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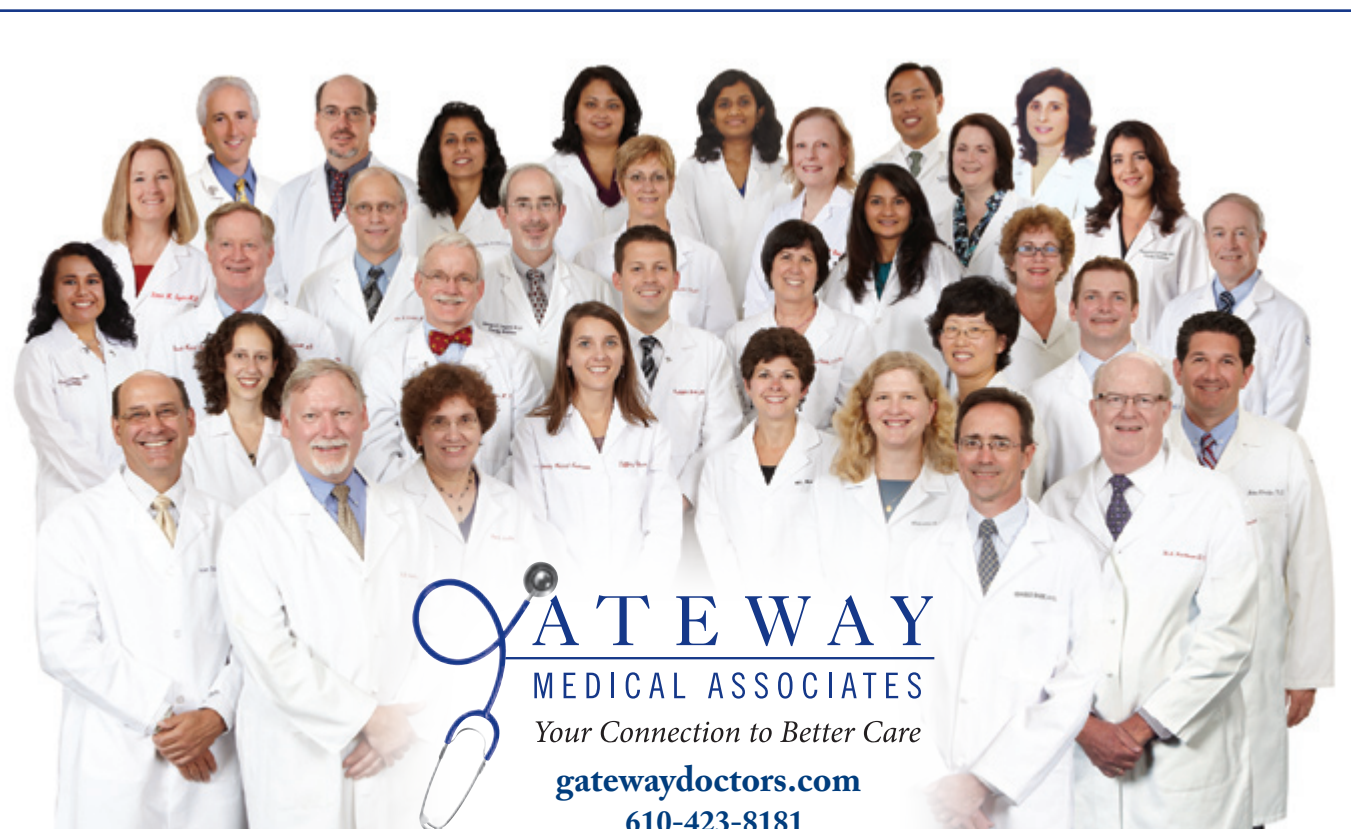
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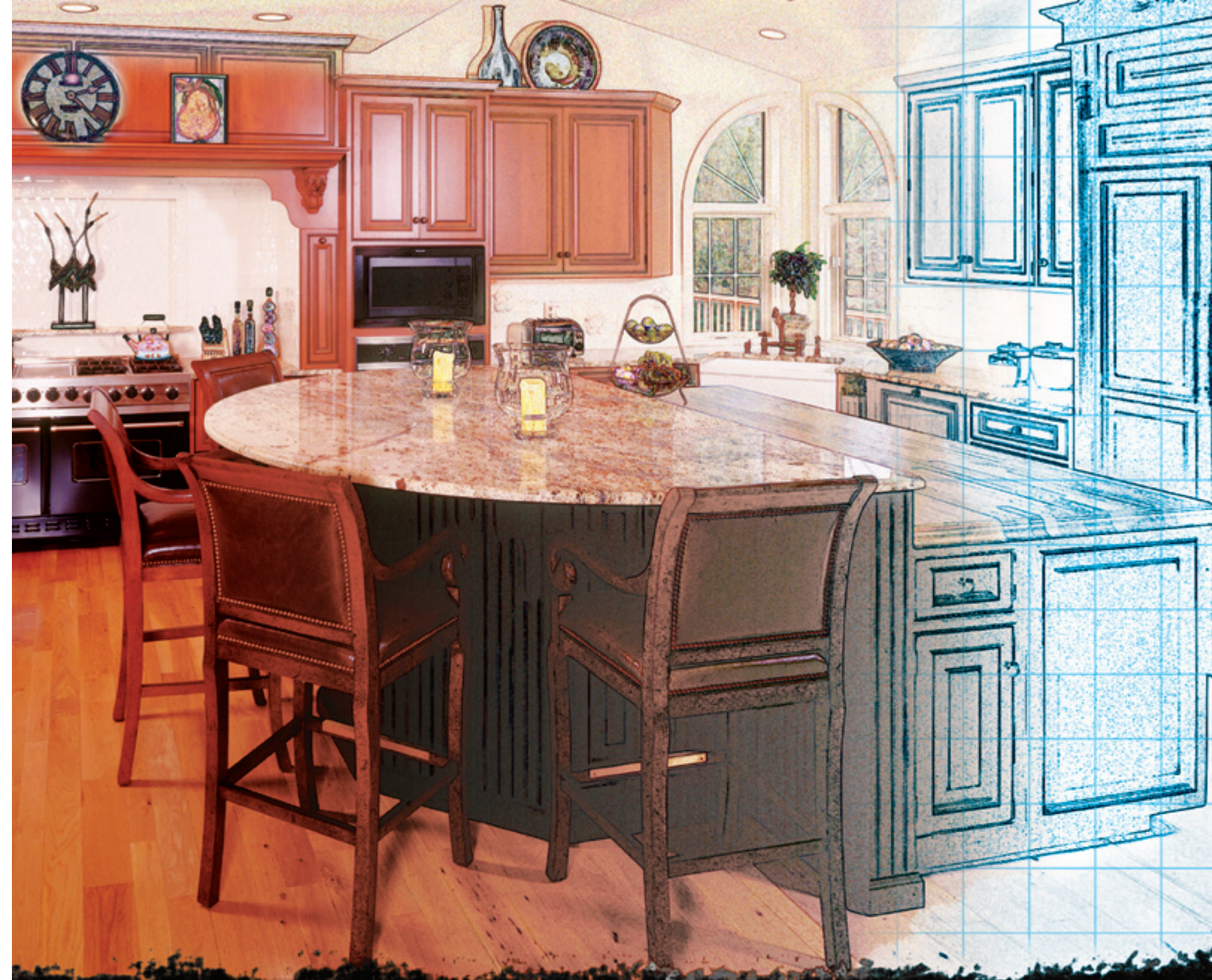
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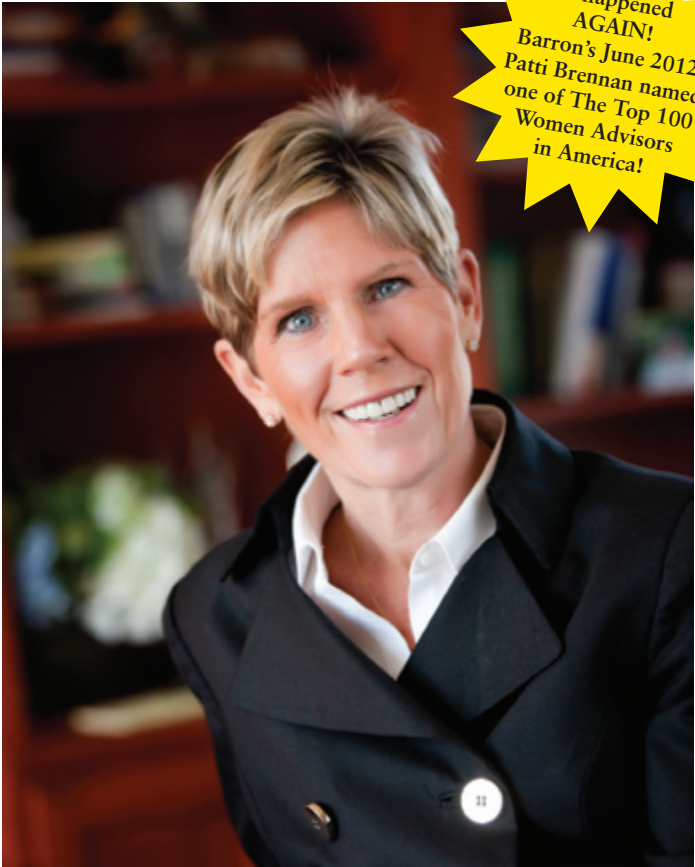
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From *the*  
Editor

June means summer to me. Though the solstice is weeks away, the year has shifted into the next gear. It's all vacations and living outdoors now.

With that in mind, this issue is packed with ways to enjoy being outside, starting with our cover shot of Chester County's Balloon Festival. We'll be there for Friday the 14th's Glow Show, so stop by to say hello. Tell us how you like Chester County Book Company's "10 Hot Summer Reads," with recommendations for escaping under a tree or in a hammock.

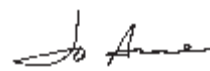
Our "Outdoor Dining Guide" gives the inside scoop on where to enjoy your next al fresco meal. And if you'd like to check out 20-plus restaurants before choosing, head to Media on Wednesday nights' Dining Under the Stars, when the tables are out along State Street for the biggest outdoor dining event around.

On State Street in Kennett Square you'll find more outdoor (and indoor) dining at La Verona, where Lise Monty says fine dining mingles with casual fare and everyone is happy. And don't forget West Chester, where "ThinkShopBuy...Local" also applies to dining locally at the borough's many great restaurants.

Get the kids outdoors in June, too. In our Being Well column, the Upper Main Line YMCA cites studies showing kids spend *only four to seven minutes a day* of unstructured playtime outside. Take them to Tyler Arboretum's "Totally Terrific Treehouses" exhibit, and you're sure to skew that statistic. Check out the Family Fun section in our monthly Best Local Events for even more activities. And to make sure the cook in the family has time outdoors, try the "30-Minute Dishes" Laura Brennan serves up in her Brandywine Table column.

Oh, and there's an entire article titled "It's Time to Live Outside," with Matt Freeman reporting on trends for patios, pools, gardens and decks.

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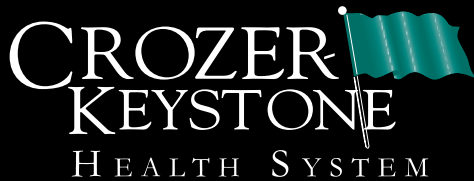
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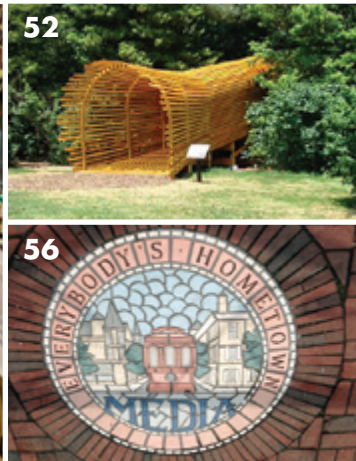


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## The Great Outdoors Are Great For Kids!

Brian Raichich

### Outdoor Play Time Is Good for Your Child's Body, Mind and Spirit.

For many parents, childhood summers were spent outside and on the move. We biked around the neighborhood, swam at the local pool, caught bullfrogs at the pond, and even built forts in the woods. Often it wasn't until we were called home for dinner that we finally went back inside.

Today things are different. Kids spend their days indoors far more than their parents did, with recent studies showing kids spend *only four to seven minutes a day of unstructured playtime outside*—whether it's tossing around a ball, drawing with chalk on the sidewalk, or catching fireflies.

**Kids Have Become Plugged-in Indoors.** As children spend an average of *over seven hours a day on phones, tablets,*

*laptops and TVs*, childhood obesity has skyrocketed and more children are being treated for attention problems, anxiety and depression.

A term widely used to describe this disconnection between kids and the outdoors is “nature deficit disorder,” coined by writer Richard Louv in his 2005 book *Last Child in the Woods*. Louv argued that certain physical and behavioral problems could be caused by the sharp decline in how little time children now spend outdoors.

The good news is that children who are engaged in outdoor playtime are in better physical shape, are more focused in school, and are just happier kids. So how can you get your kids connected with nature? Luckily there are many great

ways, places and programs your family can get involved with now!

**Get Outside with Summer Camp.** Summer camp can be defined in so many ways. It can be a day camp offering varied activities for a half-day or full-day throughout the week. Or it can be a specialty camp, such as a nature camp, sports camp or 7-day canoe adventure. Either way, camp provides an opportunity for your kids to unplug, get outside and get moving, through safe playtime and socialization with their peers.

Karen Murphy, Director of Camp UMLY, one of Pennsylvania's largest camp programs, encourages families to find a program with variety. “A camp that offers programs in the arts, sports, nature and more provides an opportunity for your child to find a special passion.”

**Make Outdoor Time Part of Family Time.** Our community is filled with green spaces waiting for families to hike, bike and explore. The list includes large parks like Valley Forge and Ridley Creek State Park, to smaller gems like Exton Park and Okeehocking Preserve. Anywhere in our community, in under a five-minute drive, you and your kids can be on the trails!

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**Bring Tech Into Nature.** Yes, the goal is to disconnect from the digital world a little more, but there are some really engaging ways families and children can use tech in the great outdoors.

Jeff Scott, Environmental Education Director at Upper Main Line YMCA, recently reviewed the National Wildlife Federation's “Top 25 Nature and Wildlife Apps” and found the apps are a way for families to transition from being inside and behind a screen to getting outside and active. “There is an app for everything. What better way to reconnect people with nature than with the technology they are already using!”

Kids today have many easy and fun ways to stay plugged-in inside. This summer, start getting your child reconnected with nature. It's as easy as opening your front door and stepping outside! ♦

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# Good to Know

Just a few things we thought you'd like to know for June

**Books & Rooks.** There's something about summertime and a book—better yet, an entire library of books. Which is exactly what you can download at the Chester County Library. Unsure how? Stop by the Oxford Library any Wednesday morning this summer for a one-on-one E-reader lesson with Jeanette Jenkins. And while you're catching up on reading *Game of Thrones*, the little ones can learn how to play the Game of Kings—chess—Saturday mornings at the West Chester Library. Details at [CCLS.org](http://CCLS.org).



## Dear Dad.

Looking for the perfect gift for dear old Dad? Let us help. For the health conscious dad, how about an Activity Tracker that uses a 3D motion sensor to record steps taken and calories burned? If your dad is a golfer, try a Rangefinder that will lead him to a hole-in-one. Got a working dad? Give him a Gadget Charger shaped like a coffee cup to power up his laptop, phone and iPod, all from one device. This year, give the gift that defies regifting.



## History in Pennsylvania.

Calling all history buffs! Love the movie *Lincoln*? Then plan a road trip to see where history was made. Head for the rolling hills of Gettysburg—about two hours west—for the 150th anniversary of the battle. Along with other events in June, try the hour-long tour of Cemetery Hill—where Lincoln gave his famous *Gettysburg Address*—plus tours of three other battle sites. Travel tips at [Gettysburg.Travel/150/Event.asp](http://Gettysburg.Travel/150/Event.asp).

## Flag Day Facts.

Got big plans for Flag Day on June 14th? It's time to bring out the stars and stripes and celebrate our country's colors. But first, do you know the right way to display Old Glory? At night you have to have a light shining on her. From the date the flag was first flown (January 2, 1776) to proper care (never let it touch the ground), learn the dos and don'ts at [Military.com/Flag-Day](http://Military.com/Flag-Day).



**Can You Say Freebies?** If you like free stuff, we've got plenty for you. Win tickets to Brandywine Ballet, the DuPont Theatre and People's Light & Theatre. Or head out to the Renaissance Faire, Tyler Arboretum, Delaware Art Museum or a Blue Rocks game on us. *County Lines* has giveaways every month. Visit our Facebook page and tell us why you should be our lucky winner. We'd love to hear from you. [Facebook.com/CountyLinesMagazine](http://Facebook.com/CountyLinesMagazine).





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### New Listing

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### EAST BRADFORD

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### New Listing

### BIRMINGHAM TOWNSHIP

Located in the historic district, sits this 4BR, c.1837 serpentine stone home on 10 acres with a small barn. This is a great opportunity! Unionville Schools. \$889,000



### New Listing

### UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP

You must see this Ann Capron designed 4BR, 3.1BA home on 1.5 acres with spectacular Wolff pool, fabulous Great Room & gourmet Kitchen. Overlooks the Brandywine! \$649,900



### EAST BRADFORD

Nestled on a corner 2 ac. lot, sits this custom home with TWO first floor Master Suites - great for an in-law! Very well maintained & conveniently located near Stroud Preserve! \$677,900



### New Listing

### WEST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP

This charming c.1777 4BR, 2BA home sits on 3.8 acres & used as organic farm for last 5 yrs. New Kitchen, large Barn, horses ok, fencing - Low Taxes! \$449,900

## of Special Note



### Chester County Hospital 7th Annual Polo Cup

June 9

Thundering horses and agile riders play the international game of polo right in our own backyard. Sponsored by the Turks Head Branch of The Women's Auxiliary to benefit the hospital. *Brandywine Polo Club, 260 Polo Rd., Toughkenamon. Festivities begin at 1:30 p.m., match starts at 3 p.m. \$25-\$100; 16 and under free. New this year is the Beer Garden, \$40-\$45. 610-268-8692; CCHosp.com/Polo.com.*

### 18th Annual Jazz at Brushwood Gala Benefit for Home of the Sparrow

June 15

The theme for this year's benefit is "An Evening in Paris," with the sights of the city in a festive and elegant atmosphere. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner, open bar, live and silent auctions and dancing. *Brushwood Stable (Bryn Clovis Annex), 737 Sugartown Rd., Malvern. 6 to 10:30 p.m. \$100. 610-647-4940; HomeOfTheSparrow.org.*



### Longwood Gardens Summer Performances

June 7-August 29

Get your tickets early as the summer lineup includes more than 40 great performances in the most beautiful outdoor settings. *June 7*, Peter Yarrow and Noel Paul Stookey; *June 27*, Amy Grant; *July 2*, Buddy Guy; *July 9*, Michael McDonald & Boz Scaggs; *July 11*, Lyle Lovett and His Acoustic Group; *July 18-19*, The Philadelphia Orchestra; *Aug. 13*, The Beach Boys; *Aug. 15*, Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo; *Aug. 22*, Creedence Clearwater Revisted; *Aug. 27*, Tony Bennett;

*Aug. 29*, Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Information. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.



### The Real Housewives of Kennett Square

### Town Tours & Village Walks

June 13-August 22

Mark your calendars for the 19th summer of sharing Chester County's heritage. Free summer strolls take you through the county's historic neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and sites. *June 13*, West Chester Kick-Off and Tour; *June 20*, Kimberton Crossroads; *June 27*, The Real Housewives of Kennett Borough; *July 11*, It Creeps, It Crawls, It Will Get Us All! (The Blob, that is); *July 18*, Inside the Churches of Church St., Phoenixville; *July 25*, Goshenville 1863; *August 1*, Historic Nantmeal Village; *August 8*, Soldier-Statesman-Leader: The Legacy of Rich Thomas III (1744-1832); *August 15*, An Inside Glimpse of the Lukens National Historic District; *August 22*, Barn Again in Chester County. Tours begin at 5:30 p.m.; last tour leaves at 7 p.m. 610-344-6415; ChesCo.org/CCParks.

### Chester County SPCA 26th Annual Forget-Me-Not Gala

June 9

Enjoy a beautiful summer evening filled with music, dancing, culinary delights and an auction to celebrate and support the work of the Chester County SPCA. Held at the Historic Farm of Cuyler & Katie Walker, Unionville. 5 to 8 p.m. 610-692-6113, ext. 210; CCSPCA.org.





# Best Local Events

## Noteworthy in June ...



June 8

**10th Annual Main Line Jazz & Food Festival.** Wayne is transformed into a European-style piazza, where festival-goers can dine al fresco from the area's best restaurants, peruse fine art and crafts and enjoy live music from the region's top jazz talent. Headliner this year, Red Baraat. N. Wayne Ave. between Lancaster & West Aves., Wayne. Noon to 9 pm. [MainLineJazz.com](http://MainLineJazz.com).

June 10-16

**2013 US Open at Merion Golf Club.** How does Father's Day at one of the most historic courses in the country sound? For the first time since 1981, the US Open Championship returns to Ardmore. Due to space constraints, fewer tickets than a typical Open are available. For more information visit [USOpen.com](http://USOpen.com).



June 16

**LenFest Center Community Day.** Natural Lands Trust is celebrating the opening of the LenFest Center by hosting a day of family-friendly activities, including guided walks on the preserve, refreshments, tours and a scavenger hunt. All are invited to stop by to take part in the festivities and enjoy the preserve. 1119 Cannery Rd., Coatesville. 1 to 4 pm. Free. 610-353-5587; [NatLands.org](http://NatLands.org).

June 22-23

**22nd Annual Pottstown Rumble.** Premiere grass doubles volleyball tournament, attracting nationally ranked pros, amateurs and kids. Three-time Olympic Gold medalist Misty May Treanor will be attending (not playing). Manatawny Park, 61 W. King St., Pottstown. Sat, 7 am; Sun, 8 am. [PottstownRumble.com](http://PottstownRumble.com).



## Antiques Shows

June 1

**Historic New Castle, DE Antiques Show.** Nearly 100 dealers offer quality antiques. Benefits Hist. New Castle Visitor's Bureau. On the waterfront, Battery Park, W. 3rd St., New Castle, DE. 10 to 4. \$8. [DFShows.com](http://DFShows.com).

June 14-15

**Antiques in the Valley at Oley Valley Middle School.** Antique dealers showcase their finest

19th-century products. Benefits scholarships to worthy students at Oley Valley High School. 3247 Friedensburg Rd., Oley. Fri, 11 to 7; Sat, 10 to 4. \$10. 610-987-3312; 610-779-0705. [OleyValleyAntiqueShow.org](http://OleyValleyAntiqueShow.org).

June 28-29

**Lititz Historical Foundation's 49th Annual Antiques Show & Sale.** More than 40 leading dealers from several states offer furniture, primitives, redware, yellowware, pewter and more. John R. Bonfield Elementary School, Front

and Oak Sts., Lititz. Fri, 10 to 5; Sat, 10 to 4. \$5-\$6. 717-626-7059.

## Art & Craft Shows

Through June 22

**PA Guild of Craftsmen Presents "In Bloom."** Bright jewelry, elegant vases waiting for your garden's bounty and photography that captures the season at the Center of American Craft, 335 N. Queen St., Lancaster. Mon-Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, noon to 4. Free. 717-431-8706; [PaCrafts.org](http://PaCrafts.org).

Through September 30

**Southern Chester County Sculpture Trail.** Enjoy the sculptures of 13 artists along Old Baltimore Pk. from West Grove to Nottingham on this free, self-guided tour. Map and listing can be found at [OxfordArt.org](http://OxfordArt.org).

## Eat, Drink & Be Merry

Through June 9

**Philly Beer Week.** More than 500 events at over 100 venues throughout the city and suburbs, highlighting the region's diverse beer scene, its world-class breweries, neighborhood taverns, restaurants and rich beer culture. For venue information, visit [PhillyBeerWeek.org](http://PhillyBeerWeek.org).

June 1

**Willistown Young Friends 2nd Annual Gator-Aid.** Come prepared to rage like a Cajun, with creole food provided by Jimmy Duffy Catering, signature New Orleans inspired drinks, beer, wine and a great band. Proceeds go to providing a utility vehicle for Rushton Farm. Delchester Rd., south of Goshen Rd., Newtown Square. 6 pm. \$75-\$500. 610-353-2562; [WCTrust.org](http://WCTrust.org).

June 1

**Longwood's Wine & Jazz Festival.** Live jazz, including the Branford Marsalis Quartet and Alfredo Rodriguez Trio, fine wines and local fresh fare. Longwood's glorious outdoor stage overlooking the picturesque meadow comes alive at this annual event. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. \$25-\$40. 12 to 5:30. 610-388-1000; [LongwoodGardens.org](http://LongwoodGardens.org).

June 8

**Brandywine Food & Wine Festival.** Local wineries, food prepared by local restaurants and caterers, artisans and musicians come together for a day of fun at the picturesque Myrick Conservation Center, 1760 Unionville-Wawaset Rd., West Chester. 12 to 6 pm. \$5-\$15. 610-444-3842; [BVWineTrail.com](http://BVWineTrail.com).

## Equestrian Events

Through June 2

**Devon 2012 — The 117th Annual Devon Horse Show & Country Fair.** This great outdoor horse show includes hunter, jumper,

saddlebred horses, harness, coaching, junior and lead line classes. The Devon Country Fair offers family fun with rides, games, food and over 40 shops. Benefits Bryn Mawr Hospital. 610-688-2554; [TheDevonHorseShow.org](http://TheDevonHorseShow.org).

Through June 26-30, July 3-7  
**Brandywine Valley Summer Series.**

Exciting AA hunter/jumper/equitation horse show highlighting the participation of the local community. Benefits Danny and Ron's Rescue and Main Line Animal Rescue. Devon Horse Show Grounds, Rt. 30, Devon. Check website for hours and more information. [BrandywineValleySummerSeries.com](http://BrandywineValleySummerSeries.com).

**Fridays and Sundays, June-September Brandywine Polo.** Spectators can picnic and tailgate at the grounds. On Friday, spend a relaxing evening under the stars with live music, polo, great regional wines and delicious food. Toughkenamon Exit, Rt. 1 S. Fri, gates open at 5; polo, 5:30; music, 7:30. \$25; Sun, at 3, \$10. Cancelled for rain or extreme heat. 610-268-8692; [BrandywinePolo.com](http://BrandywinePolo.com).

## Family Fun

Weekends, Through June

**Strawberry Days at Longview Farm & Market.** Enjoy picking your own strawberries, taking a tour of the farm and all-you-can-eat strawberry pancakes (\$5). 3215 Stump Hall Rd., Collegeville. Sat-Sun, 10 to noon, weather permitting, please call first. 610-584-8202; [LongviewFarmMarket.org](http://LongviewFarmMarket.org).

Through August 31

**Big Bugs Come to Morris Arboretum.** Imagine a 16-ft., 1200-lb. praying mantis, 25-ft.-long ants or a dragonfly with a wingspan of 17 ft.! Sculptor David Rogers made these creatures from materials like fallen hardwood trees, standing deadwood and willow saplings. 100 E. Northwestern Ave., Phila. Mon-Fri, 10 to 4; Sat-Sun, 10 to 5 (June through Aug. to 8:30). 215-247-5777; [MorrisArboretum.org](http://MorrisArboretum.org).

June 15, July 4

**Events at Colonial PA Plantation.** **June 15,** French and Indian Skirmish and Camp—become an eyewitness to history as the site becomes the backdrop for scenes from the French and Indian War, skirmishes at 1 and 3; **July 1,** "When in the Course of Human Events—A Fourth of July Celebration and Picnic," enjoy a picnic and celebrate our nation's birthday by



June 18-20

**56th Annual Summer Institute at Landis Valley Museum.** Learn the crafts, trades and history of the Pennsylvania Dutch though



June 15-16

**Bryn Mawr Kennel Club's AKC Sanctioned All Breed Dog Show.** Each day of the show will cover Conformation and tours of the grounds to learn "hows and whys" of the show; Sat, bring your well-behaved canine friend for Good Citizen testing or get their hearing checked. Ludwig's Corner Show Grounds, Rts. 401 and 100, Ludwig's Corner. Daily, 9 am. \$5; under 12 free. 610-273-2225.



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trips to historic locations including Wharton Esherick Museum and Chanticleer Estate. 717-569-5783 or visit LandisValleyMuseum.org.

**June 29–July 7**  
**Kutztown Folk Festival.** Celebrating the PA Dutch culture through crafts, folklife dem-



onstrations, historical reenactments, children's activities, great food and more. Kutztown Fairgrounds, 225 N. White Oak St., Kutztown. Daily, 9 am to 6 pm. \$5-\$14; under 12, free. 888-674-6136; KutztownFestival.com.

## Festivals, Fairs & Parades

**Through June 2**  
**Brandywine Hospital's Annual Strawberry Festival.** Rides, entertainment, children's games and activities, craft fair and fireworks display on Friday night. Brandywine Hospital, at the Rt. 30 Bypass, Coatesville. Thurs, 5 to 10; Fri, 5 to

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## Local Farm Markets

**Bryn Mawr Farmers Mkt.,** Lancaster Ave. at Bryn Mawr train station. **Through Nov.** Sat, 9 to 1. BrynMawrFarmersMarket.com.

**Coatesville Farmers Mkt.,** Rts. 30 & 82, Gateway Park. **Through Oct. 26,** Sat, 10 to 2. 201-888-8260; Facebook.com/CoatesvilleFarmersMarket.

**Collegeville Farmers Mkt.,** DaVinci's Pub lot, 217 E. Main St. **Through Nov. 23,** Sat, 9 to 1. 610-454-1050; CollegevilleFarmersMarket.org.

**Downingtown Farmers Mkt.,** Kerr Park, Rt. 30. **Year-round,** Thurs, 3 to 7. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

**East Goshen Farmers Mkt.,** E. Goshen Park, 1580 Paoli Pk. **Through Nov.** Thurs, 3 to 7. EastGoshenFarmersMarket.blogspot.com.

**Kennett Square Farmers Mkt.,** downtown. **Through Oct. 25,** Fri, 2 to 6. 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.

**Lancaster Central Mkt.,** 23 N. Market St. **Year-round,** Tues, Fri, 6 to 4; Sat, 6 to 2. 717-735-6890; CentralMarketLancaster.com.

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

**Lititz Farmers Mkt.,** 8 N. Water St. **Through Oct. 12,** Sat, 8 to noon. 717-626-6332; LititzFarmersMarket.com.

**Malvern Farmers Mkt.,** Burke Park, Roberts Rd. and S. Warren Ave. **Year-round,** Sat, 9 to 1. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

**Media Farmers Mkt.,** State St. b/w Monroe & Gayley. **Through Nov. 14,** Thurs, 3 to 7. 610-566-5039; MediaFarmersMarket.com.

**New Garden Grower's Mkt.,** 8934 Gap Newport Pk. **Through Nov. 23,** Sat, 9 to 1. 610-972-7194.

**Newtown Square Farmers Mkt.,** Mostardi Nursery, 4033 West Chester Pk. **June 5–Oct. 23,** Wed, 2 to 6. 610-353-1555; PRC.org.

**Oxford Village Mkt.,** 3rd & Locust Sts. **Through Oct. 30,** Tues, 12:30 to 6. 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org.

**Phoenixville Farmers Mkt.,** 200 Mill St., under Gay St. Bridge. **Through Nov. 23,** Sat, 9 to 1. PhoenixvilleFarmersMarket.org.

**Swarthmore Farmers Mkt.,** 341 Dartmouth Ave., at Swarthmore Co-Op. **Through Oct.** Sat, 10 to 2. FarmToCity.org.

**West Chester Growers Mkt.,** Chestnut and Church Sts. **Through Dec.,** Sat, 9 to 1. 610-436-9010; WestChesterGrowersMarket.com.

**West Grove Mkt.,** Harmony Park, Harmony Rd. **Through Oct.,** Thurs, 2 to 6. 610-932-5468; WestGroveFarmersMarket.com.

11; Sat, 11 to 11; Sun, noon to 6. Benefits the Coatesville Youth Initiative. 610-380-9080; BrandywineStrawberryFestival.com.

### June 1

**Historic Newtown Square Day.** A community celebration with vendors, games, an outdoor market, tours of historic sites and private properties. Square Tavern Rt. 252 & Goshen Rd., Newtown Square. 10 to 4. \$6. 610-975-0290; HistoricNewtownSquare.org.

### June 2

**Malvern Memorial Day Parade and Family Fun Day.** Activities begin at Monument Park, Warren Ave., at 8:45 am with a kids fun run. Starts at 1:30. MalvernMemorialParade.com.

### June 4–8

**Annual Greek Festival at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church.** Experience a bit of Greece and enjoy the wonderful food, dancing, musical entertainment and culture at this popular festival. 808 N. Broom St., Wilmington. Daily, 11 to 11. 302-654-4446; GreekFestDE.com.

### June 9–16

**St. Anthony's Italian Festival.** Rides, fabulous food and entertainment. 9th & DuPont St., Wilmington. First Sun, 2 to 10:30; Mon-Fri, 5:30 to 10:30 pm; Sat, 2 to 10:30; last Sun, 2 to 8:30. \$5. Benefits the Elementary School. 302-421-2790; StAnthonysFestival.com.

### June 21–23

**Celtic Fling and Highland Games.** Musicians, dancers, craftsmen and athletes gather together for Irish dance and Highland games, food and music. Mount Hope Estate & Winery, 2775 Lebanon Rd., Manheim. Friday night concert, 5:30, \$24.95. Sat-Sun, 11 am to 10 pm. \$10.95-\$26.95. 717-665-7021; PAREnFaire.com.

### July 1–7

**Wawa Welcome America Festival.** Fun for the whole family with ten days packed with free events, a parade, fireworks, history, live entertainment, food and culture. Spectacular fireworks displays at night and the largest free concert in America, a "Party on the Parkway," July 4. 215-683-2200; WelcomeAmerica.com.

### July 6

**Nottingham Park 2013 Freedom Fest.** An Independence weekend concert, children's entertainment, food vendors and fireworks display. Nottingham County Park, 150 Park Rd., Nottingham. 6 to 11 pm. Rain date, July 7. \$10 parking fee. 610-932-2589 or 610-344-6415; ChesCo.org/CCParks.

## Fundraising

### June 13

**11th Annual Tyler at Twilight Auction.** The lush outdoor setting for this event overlooks Tyler's stunning lawns and summer blooms.



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**June 20**  
**Summer Solstice at Appleford.** Come dressed for a garden party and enjoy delicious food, beautiful floral arrangements and lots of fun. Celebrating the 40th anniversary of the deeding of Appleford to the township. 770 Mt. Moro Rd., Villanova. 6 to 9 pm. \$75-\$125. 610-527-4280; Apple-fordEstate.com.



## Gardens & Plant Sales

Through October  
Tyler Arboretum Expands "Totally Terrific Treehouses." See article in this issue.

**June 1**  
**Gardens of Octorara 10th Annual Garden Tour.** A self-drive tour of private gar-

dens in the Octorara region (western Chester County). Benefits Atglen Public Library, Moores Memorial Library and Parkesburg Library. 10 to 4. \$10-\$15. 610-716-3404; GardensofOctorara.com.

**June 1**  
**Annual Bayard Taylor Home & Garden Day.** Homes in the rolling hills of Unionville, some historic, others featuring unique design and décor. Lunch available at Foxfire Restaurant at the Stone Barn, 11 to 2. Lunch tickets must be purchased in advance, \$20. Benefits Bayard Taylor Memorial Library. 10 to 4. Tour, \$35. 610-444-2702; BayardTaylor.org.

**June 1**  
**New Hope Historical Society 20th Annual Garden Tour.** Six private Bucks County gardens are on this tour. Benefits the Parry Mansion Museum in New Hope. 10 to 4. \$30. 215-862-5652; NewHopeHS.org.

**June 7**  
**Radnor Historical Society Garden Tour.** Four unique gardens surrounding beautiful homes in Radnor and Tredyffrin Townships, including the garden and greenhouses of Mrs. Dorrance Hamilton on Strafford Ave. and the Victorian Garden at Wayne Bed and Breakfast. 1:30 to 5:30. Tickets \$10, res. req. 610-688-2668; RadnorHistory.org.

**June 7-9**  
**30th Annual Demuth Garden Tour & Party.** This year's tour features several exclusive Lancaster locations, offering a variety of creative urban gardens and unique home interiors. The tour kicks off with the Demuth Garden Party on June 7, featuring live music, hors d'oeuvres and an art sale at The Conestoga House Gardens, 1608 Marietta Ave., Lancaster. Res. req. Tour, Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, 11 to 5. \$15-\$18. 717-299-9940; Demuth.org.

**June 15**  
**Oxford Arts Alliance 5th Annual Garden Party.** Buffet dining, live music, auctions and a table decorating contest. Benefits the Arts Alliance Community Programs. Ware Presbyterian Village Welcome Center Garden, 7 E. Locust St., Oxford. 6 to 10 pm. \$45. 610-467-0301; OxfordArt.org.

**June 15-16**  
**DE Center for Horticulture: Wilmington City Gardens People's Choice Tour.** Self-guided tour of more than 50 gardens in the city, some of which are past winners in the City Gardens Contest. 1810 N. Dupont St., Wilmington. 10 to 3. \$10. 302-658-6262; TheDCH.org.

**June 22-23**  
**Secret Gardens of Strasburg.** Local res-

idents share their gardens with tourgoers through the weekend. Sat, 9 to 4; Sun, noon to 4. Tickets \$12-\$15, at the Shroy House, 122 S. Decatur St., Strasburg. 717-687-0414; StrasburgHeritageSociety.org.

## In Towns & Burroughs . . .

**June 7, July 5**  
**First Fridays.** Stroll through area towns to find exhibits, galleries, restaurant specials, entertainment and extended hours. **Berwyn,** 610-203-4543; BerwynDevonBusiness.com. **Kennett Square,** 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com. **Lancaster City,** 717-509-ARTS; Lancas-terArts.com. **A Main Line ARTitude,** with free trolley from Bryn Mawr to Ardmore, 610-642-4040; First-FridayMainLine.com. **Oxford,** 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org. **Phoenixville,** 610-933-3070; PhxFirstFriday.com. **Wayne,** 610-687-7698; FirstFridayWayne.com. **West Chester,** 610-738-3350; DowntownWestChester.com. **Wilmington,** 302-576-2100; ArtLoopWilmingtonDE.com.

**June 8, July 13**  
**Media's Second Saturdays.** Media's version of First Fridays. 610-566-5210; Media-ArtsCouncil.org.

## Museums

**June 22**  
**National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum 2013 Garden Party.** The Charles Lukens Huston Scholarship Presentation, awarded to Coatesville High School seniors to study science or technology and the Eugene DiOrto Volunteer of the Year Award are presented. Lukens Nat'l Historic District, 50 S. 1st Ave., Coatesville. 6 pm. \$75. 610-384-9282; SteelMuseum.org.

## Music, Dance & Live Shows

**June 1**  
**Brandywine Singers Concert.** The season concludes with two major 20th century works: Herbert Howells' *Requiem*, and Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*. Madeleine Wing Adler Theatre, 817 S. High St., West Chester. 7:30. \$10-\$20. BrandywineSingers.org.

**June 1-29**  
**Bryn Mawr Twilight Concert Series.** **June 1,** Cabin Dogs; **June 8,** Meghan Cary and Laura Shay; **June 15,** Julie Gold and Beats Walkin'; **June 22,** XPN Welcomes Dar Williams, \$15; **June 23,** Jahil (Pink Floyd Tribute Band); **June 29,** John Gorka and Lucy Kaplansky. Concerts through Aug. 3.

Bryn Mawr Gazebo, 9 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr. 7 pm. \$12 donation. 610-864-4303; BrynMawrTwilightConcerts.com.

**June 2**  
**Vox Ama Deus, "Baroque Spring."** Camarata Ama Deus, the baroque chamber orchestra, performs at Daylesford Abbey, 272 S. Valley Rd., Paoli. 6 pm. \$25. 610-688-2800; Vox-AmaDeus.org.

**June 2-August 25**  
**Long's Park Summer Music Series.** This year's line-up was not available at press time. Check website. Long's Park Amphitheater, 1441 Harrisburg Pike at Rt. 30, Lancaster. Sundays, 7:30. Free. 717-735-8883; LongsPark.org.



**June 4-25**  
**Eagleview Town Center "Concerts on the Square."** **June 4,** Leroy Justice with

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• FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13  
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• FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20  
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7  
Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, Philadelphia

**BACH GALA**  
SUNDAY, MARCH 2  
Gladwyne Presbyterian Church

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DRAMATIC BAROQUE MASTERWORKS  
• FRIDAY, MARCH 14  
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• SUNDAY, MARCH 16  
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Graham Moseley Brown; **June 11**, Spuyten Duyvil with The Holland Brothers; **June 18**, The Lawsuits with The Rivers Rockabilly Trio; **June 25**, Craig Bickhardt & Ronstadt Generations with Carper Family. Concerts continue though Aug. 27. 540 Wellington Square, Exton. 7 pm. In case of rain phone 800-851-2779 after 4 pm on day of the show. InEagleview.com.

**June 7–August 29**  
**Longwood Gardens Summer Performances.** Get your tickets early as the summer lineup includes more than 40 great performances, all in the most beautiful outdoor settings. **June 7**, Peter Yarrow and Noel Paul Stookey; **June 27**, Amy Grant; **July 2**, Buddy Guy; **July 9**, Michael McDonald & Boz Scaggs; **July 11**, Lyle Lovett and His Acoustic Group; **July 18-19**, The Philadelphia Orchestra; **Aug. 13**, The Beach Boys; **Aug. 15**, Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo; **Aug. 22**, Creedence Clearwater Revisted; **Aug. 27**, Tony Bennett; **Aug. 29**, Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

**June 7–September 20**  
**Friday Nights Under the Stars at Brandywine Polo Club.** See Equestrian Events.

**June 9**  
**Concerts at the Cathedral.** The Archdiocesan Choir of Philadelphia performs their farewell concert before their choral pilgrimage to Italy. 18th St. at Benjamin Franklin Pkwy., Philadelphia. 3 pm. \$15-\$25. CathedralPhila.org.

**June 19–22**  
**DuPont Clifford Brown Jazz Fest.** In memory of legendary jazz trumpeter Clifford Brown, the DuPont Clifford Brown Jazz Festival is an outdoor music festival at Rodney Square, 11th and Market Sts., Wilmington. Free. 302-576-3095; CliffordBrownJazzFest.com.

**June 19–July 3**  
**Summer Concert Series at Anson B. Nixon Park.** Enjoy a free concert in the park, light supper available. **June 19**, Live at the Fillmore; **June 26**, Alligator Zydeco; **July 3**, Zack DuPont. Concerts though Aug. 7. Walnut Rd., Kennett Square. 7 to 9 pm. AnsonBNixonPark.org.

**June 19–July 3**  
**Delaware County Summer Festival.** Grab your blankets and enjoy summer performances on the hillside at Rose Tree Park, Rt. 252 & Providence Rd., Upper Providence. **June 19**, Rose Tree Pops; **June 20**, The Greaseband; **June 21**, Jimmy & the Parrots; **June 22**, Lonnie Shields Band; **June**

**23**, Chico's Vibe; **June 26**, Peter Moses, 10 am; **June 27**, James Day & The Fish Fry; **June 28**, Phila. Songwriters Project; **June 29**, Beautiful Day; **June 30**, The Sensational Soul Cruisers; **July 3**, West Chester Band. Concerts through August 18. 7:30. Inclement weather, phone 610-891-4455; Co.Delaware.PA.US/Summer.

**June 20**  
**DuPont Theatre Presents Tracy Morgan, Excuse My French.** The wildly unpredictable comic performs his brutally honest and trademark take-no-prisoners humor. 1007 N. Market St., Wilmington. 8 pm. \$40–\$50. 800-338-0881; DuPontTheatre.com.

**June 20**  
**WRTI Jazz Concert: Summer Solstice Salsa Party with the Café Con Pan Band.** Celebrate the longest day of the year the Latin way at Morris Arboretum, 100 E. Northwestern Ave., Philadelphia. Pre-concert activities from 5:30, concert at 7 pm. \$25. 215-247-5777; MorrisArboretum.org.

**June 20–July 4**  
**Summer in the Park Concert Series at Chesterbrook.** **June 20**, Almost Fab; **June 27**, Chico's Vibe; **July 4**, Chester County Concert Band and fireworks. Concerts through July 25. Wilson Farm Park, 500 Lee Rd., Chester-

brook. 7 pm. 610-408-3626; Treddyffrin.org/Departments/Parks.

**June 22**  
**Kennett Symphony, "Sound the Brass."** From Renaissance to Ragtime, a musical extravaganza with the Kennett Symphony's brass and percussion sections. Longwood Gardens Open Air Theatre, 1001 Longwood Rd. Kennett Square. 7:30. \$5-\$40, includes garden adm. Rain date, June 23. 610-444-6363; KennettSymphony.org.

**June 27**  
**Point Entertainment Presents at The Colonial Theatre.** **June 8**, Marc Cohn, \$25-\$42.50; **June 27-28**, Tommy Emmanuel, \$29.50-\$45. 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 8 pm. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.

## Outdoor Activities

**June 1**  
**Breakfast with the Birds at ChesLen Preserve.** Come out and listen to the dawn chorus, identifying birds by their calls. As the light starts to increase, head back to the Lenfest Center for breakfast beverages and treats. Wear sturdy walking shoes. 1199 Cannery Rd., Unionville. 5 to 7:30 am. \$10. Preregistration is required. 610-486-6288; NatLands.org/Cheslen.

**June 1**  
**7th Annual Independence Dragon Boat Regatta.** Teams compete in three 500-meter races on the Schuylkill River race course in Philadelphia. Festive atmosphere along Kelly Drive with tented picnic areas for each team and entertainment. 8 to 5. Benefits local charities. IndependenceDragonBoat.com.

**June 1–7**  
**15th Annual Schuylkill River Sojourn.** A 112-mile guided canoe or kayak trip, beginning in Schuylkill Haven and ending in Philadelphia. This year's theme is "The Schuylkill During the Civil War." Enjoy rapids, songs at the campsites and celebrations in the river towns. 484-945-0200; SchuylkillRiver.org/Sojourn.aspx.

**June 2**  
**Radnor Conservancy Annual Race for Open Space.** Trail race through the Willows and Skunk Hollow Parks. Bring the whole family (no dogs or jogging strollers on the trail). The Willows Park, 490 Darby-Paoli Rd., Villanova. 9 am. 610-620-3626; RunTheDay.com.

**June 30**  
**31st Canal Day.** Fun at Lock 60 on the Schuylkill Canal with water sports competi-



tions, a canal joust, K-9 rescue demo, food, music, races and more. Schuylkill Canal Lock 60 & St. Michael's Park, Mont Clare. 9 to 4. 610-917-0021; SchuylkillCanal.org.

**July 4–14**  
**Chesco Grand Prix.** National and international cyclists come to Chester County. **July 4**, Chesco Road Race and Holiday BBQ, Unionville, 8 am to 3 pm; **July 7**, 3rd Annual Coatesville Classic, 4 to 9; **July 8**, Malvern Criteriums; **July 9**, Parkesburg Criteriums; **July 10**, Eagle Criteriums; **July 11**, Phoenixville Criteriums; **July 12**, Oxford Criteriums; **July 13**, Kennett Square Criteriums (Finals), 3 to 8; **July 14**, The Chesco Tour public rides through the county. 610-383-9700; ChesCoGrandPrix.com.

## Theater

**Through June 23**  
**Barcelona.** See article in this issue.

**June 1–July 27**  
**Disney's 101 Dalmations.** Based on the animated film, this is a large cast with many 'tails' as Cruella DeVille plots to use the cute dogs for her own selfish purposes. Media Theatre for the Performing Arts, 104 E. State St., Media. Sat 11 am; Sun, 1 pm. \$10-\$12. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

**June 5–16**  
**Death on the 16th Fairway.** A murder mys-

tery that both golfers and mystery lovers will enjoy. Media Theatre for the Performing Arts, 104 E. State St., Media. Tues-Sat, 8; Sun, 4. \$36. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

**June 8–9**  
**Menopause The Musical.** Hilarious musical parody celebrating women. DuPont Theatre, 1007 N. Market St., Wilmington. Sat, 3 pm; Sun, 2 pm. \$47–\$67. 800-338-0881; DuPontTheatre.com.

**June 14–15**  
**The Gondoliers.** Gilbert & Sullivan's twelfth comic opera collaboration and last great success. The Savoy Company performs at Longwood Gardens, 1001 E. Baltimore Pk., Kennett Square, 8:30 p.m. \$27. 215-735-7161; Savoy.org. ♦

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# ThinkShopBuy...LOCAL in West Chester

Mark Yoder and Malcolm Johnstone  
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Of the many reasons to support  
local businesses, a new program  
makes it even easier!

When you Think Local you'll likely think about the great events that bring visitors and residents to downtown West Chester's streets.

"Buy local"—words we've all lived by for some time now. After all, local businesses are the foundation of our communities. And we're justifiably proud of our towns with their farmers markets, vibrant shopping districts, appealing restaurants and enticing local events.

So what's the latest way to show our support for the local businesses that make our towns distinctive? The Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce has a new idea. They've been thinking outside the proverbial box. Thinking about shopping. And buying. And how important it is to support local, family-owned businesses. So they've put thinking, shopping, buying and local ideas together to create a new initiative to promote area businesses and connect them to the community.

The name? Exactly what it is: ThinkShopBuy...LOCAL. Pretty simple. With special offers to delight shoppers and diners, through a special app, QR codes, and printable coupons (for paper lovers). See the sidebar for how it works.

## Why a New Program?

According to Mark Yoder, President of the Chamber, all this came about to better connect Chamber members with the community. "The ThinkShopBuy...LOCAL

program is a member resource to be sure," he said. "But it's more than that. It's a way to help the community understand how important locally owned businesses are to the livability and vitality of our area."

And as fans of local businesses know, it's even more than that. Local businesses support the community. Business owners volunteer their time and support local charities, schools and religious organizations. By supporting a ThinkShopBuy...LOCAL business, you're saying "thank you" to a business that makes our neighborhood a better place.

Another reason for supporting local businesses is that everyone wins: Did you know 68 cents of every dollar spent locally stays in the community through taxes, payroll, jobs and contributions to local causes? Shopping at a national chain store keeps just 43 cents locally, and nothing comes back to the community from online shopping.

## Think Local

Part of the impetus behind the **Think Local** part of the program is to get more people thinking about West Chester and thinking about visiting. Think about the Borough's rich heritage and seemingly endless list of popular events. Think about the walkable shopping area with historic build-

## How To ThinkShopBuy...LOCAL

Try this new web-based program that features special offers from Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce member businesses. There are several ways to find the participating businesses.

Shoppers and diners can download the free app to their smartphone or tablet by searching "buy local gwcc" in the Apple App Store or in Google Play.

QR codes are displayed at participating businesses for super fast downloading.

No smartphone? No problem. Take advantage of the specials by visiting GreaterWestChester.com and printing coupons, and go to Downtown-WestChester.com to see the list of participating downtown stores.

Shoppers simply show the screen of their mobile device or a printed coupon to the store, restaurant or service provider to take advantage of the special offers.

And then feel proud for supporting local businesses!





Shop Local reminds you that West Chester is a shopper's dream—clusters of distinctive shops on walkable streets, like Gay Street.



Market Street's shops prompt you to Buy Local.



Gallery Walk in June and October offer more opportunities to Shop and Buy Local.

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ings housing independent businesses along the tree-lined streets.

More specifically, think about the excitement of the annual Iron Hill Twilight Race Day in July, bringing professional cyclists to the streets of West Chester. Think about the art and artists on display during Gallery Walks on the first Fridays in June and October, all sponsored by the Chamber. And think of Swingin' Summer Thursdays, the Turks Head Music Festival, Super Sunday and the Chester County Restaurant Festival among other fun family events brought to you by the Parks & Recreation Department.

You'll likely also think about West Chester's many cultural offerings. The Chester County Historical Society's unique exhibits on local history. As the West Chester Film Festival celebrated its 9th year, the new Uptown! Entertainment Alliance acquired the former National Guard Armory with plans for a local theater hosting feature films, art, music, dance performances and more. The Chester County Art Association will make you think as you enjoy exhibits, many by local artist, as will West Chester University, a hub of activity and, of course, thinking.

### Shop Local

West Chester is a great place to shop and stroll any time of year. It's easy to spend a day or longer now that the Hotel Warner has opened its doors! Forget about your car and enjoy great dining, shopping and attractions within steps of your hotel room. Now you can sleep local, too!

For your **Shop Local** plans, you'll find an impressive variety of family-owned, independent businesses that have operated in West Chester for decades, anchoring the downtown retail landscape. Taylor's Music Store & Studios and Halladay Florist, celebrating over 75 and 50 years, respectively, are local institutions, along with The Mad Platter and Sunset Hill Jewelers. Pages Card Shop and Kaplan's Fine Jewelry are also long-time retail fixtures, with 30-some years in business. And Kaly, Moonflower and Jane Chalfont & Kiki Boutique have long offered superior selections and service. These stores form the cornerstones of a unique, shoppable downtown.

And West Chester's reputation as a shopping hub continues to grow, with new stores arriving to complement estab-

lished retailers. The 5 Senses, Visual Expansion Gallery and Penwick Design offer an eclectic mix of American-made art and special gifts. Chester County Running Store, A Taste of Olive and OBVI and nich boutiques attract shoppers to South High Street, while a visit to Malena's Vintage Boutique, Blink, Artifact and Bella and Betty will have you crisscrossing West Gay Street.

New stores continue adding to the shopping fun. Tish Boutique features emerging designers, Sylvanus is full of notions, lotions and potions, Emily Alice offers make up, skin and hair care services, and Artistic Eyewear is the spot for unique and designer frames and sunglasses from around the world.

Many iconic and new businesses are already part of the Chamber's ThinkShopBuy...LOCAL program. Look for posters and decals in the windows for participation and special offers.

### Buy Local

There are plenty of reason to **Buy Local**, and by buy, we mean more than shopping—we also mean buy things to eat. For good reason, West Chester is well known as a dining Mecca. Many restaurants are family owned and range from American cuisine to Irish, Italian, Thai and more.

Iron Hill Brewery, at the corner of High and Gay Streets, can be credited with sparking downtown West Chester's rebirth in early 2000. Looking for restaurants with family ties? Giunta family eateries include Pietro's Prime and Nonna's.

Larger establishments like Kildare's Irish Pub, Doc Magrogan's Oyster House, Ryan's Pub, Ram's Head, Barnaby's and Landmark Americana stand alongside Mom-and-Pop favorites like Penn's Table, Market Street Grill, DeS-tarr's, Roots Cafe and Jitters.

For an international options, treat your palate to Kooma for sushi, Limoncello Ristorante for classic Italian, plus other choices like Más Mexicali Cantina, Thai Spice, The Mediterranean, La Bamba BYOB and Buddy's Burgers.

"We love the ThinkShopBuy...LOCAL app!" said Sal Inzone, owner of Benny's Pizza on North Church Street. "The Chamber has exposed our business and brand to a whole new segment of customers with this program."

### Support Local

The Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce wants everyone to join the movement to ThinkShopBuy...LOCAL. Download the app, visit the participating businesses and then tell your family, friends, neighbors and colleagues to do the same!

Your support of the businesses that sustain the local economy make the greater West Chester region a wonderful, vibrant place to live, work and prosper. The program is just developing and will continue to grow as more and more people ThinkShopBuy...LOCAL. ♦

### Destination West Chester

Remember those great weekend vacations you loved? When you didn't have to travel far and were surprised to discover great things just minutes from home? Now West Chester can be that place.

A weekend itinerary might look like this: Check in to the Hotel Warner, near the downtown center, on Friday, preferably a First Friday, when there's something special going on. Have dinner at Side Bar & Restaurant, where the chef's specials are always worth sampling. Try an after-dinner drink at one of the many bars you'll find in this college town.

Saturday morning, visit the Growers Market at Chestnut and Church Streets or visit the Artisan's Exchange off South Matlack. Both are a locavore's delight with truly farm-fresh produce and products from the Brandywine Valley. Try lunch at Roots Cafewhich celebrates local ingredients.

In the afternoon, stroll through the Chester County Historical Society and experience the struggles and victories of local men and women who lived during our nation's bloodiest war at "On The Edge of Battle: Chester County and The Civil War."

That should work up an appetite for visiting another local, family-owned restaurant, maybe a BYO. But first show your discount coupon and pick up a bottle at Kreutz Creek Winery's store, then head for iPasta—where you match the pasta, made fresh daily, with your favorite sauce. Then back to bed ...

Sunday morning, grab the paper—*The Daily Local* matches the theme—and head over to Penn's Table to use your ThinkShopBuy...LOCAL discount coupon for a great home-style breakfast.

Got to love local!



## Enjoy Local Events this Summer in West Chester

### Chester County Art Association

Through June 14, CCAA Members' Open Exhibition. Promoting participation in the arts through instruction, exhibitions and community outreach. 100 N. Bradford Ave. Tues-Sat, 9:30 to 4. 610-696-5600; ChesterCountyArts.org.

### Chester County Historical Society

Through Aug. 31, "On The Edge of Battle: Chester County and The Civil War" and "If Walls Could Talk," the history of Horticultural Hall. 225 N. High St., West Chester. Wed-Sat, 9:30 to 4:30. 610-692-4800; ChesterCoHistorical.org.

### Northbrook Canoe Company

Through October

A fun family experience, Northbrook offers canoeing, kayaking and tubing trips along the beautiful Brandywine River, daily beginning at 9 am, with the last trip at 4 pm. Res. are preferred. 800-898-2279; Northbrook-Canoe.com.

### West Chester Spring Flea Market

June 1

Municipal Parking Lot, 401 E. Gay St. 9 to 2. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.

### Super Sunday

June 2

A huge street festival with children's crafts, games, rides, food vendors, live bands and artisans. Gay St., from Matlack to Darlington Sts. 11 to 5. 610-692-7574; West-Chester.com.

### Swingin' Summer Thursdays

Thursdays, June 6-September 5

June 6, blues with Black Bird Society and Victory Jazz Orchestras; July 11, Michael Christopher; Aug. 1, jazz with Venom Blues and Toney; Sept. 5, rock 'n roll with Chaos Thompson and Blue Apple Grove. Gay St. 6:30 to 9:30. 610-436-9010; Downtown-WestChester.com.

### West Chester Art Gallery Walk

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## Fatherfest at the American Helicopter Museum June 16

Bring Dad to the museum for the antique car and motorcycle show and a helicopter ride. 1220 American Blvd., West Chester. 10 to 2. Admission \$10; helicopter rides, \$40. 610-436-9600; AmericanHelicopter.Museum/Events.

## Music at Marshall Square Park June 20, July 18, August 15

Come to the gazebo in Marshall Square Park for these picnic concerts. **June 20**, acoustic classic rock with Back2Life; **July 18**, John Grecia; **Aug. 15**, Lukens Band. Check for rain dates. 248 E. Marshall St. 6:30 pm. Free. 610-436-9010.

## West Goshen Summer Concerts June 23-August 25

**June 23**, children's concert with Ernie and Neal; **June 30**, choral music with The Forty-Niners; **July 14**, West Chester Band plays Big Band music; **July 28**, The Grease-band plays party hits; **Aug. 11**, country and

folk music with Runaway Train; **Aug. 25**, Motown sounds with Loni Gamble and Sound Cheque. West Goshen Comm. Park, N. Five Points and Fern Hill Rds. Rainsite: WC East High School Auditorium. Dry goods donations for WC Food Cupboard appreciated. 6:30 pm. 610-692-2550; WGoshen.org.

## Iron Hill Twilight Criterium July 6

Pro bike racing and family fun in downtown West Chester. Plus a Kid's Zone, Mile Dash, bungee jumping, community festival, great food. Begins at 4 pm. IronHillTwilightCriterium.com.

## Free Theatre in the Parks 2013 July 14

Pack a picnic, bring a blanket, sit back and enjoy Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company's "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)." Everhart Park, 100 S. Brandywine St. CommonwealthClassicTheatre.org.

## Turk's Head Music Festival July 21

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## Goshen Country Fair July 29–August 3

An old-fashioned fair with agricultural exhibits, rides and entertainment. Benefits the volunteer Goshen Fire Company. Gates open 6 pm. Fair Grounds, Park Ave., off West Chester Pk. 610-430-1554; Goshen-CountryFair.org.

## Touch A Truck Day August 18

See different models of cars and trucks—dump trucks, cement mixers, fire trucks, new cars and everything in between. Chester County Gov. Ser. Complex, 601 Westtown Rd. Noon to 4. \$2 parking. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com. ♦

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# IT'S TIME TO LIVE OUTSIDE!

Matt Freeman

You don't have to be inside to enjoy the comforts of home.

It seems you can talk today to anyone who professionally designs outdoor features like gardens and decks, pools and patios, and you'll hear the same mantra repeated over and over: To the greatest extent possible, people want to be able to live outdoors almost exactly the same way they do inside.

So says Pete Cooper, of Spring Creek Designs in Honey Brook. In the old days, people would attach a patio or a deck

to the house as a way of inviting the outdoors in. Cooper says that today, they're moving the indoors out, building outdoor kitchens, living rooms, dining rooms, even sleeping areas. Those old-fashioned rectangular patios from the 1960s or similar decks from the '80s—people aren't building that sort of thing any more, according to Cooper. "They build outdoor living areas," he says.

Lush gardens, soothing sounds from water features, free-form patios, all add to the enjoyment of outdoor living.

## Updating Decks

"People are just looking to live outdoors a little better," says Juan Cardona, owner of the West-Chester-based Archadeck of Chester County. They're upgrading wooden decks by replacing them with easy-to-clean composites, and they're buying chairs and sofas made to live outdoors but that look and feel like comfy indoor furniture.

It hardly stops there. "Outdoor kitchens are a big thing," Cardona says. Instead of just a grill on wheels, people are opting for elaborate grills with warming trays and side burners. They're putting refrigerators on their decks, outdoor bars, and sinks with running water. And just like inside, they're putting in televisions and sound systems, Cardona says, creating "living spaces, rather than a place to hang out."

Aesthetically, the traditional deck is getting a makeover, too. Cardona is doing a variety of outdoor spaces with roofs or movable awnings to provide shade. Pergolas add visual interest too—"it gives you kind of a vertical dimension to the space," he says.

## Peacefully Posh Patios

Paul Davis, owner of P.S. Davis Stone Masonry in Chester Springs, agrees with Cardona that hot tubs are growing ever more popular. And because he does stone patios and other features, Davis says he's "seeing a trend in outdoor fireplaces and hot-tub combinations." The hot tub is sunk to the level of the patio, with a cover the same color of the flagstones, so when it's not in use all you see is the fireplace. A hot tub is typically more affordable than a pool, and Davis thinks the heat might also be a selling point for older homeowners who want to soothe their "aching bones."

Some clients want fieldstone fireplaces to lend a historic note, Davis says. Others want walls with water cascades that offer motion and sound. For one client who lived near a highway, Davis says, the cascade was soothing in itself and helped mitigate the roadway noise.

Davis's website shows large patios in a variety of shapes, as well as walls and walkways that extend out into the grounds and add visual interest. He says many people are augmenting patios with additional outdoor installations where smaller groups of visitors can get together, as well as places to sit in wooded areas.



“People really are spending a lot of time outdoors, as far as I can tell,” Davis says.

### A Growing Trend Toward Gardens

Steven Katz, owner of Land & Sea-scapes in Aston, has noticed that in recent years his clients have become much more interested in making nature a part of their homes. They’re learning the names of perennials and what time of year they’re in bloom, and they’re showing “more willingness to be a participant in the garden environment, rather than a passerby,” he says.

Katz thinks one cause is the growing interest in environmentalism. “It just seems that the energy is now of the Earth, for the Earth,” he says. At any rate, people are seeking Katz out for his expertise in creating rock and water gardens, in addition to his landscape design, custom deck, and patio and walkway services.

Like everyone else in outdoor design, Katz is using more sophisticated lighting than was available years ago. He says he tries to get potential clients to visit his showcase garden at twilight, where they can see the soft, shadowy effects that modern LED lights can create. You can still see and enjoy your rock or water garden as night comes on. Suddenly it becomes another room of their house, Katz says. You can linger there as long as you like, with lighting so subtle “you can still see up to the stars.”

### Premium Pools

As in Katz’s gardens, lighting is a major factor in distinguishing the pools of today from those of the 1960s, according to Peter Fineberg, owners of Ted’s Pools in Newtown Square. Decades ago, a pool might have one or two bright lights, like a car headlight, in its walls. Today there LED lights available in a variety of colors, and they’re often combined with jets of water that arc into the pool, the water colored “like a fountain show,” Fineberg says.

And traditional pools, typically surrounded by a simple concrete walkway, are nothing like the amenity-rich pools of today. Fire pits, fireplaces and outdoor heaters make it possible to be warm for more of the year than ever before, Fineberg says.

All-weather televisions and sound systems, indoor-style seating and other features make the pool more like a living room. And you can have different levels of decking to break up the space around it, with built-in seating areas or a fire pit with a stone sitting-wall.

As with patios and decks, you can create a whole kitchen in the pool area, too, Fineberg says. There you can prepare more elaborate food than was ever possible before, and minimize the amount of trotting in and out of the house you have to do while preparing it.

All of which means you can spend that much more time doing what people so clearly want to do these days—entertain and live their lives in the open air, where you don’t even have to go into the house to have all the comforts of home. ♦



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There is something special when a hot air balloon floats untethered through the air—something that makes you look up. And, if it's cool to see one balloon floating above,

imagine seeing 15 or 20 gigantic, multi-colored balloons filling the sky above you.

The Chester County Balloon Festival has grown to be a “must attend” event in our area, now at a new, larger location at Plantation Field in beautiful East Marlborough Township. “Ballooning has always been popular here in Chester County and we’re excited to once again be able to offer this wonderful event that appeals to the entire family,” said

Vicki Moretti, one of the organizers of the event. It's a unique opportunity to experience the oldest successful human flight technology, and take that long-dreamed about hot air balloon flight!

The balloons launch twice during the evenings of the festival, around 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday from Plantation Fields' grassy horse fields, plus two early morning launches for sunrise flights. Spectators can watch the balloons inflate and lift off and may be able to help on one of the balloon crews. Tethered balloon rides will also be offered at the festival.

The Glow Shows at 8:30 on Friday and Saturday evenings feature a field ablaze with illuminated, tethered, hot-air balloons glowing and swaying for a truly magical experience. Balloon pilots come from all over the country to participate in this event. Explore the art of ballooning by assisting the pilots or simply sitting back and watching the show.

The weekend features ballooning events, the Victory Brewing Beer Garden, 90 food and craft vendors and other exhibitors, live music, plus fun for the whole family. Festival admission is \$10 per car,

with gates opening Friday at 5 p.m. and Saturday at 3 p.m.

A word to the wise ... plan to come early. Wait until launch time and you may be sitting in traffic when the fun begins. Book your flight early—the one-hour flights and VIP tickets for a closer view sell out every year. ♦



## If You Go:

**Where:** Plantation Field, 1600 W. Doe Run Rd., Coatesville **When:** June 14, 5 to 9 p.m.; June 15, 3 to 9 p.m.

**Admission:** \$10 per car. VIP tickets (includes the Friday Night Victory Brewing VIP Glow Party), \$45; 12 and under, \$20.

**Information:** 858-451-9002; CCBalloonFest.com. All events depend on the weather.



# 10 Hot Summer Reads from Chester County Book Company

Andrea Kiliany Thatcher

If you've missed Chester County Book Company's staff picks and other recommendations, here's your chance to catch up.

Whether you're yearning for a book to transport you from your cubicle, to pass the time while traveling, or as a companion during a leisurely vacation, wonderful and diverse choices for all tastes abound this summer. Here are ten great picks.

## 1 Paris I Love You But You're Bringing Me Down

by Rosecrans Baldwin (Andrea's pick)

For those who don't have an outlet for their wanderlust this summer, and especially for Francophiles, dive into Rosecrans Baldwin's memoir of his time in Paris. He describes the city as only a love-struck American could, but lambastes its foibles as only a resident would. His prose gives you a visceral experience of the City of Lights in the modern era—this is not Hemingway's Paris. I enjoyed this book so much I immediately bought Baldwin's first novel, *You've Lost Me There*, which he describes writing in *Paris I Love You*.

## 2 The Universe Within

by Neil Shubin (Michael's pick)

This book picks up where palaeontologist Neil Shubin's first book, *Your Inner Fish*, left off with its nuanced discussion of the subtleties of evolution through natural selection. The book takes on the ambitious task of telling the story of the first trillionth of a second of creation, the making of hydrogen, helium and lithium, the arrival of gravity, the gathering of the galaxies, the forging of 89 new elements, and the supernova scattering of matter that will become stars, planetary systems, oceans continents and people.

## 3 NOS4A2: A Novel

by Joe Hill (Indie Next List pick)

"From the very opening scene, Joe Hill's *NOS4A2* gave me everything I want in a horror novel, believable characters coming face to face with fears that are primal and universal, and a plot that purrs along like the featured Rolls Royce, speeding on a wide-open night highway." — Robert McDonald of The Book Stall at Chestnut in Winnetka, IL. Hill, Stephen King's son, has carved out his own fan base with his unique blend of horror and suspense.

## 4 Lean In: Women, Work and the Will To Lead

by Sheryl Sandberg (Andrea's pick)

As a woman in tech, I'm a certified fan girl of Facebook COO Cheryl Sandberg. But her thoughtful examination of why women's progress in achieving leadership roles has stalled will draw in businesspeople, feminists or anyone who knows women who work. Sandberg's story itself is one of women's empowerment in male-dominated fields with practical advice on negotiation techniques, mentorship, and building a satisfying career, but that's not all this book has to offer. Personal anecdotes, hard data and compelling research combine to shed new perspective on issues constantly being rehashed as we marvel that there's still a gender wage gap.

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THEATRE  
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# Barcelona

In Bess Wohl's sexy, suspenseful new play, *Barcelona*, now at People's Light & Theatre, a young American woman leaves her own party with a tall, dark stranger—an older Spanish man. Is it a carefree one-night stand or an invitation to danger? This scintillating world premiere takes a funny and seductive look at the politics of who we pretend to be versus who we really are.

## Playwright Bess Wohl talks to Associate Artistic Director & Dramaturg Zak Berkman.

**Zak:** What spurred you to start writing *Barcelona*?

**Bess:** I started the play during the Iraq war. I was interested in what it means when your country does things you personally do not approve of. How should you react to this, as a citizen? To what extent does an individual citizen bear responsibility for the actions of his or her nation?



Playwright  
Bess Wohl

**Zak:** Has your original impulse changed at all as you've worked on the play?

**Bess:** As I work on the play, I find myself more interested in the journeys of my individual characters, and less interested in the more abstract questions that first spurred me to write. The characters have become clearer and more specific, and I find myself wanting to dig deeper into who they are as people, and let the thematic questions take care of themselves. I now feel that it is my responsibility to tell the story of these two people—and I'm counting on the audience to find larger thematic resonance in the world beyond.

**Zak:** What does 'being an American' mean to you? How do you feel this might be reflected in the play?

**Bess:** I feel very grateful to have been born in a country that

has such great resources and can afford so much opportunity to such a wide diversity of people. I think a lot about what kind of responsibility comes with having such privileged status as a global superpower. Perhaps one pitfall of this position is that I find that there can sometimes be, among our citizens, a very uniquely 'American' blindness to the rest of the world—leading to bad behavior both globally and on a personal level.

Personally speaking, I myself have had the experience of traveling in Europe and cringing to see other 'loud Americans.' I hope the play explores this phenomenon—the American tourist—on both a personal and political level. What does it mean to impose one's own values and fantasies on another country, or on another person? And how can we see 'the other' clearly, without projecting? How do we distinguish between 'difference' and 'danger'?

For more of the interview, go to [PeoplesLight.org](http://PeoplesLight.org). ♦

### If You Go:

**Where:** People's Light & Theatre, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern

**When:** Through June 23.

**Box Office:** 610-644-3500; [PeoplesLight.org](http://PeoplesLight.org)

**Next:** *Noises Off*, July 10 - August 4



# Outdoor Dining Guide

Marci Tomassone

Gather friends and family and head out to the great restaurants in our area to share a meal outdoors, weather permitting, of course. And if you share our pleasure in al fresco dining, you'll want to keep this restaurant guide handy!

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### COLLEGEVILLE

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

Enjoy a lunch or dinner in the 50-seat dining area next to the large windows of the brewery tanks. *When:* April-October, 11:30 am to 8 pm. *Prices:* lunch, \$10-\$14; dinner, \$15-\$28. *Daily Specials. Happy Hour. Entertainment:* Friday. *Recommendations:* Seasonal menu from locally sourced farms and, of course, seasonal beers fresh from the brewery. *Inside scoop:* brewery tours at 3 pm Saturday and Sunday. There's plenty of seating, but it's a good idea to call ahead.

**Olde Greenfield Inn**

595 Greenfield Rd., 717-393-0668  
TheGreenfieldRestaurant.com

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26-28 W. King St., 717-399-5400  
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610-296-9006; CedarHollowInn.com

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**The Farmhouse Bistro at People's Light**

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

**The Desmond Hotel Sunset Grille**

One Liberty Blvd.  
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9 Village Way  
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**Twenty9 Restaurant & Bar**

6 Great Valley Pkwy., Rt. 29  
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217-219 W. State St.  
610-566-4750; [AzieRestaurant.com](http://AzieRestaurant.com)

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9 State Rd.  
610-565-8212; [GenerationsMediaPA.com](http://GenerationsMediaPA.com)

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1073 W. Baltimore Pk.  
610-566-9984; [RiddleAleHouse.com](http://RiddleAleHouse.com)  
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610-644-8270; [TeikokuRestaurant.com](http://TeikokuRestaurant.com)

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212 Bridge St.  
610-935-7141; [BistroOnBridge.com](http://BistroOnBridge.com)

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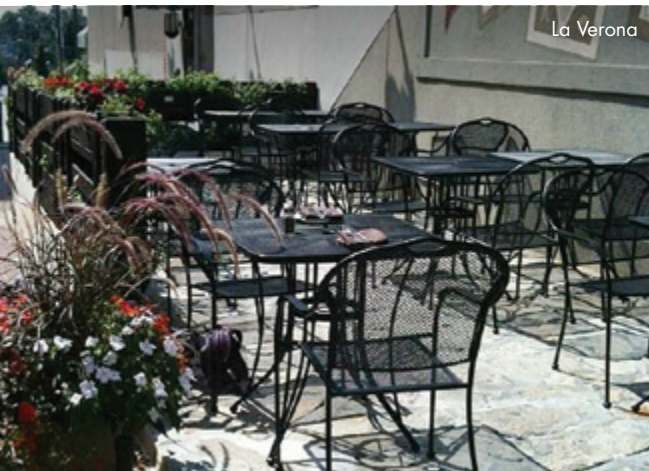
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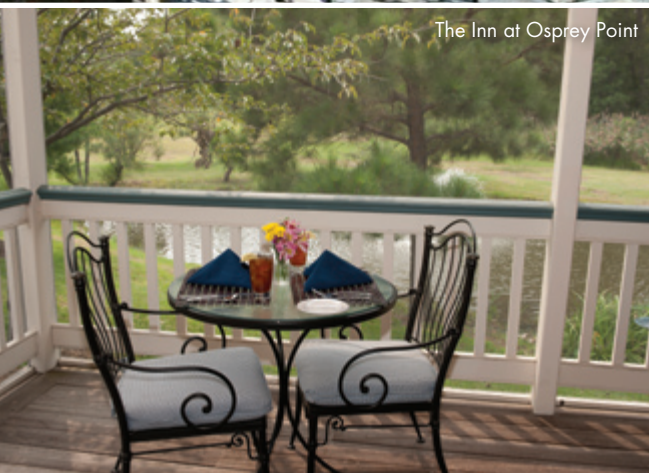
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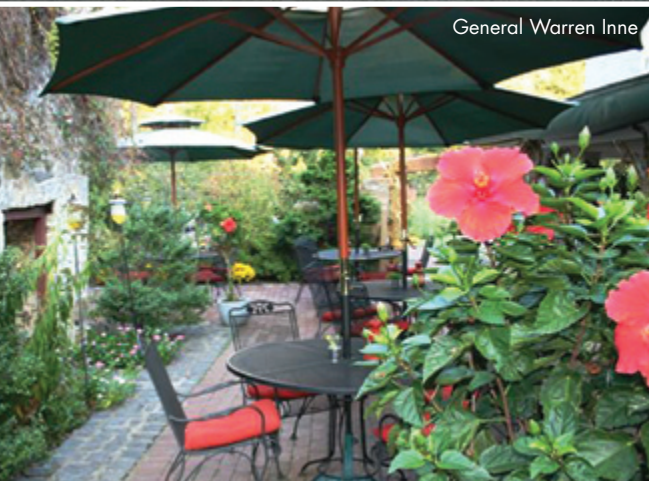
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Riddle Ale House



General Warren Inn

umbrellas. Flowering plants, a privacy fence and patio lighting make this a cozy, comfortable stop for lunch or dinner. *When:* daily, May-Oct. 11:30 to 10. *Prices:* lunch, \$7-\$12; dinner, \$10-\$16. *Daily specials.* *Recommendations:* seasonal craft beer selection and burgers named after local streets and areas such as the Birchrun Burger and the Pikeland. *Inside scoop:* A family favorite and considered one the premier craft brewers in the Mid-Atlantic region. “Beer, food and fun.”

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**Avalon Restaurant**  
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610-436-4100; AvalonRestaurant.net

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610-738-4410; BordleyHouseGrille.com

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610-383-0600; TheWhipTavern.com

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**Bayard House Restaurant**  
11 Bohemia Ave.  
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# Tree Houses Build Lasting Memories at Tyler Arboretum

Laura McPhail

The warmth of sunrays peeking through a canopy of gently swaying leaves ... the faint smell of wood mingled with grass clippings ... the roughness of bark under curious fingertips ... the sight of a squirrel scurrying across limbs high above or an ant carrying an impossible payload below ... and the infinite possibilities of an active imagination.

For many of us, fond childhood memories include happy hours spent playing in tree houses or forts. Often, this rite of passage is passed on from parent to child in mutual enjoyment of the wonders of the natural world.

Tyler Arboretum is continuing efforts to rekindle these special memories for visitors of all ages by adding two new tree houses to its permanent *Totally Terrific Treehouses* exhibit.

## Tiptoe to the Tulip Tree House

Mid-June is the target date for the opening of the *Tulip Tree House*, designed by Parris Bradley, joining *Fort Tyler*, which opened Memorial Day, and designed by Linn Architects of Media, PA. Bradley, who previously participated in the *Nature's Enchantment* exhibit by creating the popular *Troll Bridge* and won first place for his *Nature's Wave* bench in last year's *Sit A Spell* exhibit, drew inspiration from the unique leaf shape of the iconic native tulip poplar tree.

"I love tulip trees," Bradley said. "They have dead straight trunks and this great, thick variegated bark. When I found the grove, I thought, 'Oh, I have to do something here.' People will be able to walk

Build your tree house memories at Tyler Arboretum's newest additions—Fort Tyler, left, and the Tulip Tree House, as shown in an architectural drawing, above. Go see the finished structures!

Built in 2009, Backyard Memories was inspired by the typical backyard tree houses children build. Climb into the crow's nest and let your imagination take over!

Below: Story Book Houses provide a whimsical place for children to connect with tales from nature.

The Birdhouse, one of the many other tree houses built for prior exhibits that are still open for exploring.



to the tree house over a bridge from the embankment instead of using a rope ladder or a ladder going up the trunk—this will be more accessible than the average tree house.”

The *Tulip Tree House* is not only more accessible, it’s also all-inclusive. “It will be for girls and boys as well as for adults and includes a wooden kitchen, a little dining room table and chairs,” said Bradley. In addition to donating his considerable design talents, Bradley also arranged for lumber donation from Beatty Lumber and Millwork Co.

### Fort Tyler Tree Fort

Tyler’s second new tree house was created through a unique collaboration among three community members. When Rick Colbert, Tyler’s Executive Director, approached Bob Linn of Linn Architects about designing a tree house, Bob jumped at the chance. “We are all kids at heart,” said Linn. “Tree houses appeal to kids of all ages, from six to 60.”

Linn drew inspiration from the iconic childhood tree fort, capitalizing on the gentle hillside under a shady grove of trees on the Scenic Loop path. *Fort Tyler* features a 12 x 12-foot platform rising 13 feet high, acces-

sible by a level catwalk-like bridge extending from the top of the hill to the lookout.

Talented builders were not hard to find. Tyler contacted The Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades in Media. Williamson students have been enthusiastic donors of time and talent for many Tyler projects, involving students from the Paint, Carpentry, Machine Tool and Horticulture programs.

The third team member, Toll Brothers, provided lumber through their Toll Green program, which includes building homes (and now tree houses!) that reduce environmental impact and feature energy efficient design elements.

### And More Tree Houses

These two new additions join a set of fun and whimsical existing tree houses for Tyler’s *Totally Terrific Treehouses* exhibit from 2008. The first set of tree houses included *Williamson Serves* built by The Williamson School, an ode to creativity and fancy called *Imagination Station*, a platform cantilevered to a towering white oak called *Outlook*, a musically interactive house called *Bell House*, a nod to local architecture in the *Cape May Bird House*, and *Thoreau’s Cabin*, a house that celebrates the tranquility of nature nestled in the trees near the pond.

These tree houses were so popular that three more were added the following year. *Tree Hugger* was built by students from Philadelphia University and is made of materials salvaged on-site from fallen trees and from reclaimed lumber. The horticulture department at Tyler created their own homage to the classic tree house design called *Backyard Memories*. Finally, *Strummin’ and Drummin’* repurposed the trunk and stump from a fallen tree by turning it into a giant guitar and bongo drum waiting in the woods for young musicians to come play.

It is easy to see that each tree house at Tyler is special and offers unique nature experiences for the young and young-at-heart to make new tree house memories guaranteed to last for years to come. ♦

### Special Events

**Brews and Bluegrass Chiller**

Friday, June 21, 7 to 9 p.m.

**Fairy and Wizard Festival**

Sunday, June 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Tree House Festival**

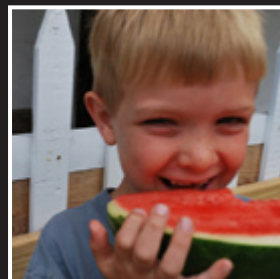
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# Shopping, Strolling, Running, Dining, and Cruising in Media

Edwin Malet

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**C**learly I'm not a shopper. I don't remember when I was last in a mall.

Occasionally, though, something catches my attention. Often in a magazine or online. I'll admire the design then realize I can only go so far with virtual shopping. I care about the look and feel of the thing.

So, that sends me to brick-and-mortar stores, where a well curated collection can tempt me to become a shopper,

at least for a day. If the shops offer something more, maybe they transport me, and if they congregate in a single, walkable space, all the better.

And that happens in Media.

## Start with Shopping on State Street

The Seven Stones Gallery, for example, displays leather goods, blankets, leather-skin drums, turquoise jewelry, inspired

by Hopi and Navajo craftsmen. I get the distinctive feel of the American Plains, and am reminded of a stretch of highway on Route 66 near Gallup, New Mexico.

For an international feel, perhaps a port town in Arabia, Ten Thousand Villages showcases under one roof about 20 cultures—Thai, Peruvian, Haitian, others. Grouped geographically are hand-thrown pottery, baskets, wall hangings, large tribal masks, jewelry, plus coffees, teas, chocolates and more. Lisa, the manager, can tell you about Fair Market principles, of special importance in Media, America's first fair trade town.

The dramatically lit pieces at Turning Point Gallery create the atmosphere of a hushed museum. Chris Pavlou and Cara Wilkinson are your guides to the modern glass vases, paperweights, jewelry, sculpture. Sometimes combined with metal or exotic woods—always exquisite, artful.

More craft than the art, earthenware lines one side of Earth & State: bowls, saucers, mugs. "Pennsylvania has the best purples," explains Drew Arata, as wife Heather works nearby on a sculpture. Each section of the gallery is coordinated by color: blues, pinks, purples. The purple, Drew explains, comes from a lake region in Pennsylvania.

For more work by local artisans, there's Local Home + Gifts. On the shelves are specialty foods, gifts, things for kids and babies, candies, aromatic hand washes, soaps made by local artisans, largely of organic materials. Kevin and Monica Schramm stock their shelves with the unusual, and, if they don't have something you want, they'll look for it.

Deal's is one of those places where you can get just about anything that you want, as long as it's not fancy and not expensive: a true "general store" with wooden floors, thousands of items. Down one aisle is hardware, another, stationery, another, sewing





Wednesday night Dining Under the Stars is a must-attend event on everyone's summer bucket list. With al fresco dining at a wide variety of restaurants all along State Street, live music and kid's activities, make plans to go several times!

PHOTO: MICHAEL CHEUNG

supplies, bird seed, and more. I could spend the whole day.

At the west end of State Street is the Sporting Gentleman, where owner Christine Sharbaugh stocks wading boots, rods,



Media is the only suburban town in the United States to have a trolley line end on its main street; this one ends near the County Courthouse.

PHOTO: TED O'HARA

reels, vests and hundreds of masterfully tied flies that fill a glass cabinet. Although you missed the peak season for spring fly fishing, stop in before fall. On the wall are fish photos—trout and bass, often held aloft by a proud angler. The room is peaceful, but for two men heartily discussing a favorite stream in Maine.

Stylish rather than sporting, Sorella Boutique (yes, owned by sisters, for

those who know Italian) is on my radar mainly from overhearing fashion-forward young women excitedly talking about an upcoming prom or party. Inside, the rooms and special "gown lounge" offer a host of labels—Faviana, Ella Moss, Tracy Reese, La Femme—and an atmosphere of warm elegance combined with feminine detail. Unique style from denim to prom dresses, plus jewelry, handbags and accessories for fashionistas to soccer moms. Now I know where they shop.

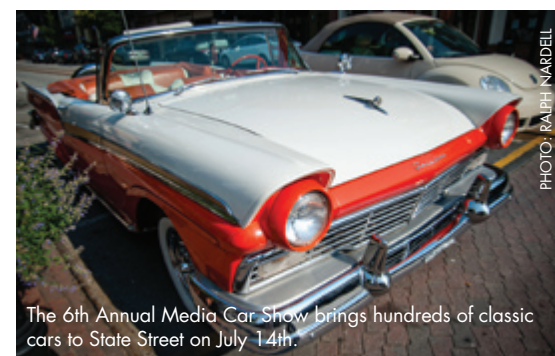
Several stores I passed up, for the moment—B. Gross, the men's store; Tancreed for women's clothing; Doubet, the jeweler; Quincy's, which is difficult to describe; plus several antiques stores. All stir my curiosity, but must wait. I know I'll come back.

### Dining, Strolling, Running, Storming and Cruising on State Street

Part of what brings people back to Media is the full calendar of events that fill the summer and delight residents and visitors alike. From a parade of over 300 classic cars to an arts fair with local painters and a weekly international feast from local restaurants. Plus a 5-mile run

to rev up your system and a cool night of sweet soothing blues to wind it down. It's all there in Media this summer.

If shopping wears you out, there's no need to leave Media to relax, refresh and restore yourself—especially on a Wednesday. Every summer Wednesday night, State Street closes down to traffic, the tables are rolled outside and set, candles are lit, and Media invites you to join Dining Under the Stars.



The 6th Annual Media Car Show brings hundreds of classic cars to State Street on July 14th.

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Several locations along State Street feature live music and entertainment for the kids on these festive Wednesday nights. All feature fun and great food from a town that serves up dining with international flair—Shere-E-Punjab's Indian Cuisine, Sligo's Irish fare, Margaret Kuo's Asian menu, to

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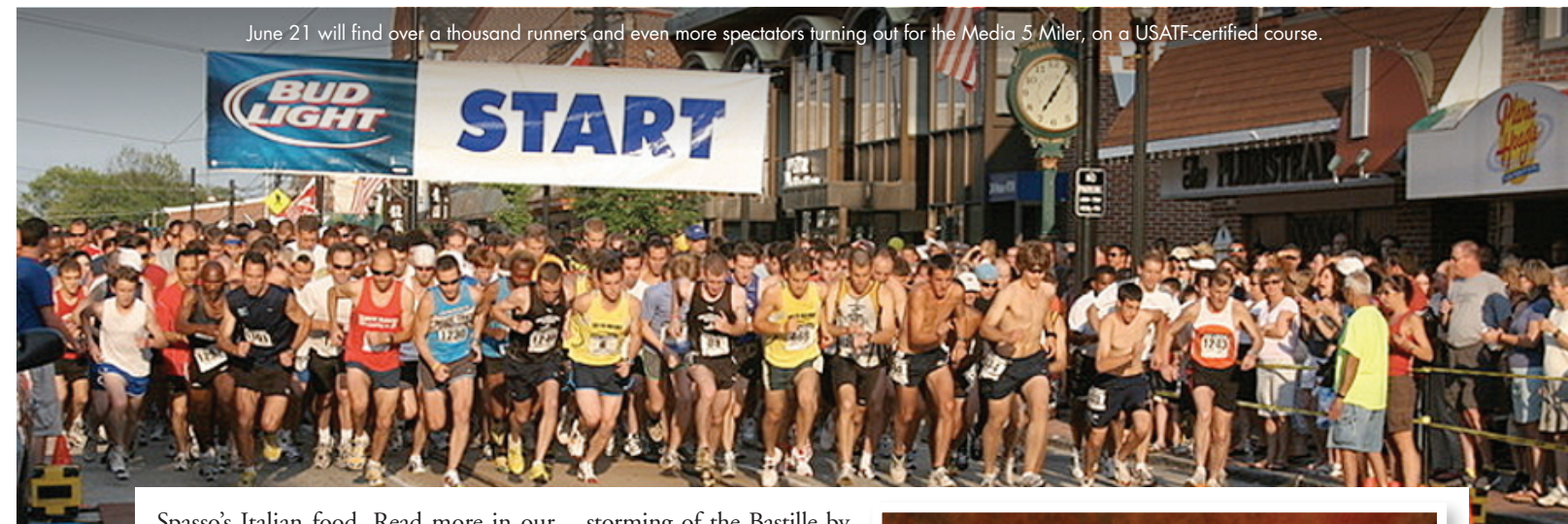
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Spasso's Italian food. Read more in our Outdoor Dining section, with even more choices beyond State Street, like Riddle Ale House.

Music lovers head for Media when State Street closes again to traffic on Saturday, June 8th (6 p.m. to 1 a.m.) for the Blues Stroll. This year the theme is "Women of the Blues" with 25 outstanding acts performing in more than 20 venues.

Featured artists this year include Paul Rishell & Annie Raines, Leroy Hawkes & the Hipnotics with Stacy Brooks, the Lonnie Shields Band and Special Brew'd and Kim Trusty. Check the website for the full line-up.

Head back to Media on Friday, June 21, and join thousands of spectators who line the business district as 1400 runners stampede through the borough. It's not Pamplona's bulls, just the 34th running of the Media 5 Miler. Many have run this course year after year. Organized by a local nonprofit on a USATF-certified course and supported by 100 local volunteers, the race provides a scholarship to a local graduating high school student. Before the start, there's a Children's Fun Run, and after the final finish, there's a block party. Something for everyone.

July brings two distinctive events and reasons to return. How about Bastille Day in Media with a live reenactment of the

storming of the Bastille by the Hedgerow Theater? It's the most exciting 2nd Saturday of the year! State Street is transformed into an arts-filled scene from history, featuring professional theater, visual arts, live music, dancing, children's activities and al fresco dining. July 13, from 6 to 10:30 p.m.

And July 14th's 6th Annual Downtown Media Car Show will bring back memories of rumble seats, wood side panels, giant fins, mufflers, four-on-the floor, T-shirts and a pack of Marlboros rolled up in the sleeve. More than 300 antique cars will line the streets from 11 to 4 p.m. (rain date July 21st).

So there's shopping and dining and blues strolling and so much more this summer to get you to visit Media and enjoy a New State of Mind. ♦

State Street is closed so music lovers can visit the many venues that host the Blues Stroll. Some of this year's performers, pictured, from top: Paul Rishell & Annie Raines and Danielle Miraglia (Photos courtesy of the artists). And a scene from the 2012 Blues Stroll, right.



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# Music and More on MD's Eastern Shore

Having fun on the Shore, in the County of Kent, is the place to be this summer.

It seems like just about every weekend, this Maryland Upper Eastern Shore county is host to a terrific event or festival. The National Music Festival, which runs June 2nd through June 15th, brings together world-class mentors and gifted apprentice musicians on the cusp of their professional careers. The two groups will rehearse and perform together at Washington College and throughout the County in orchestral, chamber, solo recital, vocal, choral and chamber opera repertoire. For two weeks, these musicians live and work together, presenting over 33 concerts, 38 events and over 200 free open rehearsals for music lovers from all over the world. Don't forget music lovers—be sure to catch live performances at The Garfield Center for the Arts at the Prince Theatre in Chestertown and The Mainstay in Rock Hall.

Now, let's talk about what's happening on the water. If you are an angler, you will not want to miss the Maryland Waterman's Association Rockfish Tournament in Rock Hall, June 7th through June 9th. Charter one of Kent's licensed fishing captains to increase your chances of catching the "big one," worth \$10,000. If sailing or paddling sparks your interest, Sultana

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information, please go to ([www.sultanaprojects.org](http://www.sultanaprojects.org)). Bicycling flat, winding country roads may be your thing, and no better time than June 23rd at the Bay to Bay Ride, with a choice of five routes between 27 and 104 miles in length. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. in Betterton ([www.chestertownlionsclub.org](http://www.chestertownlionsclub.org)). Right around the corner is July 4th. Mark your calendar for lots of fireworks and lots of fun. Rock Hall kicks off the fireworks celebration on July 3rd—Chestertown, Georgetown and Great Oak follow on July 4th. Find these and more great events online at [kentcounty.com/events](http://kentcounty.com/events).

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**RIGHT: Music Director Richard Rosenberg, on the podium, at one of many venues throughout The National Music Festival. Over 33 concerts, 38 events and over 200 free rehearsals will be presented throughout the County of Kent, June 2nd through June 15th. For more details, visit [www.nationalmusic.us](http://www.nationalmusic.us).**



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of Chestertown, Rock Hall, Galena, Betterton and Millington is like stepping back in time. There are plenty of things to do, great places to explore and even more ways to relax. An oasis so close to home, where you will find history, boutique shopping, antiquing, sidewalk cafes, art galleries and studios, performing arts theaters in Chestertown and Rock Hall, museums, quaint beaches in Betterton and Rock Hall, waterfront parks, terrific

paddling on the Chester and Sassafras Rivers, sightseeing on the Chesapeake Country National Scenic Byway and in the Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area.

Taste fresh, local seafood, including the Chesapeake Bay Blue Crab and Rockfish. Seafood so fresh in fact, it is a common sight to see watermen returning from a day on the water with their catches. Known for its terrific restaurants, you

will find one here for every taste. From mouth-watering burgers to gourmet entrees, the flavor is yours to choose. From waterfront vistas to historic red-brick sidewalks, the view is yours to pick. You may even choose to experience a farm-to-table dinner at a local farm and visit the tasting room for local County of Kent wine at our local vineyard and winery in Kennedyville.

## Chestertown, 1706

Mix history, culture, heritage and shopping along its red-brick, tree-lined sidewalks and you get Downtown Historic Chestertown, named one of America's Distinctive Destinations, by the National Historic Trust. Enjoy its Geddes-Piper House Museum ca. 1784, guided and self-guided historic tours, the Schooner Sultana 1768 public sails and paddles, Prince Theatre's live performances, 1st Fridays, specialty shops, art galleries and fabulous restaurants. Be sure to take a taste of "Made in the County of Kent" home with you, by stocking up at the Chestertown Farmers' and Artisans' Market every Saturday morning, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Fountain Park.

## The Town of Rock Hall

This small-town treasure is rich in maritime history, with watermen continuing to harvest the bounty of the Bay. Enjoy live performances at Mainstay Theater, unique shops, more than a dozen marinas, three museums and a small beach with a quaint boardwalk, gazebo and award winning sunsets, from Rock Hall Beach, on the Chesapeake Bay. Take a nature walk at Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge, only seven miles from Rock Hall. Don't miss Rock Hall Cruise Night on June 21. Clean up that rod and cruise on down, or just come for the fun and check out the cars, music, and relive the 60s. No registration necessary.

## The Town of Betterton

Located at the mouth of the Sassafras River on the Chesapeake Bay, Betterton Beach offers transient slips, public piers, a volleyball court, bath houses and spectacular views—truly a photographer's dream. Picnic at the

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pavilion on top of the bluff or at a table under a shade tree. Don't miss the Betterton Day Celebration, which is always the first Saturday in August.

## The Town of Galena

This historic town hosts unique shops, family style restaurants and 2nd Saturdays, which features live music, treats in the shops and good fun. Nearby Georgetown is located on the Sassafras River and offers boating, waterfront dining, lodging and fantastic views of the Sassafras River.

## The Town of Millington

A great spot for paddling, Millington is located at the northern tip of the Chester River, just off of route 301. With its mouthwatering dining, it is a terrific day trip or a perfect travel stop to stretch your legs and have a delicious bite to eat.

So, hop in your car and take a short drive to a relaxing getaway of awesome sunsets, local food, shopping, wildlife, history, arts, and great events. Be sure to stop in to pick up the latest literature about all the great things there are to see and do at the visitor centers in Chestertown and Rock Hall.. *So perfect...so close to home.*



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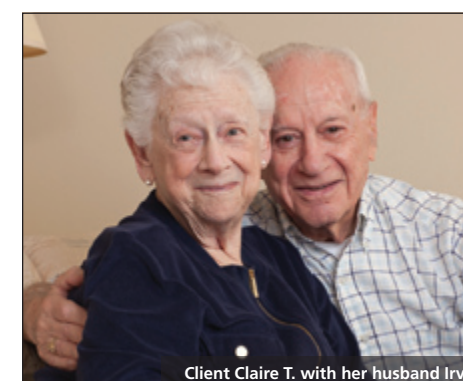
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**June 2 - National Trails Day Hikes**  
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Italian deliciousness prevails at La Verona, where fine dining mingles with casual fare, and everyone is happy. Especially now that the inviting porch-like patio at the side of the building offers al fresco charm, complete with pots of fresh herbs all around. Where else can you get a lovely whiff of aromatic basil or thyme, say, while enjoying dinner seasoned with, well, fresh basil or thyme?

Out front, families sit at sidewalk tables getting their pizza fix in front of the tall, arched windows that look into the refined dining rooms and lively upscale bar. All along State Street, the main thoroughfare of the charming small town of Kennett Square, colorful flowers bloom in half-barrels and other containers brightening the scene both inside and out.

Since opening in late 2011, owners Jack and Sam Mavraj, both experienced restaurateurs, have celebrated the community and their old-country namesake with fervor. For example, Kennett mushroom growers and other community leaders in this, the Mushroom Capital of the World, were invited to a tasting dinner so they could weigh in on planned menu changes. And their voices were heard.

On La Verona's website, the charms of Verona, Italy are touted, especially its culinary and wine assets, making a connection you can't miss. La Verona's "Cucina Classica" stays true to the best of Northern Italian cuisine with strong local/seasonal ingredients that are so abundant in this region.

Warm-toned woodwork and paneling, rosy-beige table linens, etched glass panels and stained glass images create a comfortably elegant setting brightened by colorful paintings of Italian scenes we enjoyed as we settled in.

### Winning Antipasti

Each of the three of us insisted that our appetizer choice was the best. How good is that? And a toast to chef Louis Thompson. The *Arugula Salad* (\$10.50) special brimmed with compatible flavors and textures: tangy greens, zippy radish slices, refreshing green apple slices, pistachios, chunks of gorgonzola and an ultra-light lemony vinaigrette. Delizioso!

So was the *Calamari Fritti* (\$10), its lightly breaded-and-fried rings and small tentacles pleasantly tender with a good marinara dipping sauce adding some punch. My vote for best appetizer was the *Roasted Artichokes* (\$13)—marinated artichoke hearts lightly grilled with crisped shaved prosciutto, fresh mozzarella and olives, all drizzled with truffle oil. My companion said it tasted just like a dish she'd recently savored in Sicily. It was no surprise to learn it's a best seller.

The rich and super-creamy mushroom soup (\$5), tasted during a luncheon visit, has to be the best in town. It's worth a visit.

Other appetizer choices included a classic antipasto with cured Italian meats, marinated vegetables and cheeses; fried mozzarella; mushroom gratin; clams *brodeto* (cooked in broth); bresaola (air-cured beef) carpaccio; and tomato bruschetta. The menu's arugula salad featured bresaola and feta cheese.

### Pasta! Primo!

*Braised Beef Short Rib Agnolotti* (\$18), plump pillows of homemade pasta filled with a full-flavored short-rib mixture in a meaty, mushroom broth, was pure hearty goodness. No wonder it got an enthusiastic thumbs up from the community tasting panel.

Another pasta winner: thin garlic slices sautéed in olive oil blended together beautifully with the generous serving of sweet Italian sausage, edgy broccoli rabe and rigatoni in *Sausage and Broccoli Rabe* (\$16).

*Salmon Salad* (\$22.50), as much New American as Italian, scored for its large, top-quality fillet, perfectly grilled and leaning against a heap of fresh spinach, radish and cucumber slices and white cannellini beans, lightly dressed with a lemony vinaigrette.

We chose one of Italy's best known wines, Montepulciano from eastern Abruzzo in the center of the country, specifically the *Ca'Donini* label (\$8/glass). Deep red and smooth, it was well-rounded with soft flavors and gentle tannins, a friendly wine.

Other pasta temptations included spinach and mushroom ravioli, gnocchi with tomato or Parmesan-cream sauce, chicken arrabbiata with penne, sausage and broccoli rabe with rigatoni, lasagna and fettuccini Bolognese.

The "primi" menu is topped by branzino, a run-away customer favorite, says owner Jack Mavraj. "It's a white Mediterranean sea bass ... and we get it fresh from there every day." It's broiled with lemon and herbs and served whole or filleted with white wine caper sauce and risotto.

Other choices: seared scallops, veal porcini, chicken Parmesan, pork tenderloin, New York strip, veal Parmesan, chicken Arrosto and veal saltimbocca.

La Verona's pizza is New York style, with a thin crust. Toppings include fresh tomato and basil, porchetta and broccoli rabe, bresaola and a "white pizza" with prosciutto and arugula.

### Ah, Dolce

A house favorite, the homemade *Tiramisu* (\$7) delighted with its layers

of espresso-drenched sponge cake and rich mascarpone cream, topped with a dusting of cocoa powder. If you like the bright taste of fresh lemon and desserts that are light but pack a flavor punch, *Flute Limoncello* (\$7) is for you. That it's ice-cold and served in a lovely flute adds to the fun.

Other desserts include raspberry cheesecake, chocolate fondant layer cake, chocolate-coated profiteroles with Chantilly cream, spumoni bombe (strawberry, pistachio and chocolate gelato coated with chocolate and

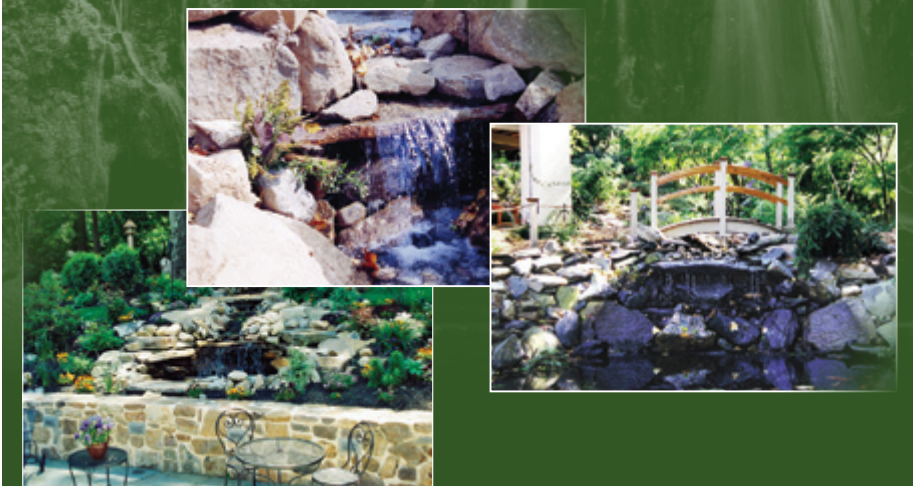
decorated with white chocolate), cannoli and three flavors of gelato—vanilla, chocolate and pistachio.

This is worth saving up calories for at least a week. ♦

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A few of our favorite things to share about local food and drink for June

## Yippee! Yappy Hour!

West Chester's **Kreutz Creek Vineyard Tasting Room** is hosting Yappy Hour, Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m., when you're encouraged to bring your well-behaved—that's non-yapping—dog along and get \$2 off your bottle of wine. If you go, remember the tasting room is BYOF—bring your own food. [KreutzCreekVineyards.com/WestChester.Html](http://KreutzCreekVineyards.com/WestChester.Html).



## You're a Peach.

Celebrating **National Peaches and Cream Day** on June 21st means more than just putting out sliced peaches and whipped cream. Get creative with the two tasty ingredients and try peaches and cream daiquiris—all you need is peach sorbet, vanilla ice cream, a blender and rum. Try a peach sprinkled with brown sugar, with sour cream and pecans. Or try roasted peaches topped with vanilla ice cream—a summer treat of juicy fruit and melting ice cream. That's a celebration!



# 30-Minute Dishes

Laura Muzzi Brennan

As much as you love spending time in your kitchen, summer's distractions lure you away from it. No need to sacrifice flavorful meals—just cook smarter, making the most of every ingredient and minute. With 30 minutes and a little know-how, you'll be dining well without missing a wave, a tennis match or most importantly, a sunset cocktail hour.

For Helen Achuff, sous chef at the Café at Kimberton Whole Foods in Phoenixville, one hour of prep work translates to quick, delicious meals all week long. On her days off, she roasts vegetables that can be tossed in salads or paired with cured meats and cheeses for an antipasto platter.

While the vegetables take to the oven, she cooks pasta al dente, rinses it to cool and tosses it with olive oil. Later, she can make an easy pasta salad or if she wants to serve hot pasta, she refreshes it in boiling water. For assembling fruit salads in a snap, Achuff's secret: wash and cut up sturdy fruits like melons and keep them in separate bags. Then, all she has to do at the last minute is give berries a quick rinse and toss fruits together.

Both Achuff and Chris Happel, executive chef at Wegmans in King of Prussia, emphasize that choosing produce in season not only saves money but time. Simply put, any fruit or vegetable at its peak needs less cajoling from the cook to draw out its flavor. Think of that summer classic, the Caprese salad, and you're reminded that sometimes, the best things come to those who don't work hard.

If you decide to turn on the heat, limit yourself to sautéing, grilling and steaming, advises Happel. When cooking meat, choose cuts that lend themselves to those cooking techniques. Strip steaks and ribeyes as well as boneless chicken breasts and thighs are good bets. For pork, go with a boneless loin chop or marinated tenderloin. Best fish choices: "Tilapia and salmon are virtually foolproof" says Happel.

To virtually guarantee that a dish takes 30 minutes or less, let the professionals

lend a hand. At Kimberton Whole Foods, visit the small hot bar or grab a sandwich, soup or entrée from the cold food case. At Wegmans, pick up pre-cut fruits and vegetables for stir fries and salads or check out the prepared food bars for traditional American as well as Mediterranean, Chinese and Indian dishes. And look for Wegmans Menu magazine for easy seasonal recipes. (Read on for recipes from their summer issue.)

Whether you enlist the help of pros or try your hand at these 30-minute recipes, you'll be left with plenty of time to savor those summer days and nights.



Vegetable Stirfry  
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## Follow Foodily.

*County Lines* recently joined **Foodily**, which is self-described as "(ta-da) a food site" and the world's largest social recipe network. Plus there's an app. Foodily goes beyond sharing or saving recipes by including friends (and experts) in those everyday conversations about what to cook and eat. So join us in the conversation and swap some of your favorite recipes with some of ours. [Foodily.com/u/CountyLinesMagazine](http://Foodily.com/u/CountyLinesMagazine).



## Got the Blues?

You can get relief with a different kind of blue from the Chesapeake Bay. April 1 was the official start of Maryland's blue crab harvest, but recent cold temperatures kept the tasty crustaceans inactive—until now. So if you're craving the taste of a fresh catch today, try some of the Chesapeake's finest at **Woody's Crab House**, serving strictly local Maryland Blue Crabs. This spot's sea-fare is calling your name. 29 S. Main St., North East, MD. 410-287-3541; [WoodyCrabHouse.com](http://WoodyCrabHouse.com).

## It's So Easy Being Cheesy.

Macaroni and cheese is a favorite comfort food for many and craved by little tykes, college students and carbo-loaders everywhere. To indulge your palate, take the family to the annual **Chester County Mac & Cheese Cook Off**, where fans can taste a vast array of contestants' versions of the cheesy delight. June 9, 12 to 4 p.m. 1 Park Lane, [Downingtown.facebook.com/MacNCheeseCookoff](http://Downingtown.facebook.com/MacNCheeseCookoff).





## Baked Salmon with Lemon Quinoa

Often called a “supergrain,” quinoa boasts many stellar qualities: it’s high in fiber and protein, cooks up quickly, and lends a mild, nutty taste to both hot and cold dishes. Paired with salmon, it’s a favorite at The Café at Kimberton Whole Foods. Recipe courtesy of Helen Achuff.

**4, 6-oz. salmon fillets, not steaks**  
**2 Tb. extra virgin olive oil**  
**Salt and pepper to taste**  
**1 lemon for zesting**  
**2 C. quinoa**  
**4 C. water**

Preheat oven to 400°. Brush salmon with olive oil, season with salt, pepper and zest from lemon. (Use only the yellow part of the lemon skin; the white part is very bitter.) Place on a sheet tray and bake for about 20 minutes until it’s firm to the touch, flaky and pale pink.

While the salmon is cooking, thoroughly rinse the quinoa under cold water. (Note: Quinoa has a natural coating or shell that protects it from birds, but this coating makes the quinoa very bitter if you don’t rinse it.)

Place quinoa, water and the juice from the lemon in a medium sauce pan and bring to a boil. Once it’s boiling, stir, cover and turn the heat off.

When the salmon is done, fluff the quinoa with a fork and taste. Season with salt and pepper. Place a cup of quinoa on each plate and top with salmon.

Makes 4 servings.

## Vegetable Stirfry with Homemade Stirfry Sauce

This dish goes well over rice or angel hair pasta. For the hot sauce, Helen Achuff of Kimberton Whole Foods likes Cholula brand or for a real kick, an Asian chili-garlic sauce. She avoids using Tabasco in this recipe as it has too much vinegar.

For the stir fry sauce:

**2 C. tamari or soy sauce**  
**½ C. hoisin sauce**  
**¼ C. honey**  
**2 cloves garlic, minced**  
**1 inch fresh ginger, peeled and minced**  
**3 Tb. hot sauce**

For the vegetable stir fry:

**2 Tb. olive oil**  
**½ head green cabbage, shredded**

**2 carrots, grated**  
**1 medium yellow onion, medium dice**  
**1 bunch scallions, chopped, top 1” of dark green parts removed**  
**2 C. sugar snap peas, strings removed**  
**1 red bell pepper, julienned**  
**1 head baby bok choy, roughly chopped**  
**½–1 C. stir fry sauce**  
**1 Tb. toasted sesame seeds, optional**

To make the sauce: Combine all ingredients and simmer in a medium saucepan until flavors blend and honey melts, 15-20 minutes. If you want to cut the intense soy flavor, add water or chicken stock.

Sauce can be stored in your refrigerator for up to 2 weeks.

To make the stir fry: In a large sauté pan or wok over medium-high heat, heat olive oil. Add vegetables when the oil is hot, almost smoking. Stir constantly for about 5 minutes, until vegetables are cooked but still crunchy.

Add ½ to 1 C. stir fry sauce and cook for 5 more minutes. Sprinkle with toasted sesame seeds and serve.

Makes 4-6 servings.

## Coconut Mango Rice

You can serve this rice as a side dish, or with just a little extra effort, transform it into a creamy rice pudding for dessert. (See below.) Recipe courtesy of Helen Achuff, The Café at Kimberton Whole Foods.

**2 C. water**  
**2 C. coconut milk**  
**2 C. brown basmati rice**  
**2 C. fresh or frozen diced mango, cut into ½-in. cubes**  
**1 tsp. cinnamon**  
**¼ C. packed brown sugar**

Bring water and coconut milk to a boil. Add remaining ingredients and bring back to a boil.

Cover and turn off heat for 20 minutes. NO PEEKING! Fluff with a fork and serve.

Makes 4-6 servings.

To make rice pudding: In a saucepan, add the cooked rice from the recipe above and enough heavy cream to cover it. Over low heat, stir constantly until the cream is absorbed by the rice. Stir in toasted coconut and golden raisins when cool.

Refrigerate 3 to 4 hours or overnight. It will last 5 days in the refrigerator.

## Eight Timesavers

Beyond choosing the right ingredients and the right techniques, you can set yourself up for quick meals by following these tips:

**1. Get organized.** Have all your ingredients and tools on hand before you begin to cook. The fancy French term for this strategy is *mise en place*. This step is #1 for a reason, so don’t ignore it! It will save you time and stress later.

**2. Sharpen your knives.** Nothing slows you down and turns cooking into drudgery quicker than a dull knife.

**3. Make friends with your microwave.** Start long-cooking dishes in the microwave and finish them in the oven or on the grill. For example, microwave baked potatoes until you can pierce them with a fork. Then, wrap them in aluminum foil and throw them on the grill for a few minutes for that smoky flavor.

**4. Think small.** Vegetables and meats cook faster when they’re cut smaller. That said, cut or shape each ingredient to a uniform size to ensure they finish cooking at the same time.

**5. Go Au Naturelle.** Leave the skin on fruits and vegetables whenever possible. Peeling eats up time and deprives you of all the skin’s fiber and nutrients.

**6. Make your gadgets and utensils do double—and triple—duty.** Use an apple corer/slicer to make potato wedges for steak fries. Call on your egg slicer to cut strawberries. Don’t forget the humble fork is a kitchen workhorse: use the same one to juice a lime, mash an avocado and fluff the rice.

**7. Set up for clean up.** Empty your dishwasher before you begin cooking, so you can toss dirty bowls and measuring cups right in once you’ve finished with them. Keep a colander or large bowl on the counter for kitchen scraps.

**8. Have a few tricks in your freezer.** Pestos and herb butters dress up plain pasta and vegetables, and they’re delicious as toppers for grilled chicken breasts and steak. To make herb butter: Mince fresh herbs, mix well into softened butter and add a few drops of lemon juice if desired. Shape into a log, wrap in plastic wrap and freeze. Slice off a disc whenever you need a flavor booster!

## Fresh Strawberry Dressing

Chef Helen Achuff at Kimberton Whole Foods makes salads at home and at work all the time. Whether winter or summer, her salad “blueprint” includes nuts and seeds, cheese, dried fruit and a protein source such as chicken or tofu. When strawberry season rolls around, she celebrates with this dressing.

**1 C. fresh strawberries**  
**2 Tb. apple cider vinegar**  
**Salt and pepper to taste**  
**1 tsp. Dijon mustard or to taste**  
**⅓ C. olive oil**  
**Squirt of lemon**

In a food processor, process the strawberries until smooth. Add vinegar, pinches of salt and pepper and Dijon mustard. With the motor running, drizzle in the olive oil. (This ensures an emulsified dressing.) Finish the dressing with a squirt of lemon.

Makes 1-1½ C.

## Moroccan-Spiced Shrimp\*

Start to finish, this recipe takes 20 minutes. Low in calories (130 per serving) but high in flavor, it’s destined to become one of your go-to

summer dishes. Note: If you don’t have Wegmans basting oil on hand, Chef Chris Happel recommends that you substitute grapeseed or olive oil mixed with chopped garlic and fresh herbs, such as thyme and parsley.

**1 lb. EZ peel raw Belize medium shrimp (31-40 ct)**  
**1 Tb. Wegmans Basting Oil**  
**1 Tb. Moroccan Spice Blend (mix of ground star anise, cumin, paprika)**  
**1 Tb. fresh mint, thinly sliced**  
**1 tsp. fine sea salt**  
**Black pepper, to taste**  
**Juice of ½ lime**  
**Lime wedges for serving**

Preheat grill on high for 10 minutes. Toss shrimp with basting oil, Moroccan spice, mint, salt and pepper.

Coat cleaned grill grate lightly with vegetable oil. Arrange shrimp in single layer in grill basket and place on grill. Reduce heat to medium.

Sear shrimp 2-3 minutes, until lightly browned. Turn over and sear 2-3 minutes, until internal temperature reaches 130°.

Chef’s tip: Insert thermometer halfway into thickest part of the shrimp.

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**Optional accompaniments: salsa, black bean dip, shredded lettuce, sour cream and shredded Queso Fresco**

Preheat grill on high for 10 minutes. Coat cleaned grill grate lightly with vegetable oil.

Toss together onion and peppers, 1 Tb. BBQ seasoning, and 2 Tb. basting oil. Spoon into a foil pan. Cover pan tightly with foil, sealing well. Reduce heat to medium.

Place pan on grill, and close lid. Cook for 10 minutes, shaking pan occasionally. Remove from grill, and keep warm. Return heat to high.

Drizzle chicken with 1 Tb. basting oil. Sear chicken on grill for 2 minutes, until slightly browned. Turn over and sear 1-3 minutes. Turn again and cook 1-3 minutes. Turn again. Reduce heat to medium and cook for 12-15 minutes until internal temperature reaches 165°.

*Chef's tip:* Insert the thermometer into the thickest part of the chicken.

Transfer to clean platter. Brush remaining 1 Tb. basting oil on one side of tortilla shells; place oiled side down on grill. Brush tops with basting oil, and sprinkle with remaining 1 Tb. BBQ seasoning. Turn after 30 seconds, when slightly browned. Grill second side for 30 seconds. Remove from heat.

Slice chicken very thin and portion onto tortillas. Top with peppers, onions and optional accompaniments.

Makes 4 servings.

**Rainbow Crunch Salad\***

*The rainbow salad mix at Wegmans contains shredded broccoli, cauliflower, carrots and red cabbage. By turns crunchy and sweet, this salad comes together in 25 minutes. If you wish, substitute raspberry or other fruity vinaigrette for the pomegranate-blueberry vinaigrette.*

- 1, 12-oz. package rainbow salad
- 5 oz. baby spinach
- 1 red bell pepper, finely diced
- 1, 8-oz. package steamed and peeled baby red beets, matchstick cut
- 1 bunch mint leaves, chopped
- ¾ C. currants
- ¼ C. roasted unsalted sunflower seeds
- ¼ C. raw pumpkin seeds
- ¼ C. roasted white sesame seeds
- ½ tsp. ground cumin
- 1 C. pomegranate-blueberry vinaigrette
- ½ tsp. salt

Toss rainbow salad mix, spinach, peppers, beets, mint and currants in large bowl.

Add sunflower, pumpkin and sesame seeds and cumin to skillet on medium heat. Cook until lightly toasted and crunchy. Remove from pan, and let cool (5-7 minutes).

Add seeds, dressing, and salt to veggies. Toss.

*Chef's Tip:* This recipe can be prepared ahead of time, up until the dressing is added. Simply add the dressing and season with salt immediately before serving.

Makes 14 C.

**Shades of Green Salad with Green Goddess Dressing**

*You can purchase Green Goddess dressing at the market, but making it fresh really highlights the herbs' flavors. I adapted the dressing recipe from Lari Robling's version in Endangered Recipes. Serve this salad with a cold soup like gazpacho or vichyssoise for a satisfying summer lunch. Other ideas: wrap salad ingredients in tortillas or use extra dressing instead of mayonnaise in chicken salad.*

*For the salad:*

- 1 lb. asparagus
- 1 Tb. olive oil
- Salt to taste
- 1, 7-8 oz. package arugula
- 18 slices deli turkey, cut into strips
- ½ C. pistachio pieces, optional

*For the dressing:*

- 1 C. Italian parsley, most stems removed, tightly packed
- 1 clove garlic, peeled
- 2 scallions, roughly chopped
- 2 Tb. cider vinegar
- 1 Tb. fresh tarragon leaves
- 1 tsp. Dijon mustard
- 2-3 anchovy filets
- 1 C. mayonnaise
- ½ C. sour cream
- Salt, optional
- Lemon juice, optional

*To make the salad:* Heat oven to 400°. Snap off woody ends from asparagus. Toss asparagus with olive oil and salt. Spread in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet. Roast until stems can be pierced with a fork. (Roasting times vary from 8 minutes for thin stalks to 15-18 minutes for thick stalks.)

Remove from oven and allow to

cool to room temperature. Cut into 1" pieces.

Divide arugula among 6 plates. Top with turkey strips and asparagus. Spoon dressing over top and sprinkle with pistachios.

Makes 6 servings.

*To make the dressing:* In a food processor or blender, blend all ingredients except mayonnaise and sour cream until finely chopped. Add mayonnaise and sour cream and process until smooth. Taste for flavor and add salt and lemon juice to taste.

Makes 2 C.

**Garlicky Black and White Bean Open-faced Quesadillas**

*I know 8-10 cloves of garlic sound like a lot, but you need a lot to stand up to the hearty flavor of the beans. Feel free to add even more!*

- 1 Tb. olive oil
- 8-10 cloves garlic, peeled, roughly chopped
- 1, 15-oz. can black beans, rinsed, drained
- 1 15 oz. can cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 C. water
- ½ bunch cilantro, most stems removed, roughly chopped
- Salt to taste
- 12-16 small (5"-6") corn tortillas
- 2-3 C. shredded cheese
- Salsa and sour cream, optional

In a saucepan over medium heat, heat olive oil and add garlic. Cook for 1 minute until garlic begins to soften and release its fragrance. Do not allow garlic to burn.

Add beans, water, cilantro and salt. Increase heat to medium high and cook until most of the water is gone and some beans are starting to become mushy (much like the consistency of refried beans).

Spread a generous ¼ C. beans on each tortilla. Top with 2-3 Tb. cheese. Then, either place under the broiler or on the grill until cheese melts.

Serve with salsa and sour cream.

Makes 12-16 servings. ♦

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by Jonathan Dee (Andrea's pick)

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