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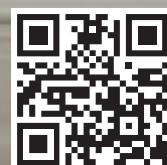
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As the glory of October evolves into the quiet of November, we pause to reflect and give thanks. For local heroes, vibrant towns, open spaces, long-lived community institutions.

This month we celebrate the contributions of tireless workers like Peggy Gusz of the Crime Victims' Center of Chester County. Our former intern, Lori Brooks, tells of Peggy's work as the Center marks its 40th anniversary. And Chester County Community Foundation's Karen Simmons helps us give wisely by advising on how to select charities in "Tis the Season for Giving."

Laura Brennan revisits a favorite historic town and reports on its continued rebirth in "What's New in Phoenixville," while Sheila Fleming brings news of the Brandywine Creek Greenway plan to protect the watershed and add space for family fun in "Community-Conservation-Connection."

As Paoli Hospital marks its centennial, Cindy Walker recounts a bit of its colorful history and tradition of community support and service. Check out the historic photos of nurses in bonnets!

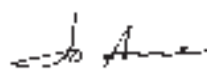
We also get a running start on the holidays with a guide to Holiday Open Houses and a report that "Santa is Coming to Wayne," with a weekend of tree lightings, parades and cheer. Jaimielynn Cooper's interview with Tom Felicia, formerly of *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*, shares tips to "Take the Headache Out of Holiday Decorating."

And there's de-decorating, at least as the senior years approach. Unused rooms, unopened closets, unneeded stuff, boxes of Read "Downsize to Upsize" by Emily Hart.

Join us on a visit to Waterford Farm, an equestrian Eden in Oxford in Southern Chester County, read how to give the cook a hand in Brandywine Table's "Thanksgiving Made Easy," and get a preview of DuPont Theatre's upcoming revival of *West Side Story*.

Not to mention the Best Local Events coverage in print and online!

Thank you for reading *County Lines* and Happy Thanksgiving!


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'Tis the Season for Giving

Karen A. Simmons, Chester County Community Foundation

And giving wisely is even more gratifying.

Americans are a generous bunch, especially during the holidays, filled with good cheer and gift giving. Generosity to nonprofits peaks during the holiday season, so there are a few things you may want to know before you make your giving decisions this year.

What's the Level of Charitable Giving?

Let's start with some statistics to get an idea of the level of generous giving in our area:

- \$316 billion is donated annually across the U.S.
- \$4.71 billion is donated by Pennsylvanians.
- \$367 million is donated by residents of Chester County, which ranks in the top 3% of counties nationally.

- \$2,544 is the average annual charitable giving for adults in Chester County. We should feel proud!

There are over one million charities registered in the U.S., with 800 registered in Chester County alone. Charities provide vital services in a wide variety of areas—arts, education, environment, health, religion, social services—all much needed to strengthen the fabric of our community.

What's a Donor to Do?

How is a donor to choose from so many meaningful causes? Of course, online research is plentiful and a good starting point. Donors seeking free, unbiased data will find it at these charity watchdog websites among other sources:

- **CharityNavigator.org** rates the top 7,000 national charities.
- **GuideStar.org** has data on 1.6 million IRS-recognized nonprofits, including their IRS 990 tax forms (see below).
- **Charities.PA.gov**, for the PA Bureau of Charitable Organizations, lists over 11,000 charities and 450 professional fundraisers registered with the PA Bureau.

But you don't even need internet access in Pennsylvania to do research. Just pick up your phone and talk to a real person at the Charity Bureau.

Every charity that raises funds in Pennsylvania is required by law to include the following statement on its fundraising materials: "A copy of our official registration and financial information may be obtained by calling the PA Dept. of State at 1-800-732-0999."

So, try it. Call. When you phone, the Charity Bureau tells you if a charity is legally registered, if the charity is up-to-date on its filings, and what percentage of the charity's funds are spent on program, fundraising and administration. All good, basic starting points.

More for a Donor to Consider

A bit more research will help you feel more confident with your giving choices.

- **Financial Health.** A charity's IRS 990 tax form (available online or directly from the charity for free) sheds light on a charity's priorities. The most efficient charities generally spend 75% or more of their budget on their programs and services, and less than 25% on fundraising and administrative fees. Healthy charities grow their revenue at the rate of inflation (or more), continually invest in their programs, and have some money saved for rainy days and economic downturns.

- **Accountability & Transparency.** Charities that follow good governance and management practices are most likely to have positive program outcomes, arrived at ethically and responsibly. A charity's IRS 990 tax form states if the charity has board governance structures and policies that comply with basic best practices, if it has conflict of interest policies in place, if it uses objective benchmarking processes to determine CEO compensation, if it has whistle-blower policies, and so forth. It's all public information, filed annually on the charity's tax form.

- **Attend Events & Volunteer.** Donors

who are committed to advancing real change often talk with charities to learn about goals, challenges and accomplishments. Volunteer to see what really goes on, and get involved as a partner in the charity's initiatives to bring about change.

• **Passion & Excitement.** Ultimately, your giving is most satisfying when you take the time to identify what fires your passions. Give to causes that excite you and are filled with people you trust and feel good about.

Pay attention to your instincts, and give because it makes you feel good! ♦

Karen Simmons is President & CEO of Chester County Community Foundation, which connects people who care with causes that matter, so their legacy makes a difference. The Community Foundation helps donors discern which charities meet their criteria for giving generously and wisely. 610-696-8211; ChesCoCF.org.



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



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Known as **NaNoWriMo**—yeah, the writers should work on a better name—this annual challenge makes you write a 50,000-word novel in 30 days. The goal is to motivate aspiring novelists, who can later edit their speed-draft into a first-rate novel. Sara Gruen's bestseller, *Water for Elephants*, began as a NaNoWriMo entry. Upload your novel before midnight November 30th to get a certificate and well-deserved bragging rights. Who knows, maybe you're the next great American novelist. Get writing at NaNoWriMo.org.

Moving On Up, To The Eastside. These deluxe apartments aren't in the sky, but in Malvern's new **Eastside Flats** on King Street. This mixed-use development will be home to several area businesses, including Up Home, a French furniture and accessories store, planning a grand reopening there, November 8-10. Kimberton Whole Foods and Christopher's, a popular Wayne restaurant, are moving in, too. Stay tuned for more businesses joining the first complex of its kind on the Main Line. More at EastsideFlatsApts.com.



Run for a Cause. West Chester's Henderson High School will host the 36th annual **Brian's Run** on December 1. This community event began as a fundraiser for Brian Bratcher, a 15-year-old football player who sustained a spinal cord injury on the field, but this year eight event organizers who ran in the tragic 2013 Boston Marathon were inspired to honor fellow runners by making The One Fund Boston the beneficiary. The One Fund Boston assists victims and families affected by those terrible events. Sign up at BriansRun.org.

Local Threads Go Royal. Brothers from Unionville have left their mark on the Royal Family. **La Matera**, a rustic belt and accessories company is trending worldwide, with Prince Harry spotted sporting the look. Alex and Brook Stroud, grandsons of Stroud Water Research Center founders, started this Argentine-inspired company, which donates one percent of sales to that Chester County nonprofit. La Matera's belts are hand-crafted in the U.S. using authentic Argentine fabrics and vegetable-tanned cognac leather. Consider shopping local at LaMateraShop.com.



In the Studio.

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Main Line Antiques Show

November 15-17

Over 30 outstanding East Coast dealers representing a wide range of antiques display at this show, benefitting Surrey Services for Seniors. This year's theme is "Gardens, Past and Present," with a series of lectures including "ARTiculture" by Drew Becher, PA Horticultural Society president, "Tales from the Auction Floor" by Freeman's Vice Chairman Alasdair Nichol, and "Lost Gardens of the Main Line" by Jeff Groff, Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library. *Radnor Valley Country Club, 555 Sproul Rd., Villanova. Opening Night Party, Fri., 6 to 9 p.m., \$100; Sat., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$12. 610-647-9774; MainLineAntiquesShow.com.*



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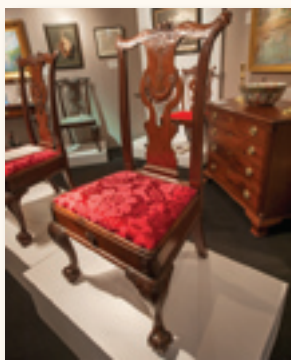
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November 7-10

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November 29

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November 16-17

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November 29-December 1

50th Anniversary Chestertown Antiques Show & Sale. Quality antiques dealers repre-

senting Period to 20th-century. Benefits the Kent Association of Riding Therapy. Washington College Lifetime Fitness Center, Chestertown, MD. Fri, 4 to 7; Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, 10 to 3. \$6. 410-810-4898; KentRidingTherapy.org.

Art & Craft Shows

Through November 17

The Demuth Museum Exhibit "The Art of Sound: Selected Works of Harry Bertoia." A pioneering artist and designer of the 20th century, Bertoia's exhibit provides an overview of his inventive sculptures made from steel wire and bronze, furniture designs and print making. 120 E. King St., Lancaster. Tues-Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, 1 to 4. 717-299-9940; Demuth.org.

Through December 22

Brandywine River Museum Harvest Market & Holiday Market. The Harvest Market runs weekends through **Nov. 10**; the Holiday Market is weekends **Nov. 29-Dec. 22**. Regional artisans display and sell their fine handcrafted objects in the courtyard. Artisans vary from week to week. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. Sat-Sun, 9:30 to 4:30. \$6-\$12. 610-388-2700; BrandywineRiverMuseum.org.

Through January 26

18th Annual Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital Art Ability Exhibit & Sale. Artists from around the world with physical, cognitive, visual and hearing disabilities submit their work to this juried exhibition and sale. 414 Paoli Pk., Malvern. Show hours: daily 9 to 9. 484-596-5710; MainLineHealth.org/ArtAbility.

November 1-3

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. More than 250 fine artisans participate in this juried show, which also offers live music, children's entertainment and great food. Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, 100 Station Ave., Oaks. Fri-Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, 10 to 5. \$8-\$10. 800-210-9900; SugarloafCrafts.com.

November 2-3

Chestertown RiverArts 14th Annual Studio Tour. An opportunity to meet the artists who open their studio doors to visitors. A self-guided tour in this lovely town. For brochure, 410-778-6300; ChestertownRiverArts.org.

November 2-3

Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen 64th Juried Holiday Fine Arts & Crafts Festival. Museum-quality contemporary and traditional handcrafted art. Special silent auction of the late Gene Burkhart's art to benefit guild scholarships. Kutztown University, O'Pake Fieldhouse, Kutztown. Sat, 9 to 4; Sun, 10 to 4. \$4 donation. 610-678-6650; RBCrafts.org.

November 6-10

37th Annual Philadelphia Museum of Art Contemporary Craft Show. A premier show and sale of contemporary crafts, includes 195 of

the finest and most dynamic craft artists in the country. PA Convention Center, 1101 Arch St., Philadelphia. Preview party Wed, 4 to 9 pm, tickets start at \$125. Thurs-Fri, 11 to 9; Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, 10 to 5. \$5-\$15. 215-684-7930; PMACraftShow.org.

November 8-17

Chester Springs Studio Fine Arts & Crafts Show. A showcase for regional artists who offer a beautiful selection of works just in time for holiday shopping. Chester Springs Studio, Lincoln Bldg. Galleries, Historic Yellow Springs. Fri, Nov. 8, 6 to 9; Mon-Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, noon to 4. 610-827-7414; YellowSprings.org.

November 15-16

Celebrate Art! Presented by The Artists Circle. Art for every budget can be found in a variety of media, all priced at \$100 each. Paoli Presbyterian Church, 225 S. Valley Rd., Paoli. Fri, 11 to 5, meet the artists from 5 to 8; Sat, 10 to 5. Free. 610-942-3234; TheArtistsCircle.net.

November 15-16

Annual Church Craft Fair & Christmas Bazaar. Over 50 craftspeople and vendors selling their wares, basket raffle, light dinner and other goodies. Avondale Presbyterian Church, 420 Pennsylvania Ave., Avondale. Fri, 5 to 8; Sat, 9 to 3. 610-268-7437.

November 29

43rd Annual Belsnickel Craft Show. Approximately 140 juried artisans present their fine crafts. Benefits Boyertown Area Historical Society. Boyertown Sr. High School, 4th & Monroe Sts., Boyertown. Fri, 11 to 7; Sat, 10 to 4. \$5. 610-845-2781; BoyertownHistory.org.

December 5-15

Main Line Art Center's Holiday Fine Craft Sale. A popular Main Line craft show featuring fine crafts—jewelry, ceramics, glass, fabric and more—by professional artists from the region. 746 Panmure Rd., Havertown. **Dec. 5**, Opening Night, 6 to 8; **Dec. 10**, Men's Night, 6 to 8; **Dec. 12**, Bubbles & Baubles, 6 to 8. Mon-Fri, 10 to 7:30; Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, noon to 5. 610-525-0272; MainLineArt.org.

December 6-14

Community Arts Center's 11th Annual Holiday Sale. In cooperation with the Potters Guild, the holiday tradition continues with fine, handcrafted work by juried artisans. **Dec. 6**, preview party, 7 to 9:30 pm, \$5; **Dec. 11**, Men's Night Shopping. 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. Mon-Fri, 10 to 8; Sat-Sun, 10 to 5. 610-566-1713; CommunityArtsCenter.org.

December 6-January 25

Wayne Art Center Presents CraftForms 2013. Dedicated to enhancing contemporary craft while providing a venue for

established and emerging artists alike to share their creative endeavors. Open to all professional artists working in clay, fiber, glass, metal, wood or mixed media crafts. 413 Maplewood Ave., Wayne. Show hours: Mon.-Sat., 9 to 5. \$5 contribution. 610-688-3553; WayneArt.org.

Design, Home Shows

Through November 3

Oxford Arts Alliance Decorator Showhouse & Gardens. Over thirty interior designers, decorators and landscape professionals have enhanced the character of

this distinctive home. Oxford Arts Alliance will donate a portion of ticket sales to local organizations. 1106 Hopeton Rd., Westover Hills, Greenville, DE. \$30. 302-654-2659; OxfordDecoratorShowhouse.com.

Through November 17

12th Annual Philadelphia Magazine Design Home 2013. Exquisite 4-story home, featuring a dramatic 3-story reception hall, grand staircase, fireside library, gourmet chef's kitchen and expansive master bedroom suite. Benefits Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House. \$20. For hours, 215-387-8431; PhilaRMH.org.

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November 7
Safe Harbor's 3rd Annual Taste of Chester County Appreciation Event. Enjoy



samplings of signature items (plus beer and wine) from some of the area's most exciting restaurants and dessert places. The event honors the 2013 Safe Harbor Humanitarian Award recipients. Milestone Events, 600 E. Market St., West Chester. 6:30 to 9. \$40. 610-701-5680; SafeHarborOfGWC.org.

Family Fun

November 2
Fall Fest at Grove United Methodist Church. Activities for children, crafts, "second-time-around" items, homemade baked goods and lunch. Benefits Chester County Food Pantry

and Dawn's Place. 490 W. Boot Rd., West Goshen. 484-879-6099; GroveChurch.org.

November 3, 10, 17, 24
West Chester Railroad Fall Foliage Express. Enjoy a brisk fall afternoon along the Chester Creek Valley on a 90-minute journey back in time to the village of Glen Mills and back. Trains depart Market Street Station, 230 E. Market St., West Chester. Noon and 2 pm. \$13-\$15; under 2, free. 610-416-1794; WestChesterRR.com.

November 9
Militia Muster with the 4th Legionary Cavalry at Colonial Plantation. A recreation of an old-fashioned Colonial muster, the gathering of local farmers to work, talk and socialize with good food and music. 3900 N. Sandy Flash Dr., Newtown Square. 11 to 4. \$8-\$10. 610-566-1725; ColonialPlantation.org.

November 11
54th Veterans Day Parade in Media. Veterans of all wars walk together on State St. 11 am. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.

November 16-17
Kennel Club of Philadelphia National Dog Show. Top breed dogs from around the country take to the ring and contend for Best In Show at the American Kennel Club event. Taped for telecast nationwide on Thanksgiving Day. Greater Phila. Expo Center, 100 Station Ave., Oaks. Sat, 8 to 6; Sun, 8 to 5. \$7-\$14. 610-397-0100; NDS.NationalDogShow.com.



Fundraisers

See also, Outdoor Events, Sports.

November 2
The Mane Event at Oberod—13th Annual Benefit for Reins of Life. An amazing evening featuring a catered menu, live and silent auctions, open bar with wine from a South Africa vineyard and other favorite wines and beers. Benefits Reins of Life, providing equestrian therapy for disabled children. Centreville, DE. 7 to 11 pm. \$65-\$140. 610-274-3300; ReinsOfLife.com.

November 2
West Chester Area Senior Center's 14th Annual Premiere Fall Fundraising Event, "A Night at the Races." A casual affair this year with beer, wine and local restaurant fare. Benefits the West Chester Area Senior Center. Held at the Center, 530 E. Union St., West

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. 23,** Sat, 9 to 1. 610-454-1050; CollegevilleFarmersMarket.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Upper Merion Farmers Mkt., 175 W. Valley Forge Rd. **Through Nov. 23,** Sat, 9 to 1. 610-265-1071; UpperMerionFarmersMarket.org.

West Chester - Artisan Exchange Indoor Artisan Foods & Farmers Mkt., 208 Carter Dr. **Year-round,** Sat, 10 to 2. ArtisanExchangeWCPA.com.

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

Chester. 7 to 10:30 pm. \$50. 610-431-4242; WCSeniors.org.

November 6
Take a Bite Out of Autism Fundraising Event. Enjoy a taste of signature dishes from fine area restaurants including Margaret Kuo's and Sweet Jazmine's. Paoli Design Center, 1604-1616 Lancaster Ave., Paoli. 6 to 9 pm. Benefits The Timothy School in Berwyn. \$50. 610-725-0755; TakeABiteOutOfAutism.com.

November 6
Kennett Symphony League Fashion Show. A day filled with chic fashions, an amazing silent and live auction and raffle baskets. Benefits the Symphony's Family Concerts. Men-

denhall Inn, 323 Kennett Pk., Rt. 52, Mendenhall. 10:30 am to 2. \$45. 610-388-2100; KennettSymphony.org.

November 7
Annual Fashion Show "Fashion to Fund the Future" for Home of the Sparrow. The evening features boutique shops, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, runway fashion show and dinner. Benefits Home of the Sparrow, dedicated to improving the lives of homeless and low-income women and children. Desmond Great Valley Hotel, 1 Liberty Blvd., Malvern. Shopping, cocktails, 5 to 7; dinner and runway fashion show, 7 to 9. 610-647-4940; HomeOfTheSparrow.org.

November 8
S.A.V.E. Hosts "The Skinny 2013." An all-new take on the "Shindig," to learn about projects underway on Route 41, meet experts and enjoy light fare. S.A.V.E.'s mission is to promote roadways that support safety, agricultural preservation, historic villages and environmental protection. The Yellow House, 113 E. Street Rd., Kennett Square. 5:30 to 8:30 pm. \$75. SavePA.org.

November 10
"Shop With Heart" For Healing Art Works. Pre-holiday shopping fundraiser features vendors of jewelry, designer handbags, fashion accessories, home decorative and food items

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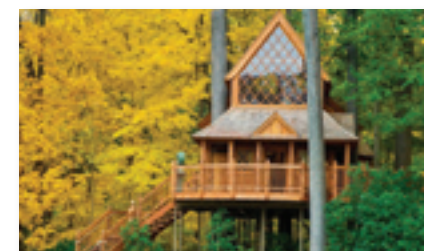
November 22
Chester County Historical Society's Autumn Benefit. The evening's theme marks the premiere of the exhibition, "Profiles: Chester County Clothing of the 1800s, presented by the Coby Foundation, Ltd." as well as a variety of unique auction items, great food, drinks and music. 225 N. High St., West Chester. 6:30 to 10:30. \$150-\$200. 610-692-4800; ChesterCoHistorical.org.

November 23
Paoli Hospital 100th Anniversary Gala "Mistletoe & Magic." This year, in honor of the centennial celebration (*see article in this issue*), Paoli Hospital will be hosting a black tie gala dinner and auction for a very special Mistletoe & Magic. Phoenixville Foundry, 2 N. Main St., Phoenixville. 6 pm. Tickets start at \$250. 484-565-1335; MistletoeAndMagic.org.

December 7
West Chester Charity Ball. Dinner, dancing and auction. Benefits The Friends Assoc. for Care and Protection of Children, Emergency Family Shelter and the Homeless Prevention Program. West Chester Golf and Country Club, 111 West Ashbridge St., West Chester. Cocktail chic or black tie. 6:30 to 11:30. \$175. 610 431 3598, ext. 219; FriendsAssoc.org.

Gardens

Through November 24
Autumn Colors at Longwood Gardens. Celebrate the harvest season with autumn's colors. Landscapes glow with shades of yellow, orange, purple and red. The ever-popular Chrysanthemum Festival is a centerpiece, featuring the Thousand Bloom chrysanthemum in the Conservatory. Rt. 1, Kennett Square. Daily 9 to 5. \$8-\$18. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.



Holiday Events & Tours

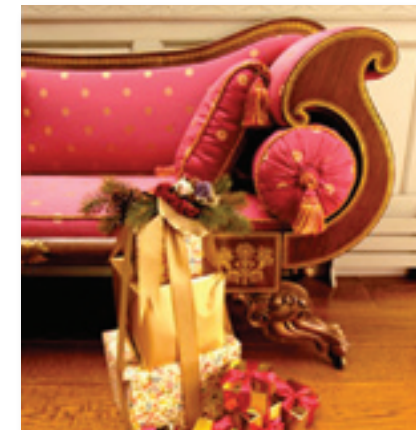
Through December
Holiday Events in Phoenixville. *See article in this issue.*

November 13-January 15
Historic Odessa Foundation Presents "A Madeline Christmas." The National Historic

Landmark Corbit-Sharp House is transformed into a special holiday exhibit adapted from the classic children's tale. Other special events at the Historic Odessa Foundation include Candlelight Tours and Holiday Hearth Cooking demonstrations. 201 Main St., Odessa, DE. Tues-Sat, 10 to 4:30; Sun, 1 to 4:30. \$8-\$10. 302-378-4119; HistoricOdessa.com.



November 23-January 5
Yuletide at Winterthur. Experience the traditions of the past and entertaining displays in this special wintertime tour, a delight for all ages. 5105 Kennett Pk., (Rt. 52), Winterthur, DE. Tues-Sun, 10 to 5. \$5-\$20. 800-448-3883; Winterthur.org.



November 29-January 5
A Brandywine Christmas. A holiday tradition featuring an extensive O-gauge model railroad, natural "critter" ornaments (Annual Critter Sale, **Dec. 7-8**), and rare antique dolls dressed in period clothing, in dollhouse rooms filled with hand-crafted furnishings and miniature paintings by members of the Wyeth family. Brandywine River Museum, Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. Daily, 9:30 to 4:30; **Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26** until 9 and **Dec. 27-30** until 6. \$6-\$12. 610-388-2700; BrandywineMuseum.org.

November 30-December 1, December 7-8, 14-15
Brandywine Valley Wine Trail Holiday Open House. The wineries will be decorated in their holiday finery and will be hosting carolers, holiday musicians and special holiday sale pricing. All wineries, weekends, noon to 5. Free. Wineries may be charging regular price for tastings. 866-390-4367; BVWineTrail.com.

December 1
Winter Festival at Oakbourne. Carols, arts

and crafts, hot chocolate, cookies and Santa in the mansion, which will be beautifully decorated for holiday season. 1014 S. Concord Rd. 3 to 5. Free. 610-692-1930; WesttownPA.org.

December 1, 8, 15, 22
Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides in Kennett Square. Horse-drawn carriage rides throughout town, leaving from the corner of State and Union Sts. \$5. Sundays, noon to 3 pm. 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.

December 5-6
Women's Committee of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Presents A Holiday Bou-

lique. The area's finest boutiques participate to benefit CHOP. Merion Cricket Club, 325 Montgomery Ave., Haverford. Preview Thurs, 5 to 9, \$125-\$1,000 (includes Fri); Fri, 9 to 3, luncheon available, \$30. 267-426-6489; Giving.Chop.edu.

December 6-8
MARSdrinks Old-Fashioned Christmas Celebration in West Chester. **Dec. 6**, 5th Annual "Jingle Elf 5K Run" at 6:30, the parade begins at 7:15. **Dec. 6-8**, "Trial By Jury," see Theater. **Dec. 7**, Breakfast with Santa at Chester County Historical Society, 8:30 to 10 am, \$14, limited seating, bring your

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camera. Gingerbread House Making, West Chester Municipal Bldg., 2 to 4 pm, \$12. Caroling at Brandywine Hall Care Center, 800 W. Miner St., 7 to 8 pm. 610-696-4046; GWCC.org.

December 6-7
Malvern's Victorian Christmas. Events begin in Burke Park, for the lighting of the town tree. Then stroll King Street, stop at vendors and visit shops offering complimentary refreshments. Also, musical performances, children's shows, carriage rides, Santa and Mrs. Claus and more through Sat. Fri, 6 to 9; Sat, 11 to 3. 610-296-9096; MalvernsVictorianChristmas.org.

December 6-7
Old-Fashioned Christmas In Wayne. See article in this issue.

December 6-8
Hay Creek Historical Assoc. Christmas at Joanna Furnace. Enjoy an evening in the parlors of colonial and Victorian families as they celebrate Christmas. Horse-drawn carriage rides, a Christmas Market, food, a bonfire, live nativity and walking tours. Rt. 10, 3 mi. N of Morgantown. Daily, 5 to 9. \$5; 12 and under. free. 610-286-0388; HayCreek.org.

December 7
Chadds Ford Historical Society's Candle-

light Christmas Holiday House Tour. Self-guided tour featuring 15 properties in the Unionville area and the Village of Marlborough. 1 to 6. \$20 advance; \$25 day of tour at the Chadds Ford Historical Society. 610-388-7376; ChaddsFordHistory.org.



December 7-January 6
Holidays at Hagley. Programs based on early du Pont family holiday celebrations and New Year's traditions including an elaborate Twelfth Night display in the dining room. Upstairs will be a small display of early 19th-century gifts received by the du Pont family. Rt. 141, Wilmington. 9:30 to 4:30. \$10-\$14; under 14, free. 302-658-2400; Hagley.org.

December 7
Holiday Home Tour. West Chester Public Library presents a walking tour of 11 beautifully decorated homes, dating from 1870 to 2000, in the southwestern neighborhood of West Chester. 10 to 3. Tickets at the Library, 415 N. Church St. or online. \$30; \$40 day of tour at the library. 610-696-1721; WCPublicLibrary.org.

December 7
Coatesville Christmas Parade. Lively and festive with bands, floats, antique cars, cartoon characters and entertainment. Strode Ave. to 11th St., Coatesville. 10 am. CoatesvilleChristmasParade.com.

December 7
Colonial PA Plantation's Christmas on the Farm. Get into the holiday spirit and visit the Plantation on its closing day for the year and enjoy the decorations, tea tasting, wasailing, textile, woodworking and long rifle demos. Ridley Creek State Park, Media. 11 to 6. \$8-\$10. 610-566-1725; ColonialPlantation.org.

December 8
Annual Candlelight Holiday Home Tour in Kennett Square. Historic homes will be decked out for the holidays and open to visitors. Tickets required. 610-444-8141; KennettSquareHistory.org/CandlelightHomeTour.html.

December 14
The Spirit of Christmas in New Castle, DE. A full day of concerts, house tours, crafts, shopping, refreshments and sharing the Christmas Spirit. Brochures at New Castle Presbyterian Church, 25 E. Second St., New Castle. 10 to

5. All events are free. 302-328-3279; NewCastlePresChurch.org.

Towns, Boroughs, Tours . . .

November 1, December 6
First Fridays. Stroll through area towns to find exhibits, galleries, restaurant specials, entertainment and extended hours. **Berwyn**, 610-203-4543; BerwynDevonBusiness.com. **Kennett Square**, 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com. **Lancaster City**, 717-509-ARTS; LancasterArts.com. **A Main Line ARTitude**, 610-642-4040; FirstFridayMainLine.com. **Oxford**, 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org. **Phoenixville**, 610-933-3070; PhxFirstFriday.com. **Wayne**, 610-687-7698; FirstFriday-Wayne.com. **West Chester**, 610-738-3350; DowntownWestChester.com; **Wilmington**, 302-576-2100; ArtLoopWilmingtonDE.com.

November 9
Historic Sugartown's 30th Anniversary Celebration. The community is invited to a free Open House during the day, 10 to 2, and celebration dinner and silent auction in the evening in the Carriage Museum, 5:30 pm, \$110. 610-640-2667; HistoricSugartown.org.



November 9, December 14
Media's Second Saturdays. Media's version of First Fridays. 610-566-5210; MediaArtsCouncil.org.

Museums

Through November 17
Brandywine River Museum Exhibit. "Jamie Wyeth, Rockwell Kent and Monhegan," examines the fascination that the island of Monhegan, off the coast of Maine, held for both artists. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. Daily 9:30 to 4:30. \$6-\$12; under 6, free. 610-388-2700; BrandywineMuseum.org.

Through January 5
Delaware Museum of Natural History Exhibit, "Ice Age Imperials." Touch and interact with real fossils from ancient animals such as the giant ground sloth, the cave bear, the largest breed of lion to ever live and shaggy elephants that once covered North America.

4840 Kennett Pk., Wilmington. Mon-Sat, 9:30 to 4:30; Sun, noon to 4:30. \$7-\$9. 302-658-9111; DelMNH.org.



Through January 12
Delaware Art Museum Exhibit. "Femfolio," a print portfolio of 20 women artists important to the feminist movement of the 1970s. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed-Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, noon to 4. \$6-\$12; under 6, free; Sun, free. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

Music, Dance & Live Shows

November 8, 10
Vox Ama Deus, Camarata Ama Deus Presents "Antonio di Venezia Vivaldi Treasures" The Baroque Chamber Orchestra performs **Nov. 8**, The Church of St. Martin-in-the-

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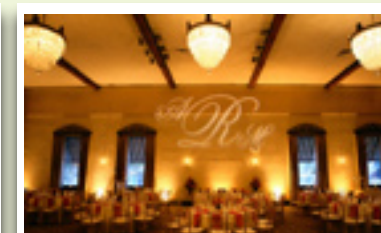

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November 9

WCU Live! Presents The Masters of Motown.

A ten-member cast comes together to reproduce the style, sound and feel of Motown. Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, S. High St., West Chester. 7:30 pm. \$15-\$20. 610-436-2266; WCUPA.Edu/VisitingArtists/VAS.asp.



November 9

Buddy Valastro, The Cake Boss, "The Fam-

ily Celebrations Tour." TLC's Cake Boss will share stories from his TV shows (*Cake Boss*, *Next Great Baker*), his family at Carlo's Bakery will answer audience questions and will give live decorating demonstrations. DuPont Theatre, 1007 N. Market St., Wilmington. 3 and 7:30 pm. \$29.75-\$39.75. \$95 includes a post-show meet and greet. 800-338-0881; DuPontTheatre.com.

November 14

Music on the Brandywine at Brandywine River Museum. Harpist Caroline Cole. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. 7:30 pm. \$25. 610-388-8326; BrandywineMuseum.org.

November 22

Friday Night Live Concert at Community Arts Center. Featured artists create visual art that is inspired by and responds to musical performance. The work is auctioned off by a silent auction taking place throughout the evening. Band: Jimmy Shoe and the Shine—reggae and ska and originals; artist: Erika Matyok, Bob Deane, Drew Arata. BYOB. Light refreshments. 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. 7:30. \$15. 610-566-1713; CommunityArtsCenter.org.

November 23

WCU Live! Presents von Grey. Four sisters join to create soulful harmonies, poetic lyrics and beautiful melodies. Madeleine Wing Adler Theatre, Phillips Memorial Bldg., 817 S. High

St., West Chester. 7:30 pm. \$15-\$20. 610-436-2266; WCUPA.Edu/VisitingArtists/VAS.asp.

November 24

Tri-State Jazz Society Concert at the Community Arts Center. Atlantic City Jazz Band performs Dixieland and traditional jazz. 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. 2 to 5. \$10. 610-566-1713; CommunityArtsCenter.org.

November 29

DuPont Theatre Presents John Pinette—Still Hungry Tour. Smart, original, stand-up comedy by this talented entertainer who offers his observations on everyday life. DuPont Theatre, 1007 N. Market St., Wilmington. 8 pm. \$38.75. 800-338-0881; DuPontTheatre.com.

December 7

Kennett Symphony's "Spirit of the Season." This annual holiday concert is a family tradition in Chester County. Kennett High School, 100 E. South St. 8 pm. \$5-\$40. 610-444-6363; KennettSymphony.org.

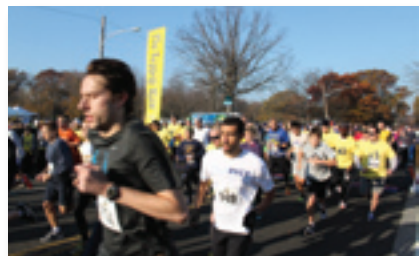
December 8

Vox Ama Deus, Ama Deus Ensemble Presents Handel's Messiah. The 1749 Covent Garden version will be performed at Daylesford Abbey, 220 S. Valley Rd., Paoli. 4 pm. \$10-\$25. 610-688-2800; VoxAmaDeus.org.

Outdoor Events, Sports

November 10

5th Annual Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation's 5K Run/Walk & Kids' Dash. Athletes of all abilities gather to support the battle against childhood cancer. Memorial Hall, 4231 Avenue of the Republic, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia. Check in 7 am; Kids' Dash, 8 am; Run/Walk, 8:30. 866-333-1213; AlexsLemonade.org.



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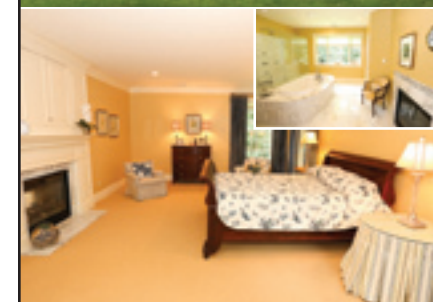
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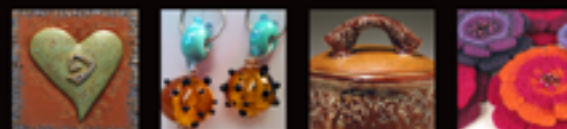
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December 7

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Theater

Through November 3

Monty Python's Spamalot. Tony-Award winning musical based on *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*. Media Theatre for the Performing Arts, 104 E. State St., Media. Phone for curtain times. \$25-\$42. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

Through November 24

The Devil's Music: The Life and Blues of Bessie Smith. Miche Braden stars as Bessie Smith, the legendary "Empress of the Blues." People's Light & Theatre, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Tues-Thurs, 7:30; Fri-



Sat, 8; Sun, 7; Wed, Sat, Sun, 2. \$26-\$46. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

November 20-January 4

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. The Biblical story of Joseph and his jealous brothers is brought to musical life. Media Theatre for the Performing Arts, 104 E. State St., Media. Call for curtain times. \$25-\$42. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

November 20-January 12

Cinderella: A Musical Panto. The holiday tradition continues at People's Light & Theatre, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Phone for curtain times. \$35-\$50. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

November 24-December 22

Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. Scott Langdon performs his one-man interpreta-

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December 3-8

West Side Story. See article in this issue.

December 6-8

Trial By Jury and Carol Sing, presented by the Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Chester County during West Chester's Old-Fashioned Christmas. Courtroom 1, Chester Co. Justice Center, 201 W. Market St, West Chester. Fri, 6 pm; Sat, 2 and 8; Sun, 2 pm. \$5-\$12. 610-269-5499; GSSChesCo.org. ♦

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A Weekend of Good Old Fashioned Christmas

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The family-friendly entertainment, sponsored by the Wayne Business Association, begins on Friday at 5:30. Climb into a horse-drawn carriage and get carried away into a winter wonderland. And children will especially enjoy face painting and ornament decorating at the Radnor Fire Company. Imagine Downtown Wayne illuminated with seasonal decorations and the smiling faces of local Christmas carolers from Valley Forge Military Academy & College Choir, Radnor Cheerleaders, Girl Scouts and other community groups.

Friday night's activities culminate with the much-anticipated Wayne Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at 7:30 at the train station. Wayne native and 6ABC Action News Reporter Vernon Odom will lead the crowd in a countdown to the moment when the tree comes alive. "The energy from the crowd is amazing! The entire intersection is filled with kids of all ages shouting the numbers and cheering when the bright tree lights go on. Then the crowd joins in singing Christmas carols. Everyone is so excited—people love it!" says Diane Jiorle, Wayne Business Association President.

Saturday morning, Santa's Parade begins at 10 a.m. on Lancaster Avenue, near Aberdeen, and continues to the Wayne Hotel. Santa makes his way accompanied by the Radnor High School Marching Band, Cheerleaders and the Valley Forge Military Academy Field Music Group.

Children can share their Christmas lists with Santa and have their pictures taken until 11:30 at the Wayne Hotel, perfect souvenirs of this holiday moment. The atmosphere will be even jollier with complimentary hot chocolate and cookies provided by Paramour.

In the true spirit of Christmas, unwrapped gifts will be collected for Toys for Tots. A weekend's worth of Old Fashioned Christmas comes with just one request—a donation for a child in need. The Toys for Tots dropbox will be at the Wayne Hotel until mid-December.

During the weekend, you'll also be able to cross off items on your holiday shopping list. Wayne boutiques plan to keep their doors open for the festivities so you won't miss favorite shops or this year's new additions on Lancaster Avenue! Whether spoiling yourself or someone else this holiday season, check out boutiques like Louella and Jade's Closet for women's fashion. And new Bella Oliva Taproom offers gifts good for the heart and the appetite. Wayne Gift Certificates, available from Sovereign Bank, are an easy and thoughtful gift, too. ♦

~ Dana Helm

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THEATRE SPOTLIGHT

Something's Coming ... to The DuPont Theatre



WEST SIDE STORY

West Side Story Company. © Carol Rosegg 2012.

Prepare to be amazed once again by the story of Tony and Maria, brought to life by the breathtaking choreography, singing and acting of the cast of *West Side Story*. The touring company for this smash hit Broadway revival comes to the DuPont Theatre for eight performances, December 3-8.

Fifty years have not dimmed the extraordinary choreography and score of *West Side Story*, a timeless tale of love and loss. The musical tells of star-crossed lovers, Tony and Maria, as they struggle with the hatred and intolerance around them. As powerful, poignant and timely as ever, the revival features beloved songs from the original musical that you may want to hum along with—"Something's Coming," "Tonight," "America," "I Feel Pretty" and "Somewhere."

Considered one of Broadway's finest, *West Side Story* opens with a danced "Prologue" in which two rival gangs—the Jets and Sharks—act out their hatred through dance. The "Prologue" remains one of the most expressive starts to any musical. The extraordinary choreography and hard-edged lyrics perfectly capture the angry voice of urban youth. This revival is reproduced by David Saint, Associate Director on Broadway, and Jerome Robbins' outstanding choreography is recreated by Tony Award-nominee Joey McKneely.

At its debut, *West Side Story* changed the course of the American musical theater by incorporating song, dance, drama and design into one seamless piece, using an unconventional chorus, and ending on a bittersweet note. It's no surprise the revival opened to critical acclaim and became the longest-running production of this groundbreaking musical in Broadway history.

And you may remember the 1961 film, starring Natalie Wood and Richard Beymer as Maria and Tony, that won ten Academy Awards, including Best Picture. The film soundtrack grossed more than any other album before it.

Bernstein's original score remains bracingly modern and expressive to audiences five decades after the musical's debut. *The New Yorker* called *West Side Story* a "fresh, bold production so exciting it makes you ache with pleasure. It's both airborne and transcendent."

It's a musical that never grows old. Go see for yourself. ♦

~ Marissa Caldwell

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Local Hero ~ Peggy Gusz

Crime Victims' Center of Chester County

In 1973 a close friend of Peggy Gusz was sexually assaulted. When the legal system proved difficult to navigate, the friend turned to Peggy, who knew immediately that something needed to be done. Peggy joined forces with other concerned citizens and together they got involved in the movement against sexual assault. The group established the Rape Crisis Council so sexual assault victims wouldn't have to go through the court process—or the healing process—alone.

Peggy's friend turned to her, and Peggy was determined to make sure all victims—not just those of sexual assault—had a place to turn to. From that determination, the Crime Victims' Center of Chester County was born.

As CVC celebrates its 40th anniversary this month, we reflect on the commitment, compassion and perseverance of staff, volunteers and community partners that got us to this milestone. For four decades, CVC has served victims of crime by accompanying them to hospitals, police interviews and court hearings; by offering counseling services; by hosting 24-hour crisis response through anonymous and confidential hotlines; and by providing awareness and prevention programs to schools, community groups and institutions. All free of charge.

When I graduated college, I knew I wanted to work with a nonprofit group that makes a difference—one that makes clients its number one priority. CVC is that organization.

I asked Peggy what she thinks makes CVC so special. "Having wonderful people willing to put in the time with compassion, dedication and the victim's needs as first priority," she said.

We're lucky that the motivating force behind CVC is still the organization's leader. With 40 years of knowledge, experience and hard work, Peggy has committed her life to the Crime Victims' Center. She's an invaluable resource who still advocates for victims and makes new connections to expand the Center's reach.

It's no secret that the nonprofit sector isn't where you'll find a big salary or unlimited resources, but you do gain valuable experience, meet inspirational people, and you certainly learn life's most important lessons. When it comes to joining an organization that provides insight into the benefits and challenges of nonprofit work, I struck gold when I joined CVC. And I couldn't ask for a better teacher and mentor than Peggy Gusz. ♦

~ Lori Brooks

To volunteer, contribute or attend the Nov. 15th fundraiser at the Downingtown Country Club, call 610-692-1926 or visit CVCofCC.org.



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The Brandywine Creek Greenway

Sheila Fleming, Brandywine Conservancy

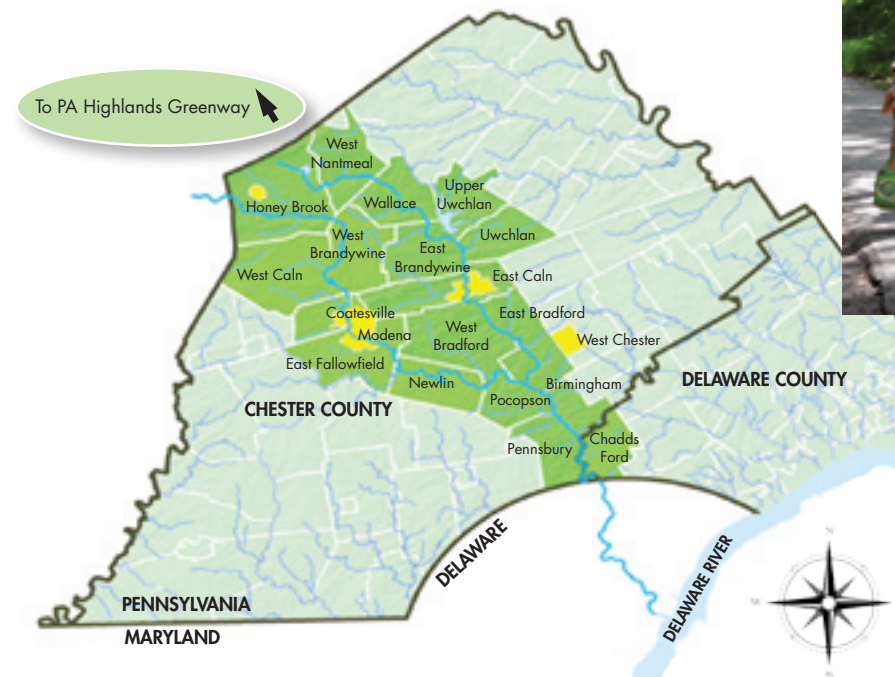
Fishing, canoeing, kayaking, tubing ... the Brandywine Creek—an area rich in natural and cultural resources—is used by countless people each year for recreation. Dramatic history—such as the Battle of Brandywine, one of the largest and most important battles of the Revolutionary War—took place here. And the picturesque landscapes and family farms have inspired artists for more than 200 years, including three generations of the Wyeth family.

The incredible beauty and vitality of the Brandywine Valley are, of course, the very features that attract new residents and conse-

quently place the region's resources at risk. In recent years, when the economy was robust, farmland and forests were being converted to residential and commercial use at a rate as high as 5,000 acres per year across Chester County.

But the recently slowing economy and decreasing development pressure have provided a window of opportunity for land trusts like the Brandywine Conservancy to collaborate with residents, municipal officials and other stakeholders to plan a strategy to protect the area's resources. And so was born the Brandywine Creek Greenway.

The Brandywine Creek offers a multitude of recreational activities, including beautiful views of the fall foliage. PHOTO: CHUCK BOWERS



Save the Watershed

In 2010, the Brandywine Conservancy began working with 24 municipalities with borders along the east and west branches of the Brandywine Creek (see the map above) to prepare a common vision for the Brandywine Creek Greenway.

Municipal, county and state governments had already successfully conserved an impressive 8,400 acres of public open space within the watershed. Private individuals have protected over 21,000 acres of additional private land by donating or selling development rights. Another 6,800 acres of private open space are permanently protected by deed restrictions controlled by homeowners associations. A remarkable foundation for an open space project!

The Brandywine Creek Watershed, the largest in Chester County, covers 325 square miles and is the source of drinking

water for several communities along its banks, including Downingtown, Coatesville, and West Chester, as well as the city of Wilmington. The Brandywine also provides water for commercial, agricultural and industrial uses, contributing to its importance to the region.

Water resource protection and management have been the vital work of the Brandywine Conservancy since its founding in 1967. The Conservancy holds more than 440 conservation easements and has protected and facilitated the permanent preservation of over 58,000 acres in Chester, Delaware and New Castle Counties.

The Greenway

The Brandywine Creek Greenway's goals are both recreational and ecological. To promote recreation, the Greenway seeks, for example, to promote and enhance

leisure use of municipal, county and state-owned open space and provide safe transportation alternatives for walkers, cyclists and equestrians.

And the Greenway will also protect and improve vital natural resources within the Brandywine watershed, as well as mitigate flooding in flood prone areas, and preserve state- and municipally-designated scenic resources and buffering scenic resources from new development.

The Greenway will include a network of privately- and publicly-owned open spaces, wildlife corridors, natural and cultural features, parks and creek access points. It will also include an interconnected network of regional and community walking, hiking and bicycling trails. These trails—ranging from footpaths to concrete sidewalks and multi-use trails—will connect into a coordinated system for walkers, cyclists, and equestrians and expand the regional trail network for leisure use.

The concept plan for the Greenway was developed and published in 2013, and work continues on this important initiative. A complete strategic plan for the Greenway will be produced in 2014.

Through this unique partnership, public and private lands along the river will be better protected from development pressures, eroded landscapes restored, and the Greenway's unique recreational and tourism potential realized.

A win-win for everyone. ♦

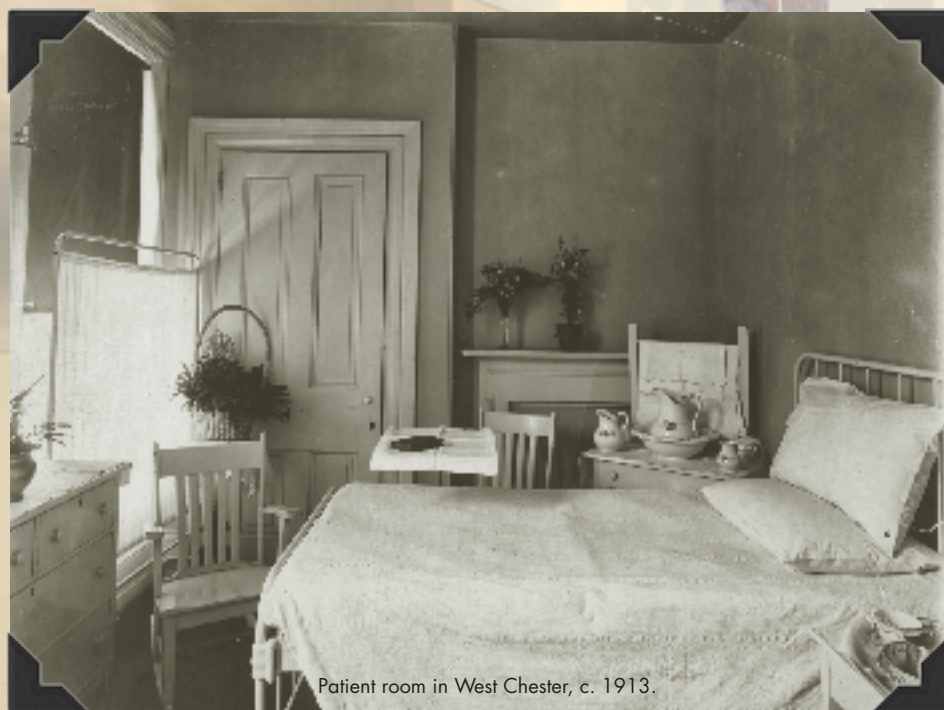
The Brandywine Conservancy provides conservation services to landowners, farmers, municipalities and developers through professional planners and natural resource managers. Services include technical assistance, expertise for conservation and comprehensive land use planning. In 2008, the Conservancy was among the first land trusts in the country to be awarded accreditation by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. For more information, contact the Brandywine Conservancy, 610-388-8317; BrandywineConservancy.org.



The greenway area includes public and private lands, such as this farm in Honey Brook Township, in the headwaters of the Brandywine. PHOTO: DAVID A. YORI



Hoopes-Warrington Mansion, Walnut & Biddle Streets in West Chester, site of the original hospital, 1913.



Patient room in West Chester, c. 1913.



Ambulances at Memorial Hospital of Chester County, likely used to move patients to the new Paoli site in 1968.

Paoli Hospital

100 Years of Health

Paoli Hospital celebrates its centennial and a history of community support.

Too often lost in current conversations on healthcare, which devolve into political posturing and worse, is the proud tradition of community hospitals and their essential role providing care to area residents. Our region is especially fortunate to mark a milestone for a patient-centered institution, as Paoli Hospital hits the hundred-year mark.

With a colorful history chronicled in a 300-page, 30-chapter, book—*The History of Paoli Memorial Hospital*, published in 1999 and written by former hospital board chair Marjorie H. Panitt—Paoli Hospital has great stories to tell. The hospital was kind enough to share its stories and photos from its archives, along with a copy of Panitt's fact-filled book (there are even copies available on Amazon.com).

Here's some of what we learned.

Early Days

Following Chester County Hospital by 21 years, the Homeopathic Hospital of Chester County—Paoli Hospital's first of four names—opened in 1913 in West Chester on the southwest corner of Walnut and Biddle Streets in the stately brick Hoopes-Warrington Mansion. It had seven rooms, a children's ward and 35 hospital beds. The original name, with its reference to homeopathy, signified the hospital's affiliation with a medical philosophy founded by Dr. Samuel C.F. Hahnemann in 1796 and distinct from the allopathic approach at its neighbor across town.

Although its first patient, an employee of the Dutt Woolen Mill at Milltown, had a crushed finger requiring amputation by attending physician Dr. S. LeRoy Barber, *The Daily Local* newspaper reported sunnier aspects of the hospital's opening. It was "splendidly located," "light and cheerful with good ventilation" and had perfectly sanitary features (code for indoor plumbing).

As Chester County's population grew—from around 112,000 in 1912 to over half a million today—so too did the hospital, expanding beyond the initial \$12,250 investment by ten doctors and undergoing four major expansions at its West Chester location. Its room rates increased, too. When it opened, the hospital charged just \$1 a day for rooms (when a loaf of bread cost a nickel).

Financial Challenges

Because about half the incoming patients were charity cases, the hospital ran into financial troubles several times in its early years. In addition to frequent donations and fundraisers sponsored by Pierre du Pont—including a 1922 concert by John Philip Sousa—the hospital often turned to the community for support. Local farmers contributed crops, doctors donated \$200 each toward unpaid bills during the Depression, and one supporter wrote a check for \$4,230 to prevent the fire insurance policy from being cancelled.

Vital to the hospital's financial health over its entire hundred-year history has been the active and successful Auxiliary. The Auxiliary's fundraising efforts rescued the hospital several times—doing everything from sewing nurses' uniforms to hosting charity balls and benefits at West Chester's opera house, plus strawberry festivals, linen drives and tag days. Furnishing hospital rooms, running the cafeteria, renovating the children's ward are just a few projects of this group, worthy of a separate article.

A side note: the current Auxiliary pledges about \$1.5 million every three years for special initiatives like the Pavilion (see photo), the family-centered maternity unit expansion (which according to Tina Saurman, Nurse Manager, provides hotel-quality room service in addition to outstanding care), and the expanded Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (or NICU, which opened this summer). Two-time president Peggy Mason, who has volunteered in every unit of Paoli Hospital, said the Auxiliary's work included needlework and fashion shows, golf and polo tournaments, festivals of trees and the upcoming centennial celebration, Mistletoe and Magic, on November 23rd, to continue its fundraising tradition.

Growing Pains

The first expansion in 1917 was generously funded by Pierre du Pont, who donated \$22,000, matched by \$28,000 from the community in an astonishing six-day challenge campaign for improvements needed for accreditation (operating room, x-ray rooms, elevator and more). By 1924, when the hospital



became fully accredited, there were 72 beds, 17 nurses, and rooms rates had skyrocketed to \$5.25 for the most expensive room.

A major 1949 expansion of the hospital—known since 1944 as the Memorial Hospital of Chester County in honor of servicemen and women in the wars—increased the bed count to 82 and created a new wing connecting the main hospital with the former nurses’ home. Yes, nurses lived at the hospital, literally!

In 1955, the new Kerwin Annex, named after renowned surgeon Charles Kerwin, brought the patient bed count up to 129 and included new facilities for a lab and x-ray departments, at a cost of \$198,432.96 (Paoli Hospital’s Fun Facts webpage states the amount to the penny!).

Each expansion added patient beds along with new equipment and facilities until the hospital became essentially landlocked—unable to expand further at its in-town location and faced with serious growing pains and parking problems in West Chester.

Ms. Panitt’s book includes stories of the staff dealing creatively with these limitations. Nurses had to check the pressure of the undependable heating boilers in the basement during their rounds, much as they checked on their human patients. Other stories recounted patients leaving the emergency room being wheeled “through the basement, with its leaky pipes” and “plaster falling on patients’ beds.”

Changing Times

By the early 1960s the Hospital Survey Committee projected that West Chester would soon have too many hospital beds for demand. Rejecting options to rebuild at the current location for \$2 million, merge with Chester County Hospital, or close its doors, the Board decided to move. And so a 23.5-acre property was purchased for \$162,000, located just west of the small village of Paoli,

in an area that was in need of medical services and expected to become a growing part of the county, despite the farms, woods and rolling hills that surrounded the site.

The old building was rented to West Chester State College as a dormitory for 100 female students and the County Health Department leased another section before it was razed in 2010 to make way for the Mary Taylor House, for low- and moderate-income seniors.

Ground breaking for the new hospital began on July 16, 1966, with the Lukens Steel band, local radio personality Bill Hart, the usual politicians and dignitaries, and singer Shirley Jones, who just happened to be appearing at nearby Valley Forge Music Fair. The Music Fair sent Ruby Keeler and Zsa Zsa Gabor to the hospital for treatment in later years.

Construction began apace, as the hospital adopted modern design ideas, such as using carpeting, rather than vinyl, in patients’ rooms, and the décor used prints and stripes in bright yellows and light greens, rather than the “sickly medical green that had been considered a ‘restful’ color for hospitals.” These innovations likely contributed to the nickname “Paoli Hilton.”

With a convenient location near Lancaster Avenue, yet set back enough to be quiet and set high enough for views of the Great Valley to the north, the new hospital—now named Paoli Memorial Hospital—cost \$4 million to build—a million more than originally estimated, but covering land, building, equipment and furnishings. It opened with 104 rooms, and charged \$45 for a private room.

On moving day, September 21, 1968, patients were driven by ambulance, the narcotics were moved with a police escort, and the Red Cross supplied coffee and donuts to ensure the event ran smoothly. Paoli Memorial Hospital was in business.

At 100 and Growing

Today, Paoli Hospital—now part of Main Line Health—is a nationally recognized, award-winning, 231-bed facility on that same hill in Paoli. Just a few recent milestones include its \$144 million Pavilion designed to be a total healing environment (down to the type of shower curtain); the County’s only regional trauma center, a Cancer Center affiliated with Fox Chase Cancer Center, and the suburbs’ first celiac center.

President Jim Paradis acknowledges the contributions made by staff and volunteers during its first hundred years achievement, by saying: “It is the continued support from our community that has helped our hospital, not only reach this milestone, but flourish.” ♦

God May Be in the Details, But He’s Also in the New Hospital

Jocelyn Hoopes, an Oncology Data Specialist, who became involved in the history of Paoli Hospital in part because of a family connection to the Hoopes-Warrington Mansion that housed the original hospital, shared a wonderful story with us.

An intercom system connected the nurses’ stations with the patient rooms—an innovation for the area at that time. The true story is told of a little girl who was a patient in the hospital the first week it was opened. Her family could not be with her all day, and the nurse checked on her through the intercom.

“Mary,” the nurse called. No answer.

Again, “Mary.” Still, no answer.

“Mary, answer me—I know you are there.”

A tremulous voice finally replied, “Hello, God.”

From The History of Paoli Memorial Hospital, by Marjorie H. Panitt.

Ground Breaking ceremony, July 16, 1966



Early work on new site 1966-1968



New logo developed for Paoli Memorial



Nurses’ Residence, showing nurses in pinafore uniforms worn in the 1920s-30s.



Paoli Hospital today is an award winning site for 21st-century medicine.



Front of Memorial Hospital of Chester County, late 1950s, after the last major renovation.



Nursery, c. 1950



What's New in Phoenixville?

Laura Muzzi Brennan

Ask people in nine out of ten American towns “What’s new?,” and you get a “Nothing much” along with a shrug. But in zip code 19460, residents have lots to say about what makes this former steel town a vibrant place to live and visit.

If you ask Mary Foote, The Colonial Theatre’s executive director, what’s new in Phoenixville, you’ll find out she’s excited about the Theatre’s new digital equipment and how it will enhance moviegoers’ experience. Tireless town booster, Jan Swarr, talks about the upcoming Historic Phoenixville Candlelight Holiday Tour she organizes, as well as future shows at The Forge, the local community theater. Novelist Robb Cadigan describes Phoenixville as “ripe with stories,” just one reason he chose the town as the setting for his recently released *Phoenixville Rising* (see interview in this issue). And at the Chamber of Commerce, Director Jessica Capistrant fills me in on Phoenixville’s Food Festival, held for the first time this past October and planned again for Spring 2014.

I spend a morning with Mike Irby, a local photographer and goodwill ambassador for his adopted town. Ambling along Bridge Street, the town’s main drag, he points out the just-completed borough hall and a six-acre parcel slated for development, signs the renaissance Phoenixville began a decade ago is well under way. Irby gushes about the ever-growing First Friday scene, but once

I see all the restaurants and shops—some mainstays and many new—I’m convinced that any day would be a good one to spend in Phoenixville.

The Shopping Scene

Phoenixville’s shopping scene continues to step outside the box—big box stores, that is—with one-of-a-kind boutiques owned by proprietors who make customer service into an art form.

On the subject of art, Diving Cat Studio & Gallery owner Markels Roberts is always on the lookout for fine handmade functional and sculptural art. At her shop, open seven days a week, see the jewelry, pottery, clothing and decorative items of 200+ artists. Charmed Spirit, a gift shop and gallery, also focuses on handmade goods: blankets, jewelry, pottery and fresh baked gourmet dog treats. Check out the work of local artists while sipping a cuppa at both Artisans Café and Gallery and Steel City Coffee House or see artists at work in the studios of Phoenix Village Art Center (PVAC).



Better yet, become an artist yourself: take classes at PVAC or Diving Cat, create beaded jewelry at Potomac Bead Company, or design custom furniture at County Charm Furnishings. (You can also pick up the handmade chairs, tables and rustic home accents for sale in the shop.)

You might also encourage your children to explore their creative side at the year-old Design Grove. Twice a month, the Grove runs a “Drop, Shop & Dine” program: for just \$20, your child spends the evening making crafts while you gallivant around town, enjoying discounts at participating restaurants and shops.

In the clothing category, Best Friends offers chic styles for women 20ish to 50ish, while LuLu Boutique & Gifterie, a favorite spot of millennials, sells vintage clothing and accessories. Phoenixville Kids’ Klostet offers recycled fashion for the younger set.

Find other “previously loved” items at months-old Deep Groove Records and

Audio and Retold Tales, a cozy used bookstore. For antiques, try Aesthetic Concepts. And if your passion for recycling and sustainability carries over to your home, visit Community Eco Center’s new Bridge Street location for the latest in solar technology, water saving devices, and canning supplies, just to mention a few great finds.

Athletes should dash to All Kinds of Fast, which opened in September, offering shoes, clothing and accessories for runners and walkers. Phoenix Cycles caters to bike enthusiasts with its full service retail and repair shop. And just outside downtown Phoenixville in the Shoppes at Valley Forge, French Creek Outfitters sells equipment and clothing for outdoor sports ranging from archery to kayaking.

To find a bit of everything—collectibles, clothing, gifts—stop into Ellie’s Choice or walk the aisles of Heidi Sue Variety, a classic 5 & 10.

Diners’ Delight

Like its shopping scene, Phoenixville’s foodscene hums with energy. Describing it as the “smorgasbord out my back door,” Jan Swarr jokes that she never has to cook again.

This past September, Majolica chef/owner Andrew Deery added to his long list of accolades when he was named “Best Chef in Chester County” by winning the Invitational Culinary Cook Off at the Chester County Restaurant Festival. Deery’s inventive cuisine executed with painstaking attention to detail keeps foodies coming back to this intimate BYOB.

Another favorite BYOB, Marly’s, dishes up American Continental food in its charming wood and exposed brick dining room and back patio. Diners give two forks up to shrimp and grits, panko crusted crab cakes and the bento box appetizer sampler.



Kimberton Cuisine

Just ten minutes west of Phoenixville, Kimberton hosts its shares of interesting foodie destinations. Check out these popular spots:

Fenice Creolo: A newcomer showcasing Italian Creole fusion cuisine created by Chef John “Macjon” DeLuca who trained under Paul Prudhomme, the king of New Orleans cuisine.

Kimberton Whole Foods: A full-service grocery store and eat-in café featuring natural, organic and local foods. Check out the cool selection of farming, food and sustainable living magazines.

Sly Fox Brewhouse and Eatery: A favorite tavern offering delicious pub fare and a rotating selection of beers. Stop in to sample Chester County Bitter, Rte. 113 IPA and Phoenix Pale Ale.

Kimberton Inn: An historic inn that’s gone through many name changes since it was built in 1796. On the dinner menu this century: upscale contemporary American food.

Asian Café: A reasonably priced, 50-seat restaurant serving Chinese, Japanese and Thai dishes for lunch and dinner seven days a week.

In other food news, Chef Josh White returned to Black Lab Bistro in September. Fans of this American BYOB are eager to see what changes White brings to the table.

Newcomer Sips Bistro & Bar serves classic French cuisine and hosts a Happy Hour that garners raves. Located in the old Chester Hotel, the restaurant features the original oak bar and an inviting outside brick patio. Owner Fabien Chaigneau, who hails from Bordeaux, appreciates the diversity of restaurants in Phoenixville and says the town’s close-knit vibe reminds him of home.

Dominic’s Ristorante Italiano debuted in late spring in the Bridge Street space formerly occupied by Daddy Mims. The upscale BYOB offers a range of pastas, fish and meat dishes. Farther up Bridge Street, one-and-a-half-year-old Vecchia has been gaining popularity for its authentic Naples-style pizza cooked in a wood-fired oven.

Other long-time Italian favorites are Franco’s (try the pasta with garlic) and Pepperoncini Sotto, whose popular dishes include Veal Sinatra and Chicken San Nicola.

Classic Mexican food also makes its mark on Phoenixville in Hacienda La Michoacana and El Burrito, both opened in 2012. Hacienda offers a full bar, while El Burrito is BYOB. For artfully presented

authentic Thai cuisine, sample the dishes at Thai L’Elephant.

And if you just need good food and drink in a laidback atmosphere, Phoenixville delivers. Drop into Nudy’s Café, The Wooden Spoon Bakery and Café, or the newly opened Your Mom’s Place for breakfast or lunch. Relax over coffee, light fare and dessert at Artisans Café and Gallery or pick up bread and pastries at Soltane Breads and Spreads.

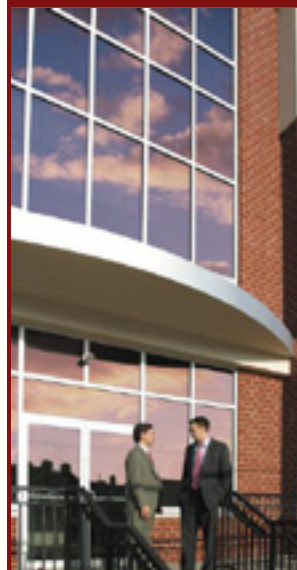
For casual pub fare, mosey into Iron Hill Brewery, PJ Ryans and Steel City Coffee House (live music plus five creative takes on mac and cheese!). Both Bistro on Bridge and the Fenix offer craft beers along with casual dining.

To satisfy your sweet tooth, ask Gail Warner, chocolatier at Bridge Street Chocolates, to point you toward the truffles and chocolate sea salt drops. If frozen treats tickle your fancy, try newcomer Yum Yum Yogurt or perennial favorites Petrucci’s Ice Cream and Water Ice and Brown’s Cow.

Curious about Pennsylvania wines? Attend tastings at Black Walnut Winery and Sandcastle Winery’s Gourmet Experience, both on Bridge Street, or venture to Stone Barn Cellars in nearby Spring City.

As I wrap up my day in town I understand why “What’s new in Phoenixville?” elicits such a long—and interesting—answer. ♦

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10/4 food trucks 10/5 - 10/9 restaurant week

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5/12 - 5/17

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What's Happening in Phoenixville

Phoenixville Farmer's Market Through November 23

A producer/grower market committed to providing locally grown, fresh food, preserving the region's agricultural heritage and building community. Under the Gay St. Bridge, accessed by Taylor Alley (200 Mill St.). Sat, 9 to 1. PhoenixvilleFarmersMarket.org.

Phoenixville Library Presents "Wine, Wit & Wisdom."

November 7
A benefit for essential library programs featuring a wine presentation, dinner and silent auction, plus guest speaker Robb Cadigan, author of *Phoenixville Rising*. RiverCrest Golf Club & Preserve, 100 Golf Club Dr. 5:45 to 9. Tickets start at \$125. 610-933-3013; PhoenixvilleLibrary.org/Wine-Wit-wisdom.

Annual "Empty Bowls" Event November 8

Help fight hunger by purchasing a simple meal of soup and bread served in a bowl handcrafted by an area artist or student. Keep the bowl as a reminder. Covered Bridge Room at Kimberton Fire Company, 752 Pike Springs Rd. & Firehouse La. 4:30 to 8:30. \$10-\$20. 610-933-1105; PACSPHX.org.

Events at The Colonial Theatre November-December

Nov. 8, Point Entertainment presents Michael Nesmith, singer/songwriter, 8 pm, \$29.50-\$42.50. **Nov. 14**, Keyboard Mania, professional keyboard artistry, 7 pm, \$10-\$40. **Nov. 23**, Point Entertainment presents Ben Bailey, host of "Cash Cab" on Discovery Channel, 8 pm, \$19.50-\$30. **Dec. 28**, Firebird Theatre's Holiday Revue—fun for the entire family, this

year based on Frank Capra's *It's A Wonderful Life*. 1 & 7 pm, \$8-\$15. 227 Bridge St. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.

31st Annual Auction Party for French & Pickering Creek's Conservation Trust November 9

"Walk on the Wild Side." This evening promises adventure, food and great fun, enabling the trust to strengthen its on-going conservation activities. Stonewall Links, 375 Bulltown Rd., Elverson. 6 pm. Tickets start at \$125. 610-933-7577; FrenchAndPickering.org.

First Friday in Phoenixville November 2, December 7

Stroll through the streets on a self-guided tour of local art galleries, studios, stores and restaurants. Bridge St. from Starr St. to Gay St. 6 to 10 pm. 610-933-3070; PhxFirst-Friday.com.

Phoenixville Chamber of Commerce Annual Charity Gala "A Season of Giving" November 23

The Gala benefits the non-profit community, to help them continue their work throughout the year. This year's beneficiaries: Mom's House and The Phoenixville Healthcare Access Foundation. The Good Samaritan Shelter will also be recognized. Phoenixville Country Club, 355 Country Club Rd. 5:30 to 10. \$80. 610-933-3070; PhoenixvilleChamber.org.

Phoenixville Christmas Parade December 6

The parade starts at 7, from the 300 Block of Bridge Street, then along Bridge St. for the tree

lighting at Bridge and Main Sts. at 8 pm. 610-933-8801; Phoenixville.org.

Holiday Craft Fair December 7

Crafts and collectibles for the holidays. Benefits the fire company. Kimberton Fire Company, 752 Pike Springs Rd. Kimberton. 9 to 2. Free. 484-645-9033 or 610-917-2270.

Annual Candlelight Holiday Tour December 8

Beautifully decorated homes and churches, crafts, music and refreshments. Benefits Children and the Arts Scholarship programs at Firebird Children's Theatre and Phoenix Village Art Center. Tickets and programs available after 1:30 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 121 Church St. 2 to 6 pm. \$20-\$25. 610-933-9181; PhoenixvilleHistorical-Society.org.

Phoenixville's 10th Annual Firebird Festival December 14

Burning of the Firebird (Phoenix) will be at Friendship Field (Franklin Ave & Fillmore St.). Transportation provided from downtown to and from the site. The fun begins at 3, burning of the Phoenix at 8:15. 610-933-9199; Firebird-Festival.com.

12th Annual "A Taste of Phoenixville" January 14, 2014

A premier food, wine, beer event featuring selections from some of Phoenixville's finest restaurants and caterers. Live music and dancing. Benefits the Good Samaritan Shelter. Phoenixville Foundry, 2 N. Main St. \$85. 6 to 10. 610-933-9305; TasteOfPhoenixville.com. ♦



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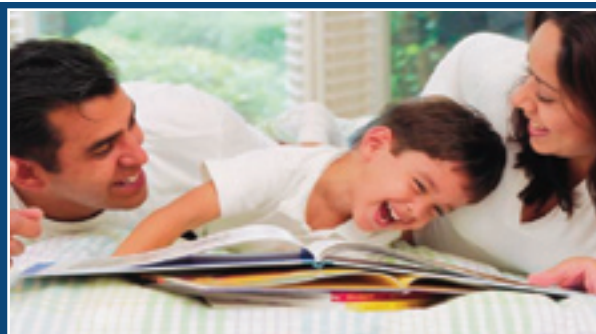


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Chester County readers have cause for excitement!

Robb Cadigan's debut novel, *Phoenixville Rising* is rich, enchanting and essentially a love letter written to one of our very own towns.

The book documents the rise of the Phoenixville steel industry and the devastating fall that came in the late 1980s. It examines the point in our lives when we're forced to make a decision about the

direction of our future—how we react when it's taken away from us and we suddenly have to redefine who we are. Cadigan offered further insights into his novel.

The book, like the town itself, is aptly named. "It's ironic, that they named the town after the phoenix. Like the bird, the town flourished and died, and we're watching it be reborn today. *Phoenixville Rising* is about that journey."

Cadigan admits that he's taken some creative license with the timeline of events, but he's stayed true to Phoenixville's history. "Phoenixville residents are very proud of their history, and it was important for me to be accurate to their experiences."

"One day the town was thriving, and the next it was dead." The anger and resentment that many steel mill workers felt in the aftermath inspired Cadigan's main characters—as did their strength and ability to transform and rebuild. "Too often we focus on the good ol' days, and we lose sight of the here and now. The past is a nice place to visit, but we shouldn't live there. Rather, we should use it as a launching pad for the future."

New York Times bestselling author William Lashner calls the book, "a beautifully written love letter to an industrial town. Robb Cadigan gives us a timeless story of the enduring legacies of love and friendship."

"It's a universal theme, one that readers far beyond Phoenixville and Chester County will enjoy," Cadigan said. "While the theme is universal, Phoenixville's history and legacy are unique."

Intrigued? Meet the Author: November 7th, at Phoenixville Library's annual fundraiser, "Wine, Wit & Wisdom" hosted by the RiverCrest Golf Club & Preserve. For details, visit PhoenixvilleLibrary.org.

To find out where to get a copy of *Phoenixville Rising*, and for information on how you can get Robb to appear at your Reading Group, visit RobbCadigan.com.



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We recently sat down with local author **Robb Cadigan** for an interview about his debut novel ***Phoenixville Rising...***

Hometown?

I grew up in Baltimore, MD and now live in Kimberton PA

Describe *Phoenixville Rising* in one sentence...

A man returns to his hometown after thirty years and revisits a tragic October when he was a teenager hanging out in the abandoned steel mill.

Why this book?

I wanted to challenge that feeling many people have about small-town America: "Nothing ever happens here." When you really look at the history below the surface, plenty has happened in our small towns.

What do you want readers to walk away with?

I primarily just want readers to be entertained. If they walk away with a specific emotion and good feeling about where we live, well, that's wonderful.

What's next?

I'm currently working on a contemporary crime novel set in East Pikeland and the area around Phoenixville.



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November 3-December 22 Sundays

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November 7-10 The Carriage House

Rts. 926 & 82, Willowdale Town Ctr., Kennett Square. 610-444-6770; WillowdaleTownCenter.com/CarriageHouse.html. Shop by candlelight Thurs, 4 to 8. Enjoy shopping and refreshments Thurs, 4 to 8; Fri, 10 to 7; Sat, 10 to 5:30; Sun, 1 to 5.

November 8-9, 15-16 Heritage Design Interiors

1064 Main St., Blue Ball. 717-354-2233; Heri-

tageDesignInteriors.com. Open House featuring beautiful & unique floral designs, wreaths, ornaments, gifts, holiday décor and refreshments. Fri, 9 to 7; Sat, 9 to 4.

November 8-10 UpHome, Ltd.

233 E. King St., Ste. 105, Malvern. 484-318-7109; UpHomeLtd.com. Their Holiday Open House and 10th Anniversary celebration is at their new location. Enjoy wine and cheese while browsing through their new shipment from France. Fri, 4 to 8; Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, noon to 4.

November 9 Lucky Duck Toys

106 E. Lancaster Ave., Wayne. 610-254-0054; LuckyDuckToys.com. Celebrate neighborhood Toy Store Day, a national event, by ASTRA (American Specialty Toy Retailers Association), where Lucky Duck Toys will be showing off the



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November 10 Bella Oliva

113 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne. 610-688-6844; BellaOlivaTaproom.com. Enjoy samples of olive oils and vinegars at the Open House and Tasting Party. Start holiday shopping with a wide assortment of gourmet foods, tabletop and gift items. Gift baskets made to order. Lite bites and refreshments served. Noon to 4.

November 22 Walter J. Cook Jeweler

Chestnut Village Shoppes, 36 Chestnut Rd., Paoli.

610-644-5347; WalterJCookJeweler.com. Holiday Trunk Show. Fill out your wish list.

November 28-December 31 Herrs Foods

Rt. 1 to Rt. 272 to Herr Dr., Nottingham. 800-63-SNACK; Herrs.com. Holiday light display open to all from dusk 'til dawn.

November 30-December 1 Christopher Chocolates

3519 West Chester Pk., Newtown Square. 610-359-1669; Christopher-Chocolates.com. Special tastings, demonstrations in chocolate and great gift ideas. Open Sundays between Thanksgiving and Christmas.



Community Arts Center
610-566-1713; CommunityArtsCenter.org

Holiday Open Houses



Walter J. Cook Jeweler
610-644-5347; WalterJCookJeweler.com



Herrs Foods
800-63-SNACK; Herrs.com



Matlack Florist
610-431-3077; MatlackFlorist.com



Wolfe's Baldwin Brass Center
610-408-8533; WolfeBrass.com

December 6-7
Wolfe's Baldwin Brass Center
101 E. King St., Malvern. 610-408-8533; WolfeBrass.com. Extended hours during Malvern's Victorian Christmas, refreshments and special sale items. Fri, 9 to 8; Sat, 9 to 3.

December 6-7
Matlack Florist
210 N. Chester Rd. (Rt. 352), West Chester. 610-431-3077; MatlackFlorist.com. Annual Holiday Open House with special sale, light refreshments and door prizes. Fri, 9 to 5:30; Sat, 9 to 5.

December 6-9, 13-14
Community Arts Center

414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. 610-566-1713; CommunityArtsCenter.org. Make it a Hand-crafted Holiday—holiday sale of fine craft and pottery. Sat-Sun, 10 to 5; Mon-Fri, 10 to 8. Dec. 6, preview party, 7 to 9:30, \$5. Dec. 11, Men's Shopping Night.

December 14
The Spirit of Christmas in New Castle, DE
Brochures at New Castle Presbyterian Church, 25 E. Second St., New Castle. 10 to 5:30. 302-328-3279; NewCastlePresChurch.org. The whole town is having an open house in charming shops, museums and homes. ♦



Take the Headache out of Holiday Decorating

Thom Filicia Helps You Get Your Home Holiday-Ready



The holidays are coming! Friends, family, food, festivities—what more could you ask for? How about a guaranteed way to make the holidays less hectic and you much happier?

County Lines is giving gifts early this year. We recently sat down with Thom Filicia—interior designer, famous for filling that role on the hit show *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*—during his visit for the opening of the new Calico Corners in Glen Eagle Square.

As the holiday season kicks off, we're sharing Thom's tips and tricks for a festive, fashionable and stress-free holiday season.

Let's start with a little PIE ...

Plan Ahead. One way to ensure that the holidays are a happy time is to plan ahead. "Often people begin decorating too late," Thom said. "You should decorate your house the same way you decorate yourself. As it starts to get cold, you put away summer clothes and take out warmers ones. You should dress your house the same way."

Isolate. After you plan, isolate. Set aside all the decorations and accents you know you'll use from November to January. While you're sectioning things off, think back to what you did the previous year. "Remember what worked last year, and bring all the pieces that made that happen back out," he advised.

Edit. Decorating your home is like telling a story. "Your home should tell a narrative," Thom said. Editing is an important part of the storytelling process. "Right after Halloween, edit down things you don't need, and won't use." Not only will you get rid of things you don't want, but you'll free up space for things you do.

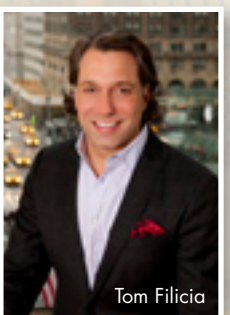
Next Thom tops that PIE with three S's worth of tips to avoid the panic that comes with unexpected guests stopping by.

Sight. If nothing else, make sure the entrance and the room you're entertaining in are festive. "Throws and accent pillows and simple, easy touches like red berries and silver candle holders can really pull together a space," said Thom. Using dimmers on light fixtures to create a warm, atmospheric feel is another simple DIY suggestion.

Smell. Cranberry, Christmas cookie and evergreen scented candles are an instant, easy way to bring the holidays into your home. They smell amazing, and the candlelight is a definite plus.

Sound. When all else fails, put on your favorite holiday soundtrack. A football game in the background is fine for Thanksgiving, but you need Nat King Cole for Christmas!

Most important is knowing what makes sense for you. "You know how you want your friends and family to feel when they walk into your home. Don't make your home feel a specific way about a specific holiday—just make it feel special, and unique," Thom concluded. As easy as pie ... ♦



Tom Filicia

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For more, check out Thom Filicia's collection and his book, *American Beauty*, available at Calico Corners. CalicoCorners.com.



Riddle Village



White Horse Village



Honeycroft Village

Downsize to Upsize!

Emily Hart

Get set for acres of gardens, a pool and twice your entertainment space ... but leave rakes and shovels behind.

At senior communities throughout the Brandywine Valley, retirees are upsizing their lifestyles—greater space to play, more options for enjoyment, and more gardening tools ... when and if they want to use them.

Although the process of moving means letting go of some belongings—books, hobby supplies, sports gear—many seniors find that they’re trading up. A retired biology professor from New York found that Kendal’s flowering meadows provided the perfect setting for beekeeping. Jack Keeley, a resident of Hershey’s Mill and director of advertising at HM Channel 20 TV, gained access to a closed-circuit television station and a role as emcee covering swing and oldies concerts. Residents of The Devon Senior Living acquire a grand lifestyle reminiscent of “Downton Abbey”—car service and fine dining in a turret of a Main Line mansion.

First Steps First

Dottie Mallon, vice president of marketing at White Horse Village, reduces the process of downsizing into simple steps. A year before selling your home:

1. Gradually start cleaning out your home. Ask loved ones to

place color-coded stickers on items they want, so when the move is forthcoming, decisions about who gets what are done.

2. Clear out one closet or area each month. Keep items with colored stickers and discard the rest. Donate clothing and bric-a-brac to charities, woodshop tools to schools or camps, and books to libraries. “After all, you don’t need all those books or tools at White Horse Village because it has fully stocked woodshops and a library,” Mallon emphasized.

3. Shred documents older than seven years. If you don’t own a shredder, take advantage of free shredding days in your township or ask your prospective retirement community if it has a shredding program.

Some communities offer presentations or moving guides with names of auctioneers, real estate agents, handymen to spruce up old homesteads, and decorators to design new spaces. If facing the monumental task alone causes anxiety, enlist friends or consider hiring a professional organizer.

Kendal and Crosslands pay for a move-manager to help new residents make the leap. Together, a senior and move-manager review a new home’s floor plan and determine what possessions will fit

and what is essential to take, said Michele Berardi, director of community outreach at Kendal-Crosslands Communities.

Besides suggesting what can be donated or sold (don’t forget about Craig’s List and Ebay!) the manager can help arrange cherished belongings creatively in the new space ... even finding solutions for bringing a grand piano. Then the manager helps you move and unpack.

“It’s hard to let go of sentimental belongings,” said Susan Bacus Morgan, an organizer who helps retired people prepare for transitions. As soon as grown children have homes of their own, clear out old school books and clean the kids’ linen closet, she advises.

Set your own pace, and downsizing to upsize may be less distressing than anticipated.

More to Love

Ultimately, you’re trading old items for new replacements. Give away your pruners because there’s a registered public arboretum on the premises at Kendal. Sell your exercise bike because White Horse Village has eight, plus incumbent machines, a personal trainer and more. At Jenner’s Pond, give up your drive to the post office; it’s on-site.

Residents of Pleasant View Retirement Community—a CCRC and an established community for people ages 60 and

older in the rolling hills of neighboring Lancaster County—gain a Town Square ... without having to drive to a town. The Town Square, the hub of the 108-acre campus, includes a computer center, hair salon, convenience store, a fountain surrounded by brick paths and more. As with some other communities, seniors are also upsizing to on-site healthcare—with personal and nursing care units, prescription services, and a physician’s office in the Square.

Every now and then, upsizing to a retirement community means gaining a beloved pet. Millie Cupcake has been visiting Calvert Manor Healthcare Center since she was three years old. She and her



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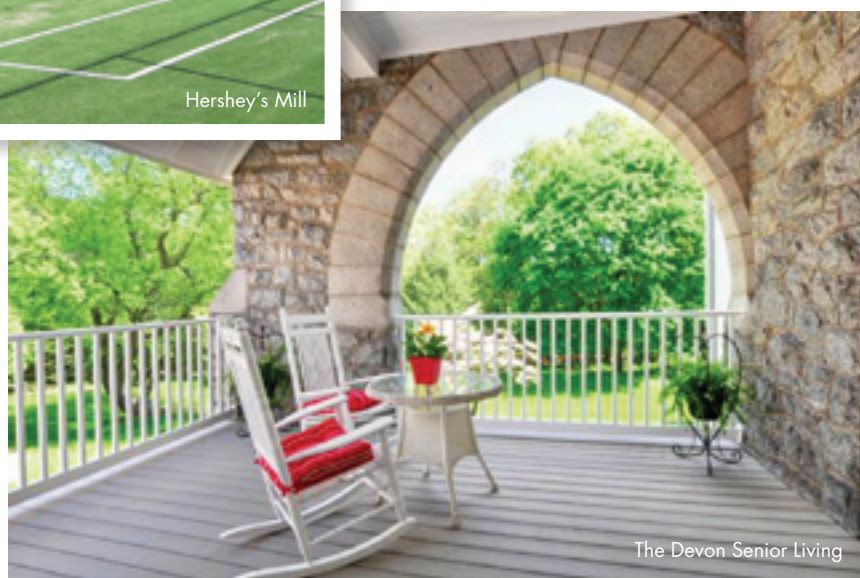


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Hershey's Mill



Pleasant View Retirement Community



The Devon Senior Living

driver, Peggy Russell, read to residents of the rehabilitation and long-term health care center, greet new arrivals and keep familiar faces smiling. Millie is a favorite volunteer, especially when dressed to the nines for the annual volunteer tea. Coming from a long line of Chihuahuas, Millie's specialty is comforting new residents who miss a dog or cat.

Best of all, new residents learn that when many neighbors of similar ages and interests are ready to enjoy a new phase of life, it's easy to make friends. At Honeycroft Village, what began as a couple talking to neighbors as they walked up the street to watch their home's construction became a custom of sharing a glass of wine and an evening stroll among a group of friends.

Your Chariot Awaits

For some seniors, the thought of losing the independence that comes with a car is upsetting. For children, the thought of a parent behind the wheel is equally worrisome. Several solutions are available.

The Devon Senior Living—offering living assistance, memory support services, short-term and rehabilitation services—provides transportation to and from scheduled appointments at the dentist, salon and elsewhere. For residents with cars, top directors can hold gentle conversations about a family member handing over car keys when it's time.

Still not convinced of the big benefits of retirement communities? Think about upsizing to bigger peace of mind. Could be the best move you ever made. ♦

Time for a Change

Sometimes seniors initiate a move in order to exchange snow shovels for a responsibility-free lifestyle that allows for travel to sunny destinations. Other times, they instigate a change so their children don't have to.

According to Christi Seidel, marketing director at Surrey Services, which provides nonmedical home care for independent senior living, it's usually grown children who call about a change in parents' needs. Signs that a new lifestyle is necessary:

- Chores are too hard for the parent or relatives to keep up with—grass or snow is deep, or the house needs maintenance.
- Elders' safety and physical wellbeing are in question—lighting or bathroom hand-holds are inadequate, or arthritis makes climbing steps a problem.
- Transportation is limited—out-of-state families can't drive parents to doctor appointments or outings and a parent can no longer drive.

Retirees who have made the leap and professionals concur: changing lifestyles or communities before someone else must make the decision for you brings peace of mind for all involved.

Transitions

Just because you've cleaned out closets doesn't always mean a move is imminent.

Surrey Services, non-medical home care for independent senior living, provides housekeeping, transportation, shopping, meal preparation and more. Wendy Walsh, Surrey's geriatric care manager, works with families to understand when it's time for additional changes and what steps are appropriate. In some cases, a caregiver can follow a client from a long-time home to a senior community.

When acquiring a better lifestyle means a break for the whole family, The Devon Senior Living's respite care offers seniors a safe, secure "staycation" with lovely furniture, amenities and services while family caregivers enjoy vacation time.

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Directory of Senior Communities

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Pennsylvania

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Fox Hill Farm
610-558-4441; FoxHillFarm.org

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WindsorAtGlenMills.com

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AtriaSeniorLiving.com

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Springton Lake Village
610-356-7297
SpringtonLakeVillage.com

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Coldstream Crossing
610-933-3493; ColdstreamCrossing.com

WEST CHESTER

Hershey's Mill
610-436-8900; HersheysMill55Plus.com
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TheWentworth-WestChesterPA.com

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Westtown Reserve
215-910-3064; WesttownReserve.com

Delaware

HOCKESSIN

Cokesbury Village
302-235-6000; PUMH.org

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Methodist Country House
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TheDevonSeniorLiving.com
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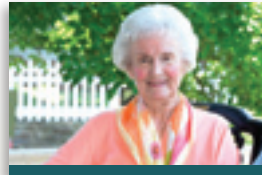


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610-326-6282; S-R-C.org

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610-527-6500; PresbyInspiredLife.org
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Freedom Village Brandywine
610-383-5100; FreedomVillage.com

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The Hickman
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Sunrise of Westtown
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DowningtownSeniors.org

Great Valley Senior Center
 610-889-2121; GVSD.org/Domain/52

Kennett Area Senior Center
 610-444-4819; KennettSeniorCenter.org

Oxford Senior Center
 610-932-5244; OxfordSeniors.org

Phoenixville Senior Center
 610-935-1515
PhoenixvilleSeniorCenter.org

Pottstown Senior Center
 610-323-5009; GreaterPasc.com

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Laurel Anderson

An Equestrian Eden in Upper Oxford Township

The southern tip of Chester County is a pastoral oasis of rolling hills dotted with both Amish and modern farms mixed with large equestrian properties—horse boarding and training facilities, polo fields (Brandywine Polo Club's home is on Polo Road in Toughkenamon), and private equestrian homesteads. This is a fitting setting for Waterford Farm, a 70-acre sanctuary near Oxford along Muddy Run Creek and a comfortable home for a family to enjoy the best of an equestrian lifestyle.

Waterford Farm boasts the privacy that would make this a perfect weekend retreat as well as a peaceful family home. Set in Andrews Bridge Hunt Country, this property is an ideal location for anyone interested in the area's long tradition of foxhunting and its growing popularity among equestrian fans of three-day eventing (a kind of triathlon

for horses combining dressage, cross country and stadium jumping).

Proximity to Fair Hill, Maryland, with its October eventing competition, and Plantation Field in nearby Unionville, which hosted a major eventing weekend mid-September, helps explain why this area is becoming a hub for eventing enthusiasts. Waterford Farm offers the complete complement of facilities for eventing training, in addition to all the amenities needed for gracious country living.

Main House

The main residence dates back to 1780, with the stucco-over-stone original building providing a sense of history. Original random-width oak floorboards and period details add charm to the interior, which has been expanded and updated, most recently

at the turn of this century by James Palita builders. Modern amenities have created a comfortable five-bedroom, three-and-a-half-bath contemporary home. Yet the views from the front porch across the lush fields have changed little over the past centuries.

These views can also be enjoyed through floor-to-ceiling windows in the large, south-facing living room—a perfect place to sit by the fire and watch the change of seasons. Cherry paneling and warm wood floors blend the old and new in this part of the addition to the original home.

Perhaps the most popular gathering space is the newly added modern kitchen and

great room on the back of the house. The timeless design by Waterbury Kitchen & Bath makes this space functional as well as inviting. Custom cabinets, soapstone counters and double sinks, plus top-of-the-line appliances are accented by exposed beams, a wagon-wheel pot rack, and hand-painted backsplash depicting the property—complete with images of the family dogs.

Flowing from the open kitchen is the large dining space, a natural magnet for family gatherings and the perfect spot for a welcoming farm table. Dinners for the immediate family, extended family or large groups could easily be accommodated in

this inviting space, accented by a wood-burning stove.

More exposed beams cross the ceiling of the adjacent den, which boasts reclaimed wood paneling from a barn. Another fireplace makes this a cozy retreat. A mudroom—complete with dog-washing tub—pantry, first-floor laundry, foyer and powder room round out this level.

The kitchen-dining-den area overlooks and opens to the stunning pool area.





Nestled into a hill topped with mature trees and surrounded by a magnificent wall of flat stones, the pool, hot tub and built-in gas grill make the most of this private backyard setting. Overlooking this tranquil space is a one-bedroom pool house, which could also function as a home office or studio.

Upper Floors

Above the living room, and sharing the same southern views, is the master bedroom and adjacent spacious sitting/dressing room with ample built-ins. The large master bath has a Jacuzzi tub and overlooks the pool.

At the opposite end of the second level is a lovely guest room, with private entrance through French doors, a deck and access to the pool area. Also on this floor are a sitting area, second-floor laundry, two additional bedrooms with two baths, and a large family/game room, currently home to a full-size pool table.

The third-floor attic area has two large rooms: a children's bedroom beneath the eaves—full of angles and hiding places—and a light-filled office with views in three directions.

Horse Heaven

One of the most striking features on the property is the large bank barn, renovated in 2005, housing 12 spotless stalls, a wash stall and tack room. A large central area with rubber brick mats allows space for walking horses to cool them down. The huge space above, currently used for hay storage, could easily be converted into a party barn with limitless entertainment space.

As befits a property that was once home to racehorses and foxhunting—Cary Jackson was a prior owner—there are more



equestrian amenities. For eventing training dear to the hearts of current owners Luke and Sarah Allen, you'll find a covered automatic walking ring, outdoor sand ring, dressage ring, plus fences set for cross-country jumping, and fenced paddocks.

Even the large pond, suitable for boating and marked with a gazebo on a small island, has been designed to allow the horses to swim.

Waterford Farm offers unparalleled privacy in a distinctive property. ♦

This property is available in two tax parcels: 71+ acres with two tenant homes, or 56+ acres with one tenant home, for \$2,450,000 or \$1,950,000, respectively. For more information, contact Bunny Meister, James A. Cochrane Inc. Realtor, 610-793-1219 or 610-469-6100; CochraneInc.com.



Food News

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

Piece of Cake. Are you a fan of TLC's *Cake Boss*? Here's your chance to see the boss himself—Buddy Valastro. On November 9th, join Buddy at the DuPont Theatre for a deliciously interactive event. Buddy will thrill you with stories from his two shows—*Cake Boss* and *Next Great Baker*—answer questions, and give live cake and cupcake decorating demonstrations. Learn tips and techniques from the best in the business! \$29.75/\$39.75, 3 p.m. DuPont Theatre, 1007 N. Market St., Wilmington. 800-338-0881; DuPontTheatre.com.



On Tap Ingredients. New to downtown Wayne, **Bella Oliva Taproom** offers gourmet olive oils and balsamic vinegars. Unlike a traditional taproom, this shop features “on tap” oils and vinegars ready to sample, and a welcoming environment to make you want to linger. Check out their selection of spices, sauces, pestos and jams for yourself or for gift-giving. Not sure what to cook for dinner? You'll find dozens of mouthwatering recipes on the Bella Oliva website. 113 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne. 610-688-6844; BellaOlivaTaproom.com.



Taste of History.

Designated a black powder munitions stash during the Revolutionary War, **Black Powder Tavern** (formerly Winberie's) is rich with history and great American food. With remodeled décor reminiscent of the 18th century, this tavern satisfies guests with sophisticated but unpretentious craft American fare. Choose from large or small plates or the Pick 3 lunch special. Black Powder boasts two dozen premium beers on tap, 21 varieties in bottle, and an expansive spirits selection. 1164 Valley Forge Rd., Wayne. 610-293-9333; BlackPowderTavern.com.



Healthy Holiday.

While planning your Thanksgiving menu, remember that November is Good Nutrition Month. Try finding tasty, healthy alternatives to traditional holiday recipes. For inspiration, join dietician and nutritionist Libby Mills as she hosts “Healthy Thanksgiving,” a class offered by **Chester County Night School**, held at the Artisan Exchange in West Chester on November 7th. In this hands-on workshop, create a cornucopia of nutritious side dishes, such as Festive Tasseled Turnips and Sweet Potatoes Bourbon Mash. 208 Carter Dr., West Chester. To register, 610-692-1964; ChesterCountyNightSchool.org.



Art of Food.

Join **Wayne Art Center** for two tempting food workshops this month. On November 7, gather your girlfriends and spend a few hours creating your cake masterpiece. You can explore beginner cake decorating techniques with professional pastry chef Maureen Hughes. Looking for some family fun in the kitchen? Inspire new holiday traditions with your kids (age 8 and up) at “Kids Cook Thanksgiving!” on November 23. 413 Maplewood Ave., Wayne. 610-688-3553; WayneArt.org/events.




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Thanksgiving Made Easy

Laura Muzzi Brennan

Let's give the host a hand.

All through my childhood, my mother woke up every Thanksgiving morning at 6 a.m. to put the turkey in the oven. She'd spend the next several hours fussing over the bird—watching to see whether the button popped, basting it 'til it begged for mercy and worrying aloud that it would never be ready in time for dinner. She also prepared all the side dishes herself—peeling, chopping and dicing for three days beforehand.

I know she loved those Thanksgivings—so did we all—but by the time she sat at the table, she was craving a nap far more than the apple pie cooling on the sideboard. So, with a thank you to my mother, I'm focusing this Brandywine Table on the things guests can bring to help their host not only get dinner on the table but savor that dinner as well.

The first rule of being a good guest: ask before you bring, says Meridith Coyle. Coyle owns Berwyn's **Fresh Ideas Market**, Aneu Catering and Events as well as Binni and Flynn's Southwest Cantina. Some hosts, including Coyle, have a clear vision for the Thanksgiving meal and really do not want guests to bring more food. When Coyle is invited for Thanksgiving, she offers to arrive early to help with preparations. Or she brings a bottle of Sauvignon Blanc



or Vouvray, white wines whose acidity provides a nice counterpoint to the richness of many Thanksgiving dishes. Other thoughtful gifts: extra bags of ice, pie or cake servers, serving



spoons, and special matches to light the candles.

Many hosts, of course, welcome gifts of food especially those labor-intensive ones like mashed potatoes

and creamed onions. Light appetizers—spiced nuts or seafood-based small bites—also gain a host's appreciation because they keep guests satisfied without spoiling their appetites for the main event.

When it comes to Thanksgiving dessert, even gastro-nomic rule breakers feel nostalgic for classic flavors, so guests who show up with anything pumpkin, pecan or apple secure an invitation for years to come. Stephen Hyder, Bakery Team Leader at **Whole Foods Market** in Glen Mills, showcases pumpkin in his decadent pumpkin pumpkin pie (pumpkin pie with a pumpkin mousse topping) and pumpkin roulade.

For lighter sweet bites, the bakery offers pumpkin spice pound cake and pumpkin cream cheese muffins. Other popular Thanksgiving sweets available at Whole Foods: apple pie, pecan pie (plain, chocolate chip and cranberry) and maple pecan cake (for Hyder's baking tips, see sidebar).

Whether you're cooking the main meal or contributing a dessert, my wish for you is the same:

*May your stuffing be tasty.
May your turkey be plump.
May your potatoes and gravy
Have nary a lump.
May your yams be delicious,
And your pies take the prize.
And may your Thanksgiving dinner
Stay off your thighs!*

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Sassy and Sweet Pecans

Every host will appreciate these versatile candied pecans. Eat them by the handful with pre-dinner cocktails, toss them in a salad for extra crunch or chop roughly and sprinkle on mashed sweet potatoes or butternut squash. The addition of pumpkin pie spice—a combination of ground ginger, cloves, nutmeg and cinnamon—adds additional layers of flavor.

4 C. raw pecans
¾ C. brown sugar
2 tsp. kosher salt, or more to taste
1 Tb. dried rosemary
2 tsp. chipotle powder
1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice, optional
2 egg whites

Preheat oven to 300°. Spray a rimmed baking sheet with cooking spray.

In one bowl, mix the brown sugar, salt and spices. In another bowl, beat the egg whites until they are frothy. (You are not going for stiff peaks.) Add the pecans to the egg whites and toss to coat. Add the brown sugar mixture and toss to coat again.

Spread pecans in a single layer on baking sheet and bake for 25-30 minutes, stirring twice during the cooking time.

Makes 4 C.

Crab and Mango Quesadillas

Meridith Coyle of Fresh Ideas Market and Aneu Catering and Events suggests that if you're going to serve appetizers before the Thanksgiving feast, choose something light like these flavor-packed wedges.

For the quesadillas:

1 large ripe mango, diced
1 C. diced tomato
¼ C. diced purple onion
¼ C. chopped fresh cilantro
Juice of one lime
Dash of salt and pepper
½ jalapeño, diced
6, 6-inch flour tortillas
1 C. shredded Monterey jack and cheddar cheeses
1 small log goat cheese, crumbled
1 lb. jumbo lump crabmeat

For the cilantro crema:

½ C. sour cream
Zest and juice of 1 lime
3 Tb. fresh chopped cilantro
Salt and pepper, to taste

Mix together the first seven ingredients (from mango through jalapeño) and let sit for at least 2 hours or refrigerate overnight.

Place a tortilla on a flat griddle or sauté pan. Top the entire tortilla with shredded cheeses, crumbled goat cheese, mango mixture and finally with the jumbo lump crabmeat. Make sure all ingredients are evenly dispersed.

Fold over and let heat for about 3 minutes. Flip and heat for another 3 minutes until cheese holds the quesadilla together. Cut each quesadilla into 3 triangles.

To make cilantro crema, mix all ingredients together. Drizzle crema on top of hot quesadillas.

Makes 12 appetizer servings.

Tuna Tartare

A light start to the festivities, this appetizer is Meredith Coyle's take on Ina Garten's (The Barefoot Contessa) tuna tartare recipe. Serve with rice crackers or baked wontons drizzled with olive oil. Note: Make sure you buy sushi-grade fish, meaning fish that can safely be eaten raw or undercooked. Most grocery stores—even ones that sell good-quality fish—do not sell sushi-grade, so your best bet is to purchase from a reputable seafood store.

½ lb. ahi tuna, cut into small dice
6 Tb. olive oil
Grated zest of two limes
5 Tb. fresh squeezed lime juice
1 tsp. wasabi powder
2 tsp. soy sauce
6 dashes tabasco
1½ tsp. kosher salt
1 tsp. pepper
¼ C. minced scallions
2 tsp. fresh jalapeño pepper
1 avocado, cut into small dice
1 tsp. toasted sesame seeds

Mix together all ingredients minus the avocado and sesame seeds and chill for 3 hours. When ready to serve, top with the avocado and sesame seeds.

Makes 10-12 servings.

Turtle Brie

Named after the popular confection, this appetizer strikes the ideal balance between sweet and savory. It can even double as a dessert if you like. Serve with Carr's table water crackers or their hearty whole wheat

crackers that boast a hint of sweetness.

1.5 lb. brie, either a wheel or 2 large wedges
¼ C. butter, softened
¼ C. brown sugar, packed
¾ C. chopped nuts (I prefer pecans)

Preheat oven to 375°. Place brie in a shallow casserole dish or on a rimmed cookie sheet lined with parchment paper.

Slather butter all over top and sides of brie. Pat brown sugar into butter. Top with nuts. Cover loosely with a piece of aluminum foil to prevent nuts from burning.

Cook for 15-20 minutes. Remove foil and cook for another 10-15 minutes until brie is gooey.

Makes 10-12 servings.

Herb Roasted Turkey Breast

If your host needs more turkey but can't spare the oven real estate to cook another bird, offer to bring this dish. Turkey breasts come in different sizes. I use small, split breasts here because they cook quickly.

3, 2-lb. skin-on, bone-in split turkey breasts
6 Tb. unsalted butter, softened
2 Tb. dried sage
1 Tb. dried thyme
1 Tb. kosher salt
1½ C. white wine
1 C. chicken broth or water

Preheat oven to 350°. With a fork, mash the butter with the herbs and salt to form a paste. Pull or cut back skin and spread paste on breast.

Place breast on a rack in a small roasting pan. Pour wine and broth in bottom of pan and roast until a meat thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the breast registers 165°.

Makes 6-8 servings.

Notes: You might need to add more liquid as the turkey cooks. If you notice that the skin is getting too brown before the breast is finished cooking, cover loosely with foil.

Creamed Onions

My friend Susan raves about this dish that her mother-in-law, Carol, brings to Thanksgiving every year. Carol adapted it from The Joy of Cooking. Peeling all those onions takes some time, but the result will delight your host and fellow guests.

Baking Tips from a Pro

Stephen Hyder, the Bakery Team Leader at Whole Foods in Glen Mills, started working in the bakery business when he was 15 and for years, he owned his own shop. Here, he shares a few lessons he's learned while elbow-deep in flour and sugar.

1. Purchase whole nuts. They are less expensive per ounce than nut pieces, and chopping them immediately before using means that you'll release the nuts' oils, adding a depth of flavor to your pie or cake.

2. Choose large chocolate bars rather than pieces or chips. A larger bar opens up a world of sweet possibilities: create chocolate curls, shavings or ribbons or break into chunks for easy melting.

3. Keep pie dough cold. It will be more elastic and less likely to break apart.

4. Make sure your spices are fresh, and for spices you use rarely, buy in small quantities. (According to spice maker McCormick's, ground spices last 2-3 years, whole spices up to 4 years, and dried herbs 1-3 years.) A good rule of thumb: if you can't smell it or its vibrant color has faded, toss it.

5. Use unsalted butter. Most recipes for baked goods already call for salt, so you'll throw off the recipe's balance if you use the salted variety.

For the onions and sauce:

40 small ("little smaller than a golf ball") unpeeled white onions
8 Tb. butter
8 Tb. flour
4 C. milk (skim works fine)
4 small peeled onions or 1 large cut into quarters, studded with 2 or 3 whole cloves each
2 bay leaves
Salt and pepper to taste
A few gratings of nutmeg

For the golden bread crumb topping:

1-2 Tb. butter
2 C. bread crumbs

Preheat oven to 350°. Steam the onions in a covered pot until they are tender, about 30-40 minutes. (You can use either a steamer basket or a rack placed inside a

large pot. The important thing is that the onions are above, not submerged in, the boiling water. If you're working in batches, add boiling water as needed.) When able to handle, peel the onions. Set aside.

Melt butter over low heat. Add flour and blend well, about 3 to 5 minutes. Stir milk in slowly. Add the 4 small studded onions and bay leaves. Cook and stir the sauce until slightly thickened and smooth.

Place all ingredients into an ovenproof dish and bake for 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, make the bread crumb topping by melting 1-2 Tb. butter over medium heat and then stirring in the bread crumb mixture. Cook for a few minutes until the bread crumbs turn a rich golden brown.

When onions come out of the oven, removed studded onions and bay leaves. Stir in salt, pepper and nutmeg to taste. Immediately before serving, sprinkle with bread crumbs.

Makes 8-10 servings.

Make-Ahead Mashed Potatoes

My friend Susan uses a mix of yellow and gold potatoes for this dish.

- 10 lbs. potatoes, peeled, cubed, cooked and mashed
- 1, 8-oz. package cream cheese
- 1 pint sour cream
- 2 sticks butter, softened
- 4 tsp. salt
- Chives and paprika, optional

Prepare potatoes. Cream together cream cheese, sour cream and butter. Add into the mashed potatoes a little at a time with mixer set on low speed. Do not over mix or potatoes will become gluey.

Put mixture in two buttered casseroles and refrigerate overnight. Bring to room temperature and sprinkle chives and paprika on top before heating. Bake, covered, at 350° for about an hour. Remove cover for last 15 minutes. Potatoes are done when outside edges begin to bubble and a knife in the center comes out hot.

Makes 12-16 servings.

Celery Root Purée with Sautéed Mushrooms

While celery root is starting to appear in more American cooking magazines and grocery stores, it is still an underappreciated vegetable on our side of the Atlantic. By offering this recipe, I'm hoping to do my part to give celery root its moment at the table. If you are looking for an alternative to creamy mashed potatoes, try this dish.

- For the celery root purée:*
- 5-6 lbs. celery root (aka celeriac) with leaves
 - 1 medium onion, peeled and cut into quarters
 - 12 C. water or vegetable broth
 - 4 C. milk (not skim)
 - Salt to taste
 - ½ C. sour cream
- For the sautéed mushrooms:*
- 2 lb. crimini mushrooms, halved or quartered, bottom of stem removed
 - 4 Tb. butter
 - ½ C. chopped parsley
- To make the purée:*

Remove stems/leaves from celery root. Wash and set aside. Peel celery root and cut it into large cubes (roughly 1 inch). Place stems/leaves and celery root along

with onion in a large pot filled with broth and milk. Add salt. Bring to a boil and then reduce to a simmer, stirring occasionally to keep liquid from bubbling over.

Cook until celery root can be pierced easily with a fork. Strain, retaining 2 C. of liquid. Discard stems/leaves.

With a blender, purée the mixture, adding liquid back in as necessary. Stir in sour cream.

To make the mushrooms:

Melt butter over medium heat. Add mushrooms. Sprinkle with salt and cook until mushrooms are tender, about 10 minutes.

To serve:

Spoon purée into a large shallow serving bowl, mound mushrooms in center and sprinkle with parsley.

Makes 12-16 servings.

Pumpkin Pumpkin Pie

This pie is beyond rich and will be the show-stopper of your dessert table. Make sure you place it on a cake pedestal so it gets the oohs and aahs it deserves! If you don't want to make it yourself, just ring up Stephen Hyder and his team at Whole Foods Bakery Department in Glen Mills.

For the pies:

- 2 unbaked pie shells
- 1, 15-oz. can pumpkin purée
- 2 eggs
- ¾ C. + 2 tsp. sugar
- 1¾ tsp. sea salt
- 2¾ tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- ¾ C. + 3 Tb. whole milk
- ½ C. + 3 Tb. evaporated milk

For the pumpkin mousse icing:

- 3 C. heavy cream

- ¼ C. 6X confectioner's sugar*
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 C. pumpkin purée
- 1 Tb. brown sugar
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice

*"X" refers to the degree of grinding the confectioner's sugar undergoes with 14X being the most finely ground and 3X being the least. In Whole Foods' Bakery, 6X is used for this recipe, but you can use the 10X found in most grocery stores.

To make the pies:

Preheat oven to 400°. Place unbaked pie shells on a sheet pan lined with parchment paper. Set aside.

Combine pumpkin purée, eggs, sugar, salt and pumpkin pie spice in bowl until well mixed. Slowly add both milks.

When blended, pour into unbaked pie shells. Place on center rack of oven. Bake for 40–50 minutes or until center is firm. Cool pie to room temperature.

To make the pumpkin mousse icing:

Whip the heavy cream, sugar and vanilla extract until stiff peaks form. Keep whipped cream in mixing bowl.

In a separate bowl, mix pumpkin purée, brown sugar and pumpkin pie spice. Fold the pumpkin purée mixture into the whipped cream mixture.

To assemble:

With a pastry bag, pipe pumpkin mousse onto the pumpkin pie.

Store in refrigerator for 3 hours. Serve cold.

Makes 2, 9" pies, 12-16 servings.

Grandmom Muzzi's Applesauce Cake

In gathering recipes for my article on

family and community cookbooks (September 2013), I discovered that my sister had this recipe tucked away in her files. I remember my grandmother making this cake all through the fall and winter. The aroma of cloves and cinnamon met me at her door when I stopped by after school. The recipe also works well for cupcakes.

- ½ C. shortening
- 1 C. sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 C. flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- ½ tsp. ground cloves
- ¾ tsp. allspice
- ½ tsp. nutmeg
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 C. strained thick applesauce
- ⅔ C. chopped raisins
- ⅔ C. chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350°. Cream together shortening and sugar. Add eggs, beat well.

In a separate bowl, sift together flour, baking soda, salt, baking powder and spices. Add alternately with applesauce to creamed mixture. Add raisins and walnuts.

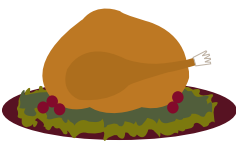
Pour into a 9-inch greased tube pan. Bake for 1 hour until a toothpick inserted comes out clean. Let stand until cool. Remove from pan.

Makes 12 servings. ♦

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Thanksgiving Wine Pairings



Turkey



Your Choice

Cru Beaujolais, Pinot Noir, Barbaresco, Ghemme, Montecucco Sangiovese, White Burgundy, Gewürztraminer, Chianti and Chianti Classico are fantastic food wines that work well with turkey. They have strong acidity which wakes up taste buds and cleanses the palate so you can savor each bite.



Stuffing



Pinot Noir

If you like to get stuffed on stuffing, go for a Cru Beaujolais or Pinot Noir. They have savory qualities that complement the flavors of most stuffings.



Cranberry Sauce



German Riesling

If you're a cranberry lover, pick a German Riesling. This wine has the sweetness to match the sugar and provides a tang that complements the cranberries.



Cornbread



Chardonnay

The buttery and sweet flavors of cornbread are delicious with the creamy vanilla, toasty and melon notes in a California Chardonnay.



Pumpkin Pie



Chenin Blanc

Select a sweet wine to stay balanced with your dessert. A sweet wine is needed to stay in balance with the dish. For pumpkin pie, the apricot and stone fruit flavors work well with a Chenin Blanc.



Mashed Potatoes



White Burgundy

If potatoes takeover your plate, we recommend you enjoy a White Burgundy. This wine provides enough acidity to cut through the richness of the creamy, buttery potatoes.

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