-purposed the North High Street structure into the lobby of the Hotel Warner with a newly constructed wing of rooms behind it. A hotel bar is a welcome addition to the hotel and to the downtown.

STRUCTURES WITH STORIES

Another eatery has given new life to one of West Chester's most curious structures. **Restaurant 51 Tap & Spirit**, at 30 North Church Street, has made its home where the First West Chester Fire Company was stationed in 1888. In fact, Restaurant 51 gets its name from First West Chester Fire Company's official designation as Engine Company 51.

Architect T. Roney Williamson had the task of joining two buildings into one Queen Anne-style fire station with its patterned brick and carved stone and an eclectic design mix that Williamson was known for. The building has design elements of Tuscan Romanesque, Gothic and Colonial Revival styles. Visitors will notice the imposing tower that was used for spotting fires, housing the alarm bell, and drying the fire company's 800-foot hose.

Of course, Restaurant 51 Tap & Spirit is now more concerned with serving lunch and dinner while providing Happy Hour specials from their fully stocked bar offering craft and domestic beers. A second floor lounge is available for parties.

Another historic structure with a new life, the serpentine building on the southeast corner of High and Gay Streets was once a downtown landmark with an incredible two-story mansard superstructure. But in 1980, the wooden upper-stories were destroyed by a fire.

Today, **Lorenzo and Sons Pizza** created a new type of landmark with their super-sized pizzas that look to be able to feed an entire football team! Started on South Street in Philadelphia, Lorenzo and Sons Pizza quickly became famous for their cheese pies—so tasty that The Daily Meal included them among the 101 best pizzas in America.

SHORT AND SWEET STORIES

When it's time for a tasty treat, celebratory cake, cup of coffee or snack, you'll find a tasty selection downtown.

For over 40 years, **The Master's Baker**, now in its expanded location at 319 West Gay Street, has taken pride in every cake they create, whether for a child's birthday, a wedding or any special moment that's better with cake. Each cake from the shop has a



The Marquee Bar & Lounge



The Social Lounge



Lorenzo and Sons Pizza



The Master's Baker



The Mediterranean Bakery



Fenn's Coffee

personalized white chocolate heart logo to indicate that the final product is the very best possible.

Also on West Gay Street, the Mediterranean Restaurant expanded its culinary selection with the opening of **The Mediterranean Bakery**. Offering a large selection of fresh baked bread, fruit-filled pies and yummy cookies for pick-up, it's helping make any home-cooked meal even more of a delight.

To catch up with a friend or simply enjoy a quiet moment over a cup of coffee, **Fenn's Coffee**, at 111 North Church Street, is an intimate coffee shop with a small-town flavor. Once known as the beloved Fennario Coffee, Fenn's Coffee focuses on superior roasts, artisan goods, eco-friendly practices and gourmet beverages.

Next door, at the entrance to the alley, you'll notice an alcove that's part of an antique horse stable dating to the mid-19th century. The surprise for adventurers is an artistic depiction of the stable by local contemporary artist James Lee Burk.

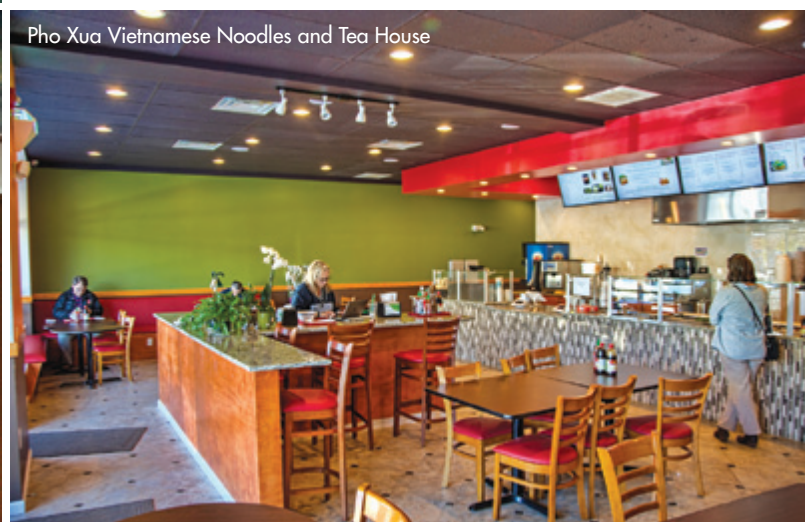
In the tradition of neighborhood general stores, **Rimon's Coffee and Grocery**, at 117 West Gay Street, offers the convenience of a quick stop for groceries along with a friendly morning greeting from owner Rimon Donain and wife Marisca with your coffee, espresso and breakfast sandwich. At midday, come back for a salad or snack to-go or eat-in.

AND EXOTIC

If you're a fan of pho, the Vietnamese noodle soup considered the ultimate comfort dish, then it's time to rejoice. **Pho Xua Vietnamese Noodles and Tea House** (pronounced "for sure," so you may find yourself creating puns) provides fast, casual Vietnamese cuisine to West Chester. Specialties include banh mi, bubble tea, smoothies and more.

Pho lovers can choose pho bo, made with beef broth, or pho ga, with chicken broth. And as every parent knows, either dish is a great way to introduce kids to more exotic foods. Located at 237 East Gay Street, Pho Xua has free parking, plus take-out and delivery. ♦

For more about West Chester dining, check DowntownWestChester.com and the Best of the Best and Dining Guide in this issue.



Pho Xua Vietnamese Noodles and Tea House

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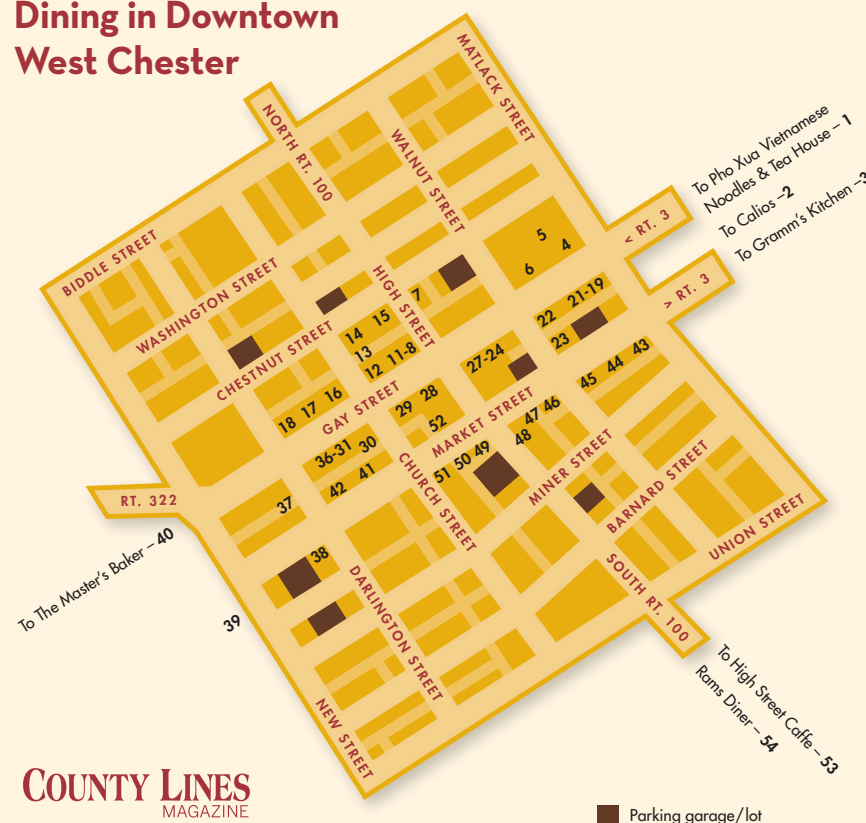
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Side Bar & Restaurant (10 E. Gay St., 610-429-8297; SideBarAndRestaurant.com) is a popular place for after-work drinks and appetizers, followed by a great dinner.

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

Sprout Music Collective (130 E. Prescott Alley, behind Roots Café, 610-696-6006; SproutMusic.org) has live music Wed-Sat, serving craft beers, organic food and seasonal cocktails.

INTERNATIONAL CHOICES

Avalon Restaurant & Catering (116 E. Gay St., 610-436-4100; AvalonRestaurant.net) is a neighborhood restaurant and bar serving modern Italian cuisine.

High Street Caffè & Vudu Lounge (322 S. High St., 610-696-7435; HighStreetCaffe.com) has a funky-eclectic atmosphere, plus specialties like Cajun gator and gumbo.

i-Pasta (134 E. Gay St., 484-887-0760; i-Pasta.net) serves fresh, home-made pasta and sauces made from scratch on premises.

Kooma Japanese Restaurant (123 N. Church St., 610-430-8980; 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) offers authentic, home-cooked, southern Mediterranean cuisine, plus a great patio. Try the lunch buffet.

Los Sabores de Mexico (503 E. Gay St., 610-696-4393) is a Mexican BYOB offering orders to go, a private party room, house specialties and traditional dishes.

Más Mexicali Cantina's (102 E. Market St., 610-918-6280; WestChester.MasCantina.com) hip cantina ambiance sets the stage for family favorites like spicy tacos, plus veggies and tofu, too. With great roof-top views.

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

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

Nagasaki Japanese Noodle House (113 W. Market St., 484-887-8532; NagasakiSushiRamen-Noodles.com) offers a noodle house and Japanese cuisine for lunch and dinner. BYOB.

Olive Branch Restaurant (142 W. Gay St., 610-431-7141; OliveBranchWC.net) is a tapas restaurant that's small but friendly with lots of attention to detail.

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

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) offers a light-fare, tapas-style menu, paninis and Italian specialties.

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DELIVERY

For the days you'd rather stay home or don't have time for yet one more errand, delivery services are your best bet. Luckily your options aren't limited to pizza and Chinese.

Some healthier services take care of literally *everything*. Take the national service Hello Fresh, for example. They don't just drop off pre-measured, seasonal, farm-fresh ingredients at your house every week, they include quick and easy recipes, too. Their weekly chef-curated menus are packed with wholesome, tasty meals, all customizable to your dietary preferences, schedule and household size.

If you can do without pre-made menus but still want your box of fresh goodies, look to Hungry Harvest. In their effort to eliminate food waste, this "Shark Tank" participant's surplus produce service will drop off personalized boxes of fruits and veggies at your doorstep—plus they give you recipe ideas for how to incorporate them into dishes. Stay tuned for their expansion to Chester County!

Currently concentrated in the Philadelphia area—for now—is UberEATS. Yes, it's an Uber for your dinner, plus breakfast and lunch. Get food delivered from your favorite nearby Philly restaurants, all with the tap of a screen in their app.

PICKUP

If you can muster the energy for pickup, your fast but healthy food world expands deliciously.

Places like Snap Kitchen, in Malvern and Villanova, offer high quality, quick meals to-go that won't break the bank. Their chef-created and prepared menu is "100% tasty" with "0% cooking," unless you consider heating in the microwave and operating a fork cooking. Everything is nutrient-dense with controlled portions, perfect for sticking with your diet, even for dairy or gluten free, paleo, vegan, vegetarian, Whole30 or a combination.

For a full-course meal, HomeCooked in Paoli, celebrating their 10th year of business, earns their name. They do all the shopping, chopping and prepping, so you get a home-cooked, made-from-scratch meal you can grab and go pop in your oven. No fancy cooking skills required.

"Clients love our service because it saves them time *and* makes them feel good about what they're eating," says owner Claire Phillips Guarino. "They just skip all the usual work." And when your family is juggling packed work, school and activity schedules, time saved feels like a godsend—especially when you can buy meals in advance.



Cuisine de Sylvie



HomeCooked



Snap Kitchen

One-stop gourmet shops like DiFabio's Market & Tap in Media are perfect for eliminating extra stops if you need other groceries. Pick up beer, sinfully sweet baked goods and chef-selected to-go meals from their Italian market, all in one place.

Ludwig's Village Market in Ludwig's Corner is another high-end market worth checking out, with new additions on the way. Currently specializing in prepared foods for quick quality eats, they also provide fresh produce, meat and seafood for when you do want to cook, as well as convenient delivery services for customers in need.

Later in 2017, they hope to expand to include personal chefs to cater to more diverse needs. "Personal chefs are in demand these days," says proprietor Matt Hilden. "Whether you're on the Atkins diet, gluten free or just want more customization, we're excited to offer even more options." Stay tuned!

PERSONAL TOUCH

For instant dinner with an even more custom touch, personal chefs can't be beat—if your budget allows. A personal chef will work with you one-on-one to devise a meal plan that's just right for you and your family, and then do all the work.

Chef Emily Scott of The Wildflower Chef understands just how challenging eating right can be. "We give our clients the ability to stick to the type of diet they want, without having to think twice," she says.

The Wildflower Chef team plans, shops, cooks and packages meals in their West Chester kitchen, then drops them off on your schedule for quick and easy fridge or freezer storage. All you do is follow simple reheating instructions.

"Hiring a personal chef means eating the types of high-quality, nutritious foods you know you should be eating, just without the time, effort and willpower," says Emily.

Another local life saver, Chef Chris Welsh of Secret Ingredient has seen a diverse client base in her 15 years of business, from working couples and people with special dietary needs to those recovering from illness and busy new parents. She makes it easy for her clients to stay healthy in erratic times, helping them avoid less than ideal takeout quick fixes (and we're not talking about the healthy options above).

Chef Sylvie Ashby of Cuisine de Sylvie takes it a step further with her "your home, your table, my cooking" motto. She not

only prepares a meal, she goes to her clients' homes and cooks it in their kitchen! Using the freshest in-season ingredients and a French touch, she offers private dinner parties, cooking classes and more. Look for her soups sold at Kennett Square Farmer's Market and La Baguette Magique.

LEARN

Speaking of classes, if you dream of cooking but still struggle with anything more complex than rice and pasta, consider trying the educational opportunities near you. You'll be amazed how much easier whipping up a meal can be when you know the tricks of the trade.

Start with the basics. Art Roman's Kitchen Workshop in Paoli offers great classes for amateurs and seasoned cooks alike, including Boot Camp, Knife Skills, Baking, Entertaining, Grilling and more.

Wayne Art Center has a great culinary program for both adults and kids. Check out their Tastes of the Town series where local restaurant chefs share insider tips.

In Phoenixville, Cooking Spotlight is cooking up not only classes but also private parties and team-building events for workplaces, schools and nonprofits—like Build-A-Meal Teamwork or Brunch Battles.

"Our tagline is 'An Entertaining Cooking Experience,'" says owner Victoria Hanko. "Attendees learn a new skill or cuisine and have fun doing it." Cooking Spotlight offers classes for all levels, with plenty of cuisine styles to choose from and chefs to answer your questions. "You don't get that while experimenting at home!" she jokes.

For more advanced skills, Wyebrook Farm's butchering and charcuterie classes aren't for the faint of heart—read "Best of the Best" to see why they won Best Extreme Cooking Classes! Get an experience you won't find anywhere else. And read last June's Brandywine Table for Laura Brennan's candid account of their pig butchering class.

Indecisive? Look into Chester County Night School or Main Line School Night for hundreds of adult evening classes to suit your fancy. And Delaware County Community College's non-credit culinary courses are worth the try, especially when Chef Peter Gilmore is the teacher (more in this issue's chef profile).

Now there's really no excuse for settling for unhealthy takeout ever again! ♦



Ludwig's Village Market



Secret Ingredient



Kids Cooking Classes at Wayne Art Center



Knife Skills Class at Cooking Spotlight

HAPPY NEW BREW PUBS & BREWERIES

Bryan Kolesar

CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR FAVORITES

IF YOU FOLLOWED THIS COLUMN IN 2016, WE'VE COVERED toast-worthy stories of the regional beer scene. From finding great beer (January) and choosing the perfect beers for the perfect occasion (April) to sampling hot breweries (July) and showcasing award-winning breweries (October).

With the New Year upon us, it's time to take a look at some of the newer establishments either making or serving up great beer in our area, beginning with the most recent to open.

BERWYN BREWPUB

Berwyn welcomed a highly anticipated brewpub last October, situated directly across from the train station. La Cabra Brewing Company is run by head brewer Dan Popernack, general manager Chuck Golder and executive chef John Hearn.

Popernack's brewery is tapping well-made beers that run the gamut from German pilsners to barrel-aged fruit beers that showcase the kitchen's atypical brewpub fare. Take the Juno Blonde Ale—with rosemary and lime—for example, and a plate of Jerk Chicken Tacos with cilantro lime crème to underscore the marriage of the kitchen's and brewery's talents. Creative takes on Shrimp & Grits, Crispy Pork Belly and Chimichurri Flank Steak also impress.

Watch for more barrel-aged sour beers over time—a passion of Popernack's, as his basement of 100 new oak barrels begin to produce results. For atmosphere, the second floor is the place to while away winter nights with comfy sofas in front of the stone fireplace and dart boards and ring toss nearby. Live music will eventually be added to the equation.



Sterling Pig

NEW BREWS IN MEDIA

In July, Brick & Brew opened on State Street in downtown Media, a town already rich in beer. It so quickly became a neighborhood favorite that word must have spread from the Havertown location less than ten miles away.

The attraction may have been from the Brick component—with a dozen creative pizzas coming from the oven, such as Jumbo Lump Crab with asparagus and Short Rib with gorgonzola. Or from the Brew part—a variety of 12 on tap from local breweries and beyond. Or just as likely from the open atmosphere that flows invitingly from the front door to the countertop seating in full view of the brick oven. In nice weather, the patio is perfect seating as well.

Try the highly recommended Crispy Duck Sliders. Then grab a Sly Fox Rauchbier or Dogfish Head 90 Minute IPA on tap for the perfect meal. Quality whiskies, wines and tequilas are plentiful, too.

DOWNINGTOWN BOTTLE ROOM

Downingtown got another notch on its beer belt in May with The Bottle Room, owned by Sean McGettigan, of the adjacent Station Taproom. He and general manager Kerry Watson are Downingtown

locals and friends that go back nearly 20 years and share a passion for beer.

Watson has a history organizing popular beer events in the area. Now he manages 16 taps and upwards of 500 bottles that cover the most solid local beers from the likes of Free Will, River Horse, Tired Hands and Victory to beers from farther abroad like Blackberry Farm, Drie Fontainen, Hof ten Dormaal, Logsdon Farmhouse and Russian River.

A small menu of meats, cheeses and dips from the kitchen shared with Station Taproom complements the beers. One television hangs in the room and takes over the speaker system on game days. With its own developing following, The Bottle Room benefits from overflow crowds next door. Watch their calendar for special tap takeovers and bottle releases.

SPRING CITY'S NEW TUNES

The Schuylkill River Trail (SRT) is starting to look more like the Sudsy Rehydration Trail. There's Manayunk Brewing Company, near the end of the trail in Philly, and Conshohocken Brewing Company new in 2014. Iron Hill has one of its 12 spots in Phoenixville, where the trail crosses the river. And as of last summer, Spring City is now on the map.

The Bottle Room
PHOTO: BRYAN KOLESAR

BEER EVENTS IN 2017

Feb. 25, Kennett Winterfest. 600 S. Broad St., Kennett Square. KennettBrewFest.com.

Mar. 4, Philly Craft Beer Festival. Navy Yard, 4747 S. Broad St., Phila. PhillyCraftBeerFest.com.

* **Mar., St. Pitty's Day Pub Crawl.** In Media to benefit the DelCo. SPCA. ProvidenceAC.org.

Apr. 8, Rails & Ales—Railroad Museum of PA. 300 Gap Rd., Strasburg. RailsAndAles.org.

Apr. 29, Pottstown Firkin Fest. Memorial Park, 75 W. King St. PottstownFirkin.com.

May 7, Sly Fox Backfest & Goat Race. Pottstown. SlyFoxBeer.com.

* **May, Brandywine Val. Craft Beer Festival.** E. State St., Media. IronHillBrewery.com/Media.

* **May, BrewFest at Mount Hope.** PA Renaissance Fairgrounds, Manheim. PARenFaire.com.

June 2–11, Philly Beer Week. Philadelphia and suburbs. PhillyBeerWeek.org.

* **July, Blues & Brews.** PA Renaissance Fairgrounds, Manheim. PARenFaire.com.

July 22, Newark Food & Brew Festival. NewarkFoodAndBrewfest.com.

* **Aug., Lancaster Craft Beerfest.** Downton Lancaster. LancasterCraftBeerFest.com.

* **Sept., Newtown Sq. Pints in the Square.** Rts. 3 & 252. PintsInTheSquare.com.

* **Sept., Malvern Harvest Oktoberfest.** Burke Park, Warren Ave. Malvern-Festivals.com.

Sept. 9, Historic Odessa Brewfest. 201 Main St., Odessa, DE. OdessaBrewfest.com.

* **Oct., Conshohocken Beer Festival.** Garthwaite Stadium. ConshohockenBeerFestival.com.

* **Oct., Kennett Brewfest.** 600 S. Broad St., Kennett Square. KennettBrewFest.com.

* **Oct., Pottstown Brewfest.** Manatawny Park, 75 W. King St. PottstownBrewfest.com.

Oct. 5, 7, KOP Beer Fest Royale. 690 W. DeKalb Pk., King of Prussia. KoPBeerFest.com.

* **Dec., Valley Forge Beer Festival.** Greater Phila Expo Center, Oaks. ValleyForgeBeerFest.com.

* **Dates to be determined.**

La Cabra Brewing Company



Tuned Up Brewing Company has a heavy emphasis on guitar-centric blues and great beer served up by three colleagues—Clint Tichnell, Andy White, Jeremy Burke—who met at the Trappe Fire Company and playing in the band, The Fermenters.

Expect to find fan favorites such as Black IPA, Irish Red, Raspberry Acid Freakout and Love Me 3 Times Tripel at the comfortable bar—formerly a tattoo shop, lingerie store and tavern—built mostly with sweat equity by the partners, friends and family.

Reclaimed wood pallets create a nice backdrop at the bar and the open mic encourages freelance jamming.

Expect to see the brewery grow at a controlled pace in tandem with what's hoped to be a resurgence in the borough.

MORE IN MEDIA

Sterling Pig is the oldest on this list, having opened in July 2015. Co-owner and Brewmaster, Brian McConnell, left a longtime position at Rock Bottom Res-



Tuned Up Brewing Company

taurant and Brewery in King of Prussia to open Sterling Pig within walking distance of his Media home. He started the inviting brewpub with business partner, Loïc Barnieu, owner of other State Street spots.

McConnell's experience in the brewhouse, which added three new 30-barrel fermenters to double future output, is evident in the extremely well-made beers. The food menu matches up well with these solid beers by offering perfect pairings like Salciccia Wood Oven Pizza with Shout hoppy American pilsner, Chipotle Smoked Wings with Big Gunz Double IPA, and BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich with Pata Negra schwarzbier.

In January, look for the popular Piggy Stardust Tripel annual release, more entries in their single hop series, as well as increased distribution to local retail outlets.

The local brewing scene continues to grow with no slowdown in sight. By the time you read this, there may be another handful of new beer destinations to check out. Cheers to that! ♦

Bryan Kolesar, local to Chester County, has been writing about beer for over ten years and maintains a blog, *BrewLounge.com*. His book—*Beer Lover's Mid-Atlantic—is a complete 416-page guide to breweries, brewpubs, beer bars and homebrew of PA, NJ, MD and DE.*



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lington, and luxury pie (lobster, shrimp, scallops in a lemongrass-ginger sauce under garlic mashed potatoes). One of these weekends, we'll get there for haggis. For dessert, the sticky toffee pudding takes the cake. To drink: the Whip's private label house cider whimsically named "For Fox Sake," one of its many UK beers, or a Black Velvet (Guinness layered over cider). Cheers!

Place for the Whole Family

Ron's Original Bar & Grille

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If you've ever looked around your dinner table and asked, "Why can't we all just get along?" we've found the solution. For over 25 years, Ron Inverso and his staff at this casual Italian have set a place at the table for everyone from spaghetti and meatball-loving kids to gluten-free grandmas, from Paleo dads to vegetarian cousins. Like choosing a favorite child, diners struggle to name just one favorite dish but mussels, cheese steaks, butternut squash ravioli consistently make the list. The popular Ovals—oval pizza dough, interesting topping combos—garner praise. So does Ron's long-standing commitment to scratch cooking with clean ingredients. The school night value menu (lasagna, chicken parm and more) means eating out with family won't break the bank.

Place to Feel Irish

Kildare's Irish Pub

18 W. Gay St., West Chester
610-431-0770 / KildaresPubWC.com

The decor is thoroughly Irish, as it should be, given the expense Dave Magrogan went to importing it from the Emerald Isle. Under the new ownership since 2015 of an authentic Irishman, Dane Gray, and wife/chef Stephanie, the place feels true. Kildare's continues to attract pub fans with Irish specialties on the menu, plenty of beer, and the conviviality that's made pubs a community institution across the pond. Lots of classics fill the menu—boxty, shepherd's pie, colcannon, corned beef and cabbage—plus Stephanie adds imaginative specials to please those looking for something different. You'll find a mix of college students, locals and folks who enjoy a little bit of *craic*.

Pop-Ups

The Creamery

401 Birch St., Kennett Square
484-732-7040 / KennettCreamery.com

Cross a German biergarten with the best outdoor party and you get the feel of the pop-up community gathering in Kennett Square this past summer, Thursdays through Sundays. A former 1902 creamery and cannery site was transformed with upcycled furniture and fixtures (wood pallets, fan-vent lighting) into a place to enjoy beer (Yards, Sly Fox, Victory's Summer Love, of course), wine and cocktails, sample the best of local food trucks (Cow and the Curd, Hoods BBQ) and meet neighbors for conversation and lawn games (corn hole, bocce, giant jenga). Plus puppies to adopt! The Creamery reopened in December to host the Holiday Village Market and will be back Spring 2017. #bringbackthecreamery2017 worked!

Constitution Yards

308 Justison St., Wilmington
302-407-5192 / ConstitutionYards.com

If you build it, they will come ... to the pop-up urban waterfront destination on Wilimington's Riverwalk that ran from late June through October. Called Constitution Yards, with a nod to the former shipping yards, this eat-drink-relax outdoor space mixed food, drink and outdoor games to entertain all ages—sandboxes to whiffle ball. Choose from 10 draft beers, 15 others in cans, plus wine, frozen drinks and spirits, while eating salads, sandwiches, rotisserie chicken, ribs, burgers and more served from repurposed shipping containers under strings of lights. This pop-up was granted extended life for 2017, though it morphs into an ice skating rink in winter.

Pre- & Post-Theater

Merchant Bar

426 N. Market St., Wilmington
302-543-5574 / MerchantBarWilmington.com

The lively theater scene in Wilmington deserves a lively bar, and got one in Merchant Bar—an extension of Bryan Sikora's La Fia across Market Street. With a hip lower Manhattan vibe and a mix of business suits and neighborhood regulars, the crowd is drawn by upscale cocktails and a chef-driven menu of creative small plates and boards. Tuna poke fills the trendy spot, while Korean BBQ buns fill the belly. We love the antipasto board with its assortment of delights. Whether you sip a Bullit-based old fashioned or a fashionable Negroni, you'll feel a bit more sophisticated and satisfied as you head to the theater. Come back post-performance for an original cocktail creation.

Pairings Cigar Bar

12 W. State St., Media
610-565-1895 / PairingsCigarBar.com

We've seen wine pairing, beer pairing, and now in Media we have Pairings Cigar Bar, a full service spot for all things cigars—boxes or sticks (individual cigars), cutters, cases and humidors, though no Cubans ... yet. Sink into the comfy leather sofas with a view of the passing parade along State Street as you puff on your selection and sip a post-performance drink just a few blocks from The Media Theatre. Choose from creative cocktails, hard liquor, beer, coffee and espresso, too, plus nibbles. Or stop in, get some expert advice, and take your trophy home to enjoy on your deck—weather permitting. Great new addition!

Salad Inspirations

The Couch Tomato

31 W. Gay St., West Chester
484-887-0241 / TheCouchTomato.com

There's much to love at this source of things healthy and tasty—warming soups of the day (spicy butternut bisque), signature sandwiches (perky turkey), artisan pizzas or design your own. No surprise the salads are sensational. Small salads, large salads (wish they had *Seinfeld's* Big Salad), salads in wraps. Choose your green (romaine, iceberg or organic spinach, arugula or kale), add the themed fixings—Southwestern, Food Pyramid (chicken, strawberry, cucumber, candied pecans, mozzarella), La Fiesta, Hail Caesar, Santorini, Fresh Pear-Fection, Where's Waldorf. Or use the Craft Your Salad option to choose everything—from chicken to vegan cheese, toppings from apple to tortilla chips, and then add dressing. Even self-proclaimed non-saladarians are converts.

Savory Pies

Nomadic Pies

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

Call her the Pie Maven or better yet the Pied Piper. Wherever owner Molly Johnston offers her savory pies, we follow, forks in hand. We buy them for dinner at local farmers' markets. We sign up for pie and beer flight fun at Kennett Brewing Company. And every chance we get, we stop in for a slice at Molly's cozy Kennett Square storefront. Why? Her chicken potpie and chicken curry pie warm even the coldest heart. Her steak, mushroom and cheese rivals that Philly icon. Her roasted winter veggie and cheesy potato pies ... comfort between the crusts. Molly is always experimenting and welcomes suggestions. Ours? More pie, more pie, more pie.

Sips & Snacks

Bistro on Bridge

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

When the street scene presents an on-going parade, your job is to find the best seat—especially with 60+ degree days in November and December. To join Phoenixville's lively crowd on Bridge Street, arrive early, select a sofa or table at Bistro on Bridge and order up drinks and great snacks. You'll be in the middle of the action as you enjoy over 30 draft beers, 130 beers in bottles and a menu designed for sampling—small plates, apps, pizza, quesadillas, sandwiches and café specials. Happy hour, Monday through Friday, makes a great end to the workday.

Small Plates

Black Powder Tavern

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

When we want to snack in the footsteps of our forefathers, we snag a table at this historic tavern. George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette rendezvoused here during the American Revolution. Stagecoach travelers stopped on their way west. But the small plate menu is decidedly modern with influences from every part of the great American melting pot. Crowd favorites include goat cheese polenta fries accompanied by a spicy harissa sauce, cheesy devils on horseback (Medjool dates stuffed with gorgonzola, wrapped in bacon); calamari with sriracha aoli and sweet spicy tamarind dip; tavern Irish nachos; PEI mus-sels. A new addition we're dying to try: spicy short rib tater tots. At happy hours and game days small plates are a real bargain.

Smoothies

Jaco Juice & Taco Bar

8 W. Gay St., West Chester
610-436-4177 / JacoJuiceAndTaco.com

International House of Smoothies Jamba Juice has nothing on local Jaco Taco, now expanded to Media and Washington, D.C. Their healthy elixirs include smoothies that far surpass what you can whip up at home. Names like Yolo (banana, strawberry, kale, peanut butter, milk, agave), Hip-ster (banana, Hershey's Chocolate Syrup, Nutella, milk, graham) and Brooklyn (pineapple, kale, avocado, cardamom, almond milk, fresh lemon juice, agave) point to the prime demographic. But other options like Island in the Sun (banana, pineapple, mango, fresh OJ, agave), Blueberry Hill

juice (blueberry, pineapple, kale, coconut water) and the cure-your-winter-cold C-Baby (coconut water, OJ, lemon juice, turmeric, ginger, cayenne, agave), show they share the love.

Sushi Burrito

Hai Street Kitchen & Co.

KOP Mall, 160 N. Gulph Rd., King of Prussia
610-290-8576 / HaiStreetKitchen.com

Fusion cuisine created the sushi burrito—think portable sushi to eat on the go. Or as BuzzFeed quipped—when a mommy sushi and daddy burrito love each other very much ... Hai Street's concept lets you watch the assembly of locally sourced ingredients rolled into a ridiculously large roll. Choose white or brown rice, protein (chili citrus pork, chicken, shrimp tempura, Tatami salmon), add sauce (teriyaki, ginger miso, spicy mayo), top-pings (fresh veggies, pickled jicama, papaya, cabbage), top with crunch. Deep fry it into a giant egg roll? Zagat anointed Hai Street to the top 10 hottest new restaurants in Philly. We can enjoy this nosh at the KOP Mall and Whole Foods.

Sweet Somethings

La Baguette Magique

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

It's not just crusty loaves of bread that embody the magic conjured up in Catherine Session's French bakery. In keeping with a tradition of creating jewels of sublime sweetness, Baguette Magique displays behind its glass showcases samples of transporting tastiness, aka the stuff that satisfies the sweet tooth and the soul with delicacy, not butter cream. Though some may consider the heavenly chocolate croissant dessert, we say try the mousse au chocolat for a taste of Paris. Or tarts, tarts, tarts—apple, lemon, pear, chocolate, nuts and caramel. Chou à la crème are better than American cream puffs, while the madeleines make you remember ...

Vegetarian Options

sweetgreen

KOP Mall, 350 Mall Blvd., King of Prussia
610-312-0195 / sweetgreen.com

Few are the Venn diagrams where "mall" and "healthy vegetarian food" overlap. But we've found one! Open since last summer, this fast-casual offers made-before-your-eyes salads and bowls brimming with local, seasonal ingredients. Year-round salads include Spicy Sabzi (spinach, kale sesame tofu, quinoa in carrot chili vinaigrette) and

a kale Caesar that comes with or without chicken. In summer, look for peach-goat cheese and in winter, apple, pear and cheddar salad. Warm bowls start with wild rice or quinoa and build from there. The Shroomami highlights a warm portobello mix, raw beets and kale tossed with miso sesame ginger dressing. Generous portions + healthy ingredients = energy to shop 'til you drop.

Very Vegan

Gangster Vegan Organics 2

6 Gay St., Phoenixville
610-616-0000 / GangsterVegan.com

Spouted in Phoenixville during VegFest in September, the second location of Norristown's Gangster Vegan Organics serves up serious vegan fare—no gluten, soy, dairy, meat, refined sugars. Yet former hip-hop t-shirt designer Vinny DePaul can turn out a mean orange creamsicle cheesecake and zucchini "crab" cakes. Pickup, delivery and eat-in from their selection of juices to cleanse, detox and enjoy (great names like Truth Juice and Flava in Ya Ear); shots, smoothies, raw food (Kaleifornia Love Kale salad; do the right thing raw pizza with sunflower cheese, ODB Burger made of raw broccoli), desserts (superfood balls) and snacks (you guessed it, kale chips). Go vegan or go home! ♦

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Independent Schools Fall Sports Round-Up

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TEAM STARS HEAD TO TOP COLLEGES

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS IN OUR AREA HAD EXCITING, winning, fun-to-watch seasons. Three teams—Episcopal, Salesianum, Renaissance—topped their leagues in boys' soccer. The Academy of Notre Dame dominated Inter-Ac field hockey. Baldwin set school records in girls' soccer. Wilmington Friends won their league in football. And, in volleyball, Bishop Shanahan and Tower Hill finished first in Pennsylvania and Delaware respectively.

BOYS' SOCCER

Ranked #1 in Delaware's Division I, [Salesianum School's](#) soccer team was awesome. Gavin Campbell, its senior All-American goalkeeper, has received a lot of attention from colleges. Jason Blackwell, senior midfielder, was ranked #38 nationally.

[Episcopal Academy](#) finished 1st in the Inter-Ac. Matt Freese and AJ Marcucci, their goalkeepers, shared ten shutouts. Matt is on his way to Harvard; AJ to the College of Connecticut. Quinn Dudek, senior co-captain, scored 12 goals and 5 assists on his way to Davidson.

[Hill School](#) played some tough schools, finishing 12-5-1. Toni Adewole, playing back/midfielder, was outstanding: #2 in the country! Named to the All-America Team and an honors student, he's headed to the United States Naval Academy.

Ranked #3 in the Delaware league, [Tower Hill](#) compiled a 13-2 record, then won the quarter-, semi- and finals in the DIAA. Midfielder Andrew Cercena, All-State, ranked in Delaware's top 11 players, had 21 goals, tying the school record. He'll attend New York University. Jamie Spruance was the emotional and vocal leader of the team, playing midfield. The coach observed, "We would not have been the top team this year if Jamie was not on it."

[Renaissance Academy](#), with an overall record of 8-2-1, was the champion of the Tri-County Independent School League Conference. AbuBakr Sangre, a sophomore, led the team with 21 goals.

GIRLS' FIELD HOCKEY

This past year [Academy of Notre Dame](#) shut out the Inter-Ac, with 10-0 in-league and 17-2-1 overall. Quinn Maguire, a forward with 35 goals, 27 assists and the nation's 13th ranked player, will be playing for St. Joseph's. Marykate Neff, at midfield/forward with 19 goals, 19 assists, was 36th nationally and recruited by Princeton. Campbell Osborne, defender, had 4 saves, plus 3 goals and 2 assists. Ranked #69, she's headed for Georgetown.

With two wins and a loss in the State Tournament, [Padua Academy](#) was 17-1 overall. Hailey Power, their senior goalie who saved 70 of 72 shots, is committed to Sacred Heart University. Jill Sherman, senior midfielder, has committed to Queens University of Charlotte. Both played for the Delaware Sharks club team.

[Tower Hill](#) had a record of 17-2. Janie Mitchell, midfield/back, is interested in attending William and Mary. Midfielder Louise Conaty wants to play lacrosse at Wellesley. Isabel Zungailia at forward is still deciding between Middlebury and Washington & Lee. And junior Isabelle Pilson at forward already has a commitment to Stanford.

With a win and loss in States, [Wilmington Friends School](#) finished its regular season at 11-2-2. Halfback senior Simone Veale finished



Jason Blackwell of Salesianum School

with 9 goals and 7 assists. According to the coach, she was "definitely our engine." Blair Atkins, the center back senior, did the "hard work that never enters into a scorebook." And senior Lydia Yeatman was one of its "strongest, most consistent defenders."

GIRLS' SOCCER

The [Baldwin School's](#) soccer team won 17 games, scored 40 and allowed 10 goals, with 9 shutouts—all records for the school. Jennifer Dietrich on wing was relentless on defense, dangerous in attack, and fast! Next year, she'll attend Bucknell University on a track scholarship. Kahlaa Cannady was a top defensive midfielders: a tenacious ball winner and tackler and a smart passer.

[Episcopal Academy](#) finished the season at 14-6-1. Although injured nearly half the season, Molly O'Brien led the team with 8 goals and 7 assists. Next year, she'll play soccer at Loyola University in Maryland. Senior Lilly Shaner anchored the back line, collecting 7 shutouts in 20 games: less than half than last year. She's currently narrowing her college search.

FOOTBALL

[Malvern Prep](#) was #1 in the Inter-Ac and finished 8-3 overall. QB Kevin Doyle, a junior, ranked #12 among Pennsylvania's current recruits, received over a dozen college offers. Jake Glavin, its center/guard, was recruited to play for James Madison. And Zac Fernandez—RB, receiver, punter, kickoff and punt returner—led in rushing, receiving and points, is interested in University of Pennsylvania, Cornell or Johns Hopkins.

At [Episcopal Academy](#), 7-3, CJ McAnally had 579 rushing yards, 1125 passing yards, 21 TDs. He hopes to play football at an Ivy, Colonial or Patriot league program. After being injured for two seasons, Brian Snow returned as LB and had 115 tackles. Several Division 1 schools have shown interest. Kyle Virbitsky had a tremendous year on both sides of the ball: 7 TDs, 27 catches, 45 tackles. Football will lose him though: he'll attend Penn State to pitch.

Running back Malik Twyman carried the ball over 8 yards per carry for [Haverford School](#), 7-3 this season. He'll play at Colgate next year. QB Tommy Toal passed for over 150 yards per game. Also being



Maddie Sachs of Tower Hill School

recruited for baseball, his college plans haven't been disclosed.

In Delaware, [Wilmington Friends School](#) was 10-1, topping the Independent Football League. Andrew Jaworski, fullback and line-backer, ran for 850 yards, scored 16 TDs, and will attend Colgate. QB Justin Beneck, with 650 and 400 yards, passing and rushing, is going to Delaware. Headed to Pittsburgh is Henry Gise, RB/LB, who gained over 900 total yards. And Matt Denney OT/DT is still undecided on where he's going to college.

VOLLEYBALL

[Bishop Shanahan](#) was ranked #1 in Pennsylvania and finished #1 in the Ches-Mont Volleyball standings. They were led by outside hitter Alexa Marcum, and defensive specialist Jenna Losito, both seniors. The Shultz sisters, Renee, a junior, and Cara, a freshman, also were major contributors.

Ranked #1 in Delaware, [Tower Hill](#) was 19-2. Maddie Sachs, sophomore outside hitter, was voted to the Delaware First Team All state and ranked 2nd in the state in kills. In college, she wants to play beach volleyball—she's played in the nationals for three years—as well as indoor volleyball. Ashleigh Brady, setter, is 2nd in the state in assists. Several schools have asked her to play volleyball, but, so far, she's declined, preferring to focus on academics.

[Padua Academy](#), at 14-3, was #3 in Delaware. Their top players were Emily Jarome, Maddie Judge and Emma Lucey. Jarome, a junior outside hitter with a .349 hitting average and a 46% kill percentage

was named Delaware's Player of the Year and made 1st Team All-State. Judge, a senior libero (defense), averaging over 20 digs per match, is committed to the University of Delaware. And Lucey, a junior setter, averaged 28 assists per match.

Ranked #4 in Delaware was [Archmere Academy](#). Kaylie Leclerc, a setter, led in assists, aces and digs. She's applying to several Division 1 schools. Nicki and Lexi Kelly, twin honor roll students, are just beginning their college search but may follow their family—mom, dad, brother, sister—to the University of Delaware. ♦



Kevin Doyle of Malvern Prep

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