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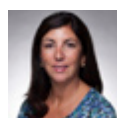
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You're holding the perfect issue of our magazine to enjoy outdoors. We hope you have a comfortable spot for reading.

If you're planning to create an outdoor oasis for your patio, deck, garden or pool, check out Mary Dolan's "Bringing the Party Outside" for tips from area experts about what's new and what's worth doing.

And while you're outside, consider "Summer Wines for Sipping," Dustin Best's suggestions for wines good enough to stand on their own—no food pairings required. Summer easy!

Our summer food coverage can help you turn over a healthful leaf with Brandywine Table's "Superfoods" column. Laura Brennan calls treats like Good Vibrations Smoothies super delicious. Or if you'd rather avoid the kitchen, turn to our Summer Dining Guide, with specials and entertainment at area restaurants.

Another entertainment option is to visit Wilmington. Emily Hart's "Look Again! A New View of Wilmington" suggests if you haven't been to Wilmington recently you've missed out! Sarah Willoughby, of the Greater Wilmington CVB, tells us about summer festivals and Theater Row there.

For a different view, we have a special supplement, sponsored by Benchmark Federal Credit Union. Malcolm Johnstone takes us on a historical tour in "West Chester—Then and Now," highlighted by Timlyn Vaughan's stunning photos.

As always, we've got the Best Local Events coverage so you won't miss the best June has to offer—from a full page of Family Fun to our Theater Spotlight shining on the 40th anniversary season of People's Light. We feature two new plays about love, and the hilarity and heartbreak that come along with it in Mary Elizabeth Scallen's "Celebrate Love at People's Light."

Or if you don't want to leave your hammock, follow Andrea Thatcher's recommendations in "Beyond The Pages: Audio Books are Expanding Storytime." Everyone loves hearing a great story.

Thank you for reading.

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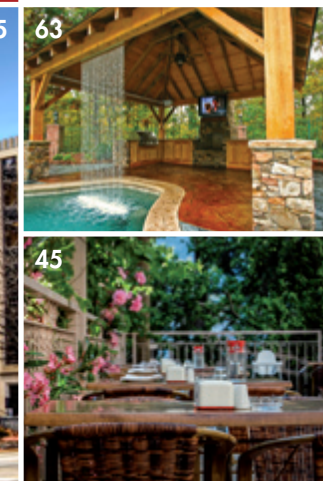
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## Shine a Light on Eye Exams

Dr. Drew Chronister

### What does your eye doctor see when he looks into your eyes?

The eyes are complicated and the site of many potential diseases. Early detection and treatment of these diseases are key steps to preserving your vision. Regular eye exams are the best way to make that happen.

#### What happens during an eye exam?

Most eye exams begin by checking your vision. If your vision isn't good (significantly off 20/20) in one or both eyes, the doctor or a technician may check to see if glasses or contact lenses would help.

Next, intraocular pressure is measured. This test is important because elevated pressure may indicate glaucoma, a disease that causes patients to lose peripheral vision without realizing it.

The technician may then dilate the eyes to make the pupil larger. Dilating drops take about 15 to 20 minutes to work. Then the ophthalmologist can examine the entire eye with a microscope

that magnifies the structures of the eye. The doctor begins by examining the front surface of the eye, checking for conditions such as dry eye, corneal abrasions and conjunctivitis (or "pink eye"). Next, the optic nerve and entire retina can be examined through the dilated pupil. Dilation is particularly important for diabetic patients to check for diabetic retinopathy and for all patients to evaluate for retinal tears or detachments.

#### When should children get an eye exam?

The simple answer is that it depends on the child's age and risk factors. For instance, infants who are at high risk for congenital eye diseases should have a comprehensive exam by an ophthalmologist as soon as medically feasible.

Children are generally screened as newborns and again at well-ness exams by their pediatrician. They're referred to an ophthalmologist only if abnormalities are discovered. By preschool, most

children are cooperative enough so visual acuity and eye alignment assessments can be done. A pediatrician or school nurse often performs these exams annually.

Any child with ocular abnormalities or who can't be assessed should be referred promptly to an eye care professional because the visual system develops fully by about age eight. At that point, a child's best visual potential becomes "locked in."

If the eye's corresponding visual system in the brain doesn't develop normally, the eye will become "lazy" and fail to develop. Amblyopia, the medical term for "lazy eye," can't be treated after the child reaches a certain age (usually 10 or 12).

#### When should adults get an eye exam?

From the teenage years until 40, patients should get eye exams if they have visual symptoms or if they wear glasses or contact lenses. Adults with no risk factors for eye disease should have a baseline comprehensive eye exam at 40 and follow-ups every 2 to 4 years until age 65, when exams should be scheduled every 1 to 2 years.

Anyone at high risk for an ocular disease (determined by their medical history, family health history, age and race) should have regular eye exams even if there are no visual symptoms. A few examples: 1) Diabetic patients should have a dilated eye exam at least annually. 2) Patients taking certain medications (e.g., plaquenil for arthritis) should have yearly exams. 3) Patients with a family history of glaucoma should have an exam every 2 to 4 years even if they're under 40.

As you can see, regular eye exams are important even if you're not having any visual problems.

At the end of your exam, your eye doctor will discuss if any abnormalities were found or if a systemic disease—high blood pressure, diabetes, thyroid disease—was noted. Your ophthalmologist can coordinate further evaluation and treatment with your primary care provider if necessary. And your doctor will advise you on how to take care of your eyes.

Make sure you schedule an appointment soon to let your eye doctor look into your eyes—you never know what he'll see! ♦

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Even younger kids contributed a stroke or two to the work of art featuring knights in battle, two funny dogs and a cat, and a female figure described as the source of creativity. Admire the mural while you browse books with your family. More about Martinez at [AdrianMartinez.com](http://AdrianMartinez.com).

### Concerts in a Barn.

Ever seen a pipe organ in a barn? In preparation for **Thornbury Farm's** even bigger project to host concerts and lectures in a rustic setting, workers are restoring a 1926 Mudler Hunter pipe organ complete with 2,300 pipes, a blower over 100 years old, and weighing in at 2,000 pounds. Weekend volunteer spots are still open to help reassemble this piece of history, or you can donate toward replacement parts and electrical work. Learn more at [ThornburyFarmCSA.com](http://ThornburyFarmCSA.com).



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### Of Rugs and Yarnbombs.

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## of Special Note

### Brandywine Valley Summer Series

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June 23-July 5, a premier hunter/jumper/equitation horse show benefiting Hill Top Preparatory School and the USHJA Emerging Athletes Program. July 6-7, The East Coast US Junior Hunter National Championship finals; July 8, Local Day Brass Ring Horse Show & Hunter Championship. Devon Horse Show Grounds, 23 Dorset Rd., Devon. Free. [BrandywineValleySummerSeries.com](http://BrandywineValleySummerSeries.com).

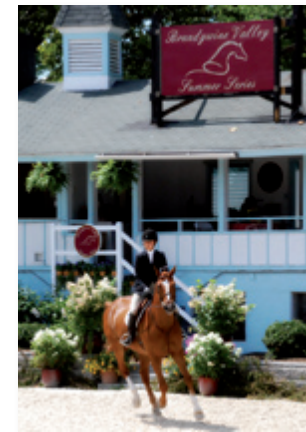


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### Chester County Hospital 9th Annual Polo Cup

June 14

Enjoy live entertainment, a silent auction, lots of activities for kids and great tailgating while watching the "Sport of Kings." Benefits The Prenatal Clinic and the Women's Auxiliary's "3-D Mammography" Pledge. Brandywine Polo Club, 260 Polo Rd., Toughkenamon. Festivities begin at 1:30 p.m., match starts at 3 p.m. Tickets \$25 gen. adm., \$40 admission + Victory Beer, \$85 VIP; kids free. 610-431-5328; [CCHosp.com/Polo](http://CCHosp.com/Polo).



### Stroud Water Research Center Presents



### Sustainable Splurges: A Feast for the Senses

June 6

Enjoy delicious, locally produced foods—wine, chocolate, honey and cheese—and the beauty of Doe Run Valley. Guests can also bid on one-of-a-kind silent auction items. Benefits Stroud Center's freshwater research, environmental education programs and watershed restoration projects. The Farm at Doe Run, Thouron Rd., Coatesville. 6 to 8 p.m. \$125. 610-268-2153, ext. 288; [StroudCenter.org](http://StroudCenter.org).

### 13th Annual Up On The Roof

June 6

The West Chester Downtown Foundation and the Business Improvement District (BID) want to beautify downtown West Chester. You can help by coming out for this beautiful evening under the stars, tasting an array of appetizers and dinner from Limoncello Caterers and sipping spirits from the complimentary bar—including the Rooftop Martini, an annual favorite. The fun happens on the rooftop of the Chestnut Street Garage, 14 E. Chestnut St. 7 to 11 p.m. Tickets \$90 in advance; \$110 at the door. 610-738-3350; [DowntownWestChester.com](http://DowntownWestChester.com).



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### Jazz at Brushwood

June 20

Step out for a spectacular evening at this garden gala. Enjoy a full buffet dinner prepared by the Chefs and Students of the American Culinary Federation, then dancing, drinks, live and silent auctions—all at the beautiful Brushwood Stable. Benefits Home of the Sparrow, providing housing and supportive services to homeless and low-income women who want to improve their lives and become self-sufficient. Brushwood Stable, 737 Sugartown Rd., Malvern. 6 to 10:30 p.m. For tickets, 610-647-4940; [HomeOfTheSparrow.org](http://HomeOfTheSparrow.org).

# best Local Events

## FAMILY FUN

### THROUGH SEPTEMBER

**Morris Arboretum's Summer Garden Railway.** This year's theme is "Art & Architecture," highlighting miniatures of iconic Philadelphia sculptures and famous lighthouses, to buildings from the last World's Fair. 100 E. Northwestern Ave., Phila. Mon–Fri, 10 to 4; Sat, Sun, 10 to 5; Wed until 8, June–Aug. \$8–\$16. 215-247-5777; [MorrisArboretum.org](http://MorrisArboretum.org).

### THROUGH DECEMBER

**Wharton Esherick Museum.** The 43rd tour season begins with special children's tours every Saturday at 11 am, with hands-on activities and lots of fun. 1520 Horseshoe Trail, Malvern. Tours by reservation, Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, 1 to 5. \$6–\$12. 610-644-5822; [WhartonEsherickMuseum.org](http://WhartonEsherickMuseum.org).

### JUNE 6

**7th Annual Penn Township Pleasant View Community Day.** Delicious food, great music, lively dancing and entertainment, kid's games, miniature horses from Canine Country Club and more. Pleasant View Community Day, 544 N. Penryn Rd., Manheim. 10 to 2. 717-665-2445; [PleasantViewRC.org](http://PleasantViewRC.org).

### JUNE 6

**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](http://HistoricNewtownSquare.org).

### JUNE 10–JULY 8

**Eagleview Movie Nights.** Bring your blankets, chairs and a picnic dinner for a great evening of family fun. June 10, *Big Hero 6*; June 24, *Paddington*; July 8, *Maleficent*. Wellington Square, Eagleview. 7 pm. Free. In case of rain, phone 800-851-2779. In [Eagleview.com](http://Eagleview.com).

### JUNE 13–14

**Bryn Mawr Kennel Club's AKC Sanctioned Dog Show.** Conformation, Obedience and Canine Good Citizen Testing. Bring your well behaved canine friend for certification. Ludwig's Corner Show Grounds, Rts. 401 and 100, Ludwig's Corner. Daily 9 am. \$8; under 12 free. 610-585-6786.

### JUNE 13–SEPTEMBER 7

**Delaware Museum of Natural History**

**Exhibit—Dr. Entomo's Palace of Exotic Wonders.** Step right up and behold the Devil with Two Heads! Witness scorpions that glow in the dark! Experience the offending stench of the Giant Vinegaroon! Freakish, bewildering marvels of the insect world are on display. 4840 Kennett Pk., Wilmington. Mon–Sat, 9:30 to 4:30; Sun, noon to 4:30. \$7–\$9. 302-658-9111; [DelMNH.org](http://DelMNH.org).



### JUNE 19–21

**9th Annual Chester County Balloon Festival.** Spectacular hot air balloons and non-stop activities including hot air balloon ascensions, special shapes and magical balloon glows in the evening. Fireworks on Saturday. New Garden Flying Field, 1235 Newark Rd., Toughkenamon. Fri, opens at 5, Sat, at 3. \$10. 855-451-9002; [CCBalloonFest.com](http://CCBalloonFest.com).



### JUNE 20

**An Enchanted Summer Day at Winterthur.** Explore the Faerie Cottage and the Troll Bridge, catch daisies in the water trough, make arts and crafts, play games and be entertained with music and storytelling. 5105 Kennett Pk. (Rt. 52), Winterthur. 11 to 3. \$5–\$20. 800-448-3883; [Winterthur.org](http://Winterthur.org).

### JUNE 26, JULY 17, AUGUST 14

**Westtown Township Movie Nights at Oakbourne Park.** Kick back and relax in the park to watch a movie: June 26, *Big Hero 6*. 1014 S. Concord Rd., Westtown. 8 pm. Free. [WesttownPA.org](http://WesttownPA.org).

### JUNE 27–JULY 4

**Wawa Welcome America Festival.** Fun for the whole family with free events, a parade, fireworks, history, live entertainment, food and

culture. Check website for headliner performances. Spectacular fireworks displays at night and the largest free concert in America. July 4. 215-683-2200; [WelcomeAmerica.com](http://WelcomeAmerica.com).

### JUNE 27–JULY 5

**Kutztown Folk Festival.** Celebrating the PA Dutch culture. Kutztown Fairgrounds, 225 N. White Oak St., Kutztown. Sat–Sun, 10 to 8; Mon–Fri, 10 to 6. \$5–\$14; under 12, free. 888-674-6136; [KutztownFestival.com](http://KutztownFestival.com).

### JUNE 27

**Radnor's Great American Backyard Campout.** Take a night hike through The Willows, bring your supplies and learn how to pitch a tent, set up your campsite and start a campfire. Must be accompanied by parent or guardian. Willows Park, 490 Darby Paoli Rd., Villanova. Activities begin at 1. Free, pre-registration req. 610-688-5600; [RadnorRecreation.com](http://RadnorRecreation.com).

### JUNE 28

**Fairy and Wizard Festival at Tyler Arboretum.** Become a dragon, make a fairy wand, plant a magic bean, listen to enchanted tales from around the world and live music. 515 Painter Rd., Media. 10 to 2. \$7–\$11. 610-566-9134; [TylerArboretum.org](http://TylerArboretum.org).



### JULY 4

**Good Neighbor Day Celebration in Downingtown.** The day begins with the Run for Life and 5K Freedom Walk at 8 am. Then fabulous food, craft exhibitors and other activities. A Fireworks Grand Finale starts at dusk. Benefits area emergency providers. 610-285-1119; [GoodNeighborDay.com](http://GoodNeighborDay.com).

### JULY 4

**Nottingham Park 2015 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 5. \$10 parking fee. 610-932-2589 or 610-344-6415; [ChesCo.org/CCParks](http://ChesCo.org/CCParks).

**Be sure to look in our special West Chester and Wilmington, DE sections for events there.**

## ART & CRAFT SHOWS.....

### THROUGH JUNE 27

**Wayne Art Center's 9th Annual Plein Air Art Festival.** Thirty artists capture the character and beauty of the scenic landscapes within 20 miles of Wayne. 413 Maplewood Ave., Wayne. Gallery hours, Mon–Fri, 9 to 5; Sat, 9 to 4. 610-688-3553; [WaynePleinAir.org](http://WaynePleinAir.org).

### THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6

**Moderne Gallery Exhibit.** Wharton Esherick: The Rose and Nathan Robinson Collection. An exhibition and sale of furniture, sculptural objects and woodcuts, all by Wharton Esherick, the "Dean of American Craftsmen." 111 N. 3rd St., Philadelphia. Daily noon to 5. 215-923-8536; [ModerneGallery.com](http://ModerneGallery.com).

### JUNE 14

**Crafted—Eagleview Juried Craft Festival.** Browse the crafts and make a day of it. In addition to 50 juried crafters, the show features music, wineries and brunch cuisine. Wellington Square, Eagleview, Exton. 11 to 3. [GrowingRootsPartners.com](http://GrowingRootsPartners.com).

## BOOKS.....

### JUNE 1–18

**Book Signings and Events at Chester County Book Company.** June 1, Young Adult Book Club, John Green's *Paper Towns*, 6:30 to 7:30. June 4, Andy Abramowitz signing *Thank You, Goodnight*, 7 pm. June 7, come out for wine and a taste from Edwin Garubbo's new cookbook *Sunday Pasta*, 2 pm. June 14, in honor of Flag Day, Charlene Briggs shares her book *Letters to Lida*, a collection of letters from WWII between her father (who will be there) and his mother, 1 pm. June 18, Matthew Quick signing *Love May Fail*, 7 pm. June 18, Book Club for Young People (8–12) *Flora and Ulysses*, 6:30 to 7:30. 967 Paoli Pk., West Goshen Center, West Chester. 610-696-1661; [ChesterCountyBooks.com](http://ChesterCountyBooks.com).

## EQUESTRIAN.....

### FRIDAYS & SUNDAYS

### JUNE–SEPTEMBER

**Brandywine Polo.** Spectators picnic and tailgate at the grounds. Toughkenamon Exit, Rt. 1 S. Fri, gates open at 5; polo, 5:30; music, 7:30. \$10–\$15; Sun, gates open at 1:30; match at 3, \$10. Cancelled for rain or extreme heat. 610-268-8692; [BrandywinePolo.com](http://BrandywinePolo.com).

## FESTIVALS.....

See *Family Fun* for more.

### JUNE 26–28

**16th Annual Celtic Fling and Highland Games.** Musicians, dancers, craftsmen and

athletes gather at Mount Hope Estate & Winery, 2775 Lebanon Rd., Manheim. Friday night concert, 5:30, \$29.95. Sat–Sun, 11 am to 10 pm. \$10.95–\$35. 717-665-7021; [PARenFaire.com](http://PARenFaire.com).

## FOOD.....

See also, *Fundraisers*.

### THROUGH JUNE 7

**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, neigh-

borhood taverns, restaurants and rich beer culture. For venue information, [PhillyBeerWeek.org](http://PhillyBeerWeek.org).

### THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30

**Stroll, Shop, Dine—Dining Under the Stars in Media.** It's that time of year again when Wednesday is the night to dine out in Media. Restaurants offer outdoor dining along State Street, from Jackson to Orange Sts. There's entertainment and children's activities on each block. 5 to 11 pm. 610-566-5039; [VisitMediaPA.com](http://VisitMediaPA.com).



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## JUNE 6

**Longwood's Wine & Jazz Festival.** Live jazz, fine wines and local fresh fare. This year the festival is expanding to a garden-wide experience with performances on multiple stages throughout the Gardens. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. \$30-\$45. 2 to 9 pm. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

## JUNE 7

**Chester County Mac & Cheese Cook-Off.** Local restaurants, businesses and hometown cooks compete against each other for the title "Best Mac-n-Cheese in Chester County." Event organizer: The Rotary Club of Thorndale-Downingtown. 1 Park Ln., Downingtown. Noon to 4. \$5-\$10. MacNCheeseCookOff.com.

## JUNE 13

**Brandywine Food & Wine Festival.** Local wineries, food prepared by local restaurants and caterers, artisans and musicians come together for a day of fun at Greater Chester Valley Sports Association, 137 Line Road, Malvern. 12 to 6 pm. Tickets \$5-\$20. 610-444-3842; BVWineTrail.com.

## FUNDRAISERS..... THROUGH JUNE 7

**Main Line Art Center's Spring Gala Exhibition & Fundraiser.** Stunning professional works of art are for sale. Benefits programs for artists with disabilities. Main Line Art Center, 746 Panmure Rd., Haverford. Mon-Fri, 9 to 9; Sat-Sun, 9 to 5. 610-525-8818; ARTSisters.org.

## JUNE 2

**Chester County Futures 15th Annual Golf Classic.** Chester County Futures is a poverty-prevention program providing academic, mentoring and scholarship support for motivated, disadvantaged Chester County youth. Applebrook Golf Club, 100 Line Rd., Malvern. 11:30 am to 8 pm. Registration starts at \$700. 610-458-9926; CCFutures.org.

## JUNE 5

**Morris Arboretum's Annual Moonlight & Roses Gala.** Cocktails in the Rose Garden followed by dinner and dancing. Benefits the Arboretum's gardens and historic features. 100 E. Northwestern Ave., Philadelphia. 6 to 11:30 pm. Tickets start at \$150. 215-247-5777; MorrisArboretumGala.org.

## JUNE 6

**American Helicopter Museum Gala.** A Blast from the Past Bash with a "Back to the Future/1950s" theme. Cocktails at 6; dinner and entertainment, 7:30. Open bar, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, auctions and music. 1220 American Blvd., West Chester. 6 to 10. Phone for tickets, 610-436-9600; American-Helicopter.Museum.

## Local Farm Markets

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

**Collegeville Farmers Mkt.,** 217 E. Main St. *Through Nov.,* Sat, 9 to 1. 610-454-1050; CollegevilleFarmersMarket.org.

**Downingtown Farmers Mkt.,** Dane Decor Warehouse Parking Lot, 216 Washington Ave. *Through Nov.,* Sat, 9 to 1. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

**Eagleview Farmers Mkt.,** Town Ctr., Wellington Sq. *Year-round,* Thurs, 3 to 7. 610-836-1391; GrowinRootsPartners.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 Nov.,* Fri, 2 to 6. 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.

**LancasterCountyFarmersMkt.,** 389 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne. *Year-round,* Wed, Fri, 8 to 6, Sat, 8 to 4. 610-688-9856; LancasterCountyFarmersMarket.com.

**Malvern Farmers Mkt.,** Burke Park, Roberts Rd. & 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.,* Thurs, 3 to 7. 610-566-5039; MediaFarmersMarket.com.

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

**Oxford Village Mkt.,** 3rd & Locust Sts. *Through Oct.,* Tues, 2 to 6. 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org.

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

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

**Upper Merion Farmers Mkt.,** 175 W. Valley Forge Rd. *Through Nov.,* Sat, 9 to 1. 610-265-1071; UpperMerionFarmersMarket.org.

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

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

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## JUNE 10

**Malvern Fire Company's 9th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser.** A day of golf with lunch, buffet dinner and silent auction. Spring Hollow Golf Club, 3350 Schuylkill Rd, Spring City. \$85. Registration at 11 am. 610-633-9341; MalvernFireCo.com.

## JUNE 12

**Stardust! Natural Lands Trust's Annual Summer Celebration.** Gather for an evening of cocktails, local farm-to-table edibles and an amazing night sky featuring the constellation Bootes (the "Celestial Farmer"), an ever-amazing Saturn, and a brightly-shining Venus. Natural Lands Trust's Stroud Preserve, 454 N. Creek Rd., West Chester. 6:30 pm. Tickets begin at \$200. 610-353-5587; NatLands.org.

## JUNE 14

**Oxford Arts Alliance Garden Party in the Vineyard.** Come out to enjoy the Galer Estate wines and hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. Benefits the Oxford Arts Alliance. Galer Estate Vineyard & Winery, 700 Folly Hill Rd., Kennett Square. 5 to 8. \$50. 610-467-0301; for tickets visit OxfordArt.org/Garden-Party-2015.

## JUNE 18

**Tyler at Twilight Auction.** It's a garden party atmosphere complete with music, cocktails and silent and live auctions. Guests sample delectable menu items from local restaurants while bidding on items and experiences from some of the best local entertainment and shopping establishments in the area. 515 Painter Rd., Media. 6 to 10 pm. \$85. 610-566-9134 TylerArboretum.org.

## JUNE 19-JULY 20

**ARTSister Exhibit at Main Line Art Center.** Benefits New Day Women's Drop-In Center to end human trafficking. Main Line Art Center, 746 Panmure Rd., Haverford. Reception, *June 23*, 6 to 8 pm. Mon-Fri, 9 to 9; Sat-Sun, 9 to 5. 610-525-8818; ARTSisters.org.

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**32nd Annual Demuth Garden Tour & Party.** See exclusive Lancaster locations, with urban gardens and unique home interiors. Demuth Garden Party, *June 5*, featuring live music, hors d'oeuvres and silent art auction at Conestoga House & Gardens, 1608 Marietta Ave., Lancaster. Res. req. Tour, Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, 11 to 5. \$18-\$20. 717-299-9940; Demuth.org.

## JUNE 6

**Annual Bayard Taylor Home & Garden Day.** Featuring homes and gardens in the Landenberg/New London area. Visitors can sample food and beverages from local restaurants and merchants and enjoy local artists and musicians. Benefits Bayard Taylor Memorial Library. 10 to 4. Tour, \$35. 610-444-2702; BayardTaylor.org.

## JUNE 6

**New Hope Historical Society's 22nd Annual Garden Tour.** Six private Bucks County gardens are on this self-guided tour. Benefits the Parry Mansion Museum in New Hope. Map, directions and description of gardens with ticket. 10 to 4. \$35. 215-862-5652; NewHopeHS.org.



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**MUSEUMS.....**  
**THROUGH AUGUST 23**  
**Brandywine River Museum Exhibits & Events.** *Through July 19,* “Horace Pippin: The Way I See It.” *Through Aug. 23,* “Pointed Pens: Selected Cartoons from the Permanent Collection.” *June 3, 10,* Plein Air Painting at Laurels Preserve and Waterloo Mills Preserve, to register, 610-388-8386. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. Daily 9:30 to 4:30. \$6–\$15. 610-388-2700; BrandywineMuseum.org.

**THROUGH AUGUST**  
**Chester County Historical Society Events & Exhibit.** “The 1960s Pop Culture: Movies, Memorabilia and the Media,” The Steve and Michell Friedman Collection. 225 N. High St., West Chester. Wed–Sat, 9:30 to 4:30. 610-692-4800; ChesterCoHistorial.org.

**THROUGH SEPTEMBER 7**  
**Brandywine Treasure Trail Passport.** Valid for one general admission visit at each of the 11 area sites. Passports start at just \$45. For a list of attractions, visit BrandywineTreasures.org.

**THROUGH NOVEMBER**  
**Christian C. Sanderson Museum.** New: The Abraham Lincoln Exhibit, And “Sanderson’s Summer Stories” where children enjoy an interactive book reading and participate in a related craft and snack. 1755 Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. Thurs–Sat, noon to 4 or by appt. \$5. 610-388-6545; SandersonMuseum.org.

**THROUGH JANUARY 3, 2016**  
**Winterthur Museum—A Colorful Folk: Pennsylvania Germans & the Art of Everyday Life.** A comprehensive exhibition exploring the unique world of the Pennsylvania Germans and their colorful folk art. 5105 Kennett Pk. (Rt. 52), Winterthur. Tues–Sun, 10 to 5. \$5–\$20. 800-448-3883; Winterthur.org.

**MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT.....**  
**JUNE 2–JULY 7**  
**Eagleview Town Center Concerts on the Square.** *June 2,* Dylan Jane, Paul Kenn and Ian Foster; *June 9,* Writers-in-the-Round; *June 16,* Anthony D’Amato; *June 23,* The Bros. Landreth and Nora Jane Struthers; *July 7,* Shook Twins with Mason Porter. Concerts through Aug. 25. Canned food items requested for Chester County Food Bank. Wellington Square, Eagleview. 7 pm. Free. In case of rain, phone 800-851-2779. InEagleview.com.

**JUNE 4–26**  
**At The Colonial Theatre.** *June 4,* Leon Russell, \$25–\$39.50; *June 7,* Theatre Organ Concert, 2 pm, \$5–15; *June 20,* Vic Dibitetto with Fred Rubino, \$25–\$30; *June 26,* Bringing Back the Bacons, benefitting both Association of the Colonial Theatre (ACT) and French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust, \$50–\$100. 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 8 pm. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.



**JUNE 6**  
**Wayne Magazine Music Festival.** Come out and enjoy the music and festivities on N. Wayne Ave., Wayne. Noon to 10 pm. Wayne-Magazine.com.

**JUNE 6–27**  
**Bryn Mawr Twilight Concert Series.** *June 6,* XPN Welcomes John Gorka, opener Laura Promiscuo; *June 7,* Tresspass: Genesis Tribute Band; *June 12,* Cabin Dogs; *June 19,* Larry McKenna & The Girls of Summer; *June 20,* David Wilcox, opener Mark Schultz; *June 27,* Recess Monkey, kids night. Concerts through Aug. 8. Bryn Mawr Gazebo, 9 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr. 7 pm. \$12 donation. 610-864-4303; BrynMawrTwilightConcerts.com.

**JUNE 7**  
**Jazz at the Springs.** Grab chairs and blankets and settle in for an afternoon of great jazz. On the old tennis courts behind the Chester Springs Studio, 1668 Art School Rd., Chester Springs. The Washington Bldg in case of rain. 3 pm. Free. 610-827-7414; YellowSprings.org.

**JUNE 13**  
**15th Annual State Street Blues Stroll in Downtown Media.** WXPB welcomes a tremendous line-up of performances. State St. 6 pm to 1 am. \$20–\$25, one ticket admits to all stages. StateStreetBlues.com.

**JUNE 14–JULY 12**  
**West Goshen Summer Concerts.** *June 14,* Cat’s Pajamas; *June 28,* The Greaseband; *July 12,* Zydeco-A-Go-Go. Concerts through Aug. 23. West Goshen Comm. Park, N. Five Points & Fern Hill Rds. Rainsite: West Chester East High Sch. Auditorium. Dry goods donations for West Chester Food Cupboard. 6:30 pm. 610-696-5266; WGoshen.org.

**JUNE 14–JULY 12**  
**Miller Park Summer Concert Series.** *June 14,* Greaseband; *June 28,* Lights Out: A Frankie Valli Tribute Band; *July 12,* Chico’s Vibe,

fireworks at 9:30. Concerts through August 23. Albert C. Miller Memorial Park, 220 Miller Way, Exton. 6:30. Free. Rain dates the following Sunday. 610-363-9525; West-Whiteland.org.

**JUNE 17–JULY 3**  
**Delaware County Summer Festival.** Grab your blankets and enjoy these summer performances. *June 17,* Rose Tree Pops and Westminster Presbyterian Choir; *June 18,* Charlie Gracie; *June 19,* James Day & The Fish Fry; *June 20,* Eaglemania: Eagles Tribute; *June 21,* Chico’s Vibe; *June 24,* Chester County Concert Band—Peter Moses at 10 am; *June 25,* An Evening with the Eric Mintel Quintet; *June 26,* Wojamm & Shiron Denise; *June 27,* Philbilly; *June 28,* Live at the Fillmore; *July 1,* Sensational Soul Cruisers; *July 2,* Upper Darby Sousa Band; *July 3,* Steve Pullara & His Cool Beans Band, 10 am. Concerts through August 16. Rose Tree Park, Rt. 252 & Providence Rd., Upper Providence. 7:30. Free. 610-891-4455; Co.Delaware.PA.US/Summer.

**JUNE 20**  
**Kennett Symphony of Chester County, “Classical Music Goes to the Movies.”** “Tonight’s concert will be a night of ‘I didn’t know I knew that!’” according to conductor Michael Hall. Longwood Gardens Open Air Theatre, 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. 7 pm. \$10–\$45. 610-444-6363; KennettSymphony.org.



**JUNE 23, JULY 7**  
**Longwood Gardens Summer Concert Series.** Get your tickets early as the summer lineup is heating up! *June 12–13,* The Savoy Company, *see Theater;* *June 23,* Mary Chapin Carpenter with special guest Aoife O’Donovan; *July 7,* Peter Yarrow and Noel Paul Stookey. Concerts through Sept. 26. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Most free with garden admission. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

**JUNE 24, JULY 1**  
**Summer Concert Series at Anson B. Nixon Park.** Enjoy a free concert in the park, light supper available for purchase. *June 24,* Dukes of Destiny; *July 1,* Christine Havrilla and Gypsy Fuzz. Concerts though Aug. 12. Walnut Rd., Kennett Square. 7 to 9 pm. Free. 610-444-1416; AnsonBNixonPark.org.

**JUNE 25, JULY 9**  
**Summer in the Park Concert Series at Wilson Farm Park.** *June 25,* Chico’s Vibe; *July 9,* Cool Confusion. Concerts through July 30. Wilson Farm Park, 500 Lee Rd., Chesterbrook. 7 pm. Free. 610-408-3626; Tredyffrin.org/Departments/Parks.

**OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.....**  
**SATURDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER**  
**Schuylkill River Pedal and Paddle.** Take a 4.5 mile bike ride from Pottstown’s Riverfront Park to Historic Morlatton Village in Douglassville. Lunch, bikes, kayaks and all kayaking gear are provided. 9 to 2. \$25. To register phone 484-945-0200 or visit SchuylkillRiver.org.

**JUNE 6**  
**Relay For Life.** Take up the fight against cancer and honor those affected by the disease. Walk the track and enjoy games, activities, music, food and drinks. The event will close with a moving luminaria ceremony. Great Valley High School, 225 Phoenixville Pk., Malvern. 3 to 9 pm. RelayForLife.org/PaGreatValley.

**JUNE 6–12**  
**17th Annual Schuylkill River Sojourn.** A 112-mile guided canoe or kayak trip, beginning in Schuylkill Haven and ending in Philadelphia.

Enjoy rapids, songs at the campsites and celebrations in the river towns. 484-945-0200; SchuylkillRiver.org/Sojourn.aspx.

**JUNE 7**  
**Radnor Conservancy Race For Open Space.** Bring the entire family as there’s a shorter course for walkers and activities for children. Begin at Willows Park in Radnor, through scenic woods and past the community garden in Skunk Hollow Park and end at Willows Cottage. Registration at 8, race at 9. 610-688-8202; To register, Radnor Conservancy.org.

**JUNE 14**  
**Annual French Creek Iron Tour Cycling for Open Space.** Riders participate on a course



designed for all levels, ranging from 12 to 100 miles. Benefits French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust. Kimberton Fire Co. Fairgrounds, 752 Pike Springs Rd., Phoenixville. Check website for times. \$40; under 15, free. 610-933-7577; IronTour.org.

**JUNE 18**  
**4th Annual Trail Blazer Run.** Five-mile trail run and 1.5 mile family fun hike. Benefits the East Bradford Township Trail Program. Paradise Farm Camps, 1300 Valley Creek Rd., Downingtown. 6:30 pm. Food and beverage by Victory Brewing Co. RunTheDay.com.

**JUNE 25–28**  
**24th Annual Pottstown Rumble.** Premiere grass doubles volleyball tournament, attracting nationally ranked pros, amateurs and kids. Vendors and music throughout the weekend. Manatawny Park, 61 W. King St., Pottstown. PottstownRumble.com.

**JUNE 28**  
**33rd Canal Day.** Fun at Lock 60 on the Schuylkill Canal with water sports competitions, a canal joust, games, crafts, a horse-shoe tournament, food, music, races and more. Schuylkill Canal Lock 60 & St. Michael’s Park, Mont Clare. 8:30 to 4. \$15. 610-917-0021; SchuylkillCanal.org.

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## THEATER.....

JUNE 3-28

**How to Write a New Book for the Bible.** Jesuit priest and award-winning playwright, Bill Cain, brings personal history, humor and heart to this play about a man who must care for his dying mother. People's Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Call for curtain times. \$27-\$68. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

JUNE 16-21

**My Mother Has 4 Noses.** Singer/songwriter Jonatha Brooke shares her experiences with her mother, weaving 10 new songs through her

stories. People's Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Call for curtain times. \$27-\$68. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

JUNE 12-13

**The Savoy Company Presents Patience.** The story of 20 lovesick maidens who abandon their fiancées to moon over two poets. Longwood Gardens, 1001 E. Baltimore Pk., Kennett Square, 8:30 p.m. \$30. 215-735-7161; Savoy.org.

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

JUNE 5

**First Fridays.** Stroll through area towns to find

exhibits, galleries, restaurant specials, entertainment and extended hours. **Kennett Square,** 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com. **Lancaster City,** 717-509-ARTS; LancasterArts.com. **Oxford,** 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org. **Wayne,** 610-687-7698; FirstFridayWayne.com. **West Chester,** 610-738-3350; DowntownWestChester.com; **Wilmington,** 302-576-2100; ArtLoopWilmingtonDE.com.

JUNE 18

**Malvern Stroll, Third Thursdays.** The shops on King Street are open until 8 and offer special trunk shows, demonstrations, entertainment and refreshments, plus specials at restaurants offer specials. MalvernBusiness.com.

JUNE 18

**Third Thursday on State Street in Kennett Square.** Visitors enjoy outdoor dining, shopping, live music, strolling entertainers and kid's activities. 6 to 10. 610-444-8188. HistoricKennettSquare.com.

JUNE 11-AUGUST 20

**Town Tours & Village Walks.** Mark your calendars for the 21st summer of sharing Chester County's heritage. Free summer strolls take you through the county's historic neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and sites. **June 11,** West Chester Kick-Off and Tour, pre-registration required; **June 14,** Special Program: tour Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, 3 pm, phone 610-648-5835; **June 18,** Freedmen, Fugitives and Friends, Kennett Square; **June 25,** Longwood Progressive Meeting; **July 9,** Under the Groud at Yellow Springs; **July 16,** Into West Vincent: A Journey to Freedom; **July 23,** A Walk in the Park: Exploring Phoenixville's Reeves Park; **July 30,** Walking Through History on the Chester Valley Trail; **August 6,** Quakers and the Underground Railroad in the Coatesville Area; **August 13,** Historic West Grove Borough; **August 20,** West Whiteland Township: 250 Years of History by Trolley in West Whiteland, must pre-register for this one, tour leaves at 3 pm. Other tours begin at 5:30; last tour leaves at 7 pm. Free. Light refreshments are served on all tours. 610-344-6285; ChesCo.org/Planning/TownTours. ♦

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## THEATRE SPOTLIGHT

# This Summer, Celebrate Love

at PEOPLE'S LIGHT

JUNE 3-AUGUST 23

**PEOPLE'S LIGHT**, the professional regional theater in the heart of Chester County, celebrates the end of its 40th anniversary season with two new plays about love and the hilarity and heartbreak that come along with it.

Bill Cain's *How to Write a New Book for the Bible*, running from June 3-28, follows a son attempting to care for his gravely ill mother in the last months of her life, a task made all the more challenging by his mom's wit, charm and uncanny ability to outsmart him at every turn.

**MARY (to her physical therapist):** Well, Zach, do I pass?

**THERAPIST:** Your son seems to think you need a cane, but as far as I can see -

**MARY:** He's a good boy. He's just worried about me.

**THERAPIST:** Now if you ever do need any help -

**MARY:** No, Billy will take care of me. He doesn't have anything better to do. He's a writer.



Stella & Lou playwright Bruce Graham.

Bruce Graham's *Stella & Lou*, set in a South Philly bar, runs from July 15-August 23 and features a middle-aged man and woman facing their last shot at love, fighting as hard as they can to resist the powerful forces drawing them together. Will they realize that they're made for each other, or walk away?

**STELLA:** I'm gonna' have another.

**LOU:** Two beers. You're not gonna' get outta' hand, are ya?

**STELLA (slightly flirtatious):** Full moon. Ya never know. Think you could handle me?

**LOU:** I got a baseball bat back here somewhere.

These tender, funny, unsentimental plays take an incisive look at the complicated ties that bind us to and separate us from the people most central to our lives, the people that delight us like no one else, and frustrate us like no one else.

Come celebrate the beautiful mess of love at People's Light this summer. ♦

- Mary Elizabeth Scallen



## IF YOU GO:

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

**When:** *How to Write a New Book for the Bible*, June 3-28  
*Stella & Lou*, July 15-August 23

**Box Office:** 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org



Alda Cortese as Mary and Greg Wood as Bill in *How to Write a New Book for the Bible*.






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# Beyond the Pages

## Audiobooks are expanding story time.

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AUDIOBOOKS ARE A STRANGE DICHOTOMY of analog and digital, ancient and modern. After all, what's older than listening to stories? But what's more current than putting a new release on your phone and listening in minutes? Writing once available only on a stone tablet can now be enjoyed in the voice of your favorite actor on your iPad or other tablet, while you sit at home, exercise at the gym, or drive to the shore.

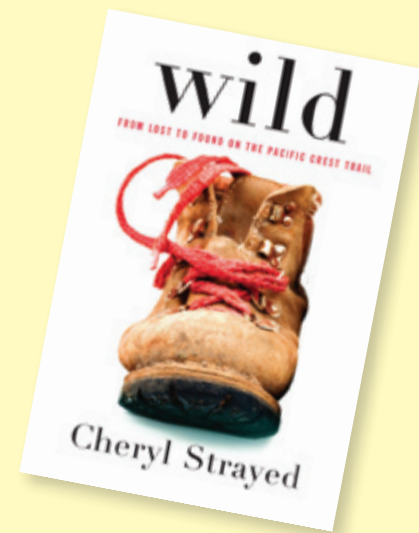
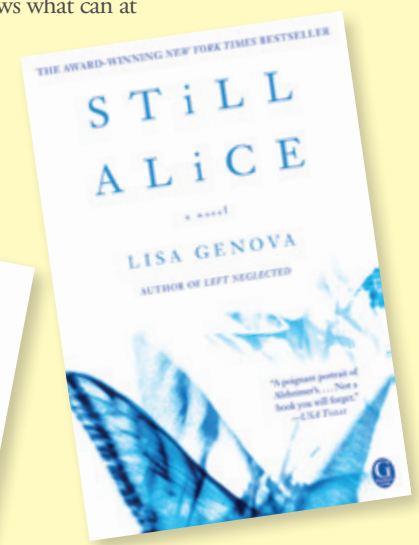
Those who are already fond of audiobooks for their commute, long drives or just to enjoy their favorite writing are well versed in the pleasures of listening to stories on tape, or CD or iTunes audio file. But the new technology that cut the old-school audio-tape out of the equation has led to a surge in audiobook popularity among those already in the know, and new users who'd never considered the medium before. Not everyone realizes you can put an audiobook on your digital device as easily as you transfer files from your music CDs.

Here are some of my audiobook picks for your summer car trip, to feel like you're escaping your office, or just for fun.

### Still Alice

by Lisa Genova  
read by the author

*Still Alice* has been a breakout *New York Times* Best-Seller, and basis for an Oscar-winning movie, by first-time author Lisa Genova, who holds a Ph.D. in neuroscience from Harvard University. The novel follows what can at times feel like Alice Howland's descent into madness, but is in actuality her journey with early-onset Alzheimer's disease.





This is a serious, sometimes heartbreaking read, so I'd recommend it for a quiet moment alone and not a raucous Griswold-family-style vacation car trip.

**Wild**  
by Cheryl Strayed  
read by Bernadette Dunne

If you're setting out on an adventure, heading into the wilderness, or making big life changes, this might be the perfect soundtrack for your journey. The words "honest" and "unflinching" seem specially created to describe this story. Cheryl Strayed has dealt with her mother's death by destroying her relationship, going on a dangerous drug-fueled bender. She roams

aimlessly, both geographically and sexually, until she decides to give structure to her life by hiking the Pacific Crest Trail.

**Gone Girl**  
by Gillian Flynn  
read by Kirby Heyborne and Julia Whelan

Didn't pick up the book? Haven't seen the movie? Or maybe you loved both. Either way, this suspenseful thriller will make the hours of a long drive fly by. It's Nick and Amy Dunne's fifth wedding anniversary when we meet the couple and Amy goes missing. You can't help but suspect Nick, and thanks to Amy's diary entries, you can't entirely blame whoever did it. A surprising plot twist or two will keep you on

the edge of your seat with this one, read for maximum listening pleasure by a man and woman for Nick's and Amy's parts.

**Bossypants**  
by Tina Fey  
ready by the author

This book, along with Amy Poehler's *Yes, Please* (also read by that author), is a delight to listen to being performed by a familiar, beloved voice even if you've read it a million times. I say performed, instead of read, because Tina Fey's and Amy Poehler's stand-up comic backgrounds really enliven these performances in a way even the most engaging actors' who read audiobooks would envy. But be careful about listening

to this one at work—you will definitely laugh out loud.

**The End of the Affair**  
by Graham Greene  
read by Colin Firth

If you've ever dreamt of being read to by Mr. Darcy, this is your chance. Reading one of Greene's more sadly romantic books, Firth's storytelling is as poignantly emotional as the love affair that's recounted in the novel. This would be a great way to sneak some classic literature into your audio diet, with a bit of Hollywood glamour for seasoning.

**The Handmaid's Tale**  
by Margaret Atwood  
read by Claire Danes

I really didn't think you could elevate Margaret Atwood, and I'm sure actress Claire Danes would demure at the idea. But if it's possible, Danes' pitch-perfect telling of the story makes this dystopian future even more engaging than it already was. Despite knowing the story, I was never bored for a second and looked forward to how Carrie Mathison, I mean Danes, would play this part or that. If you've devoured Atwood's new *MaddAddam* trilogy and are hungry for more, this is a delicious morsel.

**The Harry Potter Series**  
by J. K. Rowling  
read by Jim Dale

I mention this reading mostly because Jim Dale is a superstar in the audiobook world, in the same way that Harry Potter is a star of the wizards' world. Dale is remarkable for the voices he comes up with to narrate a tale—134 voices specifically for the *Harry Potter* septet! This is a real family-wide, multi-generational crowd pleaser. Dale is also known for his readings of *The Night Circus*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Around the World in 80 Days*, and *Peter Pan*. ♦

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Just like Best Seller lists and Top 100 lists for books in print, certain audiobooks have developed cult followings, especially those with famous readers and inspired matches between reader and material. Here are a few to check out after you get the audiobook bug.

### Classics

- Jeremy Irons reads Vladimir Nabokov's *Lolita*
- Alan Cumming reads Bram Stoker's *Dracula*
- Anne Hathaway reads L. Frank Baum's *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*
- Nicole Kidman reads Virginia Woolf's *To The Lighthouse*
- Patrick Stewart reads Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*
- Hugh Laurie reads Johnathan Swift's *Gulliver's Travels*

## Contemporary Fiction

- Jenna Lamia, Bahni Turpin, Octavia Spencer and Cassandra Campbell read Kathryn Stockett's *The Help*
- Dustin Hoffman reads Jerzy Kosinski's *Being There*
- Diane Keaton reads Joan Didion's *Slouching Towards Bethlehem*
- Toni Morrison reads her *Song of Solomon*
- Samuel L. Jackson reads Chester Himes' *A Rage in Harlem*

## Bios and Autobiographies

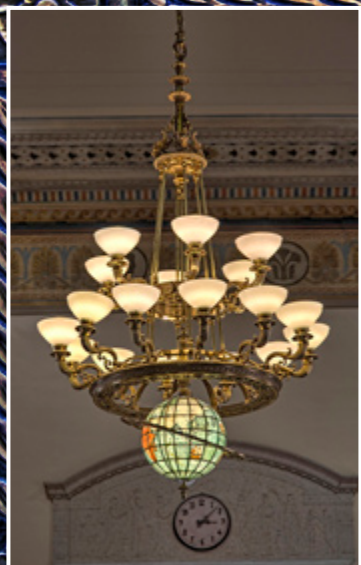
- Johnny Depp and others read Keith Richard's *Life*
- Ellen DeGeneres reads her *The Funny Thing Is...*
- Patti Smith reads her *Just Kids*
- Mindy Kaling reads her *Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me*

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Story by Malcolm Johnstone  
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RICHARD MOE, former president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, said it best: “West Chester is a real, living, dynamic town that appreciates and capitalizes on its rich past, while keeping a watchful eye on the future.” His words could not be more true.

West Chester is meeting the challenge of growth—Chester County is the fastest growing county in the region—and through its attention to preservation continues to maintain the historic fabric of southeast Pennsylvania.

To maintain these structures, adaptive reuse is a must. What was once a factory has become loft apartments; the armory is scheduled to become a theater; and a theater has become a hotel. Things change, yet some things remain the same, with elements of the past embedded in the old walls.

Each of the historic buildings in West Chester has a story—and many have a series of stories. Some, like the 1833 Lincoln Building on Market Street at Wilmot Mews, shares part of our national history. Others, like the 1789 Darlington Building on North High Street, reflect the opportunities of the early settlers.

Each story is different, each contributed to who we are today, and to what makes West Chester ... well, West Chester.

### For Whom the Bell Tolls

Glance at most of the historic structures downtown and you can not only see how

West Chester looked 150 years ago, but also how it sounded. Every hour, the bell at the historic County Courthouse rings as it did when first rang on September 3, 1838. The original clock tower sat on the first courthouse that opened in 1786.

In 1846, what's now the historic courthouse replaced the original and the clock tower was made taller and placed in its current location. The original bell is inscribed “Cast by J. Willbank, Philadelphia, 1838.” It still rings as it did on its first day.

John Hall, a local watchmaker, was the first clock caretaker and served in that capacity until 1862. It took him 45-minutes to wind the eight-day movement. Today, electric motors and movements installed in the 1950's have replaced the original mechanisms.

### Banking on History

Known as the Old Chester County Bank Building, and now home to Wells Fargo Bank on North High Street, the Greek Revival architecture of this 1838 Thomas U. Walter structure defined West Chester as the “Athens of the West.”

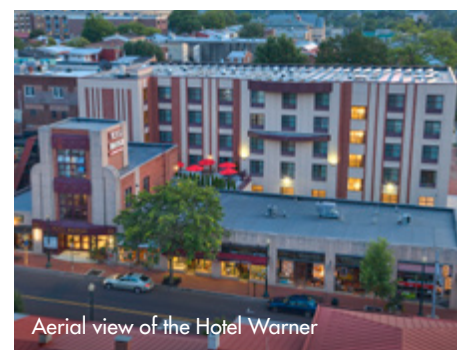
Inscribed into the portico is Thomas U. Walter, Architect. This insures that there remains no doubt who designed such a grand building. The massive chandelier anchors the lobby with its glass globe symbolically presenting the world to all who enter.

COVER: above: Historic Chester County Courthouse, High & Market Streets; below: First block of North High Street.

THIS PAGE: from top: Old Chester County Bank Building, 17 North High St; Tiffany-style Chandelier aerial view, North High St.



View of F&M Building from Courtroom One



Aerial view of the Hotel Warner

Farmers & Mechanics Building 1910 and today (right)



Warner Theatre 1930 (left) and today



### West Chester's Skyscraper

The most striking feature of the Farmers & Mechanics (F&M) Building is that it's West Chester's first and only skyscraper. Located at High and Market Street, the six-story structure was designed by William C. Prichett and completed in 1908. At a height of 90-feet, the Beaux Arts-style building remains the tallest commercial structure downtown. The neoclassical exterior is faced with Indiana limestone and yellow hard-face brick with decorative terra cotta details.

Recently purchased by Myles Development Company, the F&M Building is slated for adaptive reuse with plans for a 40-room luxury hotel. A restaurant will be located on the first floor and mezzanine, while the roof deck will feature a swimming pool with tapas-style dining and a great view of the town.

### A Bit of Art Nouveau

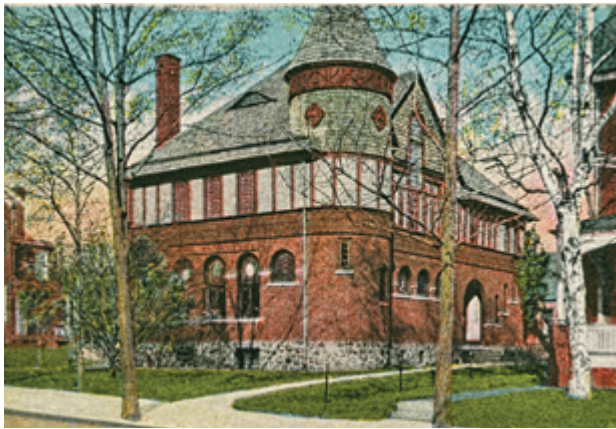
In the 1920s, Hollywood movie studios began building giant single-screen auditoriums featuring plush décor and the newest movie technology, all to the delight of America's audi-

ences. West Chester was selected by Warner Bros. Pictures as the location for an opulent 1,600-seat regional theater. The Warner Theatre opened in 1930 at 120 North High Street, replacing a horse stable and corral that had previously occupied the space.

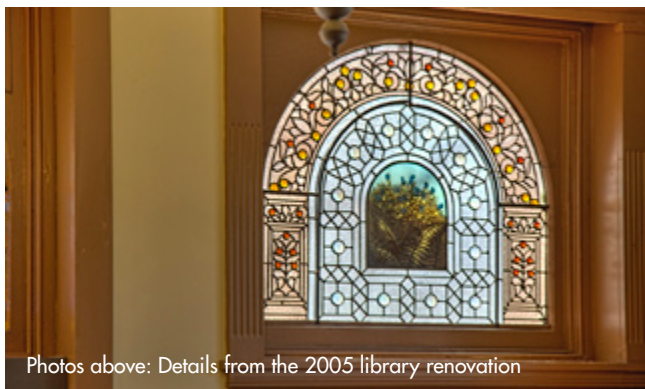
Everything about it was new, including its Art Deco design. The developer, the Stanley Company of America, along with the architect firm Rapp & Rapp of Chicago, eventually designed more than 400 such theaters throughout the country.

By the 1980s, the Warner Theatre could no longer compete with new trends and was demolished in 1986 to become a parking lot. But the original façade was preserved and what had been the theater lobby is now the lobby of The Hotel Warner.

The staircase leading to the second floor still remains in all its original elegance. The 80 rooms of the new hotel are where the theatre auditorium once was. Local developer and owner Brian McFadden worked with Bernardon Haber Holloway Architects of Kennett Square to design the hotel and insured the architecture of the new wing complements the historic design.



West Chester Public Library circa 1900 (top) and today



Photos above: Details from the 2005 library renovation

### West Chester Public Library

Although West Chester's first Library Company was formed in 1815, it wasn't until 1872 that the West Chester Public Library was established and eventually found a permanent home at 415 North Church Street. The Queen Anne style structure, constructed in 1888, was designed by T. Roney Williamson and features a tower accented by copper making it one of West Chester's most impressive public buildings.

Of special note are five windows of Tiffany-style glass. Three windows illustrate quotes by Bayard Taylor (1825-1878), a nationally known author from Chester County.

In 2005, a \$2.3-million renovation of the library was completed under the guidance of the architectural firm Frens & Frens, doubling the usable space while preserving the historic features.



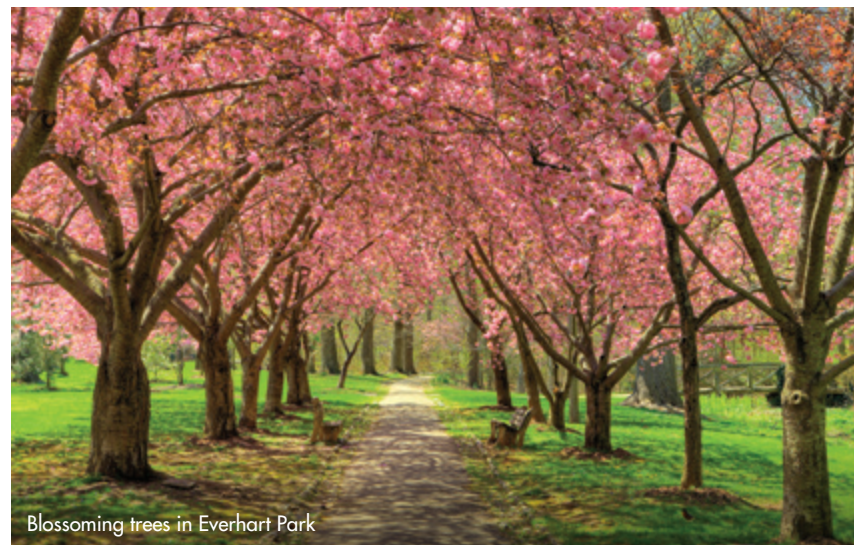
Marshal Square Park Monument to 97th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment in 1890 (left) and today



Site of Marshall Square Park fountain in 1920s (top) and today.



Images of Everhart Park circa 1900



Blossoming trees in Everhart Park

### Historic Parks

Inspired by Washington Square Park in Philadelphia, Marshall Square Park (at Marshall and Matlack Streets) was first developed as an arboretum for botanical research to provide "suitable walks and introducing various ornamental trees and shrubbery." In 1878 it became a public park, predating New York City's Central Park by nine years. It's named after Humphrey Marshall, a local farmer who was one of America's first true botanists.

When the Civil War ended, plans began to erect a 50-foot tall monument honoring West Chester's 97th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment. It took 23 years to fund and complete, but the monument now occupies the highest point in the Borough at the southwest corner of the park. Supported by

Friends of Marshall Square Park with oversight by West Chester Parks & Recreation, the park hosts events throughout the year.

Everhart Park (at Bradford Avenue and West Miner Street) was donated to the Borough of West Chester in 1905 by Dr. Isaiah Everhart. It provides a dog run (dogs must be leashed and curbed), children's playground, walking paths, picnic areas and public events.

Everhart Park was the scene of the great American artist Horace Pippin's last work, a painting of a red bench. There is an actual red bench in the park that's maintained by Friends of Everhart Park with oversight by West Chester Parks & Recreation. The painting, *Man on a Bench*, is on exhibit at the Brandywine River Museum, "The Way I See It," through July 19. ♦



The Red Bench in Everhart Park.



Horace Pippin painting, on exhibit at the Brandywine River Museum.

# BEST SUMMER EVENTS IN WEST CHESTER

**THURSDAYS, JUNE 4–SEPTEMBER 3**  
**SWINGIN’ SUMMER THURSDAYS.** Great food, live music, clowns, artists, magicians, jugglers & more. *June 4*, TBA; *July 2*, Nxt 2 Normal and Phyllis Chapell & Siora; *Aug. 6*, Those People and The Mighty Manatees; *Sept. 3*, Dirk Quinn and Dirty People. Gay St. between High & Darlington or High & Matlack. 6:30 to 9:30. 610-436-9010; DowntownWestChester.com.

**JUNE 5, SEPT. 4, OCT. 2**  
**VINTAGE GARAGE SALE.** Live music, food, wine tastings and vintage home goods, clothing, jewelry, art and more for sale. Parking Garage, 14 E. Chestnut St. 610-436-9010; AVintageGarageSale.com.



**JUNE 6**  
**WEST CHESTER’S 13TH ANNUAL “UP ON THE ROOF”.** See *Of Special Note* in this issue.

**JUNE 6**  
**WEST CHESTER SPRING FLEA MARKET & BIKE SALE.** West Chester Municipal Bldg., 401 E. Gay St., West Chester. 9 to 1. 610-436-9010; WestChester.com.

**JUNE 7**  
**SUPER SUNDAY.** A huge street festival with kid’s crafts, games, rides, food vendors, live bands and artisans. Gay St., from Matlack to Darlington Sts.; High St. from Chestnut to Market Sts. 11 to 5. 610-692-7574; West-Chester.com.



**JUNE 11, JUNE 18, JULY 9, JULY 16**  
**UPTOWN! ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS ... Films:** *June 11*, Elvis Presley double feature, *Viva Las Vegas* at 6:30, *Jailhouse Rock* at 8. *July 9*, *Independence Day*, 7 pm. Doors open at 6. Donation suggested. *Jazz Cocktail Hour: June 18*, Drew Nugent & The Midnight Society; *July 16*, The Larry McKenna Quartet. Doors open at 6; concert 6:30. \$15. Ballroom at the Westside, 430 Hannum Ave., West Chester. UptownWestChester.org.

**JUNE 11–AUGUST 20**  
**TOWN TOURS & VILLAGE WALKS.** Mark your calendars for the 20th summer of sharing Chester

County’s heritage. Free summer strolls take you through the County’s historic neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and sites. *June 11*, West Chester Kick-Off and Tour. ChesCo.org/Planning/TownTours. See *Events in this issue* for more.

**JUNE 18, JULY 16, AUGUST 20**  
**MUSIC AT MARSHALL SQUARE PARK.** Come to the gazebo in Marshall Square Park for these picnic concerts. Visit the website for performers. 248 E. Marshall St. 6:30 pm. Free. 610-436-9010; MarshallSquarePark.org.

**JUNE 21**  
**FATHERFEST AT THE AMERICAN HELICOPTER MUSEUM.** Bring Dad to the museum for the antique car and motorcycle show, remote control drone air show and helicopter ride. 1220 American Blvd. 11 to 3. \$10; helicopter rides, \$50. 610-436-9600; AmericanHelicopter.Museum/Events.



**JUNE 20**  
**ANNUAL TRIAL RUN, 5K RUN/WALK.** Enjoy a scenic, shaded, fast course through the Borough. Cash prizes for top finishers. Benefits Legal Aid of SE Pennsylvania. Registration 7:30 am. Run and walk, 8. \$8–\$10. TrialRun5K.com.

**JUNE 28**  
**17TH ANNUAL CHESTER COUNTY CHALLENGE FOR CANCER BIKE TOURS.** Premiere bike ride in Chester County. 63-, 50- and 25-mile non-competitive rides, 10- and 5-mile family rides benefit The Cancer Program at the Hospital and Neighborhood Hospice. Begins at Fern Hill Med. Office Bldg., 915 Old Fern Hill Rd. Reg. 7:30 am. \$45–\$55. 610-431-5329; CCCRRide.com.

**JUNE 14**  
**CHESTER COUNTY HOSPITAL POLO CUP.** See *Of Special Note* in this issue.

**JUNE 14–AUGUST 23**  
**WEST GOSHEN SUMMER CONCERTS.** West Goshen Comm. Park, N. Five Points & Fern Hill Rds. 6:30 pm. 610-696-5266; WGGoshen.org. See *Events in this issue* for more.

**JULY 10**  
**FREE THEATRE IN THE PARKS.** Pack a picnic, bring a blanket, sit back and enjoy Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company’s *The Tempest*. Everhart Park, 100 S. Brandywine St. 7 pm. CommonwealthClassicTheatre.org.

**JULY 19**  
**33RD ANNUAL TURK’S HEAD MUSIC FESTIVAL.** Great bands, lots of crafters, children’s activities and food vendors. Everhart Park, 100 S. Brandywine St. Noon to 8 pm. Rain date, July 26. 610-436-9010; TurksHeadFestival.com.

**JULY 27–AUGUST 1**  
**GOSHEN COUNTRY FAIR.** 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; GoshenCountryFair.org.

**AUGUST 5**  
**3RD ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME.** West Chester Borough Police Department invites families to enjoy live entertainment, free refreshments, kid’s activities, police displays, fire and EMS vehicles and a meet-and-greet with local responders. West Chester Municipal Bldg., 401 E. Gay St., West Chester. 6 to 9.

**AUGUST 8**  
**IRON HILL TWILIGHT CRITERIUM.** 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. IronHill-TwilightCriterium.com.



**AUGUST 16**  
**TOUCH A TRUCK DAY.** See different models of cars and trucks—dump trucks, cement mixers, fire trucks, new cars and everything in between. Chester County Gov. Services Complex, 601 Westtown Rd. Noon to 4 pm. Parking \$2. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.

**SEPTEMBER 20**  
**CHESTER COUNTY RESTAURANT FESTIVAL.** Great food, a beer and wine garden, live entertainment and vendors. Held on Gay and Market Sts. The beer and wine garden is located on Gay & Church Sts. Noon to 5. Rain date, Sept. 27. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com. ♦



# A Little More of THEN and a Lot More for NOW

**FOR THEN:** If your interest has been piqued by Malcolm Johnstone’s profile of five grand historic buildings and two must-visit parks, then you’ll want to check out the *DowntownWestChester.com* website and blogs to soak up more local history.

Here’s a sample. You’ll read about the 1712 **Dower House**, a stone house on Goshen Road and the oldest continuously occupied.

Or maybe you’ll want to learn more of the history of the first tavern, approved in 1762, and how **The Turks Head** lent its name to the early settlement that became West Chester.

Perhaps you’d like to visit famed architect Thomas U. Walter’s last addition to West Chester in 1848, **Horticultural Hall** (now part of The Chester County Historical Society and also worth a visit).

You can combine a visit to the **Lincoln Building** to see where the first biography of Abraham Lincoln was published in 1860, helping launch his career, and enjoy a spot of tea at The Lincoln Room.

A visit to the **West Chester University** is worth including in your history hunt. Founded as a State Normal School in 1871, WCU is where abolitionist Frederick Douglass made his last speech in 1895. A bronze statue of Douglass was dedicated in 2013 in his honor.

**FOR NOW:** All that history is bound to make you work up an appetite, and there’s no place better than Downtown West Chester to find just the right restaurant to satisfy every taste.

We hope the Restaurant Guide will lead you to a great meal. For more of what’s happening now, check out our Events page.



## RESTAURANT GUIDE

- |                                       |                              |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Los Sabores                        | 22. Lorenzo & Sons Pizza*    |
| 2. Gramm's Kitchen                    | 23. Baco Juice & Taco Bar    |
| 3. Roots Cafe                         | 24. Kildare's Irish Pub      |
| 4. Doc Magrogan's Oyster House        | 25. Penn's Table             |
| 5. Social Lounge & Bar                | 26. Ryan's Pub & Restaurant  |
| 6. Sprout Music Collective            | 27. Olive Branch Rest.       |
| 7. Three Little Pigs                  | 28. Jitter's Sports Bar      |
| 8. Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant     | 29. The Mediterranean        |
| 9. Buddy's Burgers, Breasts and Fries | 30. Landmark Americana       |
| 10. Smoked Tex-Mex                    | 31. Bob Bon Sushi            |
| 11. The Couch Tomato Café             | 32. Nudy's Café              |
| 12. La Mamba                          | 33. Mumbai Bistro            |
| 13. Kooma                             | 34. Pietro's Prime           |
| 14. Saloon 151*                       | 35. Limoncello               |
| 15. Star of India                     | 36. Boxcar Brewery           |
| 16. i-Pasta                           | 37. Más Mexicali Cantina     |
| 17. Avalon                            | 38. Rams Head Bar & Grill    |
| 18. DeStarr's                         | 39. Barnaby's                |
| 19. Teca                              | 40. RapiDOUGH*               |
| 20. Classic Diner                     | 41. Market Street Grill      |
| 21. Side Bar & Restaurant             | 42. Tsunami                  |
|                                       | 43. The Lincoln Room         |
|                                       | 44. Mercato Ristorante & Bar |
|                                       | 45. High Street Caffé        |

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## Dining Outside

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[LochNairn.com](http://LochNairn.com)

See their ad on page 49

A fine dining experience offering food and service of rare excellence. You'll dine by candlelight overlooking the well-manicured country gardens and golf course. *Entertainment:* live music on Tues, 6 to 9 at The Greathouse. *Summertime specials:* offered year-round, Mon, steak and prime rib; Tues, Ladies Night; Wed, Seafood Night; Thurs, BBQ Night; Sun, brunch.

## CHADDS FORD

### The Gables at Chadds Ford

423 Baltimore Pk. 610-388-7700

[TheGablesAtChaddsFord.com](http://TheGablesAtChaddsFord.com)

See their ad on page 44

Nestled in the heart of the historical Brandywine Valley and serving fresh, seasonal cuisine. The setting here is rustic yet elegant and will keep you coming back time and time again. The Gables is also the perfect venue to host your next special event. *When:* May–Oct. *Entertainment:* live music Sunday afternoon. *Summertime specials:* half-price glasses of their award-winning Sangria and delicious bar food on the patio on Sunday afternoons.

## CHESTER SPRINGS

### Limoncello

499 E Uwchlan Ave.

610-524-3112; [LimoncelloCS.com](http://LimoncelloCS.com)

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610-269-6000; BarraRossa.com

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286 Main St.  
610-594-2030; AppetitesOnMain.com  
*See their ad on page 44*

This is a premier open-air, outdoor patio with service to over 20 tables *and* it's pet friendly. When you're here, you feel like you're on vacation. *When:* March–Oct, with heaters in the cooler months. *Entertainment:* Happy Hour DJ on Fri; DJ on Sat. *Summertime specials:* \$3 Coronas on Wed, and \$2 off frozen drinks on Friday.

### Brickside Grille

Eagleview Town Ctr, 540 Wellington Sq.  
610-321-1600; BricksideGrille.com

### Vickers Restaurant

192 E. Welsh Pool Rd.  
610-363-7998; VickersRestaurant.com

## GLEN MILLS

### ★ Shere-E-Punjab

Concordville Towne Center, 301 Byers Dr.  
484-841-6345; ShereEPunjab.com

## KENNETT SQUARE

### Floga Bistro

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

### Half Moon Restaurant & Saloon

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

### Kennett Square Inn

Broad & State Sts.  
610-444-5687; KennettInn.com

### La Verona

114 E. State St.  
610-444-2244; LaVeronaPA.com

*See their ad on page 50*

Enjoy a relaxing evening of fine Italian cuisine on the side patio decorated with fresh herbs and flowers, or watch the activity on State Street seated in front of the restaurant while you indulge in the exquisite fare served here. *When:* Apr–Oct. *Entertainment:* inside, Thurs–Sat. *Summertime specials:* Happy Hour at the bar or outside from 4 to 6. Stop by on 3rd Thursday evenings in Kennett Square, 6 to 10 pm through August.

### Sinclair's Sunrise Café & Tearoom

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Tavola Restaurant & Bar



General Warren



Sunset Grille at the Desmond



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Appetites on Main

### ★ Sovana Bistro

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

## KING OF PRUSSIA

### Creed's Seafood & Steaks

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

## MALVERN

### ★ The Farmhouse at People's Light

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

### The Desmond Hotel Sunset Grille

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

*See their ad on page 49*

The spacious Sunset Grille deck overlooks a wooded pond, with open areas and plenty of comfortable seating under awnings and umbrellas. *When:* June–Aug. *Entertainment:* live music Wed–Sat, evenings 6 to 9. *Summertime specials:* something for every taste, from plates to share to burgers to lobster specials. Party nights and special events (like cigar dinners) throughout the Summer.

### ★ General Warren

9 Old Lancaster Rd.  
610-296-3637; GeneralWarren.com  
*See their ad on page 44*

The Springhouse Terrace features a lower area with a bar made from local materials. Upper terrace features seating under the sky. Serving lunch or dinner menus, small plates, and drinks. The intimate table 1745 is inside the springhouse and seats up to 6. *When:* April–October on Upper Terrace, all year around on lower Terrace. *Summertime specials:* Seasonal cocktails like LemonSecco and Terrace Blue Rum Punch. Also, daily additions to the menu.

### Twenty9 Restaurant & Bar

6 Great Valley Pkwy.  
610-251-9229; Twenty9Restaurant.com

## MEDIA

*See the Events Section in this issue for information about "Dining Under the Stars," on Wednesdays May through September, on State Street.*

### Azie Restaurant

217-219 W. State St. 610-566-4750;  
AzieRestaurant.com

### Riddle Ale House

1073 W. Baltimore Pk.  
610-566-9984; RiddleAleHouse.com  
*See their ad on page 50*

Seasonal outdoor dining on the patio, under an awning, serving casual American cuisine with Italian influence and specializing in hand-carved roast beef sandwiches. *Entertainment:* live music, Quizzo, trivia games (check website for calendar). *Specials:* weekday Happy Hour, 4:30 to 6:30 with half-priced appetizers and \$2 beers.

## PHOENIXVILLE

### ★ Bistro on Bridge

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

*See their ad on page 43*

The perfect ambiance for any occasion, the outdoor dining here is casual and contemporary, complete with cozy couches. If the sun is shining, the furniture is outside. *When:* Apr–Oct. *Summertime specials:* a new spring/summer menu, fresh fruit mojitos, Skinny Girl cocktails and an extensive wine and cocktail menu make this a great place to sit back, relax and enjoy the view.



The Whip Tavern



Pinocchio's Restaurant

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

**Joe's All American Pub**  
519 Kimberton Rd.  
610-935-2136; JoesAllAmericanPub.com

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

## RADNOR

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

## SPRINGFIELD

**Tavola Restaurant & Bar**  
400 W. Sproul Rd.  
610-543-2100; Tavalas.com  
*See their ad on page 51*

Outdoor bar and lounge open year-round and featuring golf course views, fire pits, palm trees, misting system and heat lamps and glass enclosures for colder weather. The innovative menu incorporates a blend of American and Italian cuisines. *Entertainment:* Quizzo on Tues, live music Wed–Sun, plus a DJ Sat–Sun. *Summertime specials:* Happy Hour Mon–Thurs, 4 to 6 with drink specials; Lobster Night, Wed, 4 to 9, featuring fresh whole Maine lobsters flown in daily!

## ST. DAVIDS

**Glenmorgan Bar & Grill**  
593 E. Lancaster Ave.  
610-341-3188; Glenmorgan.com

## WAYNE

**Black Powder Tavern**  
1164 Valley Forge Rd.



Más Mexicali Cantina

## WEST CHESTER

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

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

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9 N. Walnut St.  
610-436-6230; LimoncelloWC.com

★ **Más Mexicali Cantina**  
102 E. Market St.  
610-918-6280; MasMexicali.com  
*See their ad on page 43*

Award winning Mexicali cuisine served on West Chester's only rooftop bar/restaurant. Curb-side dining is also available. *When:* Apr–Nov. *Entertainment:* live music on Sun, Tues, Thurs. DJ on Fri–Sat. Karaoke on Wed. *Summertime specials:* Fish tacos paired with a Más Pepino Margarita is the “go to” combo on the roof!

**Pietro's Prime Steakhouse**  
125 W. Market St.  
484-760-6100; PietrosPrime.com

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

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

## WEST MARLBOROUGH

★ **The Whip Tavern**  
1383 N. Chatham Rd.  
610-383-0600; TheWhipTavern.com

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La Verona

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## Dining Inside

### BRYN MAWR

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# Look Again!

## A NEW VIEW OF WILMINGTON

Emily Hart

When was your last visit to Wilmington? If you think it's a familiar face, grab your keys, head down the pike and rediscover the city. It's worth another look! And a trip will turn your notions of Wilmington and what's fun upside down. If the new indoor trampoline park doesn't give you a thrilling new perspective, dipnetting at the DuPont Environmental Education Center, bites on Market Street in the LOMA district, Art Loops and festival rides will.

"People might hibernate in winter, but in summer everyone comes out," says Fusion salon owner and longtime Wilmington resident Lori Czarnota. She describes a city that's eclectic—sometimes sophisticated, sometimes zany, with loads of new things to do for families, seniors and socialites who love nightlife. Czarnota's ultimate evening out: the crazy Cowboy Monkey Rodeo—where a monkey rides a dog to herd sheep—at the Blue Rocks Stadium, dinner on the deck at Iron Hill Brewery and a moonlight jaunt to catch a band and drinks by lamplight at the Riverfront's FireStone restaurant.

According to Lyn Lewis, director of communications and PR at the Greater Wilmington Convention and Visitors Bureau, Czarnota isn't the only one enjoying the area's transformation. The revitaliza-

tion of old buildings as apartments, the influx of young professionals, and businesses that are responding to millennials' call for a community to live, work and play are behind rapid growth and a vibrant feel across the cityscape.

### Dive into Fun at the Riverfront

A hop and a jump away from Chester County, Stratosphere—Delaware's first indoor trampoline park—takes the concept of bouncing on the bed to new heights. Kids and corporate groups can rocket their spirits while jumping to music in whacky ways: somersault into space at the Hubble Bubble, flip out on three trampoline tracks or—if laughter doesn't have you doubled over (as it did me)—don a Velcro suit, leap from an inflatable platform and get stuck on a Velcro wall.

For a more natural experience, seek the treasure at the southernmost tip of the Riverfront: the DuPont Environmental Education Center. Inside the four-story center at the freshwater tidal marsh, step up to a telescope. Watch ospreys dive and fish or take a close look at a 1000-pound osprey nest. Walk the boardwalk loop past

tributaries or dipnet—with a net, dig into the pond to discover tadpoles, dragonfly nymphs and other critters. "You'll see something new every day," says Catherine Coin, who greets visitors to the center.

If the sky is your limit, try a beer flight/bird flight, a collaboration of Iron Hill and the nature center. Quench your thirst at the brewery after you and your binoculars accompany an ornithologist on a stroll to see birds, nests and habitats.

For a different spectator experience a minute's walk from the nature center, head to Frawley Stadium for a baseball game. Watch the Blue Rocks pitcher step up to the mound and runners dive into home plate. Celebrate with fireworks and other family fun.

Still looking for more adventures along the Christina River's edge? Enjoy the IMAX the-

ater featuring high-back rocker chairs and state-of-the-art digital sound and projection. Or choose from a number of Riverfront watering holes including the Big Fish Grill, River Rock Kitchen, Riverfront Market or Harry's Seafood Grill.

### Eating It Up

LOMA—the energetic, creative Lower Market Street district—is the hottest new culinary destination. Starting at Extreme Pizza and heading uptown, choices abound.

Everyone's talking about La Fia—a bustling café, market and dining space. La Fia is where the lunch crowd, business and casual, dips into horseradish-crusted pan-seared tuna, marvelous cheeses and sparkling wine. With a dining area packed to the gills, I opted for take-out: a Cubano sandwich reminiscent of

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DuPont Environmental  
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Stratosphere

food in Miami's Little Havana neighborhood, but even better (if possible), and a gorgeous large loaf of olive bread to serve at supper. The restaurant takes on a different ambiance and menu for the dinner crowd, serving small plates and entrees to delight the most serious foodies and enticing cocktails including a hibiscus margarita and a red samurai.

Up the hill, LOMA Coffee, billed as a community hub "at the intersection of caffeine and inspiration," offers simple fare and coffee drinks from sustainably produced beans. A guitar, original paintings and television screens adorn the walls; conversation and music fill the air. Not to be missed: the mocha frappe, the best I've had in years, and I've had more than my fair share at venues near and far.

Head uptown on Market Street to sibling restaurants the Ernest and Scott Taproom and Chelsea's Tavern. According to its website, the Taproom takes its name and unique character from writers Ernest Hemingway and F. Scott Fitzgerald, celebrating the relationship between the macho and gritty, and stylishly refined personalities.

Both the Taproom and sibling Chelsea's Tavern offer craft brews and comfort food with a twist, but Ernest and Scott offers food with a southern touch and a drink menu highlighting specialty cocktails. Succumb to shrimp and grits or a po' boy accompanied

by a Marland in a sugar-rimmed glass. The cocktail comes with an ice cube surrounding a Swedish fish and a hint of secrecy about its recipe of pomegranate vodka, blue Curaçao and juices.

#### Art for All

Nearly-ten-year-old Matteo Peirce can tell you that the art scene in Wilmington is "awesome" whether you're an active participant or a spectator. Matteo is both. When he saw his pencil still life hung near the pottery in the Delaware Art Museum, he said it felt "amazing." Like gallery visitors of all ages, he just loved seeing the paintings, the pottery and the glorious Chihuly windows.

A spectacular way of sampling Wilmington's masterpieces is to do an Art Loop, held the first Friday of each month. Choose exhibits that pique your interest, and hop onto a trolley or reserve a shuttle seat to go to traditional venues such as the Delaware Museum of Art and Delaware Center for Contemporary Arts, where visiting fun and funky exhibits is free, or novel venues such as Poppycock Tattoo or the Creative Vision Factory.

At the Creative Vision Factory, Gerardo Gonzalez—known as the King of Transit—creates large Technicolor posters of public transit vehicles, enjoys the community camaraderie of other artists, and accurately advises Art Loop participants or

Factory visitors how to get from one place to another using the DART public transportation system. The studio, a program of Delaware Health and Social Services, is a wellness center and safe social space open to all.

#### Starry Nights

Plan to stay late in Wilmington because after dinner, just steps across the street from restaurants, you'll find performances that rock. Catch a concert at the World Café Live at the Queen. Relish in music and dance at The Grand. Head to an old favorite with a new name—the Playhouse on Rodney Square, formerly known as the DuPont Theatre—that features Broadway greats.

The summer season in Wilmington brings festivals galore, with carnival lights and live performances spotlighting musicians from far and wide. Stay cool with sizzling notes at the Clifford Brown Jazz Festival held in Rodney Square in June; in July buzz over to the Ladybug Music Festival, a block party with lots of live music.

What to do if you run out of time before you've tried it all? Relax. You can come back to Wilmington tomorrow. ♦

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#### THROUGH AUGUST

**WORLD CAFE LIVE AT THE QUEEN.** Check their website for all shows and times. *June 12*, Zoso—A Tribute to Led Zeppelin; *June 13*, Jam-Ba-Liva; *July 24–26*, 2015 XPotential Music Festival; 500 N. Market St. 302-994-1400; Queen. WorldCafeLive.com.



**THROUGH AUGUST, WEDNESDAYS**  
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**STEAMIN' DAYS—MARSHALL STEAM MUSEUM AT AUBURN HEIGHTS.** Old-fashioned fun for the whole family. 3000 Creek Rd., Yorklyn. 12:30 to 4:30. \$8–\$19. 800-349-2134; AuburnHeights.org.



**JUNE 12–13**  
**SEPARATION DAY IN HISTORIC NEW CASTLE.** On

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**JUNE 12–21**  
**DELAWARE CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL CELEBRATES 30 YEARS.** Four concerts over two weekends, led by Philadelphia Orchestra violinist and Wilmington native Barbara Govatos, brings world-class chamber music to the community. Music School of Delaware, 4101 Washington St., Wilmington. \$10–\$22. DCMF.org.

**JUNE 13**  
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**JUNE 13–20**  
**DUPONT CLIFFORD BROWN JAZZ FESTIVAL.** A multi-day, outdoor music festival. Scheduled performances by Eric Marienthal, John 'Sax' Williams, Tito Puente Jr. & his Orchestra and more. Rodney Square, 11th & Market Sts. Free. 302-576-3095; CliffordBrownJazzFest.com.

**JUNE 27–28**  
**THE OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM FESTIVAL AT ROCKWOOD PARK.** Family fun for all ages with vendors, live music, great food, crafts and local creameries serving delicious ice creams. 4651 Washington St. Extension. Sat, 10 to 7; Sun, 10 to 5. \$5. 302-690-5555; RockwoodIceCream.com.

**JUNE 27–SEPTEMBER 17**  
**THE DELAWARE ART MUSEUM—DREAM STREETS: ART IN WILMINGTON 1970–1990.** Celebrating two decades of artistic activity in the City of Wilmington. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy. Wed, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 8; Fri–Sun, 10 to 4. \$6–\$12. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.



**JULY 16**  
**LADYBUG MUSIC FESTIVAL.** The line-up is coming soon for this all-day block party with lots of en-

tertainment and great fun at 2nd & Loma. 5 to 10 pm. TheLadyBugFestival.com.

**JULY 17–AUGUST 2**  
**DELAWARE SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL AT ROCKWOOD MUSEUM & PARK.** Bring a blanket, pack a picnic, come for the pre-show then enjoy *The Taming of the Shrew*. 4651 Washington St. Extension. Wed–Sat, gates open 6:30; Sun, gates open 4:45. \$13–\$17. 302-415-3373; DelShakes.org.

**JULY 25**  
**THE ANNUAL PEOPLES' FESTIVAL 4 PEACE TRIBUTE TO BOB MARLEY.** Fun in the sun for the whole family with top artists. Food, dancing, arts, crafts and more. Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park, Rosa Parks Dr. Noon to 10 pm. PeoplesFestival.com.

**JULY 25–26**  
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**JULY 31–AUGUST 2**  
**RIVERFRONT BLUES FESTIVAL IN WILMINGTON.** The blues are back! This outdoor music festival is held at Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park, Rosa Parks Dr. \$25–\$75. Check website for line-up and performance times. 302-576-3095; RiverfrontBluesFest.com.



**AUGUST 15**  
**AMERICA ON TAP BEER FESTIVAL.** Sample beers in an atmosphere filled with live music, delicious food and great vendors. Over 100 releases from some of America's best craft breweries available. Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park, Rosa Parks Dr. 2:30 to 6. \$35. AmericaOnTap.com.

**AUGUST 23**  
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# A LAST LOOK AT WILMINGTON!



# BRING YOUR PARTY OUTSIDE

Mary Irene Dolan

THE WEATHER COULDN'T BE BETTER. IT'S THE PERFECT TIME TO ENJOY A SUMMER DAY—OR NIGHT—OUTSIDE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

So, is your outdoor living space ready for making the most of the season? We turned to local landscaping and hardscaping experts for advice on what makes a functional, comfortable and beautiful outdoor oasis. From small additions—like quality furniture and pest-repelling plants—to larger undertakings—think pools, kitchens, fire pits—the possibilities are amazing!

## Comfort is Key

First things first—your guests need a place to relax. Luckily there's no shortage of creative options, from outdoor sofas and benches to rocking chairs and swings. The question is, what's right for you?

Most likely, you want low-maintenance and durability with comfort and style—meaning you want everything. Do you go with classic wood, sturdy metal, cozy wicker or weatherproof plastic? Alegacy Furniture of Pottstown may have a solution with

Amish-made recycled poly furniture that combines the look of wood with the stability of metal and comfort of wicker, all with zero-maintenance.

Another option is to design your patio with built-in seating. A low stone wall creates a rustic barrier and doubles as extra seats. Or design your wooden deck with built-in benches, which can provide storage, too.

For the sunniest days, don't fiddle with moody umbrellas when you need shade. Standing structures like pavilions and gazebos are the way to go. If you still want some sun, Thornbury Services in West Chester has you covered—partially—with shade pergolas that allow sunlight to shine through while still offering protection.

The goal with decks, patios and pergolas is to create a vacation setting without packing a suitcase. We like the sound of that!

**Eat, Drink and ... Watch TV?**

Everyone loves grilling outside, but what if you had even more cooking options? Outdoor kitchens are wildly popular, especially when they come complete with all the works—grill, fridge, sink and storage. Dutchie's Stone Works, located in Paradise, even builds cooking spaces with wood-burning ovens for homemade pizza fans. And the features don't stop there. Add heating racks, rotisseries, prep stations and whatever is needed to satisfy the chef's dream.

Another way to make summer parties easier for the hosts and more fun for guests is to add an outdoor bar to your patio, deck or pool. Mix and serve cocktails, beer and wine without having to take the party—or cleanup—inside. Win-win!

For those who enjoy nature but can't cut the cord, consider outdoor electronics—yes, you read right. Able to withstand water, humidity and high-heat, these miracle speakers and TVs are designed to operate safely in the great outdoors. Perfect for enjoying your favorite tunes and the big game alfresco.

## Fire & Water

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Your backyard getaway wouldn't be complete without a refreshing pool to dive into. But you don't want what looks like a giant bucket of water in your yard. If you dream of an aquatic playground that blends into the landscape, KS Greenday of Langhorne has designs that do just that, plus they're energy-efficient. What's not to love?

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Speaking of pesky bugs ... Some plants have the added benefit of repelling unwanted six-legged visitors. Planting citronella grass has the same effect as lighting the candles, and pots of lavender placed around seating provide both bug protection and a calming, fragrant atmosphere.

Taking care of flower gardens can be backbreaking work, but we promise it’s so worth it. The captivating colors and sensational scents delight guests and as a bonus, attract butterflies and hummingbirds. Luckily our area is home to many family-run nurseries—Mostardi Nursery, R-P Nurseries and Wolff’s Apple House Garden Center—with quality plants and expert advice. You’ll also find unique flowerpots and garden accessories to satisfy any exterior decorating urges.

If you want a bit of privacy, use bushes and shrubs to create a living fence by staggering plantings and mixing multiple heights. Try these evergreen privacy plants—Arborvitae, Leyland Cypress, Cryptomeria, White Pines and Concolor Firs—best used as the foundation of your plant barrier. This creates more intimate parties and less annoyed neighbors—although you’ll still want to turn down the music when it gets late!

Many landscapers are fans of night illumination to create a garden glow and light a path for guests to follow. Use LED lights for soft shadows while attracting far fewer mosquitoes than incandescent lighting.

Once you’re done designing, it’s time to sit back, invite people over and enjoy the summer months! ♦



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# Summer Wines for Sipping

Dustin Best

THESE WINES CAN STAND ALONE—NO NEED FOR PERFECT PAIRINGS.

Summer is always a welcome treat and what better way to while away your outdoor time spent with friends and family than with a glass of a new wine? Or two.

With the return of the sun and the warm weather comes more time spent relaxing on the porch, hanging out poolside, and sitting by a cozy night-time fire. Though conversation and good times may be in good supply, the fare need not be.

Although wine and food are typically known to be great partners—each complementing the other—that's not the only way to enjoy certain wines. So let's span the globe in search of fantastic wines that make life easy and don't require that you head for the kitchen to prepare a plate of food.

## Perfect Pours for the Porch

Kicking back on the porch? Front or back, these wines are sure to please!

Putting its freshest foot forward, **Castelvero Barbera 2013** (\$10.99) comes from the Piemonte region of Northern Italy. This medium-bodied Italian red showcases bright red fruits with a clean, bright finish and a pleasant price point.

Looking for a bit more depth? Tickle your taste buds with **Altovinum Evodia 2013** (\$9.99). This gem is 100 per cent garnacha sourced from some vines that are over 100 years old and hails from the Calatayud region, just north and east of Madrid. Give this Spanish red a short time-out in the fridge—roughly a half hour.

The slight chill brings forward the pleasant blackberry and licorice notes while easing up on the spice, which is persistent throughout the wine's journey across your palate.

Feeling like chardonnay? Try **Mer Soleil Silver Unoaked Chardonnay 2013** (\$21.99). This is not one of your run-of-the-mill unoaked chardonnays. Mer Soleil sources chardonnay from the Santa Lucia Highlands of California's Central Coast region and ages their beauty in large, unlined cement vessels. This process leads to natural freshness from the acidity and citrus notes laced with wonderful minerality. Great packaging and great juice.

## Poolside Pleasures

I can't think of a better place to be on a summer day than lounging by the pool, with an occasional dip to refresh. An invigorating and cooling glass of wine

can be the cherry on top of the poolside sundae!

Try **Château D'Esclans Whispering Angel 2014** (\$19.99) from Provence, France for a revitalizing rosé. This pink-hued charmer carries delicate notes of strawberry and cherry plus beautiful, fresh acidity. Summer vibes in a bottle.

Keeping it light, **Château Ste. Michelle Horse Heaven Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc 2013** (\$15.99) is a crisp and citrus-driven palate pleaser. The grapes are sourced from the Horse Heaven Hills wine region in the southern Columbia Valley of Washington, an AVA region (American Viticultural Area, a designated geographic wine-growing region used in the U.S., instead of appellations). Fresh and clean is the perfect combination for a summer day poolside bottle. Take a dip in the pool ... then into this bottle.

What would summer be without bubbles? A lighter-style sparkler, the **Ruggeri Argeo Prosecco** (\$15.99) features persistent and tight bubbles with slight green-apple aromas. A touch of apricot and citrus flows through this Northern Italian bubbly leading to a long, fine finish. This prosecco is dry in style, so feel free to add some of your favorite fresh fruit or a splash of fruit wine to mix it up!

## Sip Reds by the Fire

Whether you're at a campground or in your backyard, bonfires are a summer evening staple. Getting cozy around the fire with friends and family with a beverage in hand is a fitting finish to a long day or a great way to kick off the weekend. These wines are the perfect complement for nothing more than the coolness of the night, the warmth of the fire, and the company of your friends.

**Clos Pegase Pinot Noir Mitsuko's Vineyard 2010** (\$29.99) sourced from the Los Carneros AVA, partially located in Napa Valley, is a vibrant pinot noir that's perfect for nighttime. This wine is a classic example of pinot. Blackberries? Check. Red cherry? Yes, please. Layers of flavor? That's my glass of wine. This pinot has some breadth without losing any of its liveliness. Give it a go.

Mont Ventoux, France may be a beast during the Tour de France, but their wines are beauties. This mountain in Provence in south-east France is home to **Gonnet La Jeannette Côtes du Ventoux 2013** (\$11.99). This 60 per cent grenache and 40 per cent syrah blend brings loads of bright strawberries and



red cherries and a slightly peppery finish to the bonfire. Smooth and supple tannins makes this medium-bodied wine a perfect companion for conversation.

For a fuller bodied wine and for you cabernet lovers, try the **Owen Roe Sharecropper's Cabernet Sauvignon** (\$14.99) sourced from Columbia Valley, Washington. The wine is loaded with sweeter-style fruits and backed by toasted vanilla. Easy, silky tannins are present for youthful drinking.

Summertime is all about sharing good times, so go ahead and grab a friend and a bottle. Share these fantastic sippers for your kick-back summer days! ♦

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## Food News

A few of our favorite things to share this month about local food and drink



### What's Brewing on Bridge Street?

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**Cow to Carton.** Celebrate **National Dairy Month** and the start of summer by visiting **Baily's Dairy of Pocopson Meadow Farm** and experience the milk and ice cream-making process. Learn how the family farm's fresh dairy products come straight from Baily's purebred dairy cows, help feed the furry friends, and watch a real cow being milked. Baily's offers plenty of farm-tastic activities for both you and the kids! 1821 Lenape Unionville Rd., West Chester. [BailysDairy.com](http://BailysDairy.com).



**Dishes for Dad.** Tired of cooking the same basic burgers and steaks for Dad every year? You can still stick to the classics—grill-themed **Father's Day** foods that he loves—but with a twist. Try adding bacon to burgers, serving sliders (BBQ chicken, pulled pork) or making a meal fresh from the sea with grilled shrimp and scallop skewers. Grill simple sides like corn on the cob or potatoes for added smoky flavor. Or surprise Dad with a breakfast burger topped with fried eggs inside a toasted English muffin. *More at [Delish.com/Fathers-Day-Recipes](http://Delish.com/Fathers-Day-Recipes).*

**More Dining in West Chester.** Think you've tried them all? Think again—West Chester is still exploding with new restaurants! Satisfy your sushi craving at **Tsunami Bistro**, 10 W. Market St., where they're serving up authentic Japanese and Thai cuisine—savory entrees and wallet-friendly lunch specials. Or head to 30 S. High St. for piping hot pizza from **RapiDOUGH's** newest shop. Pizza lovers can expect the same classic crust, fresh ingredients and iPad ordering as at the original location in Collegeville. *[Tsunami-Bistro.com](http://Tsunami-Bistro.com) and [RapidoughPizzaPies.com](http://RapidoughPizzaPies.com).*



### Victory in Kennett.

After a two-years wait, **Victory Brewing Company's** second brewpub is finally open—**Victory at Magnolia**. Choosing from over 30 varieties on tap, beer lovers will find the same signature Victory beer at the new Kennett Square location. Grab a bite from the chef-inspired menu or share a few drafts brewed on-site, as you enjoy the warm weather on Victory at Magnolia's outdoor patio. 650 W. Cypress St., Kennett Square. [VictoryBeer.com](http://VictoryBeer.com).



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# Superfoods

Laura Muzzi Brennan

THEY CAN BE SUPER DELICIOUS—SERVED THE RIGHT WAY.

LIKE SUPERHEROES, superfoods pack a powerful punch. While there are no hard-and-fast criteria to determine superfood status, superfoods are generally plant-based and nutrient-dense. They're believed to improve health and promote healing.

Dark, leafy greens and select nuts and seeds (walnuts, chia and flax seeds) consistently appear on superfood lists as do black beans and lentils. Sweet potatoes and beets along with quinoa and brown rice also make the grade. Other winners: blueberries, salmon, tomatoes, sprouts and cacao.

But knowing about superfoods and eating them are entirely different. No matter its health benefits, if a food tastes like cardboard, you'll never incorporate it into your diet.

Enter Sheryll Chavarria, owner of **Raw Can Roll Café**. At this small café in Wayne, she serves organic, vegan, gluten-free appetizers, salads, entrées, sandwiches and desserts as well as smoothies and fresh pressed juices—all made in-house from scratch. Seventy-five percent of menu items are raw with superfoods as plentiful as fireworks on the 4th of July.

"People need to lose their ideas about how healthy food should taste," says Chavarria. "Whatever we make must taste absolutely



Raw Can Roll Café staff, from left, Jessica Jelinek, Sheryll Chavarria, Brian Rossiter and Sam Rosenstock

delicious. I don't like boring food." Before I settled on dishes to sample, a regular customer recommended the Kosmic Kale Salad, deeming it "the best on the planet." I dug in to the pad thai where zucchini

exciting and not just for health-conscious superfood seekers but even for an unrepentant omnivore like me.

While Chavarria touts raw food's benefits—namely it retains more nutrients than cooked food—she recently added cooked rice bowls to the menu. They've become popular in a hurry. All bowls contain brown rice, sautéed onions and beans. The macrobiotic bowl highlights Asian ingredients (seaweed, miso-ginger sauce), the burrito bowl bursts with Mexican flavors (salsa, guacamole, chipotle cream), and the barbecue bowl with ranch and barbecue sauce gives a nod to American cuisine.

Time and again during my field trip to Raw Can Roll Café, I saw Chavarria and her staff greet customers by name, asking after families and jobs. Well before she remarked "What we sell is love. Our food is just a by-product of love," I'd concluded that genuine hospitality is the most potent superfood on earth.



Pad Thai and Soup



Sam Rosenstock, manager at Raw Can Roll Café, in front of the extensive menu board.

### Good Vibrations Smoothie

Smoothies differ from juices in that smoothies include the entire fruit or vegetable, yielding a drink with lots of fiber.

Recipe courtesy of Raw Can Roll Café.

- 12 oz. apple juice (or water)
- ½ C. frozen banana
- 1 stalk celery
- 1 big leaf of kale
- ¼ cucumber

Blend in blender until smooth.  
Makes 1, 24-oz. smoothie.



### Raw Vegan Gluten-Free Brownies

All desserts including these rich, dense brownies are made from scratch in-house at Raw Can Roll Café. You'll never miss the gluten!

- 2 C. pitted dates
- 1 C. cacao powder
- 1½ C. unsweetened shredded coconut plus 1 Tb. for sprinkling on top
- 3 C. walnuts or pecans
- 2 Tb. vanilla extract
- 1 Tb. natural coconut flavor extract\*
- ¼ C. water

\* available at Whole Foods

Place dates, cacao powder, 1½ C. coconut, nuts and extracts in a food processor and process until mixture becomes very thick and a bit oily (about 1 minute). Slowly add water. Process 1 more minute.

Line a square container with wax tissue paper and press brownie mix down into it. Spread evenly. Allow brownies to firm up in refrigerator for approximately 30 minutes. Remove brownies by lifting the wax tissue paper, place on counter and cut into 9 equal sections. Top each brownie with shredded coconut.

Makes 9 squares.

### African Sweet Potato Peanut Soup

Recipe courtesy of Raw Can Roll Café.

- Coconut oil (enough to sauté veggies)
- 1½ large onions, chopped
- 5 cloves garlic, minced

### Small but Mighty

Much of the recent literature on healthy eating promotes the philosophy that simple tweaks to your diet—substituting one spice for another, adding a handful of berries or seeds to your morning cereal—can reap big health benefits. Here's the 411 on tiny superfoods that have captured the notice of both medical researchers and cooks.

**Chia seeds:** A member of the mint family, these tiny black and white seeds can be eaten whole or ground. They're a good source for omega-3 fats and minerals that promote bone health. Other potential health benefits include stabilizing blood sugar, helping digestion and lowering (bad) cholesterol. Sprinkle chia seeds on cereal, yogurt or salad. Add to baked goods and smoothies.

**Turmeric:** The main spice in curry powder, turmeric is also responsible for curry's intense yellow color. This relative of ginger contains compounds whose antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties have

been linked to a reducing risk of heart attack, improving memory, aiding the body's ability to fight cancer and reducing joint pain. Add to marinades and dressings.

**Miso paste:** Made from fermented soybeans, miso paste deepens the flavor of savory dishes. Proponents claim it strengthens the immune system and aids digestion by restoring beneficial probiotics to the digestive tract. Add to marinades and dressings. Use it to flavor broth. *Note: boiling miso destroys nutrients, so cook only over low heat.*

**Acai berries:** A 2015 Mayo Clinic article states acai berries contain fiber, heart-healthy fats and possibly more antioxidants than other common berries. Anecdotal evidence suggests that acai promotes healing, slows the aging process, aids in weight loss and boosts energy and the immune system. In the U.S., you can find frozen acai berry puree or powder but not whole fresh acai berries. Add to smoothies.

### Salmon Ceviche

If you can't quite bring yourself to eat raw fish in sushi, ceviche is an appealing alternative as the lime juice "cooks" the fish. Feel free to experiment with different fruits and vegetables such as mango, peach, red pepper and cucumber.



- 1 tsp. water
- 1 tsp. wasabi powder
- 2–3 Tb. soy sauce
- 2 Tb. lime juice (about 1 lime)
- 2 Tb. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 Tb. minced shallots
- Salt to taste
- ¾ lb. salmon, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1 C. grape tomatoes, cut in half (or quarters if large)
- 1 avocado, cut into bite-sized cubes
- 2 Tb. chopped cilantro or more to taste

In a glass bowl, whisk together water and wasabi powder to form a paste. Whisk in soy sauce, lime juice, olive oil, shallots and salt. Add salmon pieces

and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate for ½ hour.

Immediately before serving, toss with tomatoes, avocado and cilantro.

*Serving suggestions:* Put a few spoonfuls in martini glasses. Cut the salmon into ¼–½"-cubes and spoon into Belgian endive leaves or serve with tortillas chips.

Makes 3–4 appetizer servings.

### Curried Red Lentil and Kale Soup

This soup could be named "Superfood Soup" because its main ingredients—lentils, kale, tomatoes—are superfoods as is the turmeric in the curry powder. What's nice about using red lentils instead of green is they cook up faster, so the soup is ready to eat in a half hour. Another bonus: the lentils turn a lovely shade of sunflower yellow for a dish that's as pretty as it is tasty. I adapted this from Weight Watchers' 2002 Simply Delicious cookbook.



- 1 Tb. olive oil
- 1 small onion, finely chopped (about 1 C.)
- 2 carrots, finely chopped (about 1 C.)
- 3 garlic cloves, minced or pushed through a garlic press
- 1 Tb. sweet curry powder
- 2 tsp. minced fresh ginger root
- Pinch of cayenne
- 1 C. red lentils
- 1, 28-oz. can diced tomatoes
- 1 tsp. salt, more to taste
- 5 C. vegetable broth, divided
- 3–4 handfuls baby kale, roughly chopped
- Lemon juice or red wine vinegar
- Plain yogurt or sour cream, optional

In a stockpot, heat the olive oil over medium-high heat. Add onions and carrots. Stirring frequently, cook until they start to soften, about 5 minutes.

Stir in garlic, curry powder, ginger and cayenne and cook for 1 minute. Add lentils, tomatoes with their juices, salt and 4 C. broth.

Bring to a boil. Reduce to a simmer and cook for 15 minutes. Stir in kale. If soup is too thick, add in the remaining 1 C. of vegetable broth.

Simmer for another 10–15 minutes until lentils and kale are tender. Taste and add more salt if needed.

To sharpen the flavors, stir in lemon juice or red wine vinegar a teaspoon at a time. Top with a dollop of yogurt or sour cream if desired.

Makes 8–10 servings.

### Beet Quinoa Salad with Mustard Vinaigrette

Though we think of quinoa as a grain and cook it like one, it's actually the seed of a plant that's closely related to spinach, beets and chard. Another fun fact: cooking geeks debate whether quinoa should be rinsed before cooking. Rinsing removes saponins, the seeds' natural coating some people find gives quinoa a soapy, bitter taste. No-rinse fans like the saponin, believing it gives quinoa a firm texture and nutty, earthy flavor. To rinse or not to rinse? It's up to you.



For the salad:

- 1 lb. beets
- 1 Tb. oil
- Kosher salt, to taste
- ⅔ C. quinoa
- 1⅓ C. water
- ½–¾ C. crumbled feta
- ½ C. shelled, roasted, unsalted sunflower seeds
- 2–3 Tb. chopped fresh mint

For the dressing:

- ⅓ C. sherry vinegar

- ½ tsp. kosher salt
- 1 tsp. Dijon mustard
- 1 Tb. minced shallots
- Pinch of sugar
- ½ C. extra virgin olive oil

Preheat oven to 400°. Wash beets but don't peel. If beets are large, cut in half or quarters. Toss with oil and kosher salt to taste. Roast until tender (until a fork pierces them easily, about 45 minutes.) When they're cool enough to handle, slip skins off and cut into ½-inch pieces.

While beets cook, prepare quinoa. Place quinoa and water in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil, and then reduce to a simmer. Cover and cook for about 15 minutes or until grains are tender, and you see small spirals (the germs) coming out of the grain. Cool to room temperature.

To prepare the dressing: Whisk together vinegar, salt, mustard, shallots and sugar. Allow to sit for a few minutes. Whisk in olive oil.

Toss beets with ¼ C. dressing and allow to sit for 5 minutes. Mix beets, quinoa, feta, sunflower seeds and mint together. Taste and add more dressing if needed.

Makes 6 servings.

### Miso Dressing

I adapted this recipe from The Kitchen's recipe for miso slaw made with broccoli and spinach. This tangy dressing is versatile: toss with shredded cabbage, matchstick carrots or lettuce. See sidebar for more information on miso's health benefits.

- ⅓ C. rice vinegar
- 3 Tb. white miso
- 3 large garlic cloves, pushed through a garlic press
- 2 tsp. fresh ginger, minced
- 2 tsp. sesame oil
- 3 tsp. soy sauce
- ½ C. extra virgin olive oil

Whisk all ingredients together.  
Makes 1 generous cup.

### Blueberry Lemonade

Like stevia, agave has become a popular, widely available natural sweetener over the last few years. Research into its benefits

and drawbacks vis-a-vis sugar is ongoing. While it has roughly the same number of calories as sugar, it has a lower glycemic index and is 1½ times as sweet so you need less to achieve the same effect. Recipe adapted from the Hay Day Country Market Cookbook.

⅓ C. light agave nectar  
3 C. water  
2–3 sprigs mint plus extra for serving  
1 generous C. blueberries (about 6 oz.)  
½ C. lemon juice

Mix together agave, water and mint in a saucepan. Cook over medium-high heat for 5 minutes. Cool to room temperature. Remove and discard mint sprigs. Pour into a 1-quart pitcher.

In a blender, purée blueberries and lemon juice. (If you want to remove extra blueberry skins, pour through a sieve.) Add to pitcher, stir well and refrigerate for 1 hour. Garnish with mint sprigs.

Makes 1 quart.

### Goat Cheese, Spinach and Red Pepper Roll-ups

I adapted this recipe from Good Housekeeping's 1998 Best Recipes. You can replace the goat cheese with feta.

½ C. walnut pieces  
3 oz. goat cheese, room temperature  
8 oz. package cream cheese, room temperature  
½ small red onion, minced  
3 Tb. milk  
Freshly ground black pepper to taste  
2–3 C. baby spinach leaves, washed well  
1, 12-oz. jar roasted red peppers, cut into strips  
6, 7-inch tortillas

Place the walnuts in a dry skillet over medium heat and toast for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally making sure that walnuts don't burn. Allow to cool.

In a small bowl, cream together goat cheese and cream cheese. Mix in walnut pieces, onion, milk and black pepper.

Spread cheese mixture on tortillas. Top with spinach leaves and red peppers. Roll tortillas into cylinders. Cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate for an hour.

Cut in half or into 1" slices for appetizer-size servings.

Serves 6 as a lunch entrée or 12 as an appetizer. ♦

Laura traces her love of all things culinary to the first time she leafed through her mother's Betty Crocker's Cooky Book—which still occupies a place of honor among her 600+ cookbooks. A passionate supporter of local food, she co-founded a farmers market, judges area food contests, and anticipates restaurant openings with the excitement most people reserve for winning a Mega Millions jackpot.



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talking with

## Sarah Willoughby, Greater Wilmington CVB

Summer is a great time to visit Wilmington and a partial inspiration for the article in this issue. To find out more about non-stop festivals, fun along The Riverfront, and a city filled with museums and gardens, the historic and the hip, plus the du Pont legacy around every bend, we talked with Sarah Willoughby, Executive Director of the Conference & Visitors Bureau.



### Most people think of Wilmington primarily as a corporate headquarters. Why is there a CVB to attract tourists?

The short answer is that there's much more to Wilmington and so many reasons to visit that we need a CVB, as you can see from the article in this issue. The Greater Wilmington Convention and Visitors Bureau has a mission to serve as the community's destination marketing organization, generating economic growth by marketing our area attractions and services to visitors. Anyone searching for information about the Wilmington area should contact us—we're the most comprehensive, convenient and best-known source of information for visitors, meeting planners and people wanting to relocate to New Castle County.

### What are some of the biggest draws for visitors this summer?

Summer in Wilmington means festivals! Start with the Greek Festival and the next week there's the Italian Festival and after that the DuPont Clifford Brown Jazz Festival. And even more fun on The Riverfront.

### The Riverfront is a great entertainment hub. What's new there?

There's such variety! Have you been to the new Penn Cinema—the state's only IMAX Theatre? Or the Stratosphere Trampoline Park or new Riverwalk Mini Golf? Winter visitors may recall the outdoor ice skating rink—it will be back in December.

The Riverfront is also home to the Chase Center, Wilmington Blue Rocks, Delaware Children's Museum, Wilmington Rowing Center, River Taxi, Delaware Center of Contemporary Art, Delaware Theatre Company, City Theatre Company, OperaDelaware and more.

And it's the site of more summer festivals. The Bob Marley Festival and the Riverfront Blues Festival are annual favorites, with America on Tap Craft Beer Festival new this year. The restaurant scene is hopping, too—newest addition, the River Rock Kitchen at the Westin hotel—with more in the works.



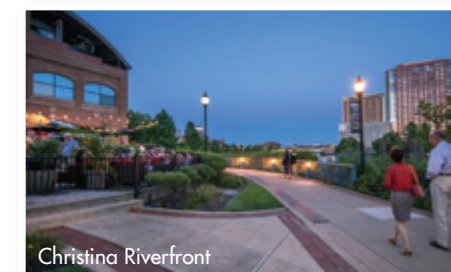
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Bob Marley Festival

### Wilmington has a lively performing arts community, too. What are some highlights?

Downtown Wilmington has its own Theatre Row. Starting on Market Street with The Playhouse on Rodney Square (formerly the DuPont Theatre), The Grand Opera House—where the Delaware Symphony Orchestra, First State Ballet and OperaDelaware perform—on to the World Cafe Live at the Queen. Also not to be missed are Delaware Children's Theatre and Theatre N along with the Delaware Theatre Company and the City Theatre Company on The Riverfront.



Christina Riverfront

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### Can you tell us about the Brandywine Treasure Trail Passport program that gives admission to so many area attractions?

We're proud to partner with the Brandywine Museums & Gardens Alliance on the Brandywine Treasure Trail Passport program that last year attracted visitors from 21 states. The 11 amazing attractions in this program offer one incredible low price to a summer full of adventure. For just \$45 per person (or \$95 for a family of 2 adults and up to 3 children), the Passport gives you one-time admission to 11 of Wilmington and the Brandywine Valley's top attractions from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2015. You can get a Passport online at [BrandywineTreasures.org](http://BrandywineTreasures.org).

### Downtown Wilmington is increasingly attracting young people wanting to live in a city. How has this changed downtown?

Millennials are attracted to urban areas and Wilmington offers a bonus of proximity and accessibility to other larger neighboring cities, as well as access to existing social networks in the area, affordable real estate, great performing arts community, and "walkability" within downtown. Areas like LOMA (lower Market Street area) with coffee shops, new restaurants and retail add to the attraction.

### Anything else our readers should know about Wilmington?

Wilmington and all of New Castle County have so much to offer—not just history, culture and gardens. We hope you'll discover for yourself and find out more at [VisitWilmingtonDE.com](http://VisitWilmingtonDE.com). ♦

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