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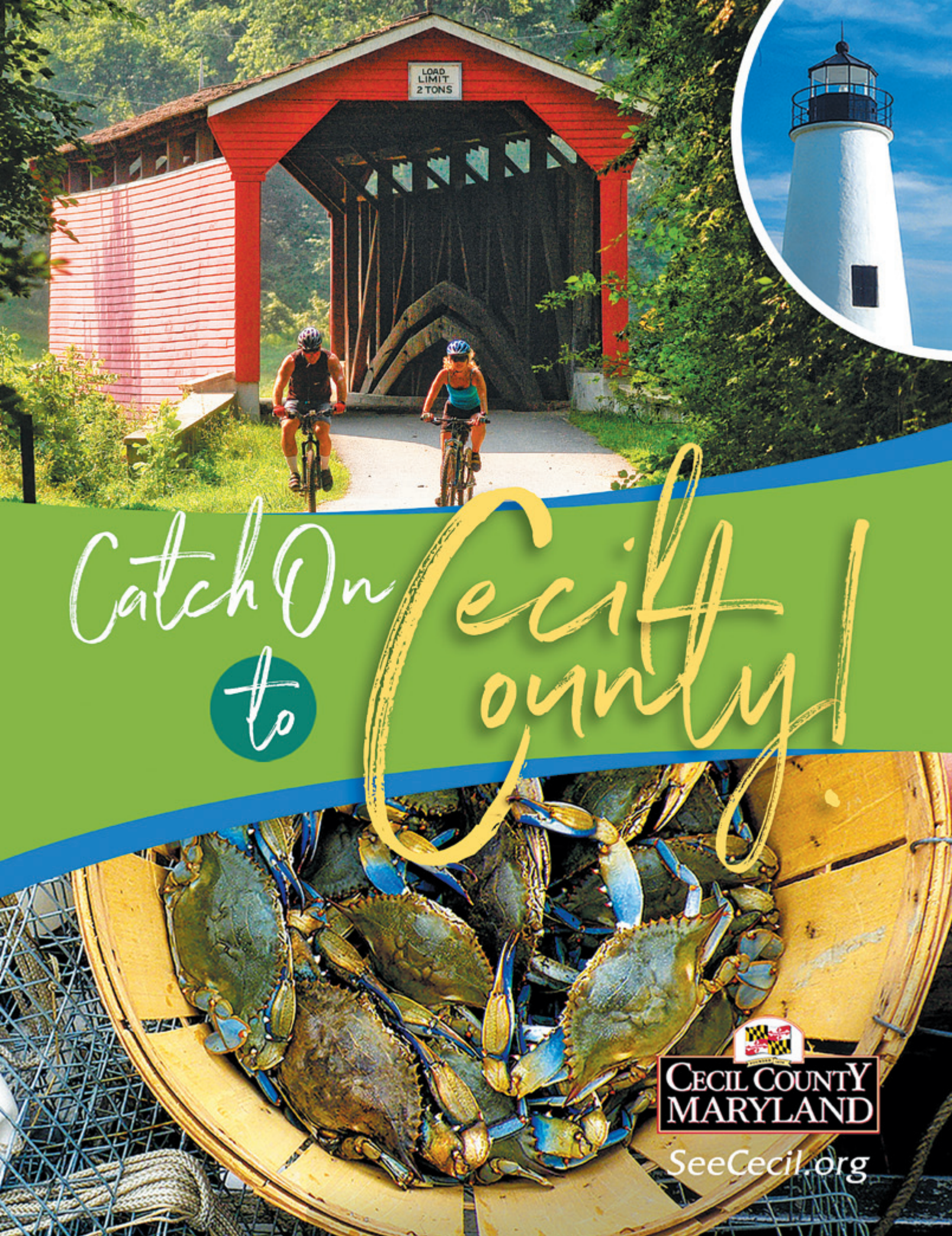
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6 Stall Stable | Unionville Schools
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Unionville Schools

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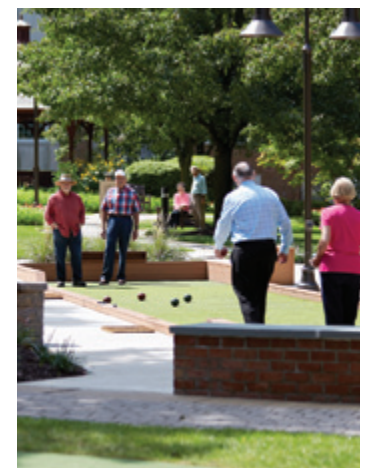
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July and summer are here! And so is *County Lines*. Our annual curated insider's guide to the area is back—southeastern Pennsylvania and northern Delaware, plus a few recommendations beyond and more about our community.

First, the highlights: discover the best daytrips and outings, parks and gardens, historic sites and museums, plus towns to tours. Visit the top attractions—Longwood Gardens, Brandywine River Museum, Winterthur. And venture with us through Chester County, Wilmington, Lancaster County, the Main Line, as well as Cecil and Kent Counties in Maryland.

Then travel slightly farther. “Recent Discoveries” recommends a visit to Baltimore’s Inner Harbor for July 4th and King of Prussia—much more than a shopping trip—for a staycation.

And even farther! For a weekend getaway, travel north and west with Mary Dolan to Bethlehem, Ohiopyle, Carlise and Knoebels. Each just a few hours drive!

Head home for a virtual tour of a family farm with history linked to the Titanic. In “Generations of Beauty: Chester County’s Whitehackle Farm,” Emily Hart shares the story of this special property’s ownership, architecture and importance to local water sources at the headwaters of White Clay Creek.

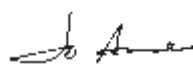
Our independent school athletes were exceptional this spring. In lacrosse, baseball, track and tennis, local schools had winners. Read more in Edwin Malet’s “Independent Schools Field Outstanding Teams in the Spring Season.”

For summer’s bounty, check out Marci Tomassone’s “Guide to Farmers Markets and Vineyards.” Much more than fruits, vegetables and wine!

And, for fall, you’ll want to peruse our Performing Arts Guide for a preview of the upcoming season. Theater, music, dance, concerts, drama, comedy... So much to look forward to!

As always, we have the Best Local Events to help you enjoy July.

Thank you for reading. And enjoy your summer!


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[Good to Know] *Just a few things we'd thought you'd like to know this month*

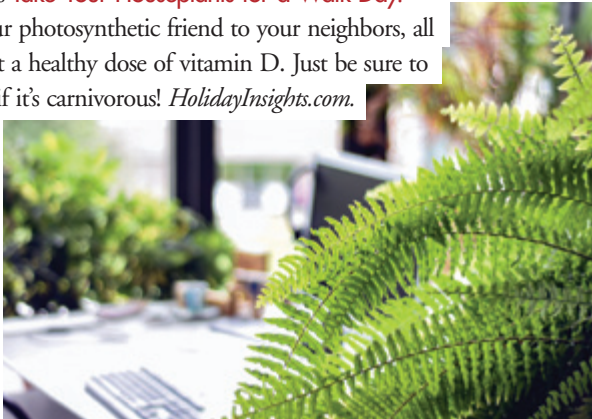


Thriving Theater.

Chester County welcomes a new theater company from a theater veteran. Beth McDonnell launched **The Company Theatre** in Chester Springs this past fall, along with a team dedicated to enriching our community through the arts. Their most recent production, *The Emperor's New Clothes*, garnered commercial and critical success. McDonnell studied at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York, and brings her Big Apple flair to our area. For upcoming performances, check *TheCoTheatre.com*.

Spreading Your Roots.

This summer your pup is probably glued to the picnic table begging for scraps, and your lazy kitty is likely lolling in the sun. But where is your ficus? Or your fern? Plants need love, too, so that's why July 27 is **Take Your Houseplants for a Walk Day**. Introduce your photosynthetic friend to your neighbors, all while giving it a healthy dose of vitamin D. Just be sure to bring a leash if it's carnivorous! *HolidayInsights.com*.



July Jubilee. Ever wonder how other countries spend their **Independence Days**? France's Bastille Day—commemorating the start of the French Revolution on July 14—involves firefighters holding dances and parties. Belgium's National Day on July 21 celebrates separating from the Netherlands with military parades complete with tanks and aircraft. Canada Day, on July 1, marks independence from the British and is remembered with fireworks, parades and singing the national anthem. Not so different from our July 4th! *LiveScience.com*



No Kidding.

Want a bit of farm life in your life? Head for **Why Not Farm** in Glenmoore on July 17 and join a monthly soap-making class. In the group class—bring some like-minded friends—you'll make

soap with goat's milk, a moisturizer for dry and sensitive skin that doubles as a healing agent. Plus, take in the scenery, complete with the farm's signature Belted Galloway and Texas Longhorn cattle grazing the rolling Chester County hills. Classes, \$52. 3108 Conestoga Rd. Schedule at *WhyNotFarm.com*.

New Heights. Escape to the scenic skies of Chester County in a hot air balloon in an unforgettable one-hour flight. The United States Hot Air Balloon Team in Pottstown will guide you across the Chester County skyline, revealing a vision of home you've never seen before. After landing, there's a champagne toast with the pilot and crew. Grab a date, some friends or family to fly and make some memorable summer memories. Adults \$199, Children \$150. Book at *USHotAirBalloon.com*.





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[July Picks]

Our Picks for top events this month

The Brandywiners Ltd. — *The Music Man*

July 26–28, August 2–4



“Seventy-Six Trombones,” “Gary Indiana,” “Till There Was You.” Just a few of the iconic pieces from Meredith Willson’s wonderful musical about the fast-talking Professor Harold Hill. *Longwood Gardens Open Air Theatre, 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. 8 p.m. \$15–\$30 includes admission to Longwood beginning on the day of performance plus a fountain display following the show. 800-338-6965; Brandywiners.org.*

Tip-A-Canoe and Barbecue, Too!

July 14

Canoe down the Brandywine to a true backyard BBQ, then relax for an evening under the stars with live music and ice cream. Benefits the Brandywine Conservancy. Advance reg. *Brandywine River Museum, Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. Noon to 10 p.m. \$35–\$90. 610-388-8315; YoungFriends.org.*



It's Tomato Tasting Time!

July 28

Come out to Rushton Farm, situated within the 86-acre Rushton Woods Preserve of Willistown Conservation Trust, when it hosts this annual event where tomatoes are the stars. You'll enjoy wine, beer and fabulous tomato preparations. *Rushton Farm, 911 Delchester Rd., Newtown Square. 5 to 7 p.m. \$35. Advance registration only. 610-353-2562; WCTrust.org.*

West Chester Railroad Summer Picnic Specials

Through September 23, Sundays

Take a relaxing 90-minute ride through the scenic countryside between West Chester and Glen Mills. Pack a lunch or purchase one from their on-board snack bar to have during the stop at the Glen Mills train station picnic grove. The train can be chartered for special events and catering is available. *Market St. Station, 230 E. Market St., West Chester. Noon. \$13–\$15. 610-430-2233; WestChesterRR.net.*



Town Tours & Village Walks

Through August 2, Thursdays

Stroll through historic neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and sites. *July 12*, The Birth, Growth and Future of the Mushroom Industry, Kennett Square; *July 19*, Industry Rebels: Women at Yellow Springs; *July 26*, The Milling that Made Chester County; *Aug. 2*, The Phoenix Column: A Bridge to the Future. *Tours continue through Aug. 30, 5:30 p.m. Free. Some require registration. 610-344-6923; ChesCo.org/Planning/TownTours.*



best Local Events

FAMILY FUN

THROUGH JULY 4

Wawa Welcome America Festival. A huge Independence Day celebration in the city where it all began with free events, the 4th of July Jam and fireworks on Benjamin Franklin Pkwy. between 20th St. and Eakins Oval. 215-683-2200; WelcomeAmerica.com.

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3

Brandywine Treasure Trail Passport. Valid for one general admission visit at each of the 11 area sites. Individual Passports start at \$45, Family Passports (2 adults and up to 3 children), \$95. For a list of attractions, visit BrandywineTreasures.org.

JULY 4

Valley Forge National Park Community Picnic in the Park. Celebrate our nation's independence with historical games, an All-American cook-out, music and more. Meet a Founding Father, sign the Declaration of Independence and learn about the meaning of the American Flag. Visitor Center, 1400 N. Outer Line Dr., Valley Forge. 11 to 3. 610-783-1099; NPS.Gov/VaFo.

JULY 4

40th Annual Good Neighbor Day in Downingtown. Start the day with the Run for Life (5K, 10K & 15K) and 5K Freedom Walk at 8 am. Then enjoy fabulous food, crafts, music, bike decorating and lots of other fun activities, all benefitting area emergency providers. Fireworks at dusk. 610-285-1119; GoodNeighborDay.com.



JULY 4

Pottstown GoFourth Festival. A community celebration featuring entertainment, arts and crafts, children's activities, hot air balloon launch, food and a fireworks finale.

FIREWORKS AT A GLANCE

JUNE 30: Penn's Landing Concert and Fireworks. Penn's Landing, Columbus Blvd. between Market and Walnut Sts., Phila. FireworksInPennsylvania.com.

JULY 1: Long's Park Patriotic Concert & Fireworks. Long's Park, 1441 Harrisburg Pk., Lancaster. LongsPark.org.

JULY 4: Downingtown's Good Neighbor Day. Kerr Park, Rt. 282. GoodNeighborDay.com.

Narberth Fireworks. Community Park, between Windsor, N. Wynnewood & Haverford Aves. 610-664-2840; NarberthFourthOfJuly.com.

Philadelphia 4th of July Fireworks. Phila. Museum of Art, 2600 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy. VisitPhilly.com.

Phoenixville Annual Fireworks. Friendship Field (Filmore St. & Franklin Ave.). 610-933-8801.

Radnor High School 4th of July Fireworks. 130 King of Prussia Rd. \$5-\$10; \$20/car. Benefits Radnor Scholarship Fund. 610-688-5600; Radnor.com.

Tredyffrin/Easttown Concert & Fireworks. Wilson Farm Park, 500 Lee Rd., Wayne. 610-644-1400.

Upper Merion Township Fireworks. Heuser Park, 694 W. Beidler Rd., King of Prussia. 610-265-2600; UMTownship.org.

JULY 6: Norco Fair Fireworks, Pottstown. Route 724 East of the Coventry Mall. FireworksInPennsylvania.com.

JULY 7: Nottingham County Park Freedom Fest. 610-932-2589; Chesco.org.

Ridley Park Fireworks. Eastlake Park, W. Ridley & Constitution. FireworksInPennsylvania.com.

JULY 13: Malvern Fire Co. Fair. 9:30. Malvern Mem. Grounds, Monument Ave. 610-647-0693; MalvernFireCo.com.

JULY 21: Exton Park. 800 E. Swedesford Rd. ChesterCountyFireworks.com.

JULY 27: Kimberton Fair. Dusk. 762 Pike Springs Rd., Phoenixville. KimbertonFair.org.

Memorial Park, 75 W. King St., Pottstown. For information, PottstownGoFourth.org.

JULY 7

Nottingham Park 2018 Freedom Fest. Concert, children's entertainment, festival-style food vendors and a fireworks display at dusk. Nottingham County Park, 150 Park Rd., Nottingham. 6 to 11 pm. Rain date, July 8. \$10 parking fee. 610-344-6415; ChesCo.org/CCParks.

JULY 13-15

Blobfest at the Colonial Theatre. Festivities begin with the "Running Out of the Theater" scene reenactment, Fri, 7:30. Other weekend events include: contests, a street fair, film screenings and multiple showings of *The Blob*. 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. Tickets Fri, \$18; VIP tickets (check website for details), \$75. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.



JULY 14

Colonial PA Plantation. "Pirates, Spies and Rogues Day." Pirate battles, spy missions and colonial crafts. Ridley Creek State Park, 3900 N. Sandy Flash Dr., Newtown Square. 11 to 4. \$6-\$10. 610-566-1725; Colonial-Plantation.org.



ART, CRAFTS & ANTIQUES.....

JULY 28-29

PA Guild of Craftsmen Fine Craft Fair. Almost 200 craftspeople participate. Chase Center on the Riverfront, 815 Justison St., Wilmington. Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, 10 to 5. \$8. 717-431-8706; PACrafts.org.

BOOKS.....

JULY 5, 18-19

Wellington Square Bookshop. July 5, *Brunelleschi's Dome: How a Renaissance Genius Reinvented Architecture*, by Ross King, 7 to 9. July 18-19, *The Haunting of Hill House* by Shirley Jackson, Wed & Thurs 2 to 4, Thurs, 7 to 9. 549 Wellington Square, Exton. 610-458-1144; WellingtonSquareBooks.com.

CAR SHOWS.....

JULY 15

11th Annual Media Downtown Car Show. Over 250 antique cars line the streets of Media along with great food, music and family fun. State St. 11 to 4. Rain date, July 22. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPa.com.



EQUESTRIAN.....

THROUGH JULY 1, JULY 4-8

Brandywine Valley Summer Series. Through July 1, premier hunter/jumper/equitation horse show. July 4-8, The East Coast US Junior Hunter National Championship finals. Held at Devon Horse Show Grounds, 23 Dorset Rd., Devon. Free. BrandywineValleySummer-Series.com.

THROUGH SEPTEMBER, Fri & Sun

Brandywine Polo. See *Daytrips & Outings* in this issue.

FESTIVALS, SALES & FAIRS.....

THROUGH JULY 8

69th Annual Kutztown Folk Festival. Celebrating the PA Dutch culture. Kutztown Fairgrounds, 225 N. White Oak St., Kutztown. Sat & Sun, 10 to 8; Mon-Fri, 10 to 6. \$5-\$14; under 12, free. 888-674-6136; KutztownFestival.com.

JULY 10-14

Malvern Fire Company Fair. Every night is

Family Night at this fair with rides and games. Monument Grounds, Monument Ave., Malvern. Daily, 6 to 10. Fireworks, Fri, 9:30 pm. 610-647-0693; MalvernFireCo.com.

JULY 23-28

Kimberton Fair. Everything from 4-H livestock competitions to exhibits to the Fair Queen Competition, great food and entertainment, rides and fireworks. Kimberton Fairgrounds, 762 Pike Springs Rd., Phoenixville. Visit website for more information. KimbertonFair.org.

JULY 30-AUGUST 4

69th Annual Goshen Country Fair. An

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

FOOD & DRINK.....

JULY 21

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JULY 28

Willistown Conservation Trust—Annual Tomato Tasting. See *July Picks*.

MOVIE NIGHTS.....

THROUGH AUGUST

Chester County Library System Movie Nights

& Movie Marathons. Movies for all ages in many genres are showing at a library near you. Some even offer snacks and activities. Check out their events website for a complete listing. CCLS.org/31/Events-Calendar.

JULY 2–30

Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center. Classic Movie Mondays: *July 2, Lady Sings the Blues*; *July 9, Best In Show*; *July 16, Harold & Maude*; *July 23, Ratatouille*; *July 30, The Great Escape*. Continues through Aug. 20. 226 N. High St. UptownWestChester.org.

JULY 9, 16, 23, 30

Eagleview Movie Nights. Bring your blankets, chairs and a picnic dinner. *July 9, Paddington 2*; *July 16, Coco*; *July 23, Wonder*; *July 30, Disney's Beauty and the Beast* and sing-along, 6:45. Wellington Square, Exton. 7 pm. Free. Popcorn purchase supports Chester Co. Food Bank. 610-458-1900; InEagleview.com.

JULY 19, 26, AUGUST 16

King of Prussia Town Center Outdoor Movie Nights. *July 19, Up*; *July 26, Jurassic Park*; *Aug. 16, Little Giants*. 155 Village Dr., King of Prussia. 8 pm. Free. 484-231-1762; KingOf-Prussia-TownCenter.com.

JULY 20, AUGUST 17, SEPTEMBER 21

Westtown Township Movie Nights at Oakbourne Park. Kick back and relax in the park to watch a movie. *July 20, Elf*; *Aug. 17, Star Wars: A New Hope*; *Sept. 21, High Noon*. 1014 S. Concord Rd., Westtown. 8 pm. Free. WesttownPA.org.

AUGUST 9

Movie Night at Charles A. Melton Center. Movie announced later. 501 E. Miner St. Dusk. Free. West-Chester.com.

MUSEUMS.....
See "Daytrips & Outings" and "Museums" in the Guidebook.

THROUGH DECEMBER 31

The National Constitution Center. Hamilton: the Constitutional Clashes that Shaped a Nation. Independence Mall, 525 Arch St., Philadelphia. Mon–Sat, 9:30 to 5; Sun, noon to 5. \$11–\$14.50. ConstitutionCenter.org.

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT.....

THROUGH AUGUST 24

Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center. *June 27–July 1, "Soul Harmony: The Story of Deborah Chessler, Sonny Til and the Orioles;" July 10, Opera Tutti! "That's Still Italian;" July 13, Better Than Bacon: Interactive Improv Comedy*; *July 14, An Evening with Mykal Kilgore*; *July 19, Aug. 24, Dueling Pianos*; *July 21, Doo Wop to Soul Concert* starring The Masqueraders. 226 N. High St. Uptown-WestChester.org.



JULY 14–15

Community Arts Center Concerts. *July 14, Tie Dye Music Festival*, 2 to 7, free. *July 15, Tri-State Jazz Society Concert*, 2 to 4, \$20. 414

Cecil County Events

July 1. Independence Day Fireworks. Music, vendors and fireworks. *Pell Gardens, Chesapeake City. 5 to 10:30 pm. ChesapeakeCity.com.*

July 3. Salute to Veterans Fireworks. Live music and fireworks over the Northeast River. *North East Community Park. 5 to 10:30 pm. STOCCV.org.*

July 8–August 29. Summer Sundays in the Park. Bring a chair or a blanket and enjoy the music. *Pell Gardens, Chesapeake City. 6 to 8 pm. ChesapeakeCity.com.*

July 12. Dog Days of Summer. Celebrating canine friends—animal vendors, live entertainment. *Downtown Elkton. 4 to 7:30 pm. ElktonAlliance.org.*

July 12, 19, 26. Music on Main. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the music in the heart of Downtown Elkton. *On the corner of North & Main St. 5:30 to 7:30 pm. ElktonAlliance.org.*

July 20–28. The Cecil County Fair. Agricultural fair, vendors, rides, games, animals and more. *Fair Hill Fairgrounds, 4640 Telegraph Rd., Elkton, MD. CecilCountyFair.org.*

July 21. Cecil County Food & Wine Festival. Maryland wines, food, music. *North East Community Park. 11 to 5. CecilCountyFair.org.*

July 26, August 23. Downtown Elkton Classic Car Show. Entertainment, raffles, food. *Downtown Elkton. 5 to 8. ElktonAlliance.org.*

August 4. Lotus Blossom Festival. Fine arts and crafts, manor house tours, children's activities. *Mount Harmon Plantation, 600 Mt. Harmon Rd., Earleville. 10 to 4. MountHarmon.org.*

August 11. Upper Bay Art Festival. Enjoy a day of boating and bay, arts and crafts, food, wine and beer. *Shelter Cove Yacht Basin, 230 Riverside Dr., North East. 11 to 5. ShelterCoveYacht.com.*

September 14–15. Elkton Fall Fest. Entertainment, contests, crafters, vendors, children's activities. *Downtown Elkton. Fri, 5 to 8; Sat, 8 to 9. ElktonAlliance.org.*

September 15–16. National Revolutionary War Festival. History comes to life. *Mount Harmon Plantation, 600 Mt. Harmon Rd., Earleville. 10 to 4. MountHarmon.org.*

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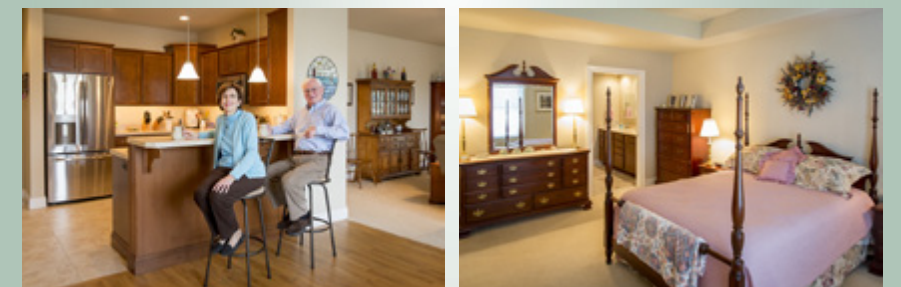
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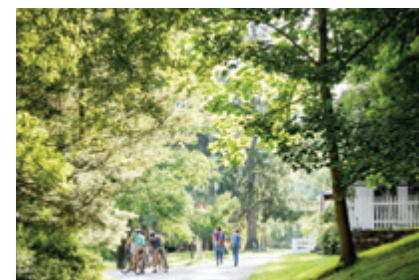
AUGUST 4, 5

The Chesco Pops Orchestra 2018 Summer Concerts. "Classics at the Pops" with Joe Kenney, local pianist and recording artist from Phoenixville." **Aug. 4,** Fugett Middle School, 500 Ellis La., West Chester, 7 pm; **Aug. 5,** Phoenixville Area Middle School, 1330 Main St. 3 pm. \$15-\$20; children free. 610-594-9178; ChescoPops.org.



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.....

THROUGH AUGUST 29, Wednesdays
Bike & Hike & Brews at Hagley Museum & Library. Stroll, jog or cycle the three-mile loop then, on selected evenings, enjoy Dogfish Head craft beers. Bring a picnic or dine at the Belin House Organic Cafe. Rt. 141. 5 to 8 pm. \$3. 302-658-2400; Hagley.org.



JULY 14

Tip-a-Canoe and Barbecue, Too! See July Picks.

JULY 14, AUGUST 11, SEPTEMBER 8
Schuylkill River Pedal and Paddle. Take a 4.5-mile bike ride from Pottstown's Riverfront Park to Historic Morlatton Village in Douglassville. Lunch, bikes, kayaks and all kayaking gear are provided. 9 to 2. \$40. To register phone 484-945-0200 or visit SchuylkillRiver.org.



JULY 22

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THEATER.....

THROUGH JULY 8

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JULY 13-29

Delaware Shakespeare Festival at Rockwood Museum & Park. Bring a blanket, pack a picnic and enjoy *Much Ado About Nothing*. 4651 Washington St. Ext. Wed-Sat, gates open 6:30; Sun, at 4:45. \$13-\$17. 302-415-3373; DelShakes.org.

JULY 26-28, AUGUST 2-4

Brandywiners, Ltd.—The Music Man. See July Picks.

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Stroll, Shop, Dine—Dining Under the Stars in Media. Restaurants offer outdoor dining along State Street, with entertainment and children's activities on each block. 5 to 11 pm. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.



JULY 6, 14, 19

First Fridays, Second Saturdays, Third Thursdays. July 6, First Fridays: *Kennett Square Art*

Stroll, 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com. **Lancaster City,** 717-509-ARTS; VisitLancasterCity.com. **Oxford,** 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org. **West Chester,** 610-738-3350; West-Chester.com. **Wilmington Art Loop,** 302-576-2135; CityFestWilm.com. **July 14, Second Saturday Arts Stroll: Media,** 484-445-4161; MediaArtsCouncil.org. **July 19, Malvern Stroll,** MalvernBusiness.com.

AUGUST 4, 18

Wine & Cheese Tours at Wharton Esherick Museum. Enjoy local wine, cheese and light fare on the deck. Res. required. 1520 Horseshoe

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DowntownWestChester.com

July 1-29
Delaware County Summer Festival
UpperProvidence.Co.Delaware.PA.US



July 1-29
Long's Park Summer Concerts.
Lancaster.LongsPark.org



July 4-26
**Summer in the Park Concerts at Wilson Farm
Park.** Wayne.Tredyffrin.org/Departments/Parks

July 4- August 5
Upper Merion Concerts Under the Stars
KingofPrussia.UMTownship.org

July 4-August 8
Summer Concerts at Anson B. Nixon Park
KennettSquare.AnsonBNixonPark.org

July 6-28
Bryn Mawr Twilight Concerts
BrynMawrTwilightConcerts.com



July 6-August 4
Longwood Gardens Summer Concert Series
KennettSquare.LongwoodGardens.org



July 8-August 5
Miller Park Summer Concert Series
Exton.WestWhiteland.org

July 10-31
**Eagleview Town Center
Concerts on the Square**
Exton.EagleviewTownCenter.com

July 13
Friday Night Lights at ChesLen Preserve
Coatesville.NatLands.org

July 15
36th Annual Turk's Head Music Festival
WestChester.TurksHeadFestival.com

July 19, August 16
Music at Marshall Square Park
WestChester.MarshallSquarePark.org



July 20-21
Ladybug Music Festival
Wilmington.TheLadyBugFestival.com

July 20, August 9, 24
Brandywine River Museum of Art Concerts
ChaddsFord.Brandywine.org

July 27-29
Xponential Music Festival
Camden.NJ.XPNFest.org

July 28
24th People's Festival—Tribute to Bob Marley
Wilmington.PeoplesFestival.com

August 3-5
The 21st Annual Riverfront Blues Festival
Wilmington.RiverfrontBluesFest.com

August 3-12
Bethlehem Musikfest. Musikfest.org

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Connective Art and Music Festival
Oxford.ConnectiveFestival.org

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Eagleview Town Ctr. Thurs., 2 to 6. GrowingRootsPartners.com.

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Indoor farmers market. 389 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne. Wed. & Fri., 8 to 6; Sat., 8 to 4. LancasterCountyFarmersMarket.com.

MALVERN FARMERS MARKET

Check website for events. Burke Park, Roberts Rd. & S. Warren Ave. Sat., 9 to 1. GrowingRootsPartners.com.

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POTTSTOWN FARMERS MARKET

July 12, skin cancer/diabetes info; July 26, Christmas in July; Aug. 23, Family Day; Sept. 13, Sustainability; Sept. 27, food trucks at the farm; Oct. 11, fire prevention week. 200 block of High St. Thurs., 5 to 7:30. PottstownFarm.org.

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THORNBURY FARM MARKET

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330 Glen Mills Rd. Sat., 10 to 1. Facebook.com/ThorntonFarmersMarket.

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CHADDSFORD WINERY

632 Baltimore Pk., Chadds Ford 610-388-6221; Chaddsford.com June 30-July 4, Red, White & BBQ Weekend July 7-8, Aug. 4-5, Wine Slushie Weekend July 21-22, Camp Chaddsford, camp for adults Aug. 11-12, The Peach Festival Aug. 18-19, Summer Food Truck Throw Down Aug. 25-26, Mexican Fiesta Weekend

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700 Folly Hill Rd., Kennett Square 484-899-8013; GalerEstate.com Through Aug., Live music on Fri.-Sat. July 1, 21, Aug. 11, Sept. 1, 29, Enjoy Longwood Gardens fireworks display from the deck July 27, "Midsummer Dinner in the Vines" catered by Talula's Table

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1024 Wheatland Dr., Coatesville 610-486-0422; StargazersVineyard.com July 13, 28, Yoga, wine tasting and snacks

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8820 Gap Newport Pk., Avondale 610-268-2702; VaLaVineyards.com July 1, Glenn E. Williams Jazz Trio of Independence

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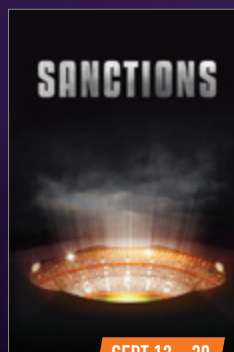
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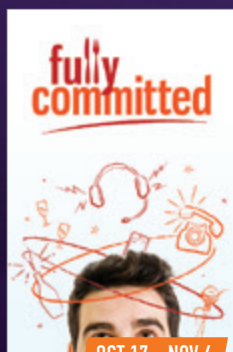


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An all-ages, stage-centered, café-style venue showcasing professional national, regional and local music, comedy, children's programs and more.

102 Sycamore Alley, Kennett Sq. KennettFlash.org

* *Open Mic with Guest Host Angelee, Steve Forbert*

Keswick Theatre of Performing Arts

A 1,300-seat venue hosting well-known acts and bands with state-of-the-art sound and light equipment.

291 N. Keswick Ave., Glenside. KeswickTheatre.com

* *Blackmore's Night, Hippiefest 2018: Vanilla Fudge, Rick Derringer, Mitch Ryder, The Detroit Wheels*

Longwood Gardens Performing Arts

The arts at Longwood are as alive, inspiring and beautiful as the Gardens, showcasing leading artists.

1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square

LongwoodGardens.org

* *Angela Sheik, Bob Beach Duo, Poor Man's Gambit*

Mt. Hope Estate & Winery

On the grounds of the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire offering events, festivals, concerts year-round.

Rt. 72, Cornwall. PARenFaire.com

Neumann University, Meagher Theatre

Modern 300-seat theater hosting lectures, theater,

cinema, concerts and other theatrical events.

1 Neumann Dr., Aston. Neumann.edu

Sight & Sound Theatres

Faith-based live theater that's been described as "Christian Broadway."

300 Hartman Bridge Rd., Strasburg. Sight-Sound.com

* *Jesus*

Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center

Promoting cultural, economic and civic life through live theater, music, dance and film. The theater has nine resident companies with three separate performance spaces.

226 N. High St., West Chester

UptownWestChester.org

* *Better Than Bacon: Interactive Improv Comedy,*

The World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra,

Doo Wop to Soul Concert

The Ware Center

Off-campus visual and performing arts center for Millersville University hosting art exhibits, dance, film, Broadway cabarets, music, family arts and more.

42 N. Prince St., Lancaster. ArtsMu.com

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Live performances in music, theater and dance by national traveling groups held on the campus.

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Madeleine Wing Adler Theatre, West Chester

WCUPa.edu/oca/WCULive/

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TheGrandWilmington.org

* *Become Your Dreams: A History of Hip Hop!*

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The Queen Theatre

Once World Café Live, now under new management with Live Nation taking the helm. Still a 3-tiered music hall for music, food, drinks, entertainment and more.

500 N. Market St., Wilmington

Queen.WorldCafeLive.com

* *Dan Montgomery, Marcia Ball, Chris Smither*

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TheatreN.org

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MainStayRockHall.org

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The Academy of Music

Opened in 1857, it's the oldest grand opera house in the country still used for its original purpose. This 2,900-seat venue is both a celebrated historic landmark and a contemporary concert hall.

Broad & Locust Sts. AcademyOfMusic.org

* *Aladdin, Love Never Dies, Fiddler on the Roof*

Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts

Dedicated to the advancement of a diverse and thriving cultural community through innovation and intellectual engagement in the performing arts.

Univ. of Pennsylvania campus, 3680 Walnut St.

PennPresents.org

* *Ballet X, Black Violin, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago*

The Dell Music Center

This open-air amphitheater has 5,284 reserved seats and lawn seating for 600.

Ridge Ave. & W. Huntingdon St. MyDellEast.com

* *Black Pearl Chamber Orchestra*

Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts

Premier performing arts groups reside at the Kimmel Center and the Academy of Music—The Phila. Orchestra, Philly Pops, The Pennsylvania Ballet, Philadanco and more.

300 S. Broad St. KimmelCenter.org

* *La NOCHE, Ophira Eisenberg*

The Mann Center for Performing Arts

Located in Philadelphia's beautiful Fairmount Park, the Mann continues its tradition as the greater Philadelphia region's premiere outdoor cultural arts center.

5201 Parkside Ave. MannCenter.org

* *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban,*

A Night of Gershwin

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1 Harbour Blvd, Camden LiveNation.com

* *Kevin Hart, Zac Brown Band, Chris Brown*

EVENTS & SERIES

Anson Nixon Park Concert Series

Through Aug. 8

Enjoy free summer concerts on Wednesday evenings surrounded by the park's beautiful scenery.

Waterworks Dr., Kennett Sq. AnsonBNixonPark.org

FALLGUIDE TO THE ARTS

The new season is arriving and our **Guide to the Arts** will give you a preview of the promises that holds. We've listed a wide range of area venues offering theater, dance, music and events and a peek into their upcoming performances.





“A Christmas to Remember,” Bird-In-Hand Stage



Longwood Performing Arts

Chester Cty 87th Old Fiddlers Picnic, Aug. 11
Hundreds of musicians and music lovers gather for music and memories.

Hibernia County Park, Wagontown
ChesCo.org/CCParks

Clifford Brown Jazz Festival, June, 2019
Wilmington's tribute to a great man and his legacy is the largest, multi-day, free, outdoor jazz festival on the East Coast.
Rodney Square, 1000 N. Market St., Wilmington
CliffordBrownJazzFest.org

Delaware County Summer Festival Through Aug. 12
Gather on the hillside for over 40 performances from a myriad of musical and dance genres.
Rose Tree Park, Rt. 252, Media
Co.Delaware.PA.US
* *Makin' Music, Jimmy & the Parrots, Us & Floyd*

Eagleview Town Center Concerts on the Square Through Aug. 28
Not only concerts but movie nights, Shakespeare in the Park and family festivals.
Wellington Square, Exton. InEagleview.com
* *Jump Jive and Jam and Dirk Quinn*

Long's Park Summer Music Series Through Aug. 26
Spend Sunday nights delighting in the 50+-year-old tradition of free summer concerts.
1441 Harrisburg Pk., Rt. 30, Lancaster
LongsPark.org

Media Jazz By Night, Nov. 17
The 15th anniversary of this annual festival that serves up a lively night full of authentic jazz.
State St., Media. StateStreetBlues.com

Media State Street Blues Stroll, June, 2019
A summer evening of performances complete with gospel, R&B, blues & country. StateStreetBlues.com
Musikfest, Aug. 3–12
Ten days of more than 500 free and several ticketed performances in Bethl hem's historic district.
22 W. Broad St., Bethlehem. Musikfest.org

* *Daughtry, Keshi, Gary Clark, Jr., Syx and Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, Jason Mraz*

Paoli Blues Fest, Oct. 6
For blues lovers and just about anyone who likes to eat, dance, shop and enjoy great music. Also a beer garden and KidZone.
Paoli Presbyterian Church, 225 S. Valley Rd., Paoli. PaoliBluesFest.com

* *Little Buddy Blues Band, Russ Lambert*
PA Renaissance Faire, Aug. 4–Oct. 28
Mirth and merriment amidst jousting knights.
2775 Lebanon Rd., Manheim. PAREnFaire.com

Philadelphia Folk Festival, Aug. 16–19
Honor both national and emerging acts.
Old Pool Farm, 1323 Salford Station Rd. Schwenksville. PFS.org

Riverfront Blues Fest, Aug. 3–5
Three days of Blues on the Riverfront.
Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park, 80 Rosa Parks Dr., Wilmington. RiverfrontBluesFestDE.com

Turks Head Music Festival, July 15
Enjoy a day of performances by regional bands, plus vendors at craft and food booths.
Everhart Park, W. Miner St., West Chester
TurksheadFestival.com

* *Dukes of Destiny, Raven Hill Bluegrass*
West Chester Swingin' Summer Thursdays July 12, Aug. 2, Sept. 6
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Gay St., West Chester. West-Chester.com

PERFORMANCE GROUPS DANCE

SUBURBAN PA COUNTIES

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Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall
700 S. High St., West Chester. BrandywineBallet.org
* *Balanchine, Barber, and Brandywine, The Nutcracker*

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HarrisonDanceStudios.com

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SwarthmoreBalletTheatre.com

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FirstStateBallet.com

PHILADELPHIA

Pennsylvania Ballet Association
A premier ballet company, receiving widespread critical acclaim for extraordinary performances of a diverse classical and contemporary repertoire.
1819 JFK Blvd., Ste. 210. PABallet.org
* *Romeo and Juliet, George Balanchine's The Nutcracker*

Philadelphia Dance Company
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Philadanco, 9 N. Preston St. PhilaDanCo.org

MUSIC

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TheBrandywineSingers.org

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ChesterCountyChoralSociety.org



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Delaware County Symphony
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Meagher Theatre Life Center, Concord Rd., Aston
DCSMusic.org

Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Chester County
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P.O. Box 195, West Chester. GSSChesco.org

Immaculata Symphony
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1145 King Rd., Immaculata. ImmaculataSymphony.org

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106 W. State St., Kennett Sq. KennettSymphony.org

Lancaster Symphony Orchestra
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226 N. Arch St., Lancaster. LancasterSymphony.org

Main Line Symphony Orchestra
Community orchestra that celebrated its 70th season in 2016.
VF Mid Sch, 105 W. Walker Rd., Wayne. MLSO.org

Opera Lancaster
A nonprofit group producing operas since 1952.
411 W. King St., Lancaster. OperaLancaster.com

Reading Symphony Orchestra
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Santander Performing Arts Center
136 N. 6th St., Reading. ReadingSymphony.com

Rose Tree Pops Orchestra
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from classical to pops to Big Band.
P. O. Box 932, Media. RoseTreePops.org

Rose Valley Chorus and Orchestra
The chorus, accompanied by a 35-piece orchestra, performs two major theatrical productions each season.
Strath Haven Middle School, S. Providence Rd. Wallingford. RVCO.org

Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley (TOSDV)
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P.O. Box 141, Cheltenham. TOSDV.org

Vox Ama Deus
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P.O. Box 203, Gladwyne. VoxAmadeus.org

DELAWARE

Brandywine Baroque
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The Barn at Flintwoods, 205 Center Meeting Rd., Wilmington. BrandywineBaroque.org

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ChorusOfTheBrandywine.com

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P.O. Box 1870, Wilmington. DelawareSymphony.org

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200 S. Madison St., Wilmington. Melomanie.org

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SerafinQuartet.org

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Ballet 180 / Studio 180
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1708 Lancaster Ave., Floor 2, Paoli. Ballet180.org

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Paoli Blues Festival

633 West Cypress St., Kennett Square
LongwoodPerformingArts.com.

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Mary Poppins

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WestChesterStudio.com

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WolfPerformingArtsCenter.org

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MusicSchoolOfDelaware.org

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56 East Butler Ave., Ambler. Act2Playhouse.org
* *Tuesdays with Morrie*

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70 S. Main St., New Hope
BucksCountyPlayhouse.com
* *I Hate Hamlet*, *Million Dollar Quartet*, *42nd Street*

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CommonwealthClassicTheatre.org

* *The Complete History of America*

Fulton Theatre Productions

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12 N. Prince St., Lancaster. TheFulton.org
* *Aladdin*, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*

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64 Rose Valley Rd., Media.
HedgerowTheatre.org

* *His Girl Friday*, *Hound of the Baskervilles*, *Medea*

Media Theatre

Producing five musicals annually, plus children's pro-

ductions, the Media Theatre has been honored with numerous awards for its performances.

104 E. State St., Media. MediaTheatre.org

* *Sweeney Todd*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Julius Caesar*,
Beehive, *The '60's Musical*, *Saturday Night Fever*

People's Light

One of Pennsylvania's largest professional theatres offers year-round programming in two performance spaces, mixing world premieres, contemporary plays, music-infused work and fresh approaches to classic texts.

39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. PeoplesLight.org

* *Such Things as Vampires*, *Cinderella: A Musical Panto*, *Sweat*, *Nina Simone: Four Women*, *For Peter Pan on Her 70th Birthday*, *Endgame*, *Mud Row*, *Our Town*

Resident Theatre Company

RTC is a professional company that produces musicals and plays using Philadelphia and NY actors and designers. Performing at various locations, including: Knauer Performing Arts Center, 226 N. High St., West Chester. RTCWC.org.

* *Evita*, *Lend Me A Tenor*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*

Theatre Horizon

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401 DeKalb St., Norristown. TheatreHorizon.org

* *The Laramie Project*, *The Color Purple*, *Renaissance in the Belly of a Killer Whale*

DELAWARE

City Theater Company

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4 S. Poplar St., Wilmington. City-Theater.org

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DelawareTheatre.org

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* *Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?*

PHILADELPHIA

Forrest Theatre

1114 Walnut St. Forrest-Theatre.com

* *Hamilton*

Merriam Theater

250 S. Broad St. KimmelCenter.org

* *Bring It*

Philadelphia Theatre Company

480 S. Broad St. PhiladelphiaTheatreCompany.org

Walnut Street Theatre

825 Walnut St. WalnutStreetTheatre.org

* *Mamma Mia!*

Wilma Theater

265 S. Broad St. WilmaTheater.org

* *Blood Wedding*

THEATER - COMMUNITY

SUBURBAN PA COUNTIES

Barley Sheaf Players

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810 N. Whitford Rd., Lionville.

BarleySheaf.org

* *Curtains*, *What a Knight!*

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BarnstormersTheater.com

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PO Box 386, Chester Springs

TheCoTheatre.com.com

* *The Co. Live improvisational comedy*

Footlighters Theater

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58 Main Ave., Berwyn. FootlightersTheater.com

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241 First Ave., Phoenixville. ForgeTheatre.org

* *Actstravagan*, *All Shook Up*

Montgomery Theater

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MontgomeryTheater.org

The Players Club of Swarthmore

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* *Chicago*, *Other Desert Cities*, *Little Shop of Horrors*

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SALTPA.com

DELAWARE

The Brandywiners, Ltd.

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* *The Music Man*

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* *Wonderland: Alice's Rock and Roll Adventure*

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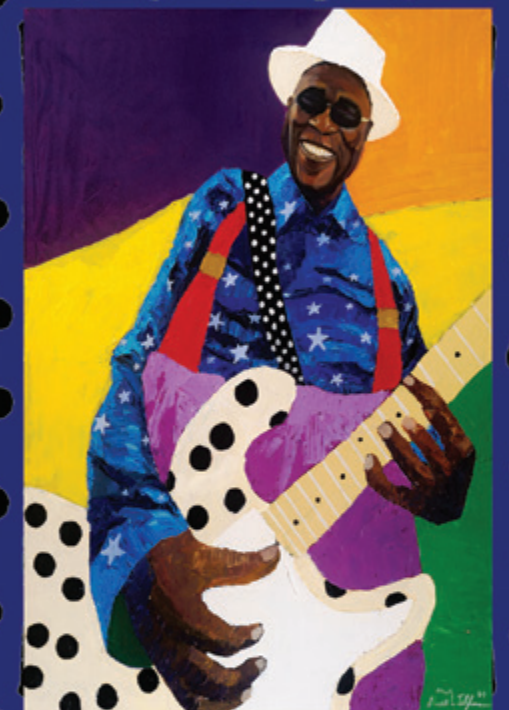
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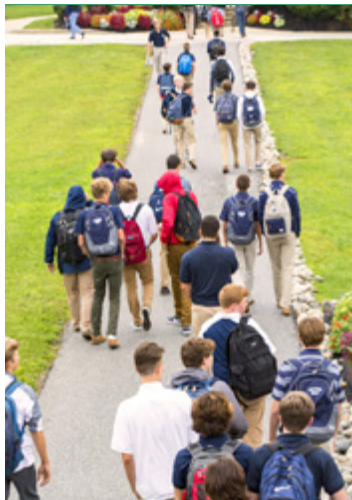
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THREE #1 TEAMS IN BOYS' LACROSSE

The Haverford School was ranked 1st in Pennsylvania and 13th in the nation. Coached by John Nostrant, the team finished the season 18-3 and topped the Inter-Ac League, with seniors TJ Malone, Luke O'Grady and Scott Deck leading the attack. Malone is headed to Amherst and O'Grady to Providence University. Deck may try to walk on at Notre Dame.

Also 1st, this time in Delaware, was the Salesianum School's lacrosse team. Four times straight they've topped Delaware's high schools. Led by seniors, the team is sending Brett Hobbs to Penn State, Patrick Drake to Fairfield, Brady Emmi to Salisbury, Cooper Urban to Rensselaer Polytechnic and Carson Salvo to St. Leo. According to Coach Bobby Healy, "all have had outstanding careers both academically and athletically."

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DEVON PREP

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LOCATION: Devon Prep Varsity Baseball Field
WHO: Rising 4th - 9th graders
COST: \$200 Full Day; \$150 Half Day

SOCCER

DATES: July 16 – July 20
TIMES: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
LOCATION: Devon Prep
WHO: Rising 4th - 9th graders
COST: \$200 Full Day; \$150 Half Day

BASKETBALL

DATES: June 25 – June 29
TIMES: Mon. – Thu., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Friday – 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Devon Prep Gym
WHO: Rising 4th - 9th graders
COST: \$200 Full Day; \$150 Half Day

LACROSSE

DATES: July 30 – August 3
TIMES: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
LOCATION: Devon Prep
WHO: Rising 5th - 8th graders
COST: \$200 Full Day; \$150 Half Day

Camps will be run by Devon Prep Coaching Staff. Any questions, please contact the Athletic Director Jason Fisher: jfisher@devonprep.com

Bishop Shanahan also finished 1st and was ranked 5th in the state. In Class 2A of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA), the Eagles captured their first-ever statewide championship.

AGNES IRWIN & VILLA MARIA TOP GIRLS' LACROSSE

Clinching the Inter-Ac title, Agnes Irwin finished the season, 17-6. Maria Pansini, senior co-captain, was outstanding all season. Coach Lauren Wray said she "domi-

nated all over the field." She's "reliable and competitive and is great leadership on our team." Next year she'll play at Princeton.

The Hurricanes of Villa Maria Academy lost only twice in the regular season, shut out the Catholic Academies conference, then for the first time won the PIAA Class 2A championship.

MALVERN PREP FRIARS FINISH FIRST IN BASEBALL

Malvern Prep handily won the Pennsylvania state championship for the second

year in a row. The team was ranked 11th in Pennsylvania, won the Inter-Ac league, and finished 30-7 overall. Billy Corcoran, its senior captain, carried an ERA of 1.14 and was named the league's MVP. He's headed to pitch at the University of Pittsburgh next season.

Although 3rd in the Mid-Atlantic Prep League, The Hill School had several seniors selected all-league: Luke Allain, pitcher and outfielder; Daniel Monzo, catcher; and Austin Keil, first baseman. Monzo and Keil had batting averages over .425. Allain is going to Bucknell, Monzo to Muhlenberg, and Keil to Case Western.

SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP ELUDES PADUA

Padua Academy finished 11-7 this season, but ultimately lost in the state tournament. Standout sophomore all-state first-baseman Zoey Jones, with a .545 batting average, has verbally committed to Florida Atlantic. Junior outfielder Katie Twardowski hit .565 and was selected all-state. Junior shortstop Catie Baxter, with a .645 batting average and an on-base percentage of .790, was selected to the 2nd all-state team.

TOWER HILL JUNIOR IS UNDEFEATED IN TENNIS

Robby Ward of Tower Hill has his sights set on the top-75 in the nation of Boys 18s tennis. A first seed in the Delaware state tournament, Ward has been undefeated for three seasons—he last lost in 8th grade in the state tournament finals.

BOYS EXCEL ON AREA TRACKS

Bishop Shanahan sophomore Jonah Hoey—the younger brother of senior Josh Hoey, who is the #1 high schooler in the country and ran a 4:07 mile at the Millrose Games—was #2 in the mile at the PIAA district finals, with a time of 4:21. In the 400 meters, senior Rick Zink ran 48.6, winning by less than .2 of a second.

Senior Elias Lindgren is Episcopal Academy's premiere mid-distance runner. He won the 800, 1600 and 3200 meters at the Inter-Ac championship: only one of four Inter-Ac runners to ever accomplish that feat. With a 4.1 average, he'll be going to Williams College.



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Julian Klenner, the co-captain of **West-town School's** track team, claimed 1st place in the 200 and 400 meter runs at the Friends Schools League championships and PAISAA (Pennsylvania Independent Schools Athletic Association), where he holds the records for both events.

DYNASTY CREATED AT FRIENDS' TRACK

The **Friends' Central School** girls' track team, led by seniors Ava Forman and Gabrielle Wilkinson, won the Friends League championship. Forman won the javelin and 100 and 300 meter hurdles; Wilkinson, the 800 and 1600 meter runs. They also inspired underclassmen to other 1st place finishes, including freshman Inara Shell and sophomores Rebecca Wucinich and Izzy McFarlane. The 4x400 and 4x800 meter relay teams also won.

And FCS won the PAISAA track championship for the first time in history. Coach Michelle Crowley proudly praised Forman and Wilkinson for their "outstanding performances on the track and outstanding presence of mind on and off the track." They're headed to the University of Florida and Washington University, respectively.

Senior Kayla Woods has captained **The Tatnall School's** girls' team for two years. She runs—her 400 meter mark is 57 seconds, her 200 meters is 25 seconds, her 100 meters is 12.3 seconds—and she jumps—scoring 19'8" in the long jump and 5'4" in the high jump. Next year, she'll attend Richmond University. Her spirit is rubbing off on her sophomore sister Kimmi, who is already "breaking class records ... and winning major competitions," according to Coach Patrick Castagno.

Padua School senior Lydia Olivere has "re-written the record books and is the most accomplished distance runner to come through its cross country and track and field programs," says Coach Marnie Guinta. Olivere holds 18 school records, 2 Delaware state records, 2 state meet records, 12 team state titles, and 25 individual state titles. Next year, she'll attend Villanova University.

In retrospect, 2018 will be viewed as a great year for independent school sports. Our students succeeded, some on a national scale. ♦



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Baltimore's Inner Harbor
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GUINNESS AMERICA

The new Guinness factory, reminiscent of the one at St. James Gate in Dublin, partially opened in late 2017. But alas, it's still under construction. Currently Guinness America makes only Blonde Lager, aimed at the U.S. market. Its signature Draught Stout and Extra Stout are brewed in Ireland.

After the brewery, we're ready for a nap back on the boat. At about seven, we rouse and take a long walk to the **Thames Street Oyster House** in Fells Point, a hip and historic neighborhood. Crowds are already gathering for fireworks.

Thames Street is, again, a seafood feast. We share fresh oysters for appetizers and entrees that come from well beyond the Chesapeake: scallops from Block Island; fish and chips from the Georges Banks. Three of us share baked Maine lobster—fresh and sweet.

After dinner, we head for the Domino Sugars sign, large enough to contain a major league infield; a waterfront view of **Fort McHenry**, home of the Star-Spangled Banner—oh, say, can you see—and fireworks. The fireworks are brilliant, amazing! For nearly half an hour, they streak over the Baltimore skyline.

At ten, we walk back, past boats, cobblestone streets, and neat, brick Federalist buildings. The mood on the street is celebratory, almost raucous, but we're tired after a long day. We catch the last water taxi back to the marina, admiring the view. We'll sleep in tomorrow.

After a late brunch, we divide up again: two to **Camden Yards**—there's no game but it's ranked #2 among ballparks by Forbes—and four to the **Baltimore Museum of Industry**. Both of our "teams" enjoy their picks. The Camden Yards pair were impressed with the architecture. Those at BMI especially enjoyed the Cannery and the Pharmacy. Given more time, we'd visit the world-class **Walters Museum** and the **Science Center** or **Ripley's at Inner Harbor**. Alas, we're on a schedule.

By five, we're back at the boat. And quickly, we're off. The Baltimore skyline disappears behind us. By midnight we've dropped our sails in a river north of the Bay Bridge, anchored and settled with rum in the cockpit.

Another long day but we agree: whether by boat, rail or by car, Baltimore is a great port-of-call. ♦

National Aquarium

Camden Yards

Thames Street Oyster House

American Visionary Art Museum
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INNER HARBOR FOR JULY FOURTH

JULY 3, ABOUT 5 O'CLOCK. THE WIND IS BRISK FROM the southwest: a thunderhead is on the horizon. The main waterway into Baltimore Harbor—the **Patapsco River**—is wide, slightly choppy and very busy. Boats of all sizes, from ships—a freighter slows down in the traffic—to sailing yachts on day cruises on the Chesapeake Bay, to small sailing dinghies, bouncing adventurously through the spray.

Baltimore! Its Day 3, of a week-long vacation cruise on the Bay. Tacking toward the **Francis Scott Key Bridge**, the crew and I—six of us—are alert to the changing waters, criss-crossing wakes and unpredictable seamanship of weekend captains.

In the near distance are the old steel yards, the colorful aquarium, the cityscape of Inner Harbor and downtown Baltimore.

We dock at **Inner Harbor Marina**, clean the boat, change and eagerly seek a local brew and local crabs. We're famished!

We've got choices within walking distance—the **Rusty Scupper**, **McCormick & Schmick's**, **Phillips Seafood**, **Riptide by the Bay**,

Captain James Crabhouse—but we're not interested in walking far. **Nick's** is only 15 minute away.

We order rounds of beer and plates of crabs—lots of them—big, hard-shelled, steamed red, Maryland blue crabs. Picking, picking.... It's a sailor's feast.

On board again, we watch the moonrise, then, one by one, fall asleep in our bunks.

Next morning, July 4, we split into two groups—some headed to the **National Aquarium** and others to the **American Visionary Art Museum**. Both are close.

The **National Aquarium** is supposed to be—it's got my vote—the best in the U.S. It's huge, housing a rain forest, live coral reef, shark tank, sea birds, crocodiles, alligators, jellyfish and much more. It's only 9 a.m., so we beat the crowd. Almost.

The **American Visionary Art Museum** is America's official museum of unofficial art. Intuitive, individual, inventive and inspired, visionary

art is produced by the self-taught. But they're not using crayons. Oils, watercolors, metal sculpture, newsprint, scraps of paper or string ... With 4000 works continuously rotated, the exhibits are always fresh.

At noon, we head for Inner Harbor's food court to discuss our next stop. A brewery is on our list, but which one? **Heavy Seas**, **Union Craft**, **Monument** ... There are several.

We settle on **DuClaw Brewing**. In addition to **Sweet Baby Jesus**, a chocolate peanut butter porter (so good you'll say its name) there are over 70 beers produced here—about 10 stouts, several porters, a host of IPAs, amber and brown ales, and more. We can easily pass the afternoon.

King of Prussia STAYCATION

Entertainment, Dining and a National Park ... Oh, and Shopping

ALTHOUGH THE TERM GAINED POPULARITY DURING the not-so-great recession, staycation is still useful for those of us who live in an area packed with attractions. The Guide that follows this article includes world-class gardens and sights that bring millions of tourists to our area.

So, why not staycation this summer? Forego hours in TSA lines or packed highways. Enjoy some of the local delights our area offers. And because the Dow is a comfortable multiple of its most recent low (6,443.27 on March 6, 2009, if you care to remember), do it in style and spend some of those portfolio earnings.

Let's go to ... King of Prussia, where shopping, dining, gambling and entertainment reign supreme. It's close, accessible by Routes 202, 76 and the Turnpike. Perfect for a long weekend.

To make it extra fun, stay at the newly renovated—to the tune of \$6 million spent on 150-some rooms—Valley Forge Casino Resort. Having resort as part of the name already makes it sound like fun. In fact, they have Valley Beach with 20,000 square feet of pool, cabanas, tiki bar, and “sandy beach” area, plus bands playing throughout the summer.

Though located near the Valley Forge National Park, the Casino Resort is better known for the 600 slot machines and 50 table games (blackjack, craps, roulette, pai gow poker, baccarat) calling you to while away some vacay time. With 100,000 square feet of conference and event space at the hotel, you may just find another diversion on site—like a sports memorabilia convention and sale.

What else to do this staycation?

ENTERTAINMENT

Beyond the expected activities of shopping and dining, KOP offers surprises—escape rooms, axe throwing and simulated sky-diving. This is not your grandmother's KOP.

Escape rooms are all the rage, so indulge yourself and visit both sites. Choose the Revolutionary Spies theme for a regionally and historically relevant challenge at *Escape Room Mystery*. Will you help save our fledgling nation? Or if the lure of the casino has you thinking dollar signs, try the Bank Heist option at *Expedition Escape*. Feel free to try all the puzzles at both places.

Another trend, this one more challenging than puzzle solving, is axe throwing. Like curling, competitive axe throwing is well-known in Canada, but not so much in the U.S. It's described by *Bury the Hatchet* as similar to darts but with axes and a wooden target. It's BYOB and BYOF (food), for 15 and older, wearing the required closed-toe shoes. For safety, of course.

For excitement without deadly weapons, try *iFly KOP*, where you can experience the thrill of skydiving and pretend you're President Bush #1 on a birthday. Get blown away as you float atop a rush of air in a vertical wind tunnel and experience a 13,000-foot freefall outfitted in helmet, flight suit and goggles. Upgrade the experience with the virtual reality option. You'll get a personalized flight certificate and can add photos and video to commemorate your “jump.”

Back at the hotel, there's a different kind of entertainment available where others exert themselves. *The Vault* is a performance venue, with drinks and light fare, in the lower level of the Radisson Hotel (connected underground to the Valley Forge Casino Resort), with comedians on Fridays and live acts on weekends. Check online for the lineup this summer. You just might catch *Dueling Pianos* on a return visit.

SHOPPING AND MORE

Our beloved KOP Mall was significantly upgraded with a passel of prestige boutiques a couple of years back—we're talking haute end, like Fendi, Gucci, Hermes and more of the alphabet. So window shopping

in shops that curate their windows and displays with the attention of museum curators makes a delightful staycation afternoon.

More options are available at *KOP Town Center*, a live/work/play and also shop development a few miles away. *Nordstrom Rack*, *Ulta Beauty* and *REI Co-op* offer different kinds of souvenirs.

KOP Town Center also hosts entertainment in its grassy town-square-like central area. Try outdoor yoga happy hour led by *Stillpoint Yoga Studios* on July Tuesdays and free summer movie nights on July 19 (*UP*) and 26 (*Jurassic Park*).

DINING

Venture beyond room service, the hotel food court and on-site *Revolution Chop House* restaurant—where carnivores can feast on 14-ounce strip steaks. KOP Town Center boasts an ever-expanding list of eateries, ranging from the delightful *Duck Donuts* (build your own donut) to the divine *Davio's Northern Italian Steakhouse* (no need to go to Center City).

Some of our other favorites include *MediCi Neapolitan Pizza* for authentic speckled-crust goodness eaten with knife and fork. For dinner try *Founding Farmers* for farm-to-table freshness or *Paladar Latin Kitchen and Rum Bar*, which is well described by its name.

And although it's at the KOP Mall, we are fans for the interpretive American menu at *Mistral*.

The Town Center offers the widest range of dining options from *honeygrow* and *b. good*, to *Mission BBQ* with more to come.

NEARBY

Although the Casino Resort, Town Center and Mall should be sufficient to fill your time, there are more options nearby.

The trampoline park at *Get Air KOP* will let you burn some calories, while the *Muse Paint Bar* will let you express your artistic side as you sip some wine.

For a mark-your-calendar performance, the Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks is just 10 minutes away and hosts *Cirque du Soleil* July 12.

And, if you're lucky in the Casino, maybe this staycation won't cost you a dime. ♦



Valley Forge Casino Resort



Duck Donuts



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The Vault featuring Dueling Pianos



Escape Room Mystery



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Welcome to COUNTY LINES COUNTRY

Here is our curated collection of must-see sights in the Brandywine Valley and surrounding areas. After 40-some years of covering our special corner of paradise, we've got a very personal collection of gems to share with you to make for a great summer.

To visitors, new neighbors and longtime residents, we hope you find plenty to enjoy. And let us know what we should add next year!

Day Trips and Outings

A good starting point for your tour is the three most popular attractions—Longwood Gardens, Brandywine River Museum of Art, Winterthur Museum, Garden and Library. Then we'll take you to other stops worth a quick visit or a leisurely tour. Your choice.

TOP TIP: The Brandywine Treasure Trail Passport gives admission to 12 major sights for a flat fee (\$45/adults, \$95/families), BrandywineTreasures.org. The BIG news is local libraries have a FREE museum pass program. Check online for details.

TIP: Blue Star Museum programs offer active-duty military and their families free admission. Check at Arts.gov/National/Blue-Star-Museums.



TIP: Time your visit to enjoy a seasonally inspired, locally sourced meal prepared by new Chef Mike Kline at the on-site Millstone Cafe. You'll also get a stunning view of the Brandywine River from floor-to-ceiling windows.

Top Three Must-Sees

Longwood Gardens

Although open year-round, Longwood Gardens truly shines in summer when the 1,083-acre legacy of founder Pierre S. du Pont attracts a good portion of the million-plus annual visitors.

We think summer is the best time to enjoy the Main Fountains at **Longwood Gardens**, now in their second season as part of the "Festival of Fountains." Dazzling daily fountain shows featuring 1,719 jets of water, glorious gardens, live music and special events make the dancing fountains, light shows and five nights of fireworks (July 1 & 21, Aug. 11, Sept. 1 & 29) a top stop. Fountain shows through September 30.

Fabulous fountains aren't the only reason to visit what *National Geographic Traveler* calls a "National Wonder." The Italian Water Garden, aquatic garden, meadows, woodlands, new allee and grotto plus formal gardens invite leisurely strolls.

Longwood is also an entertainment venue, hosting 400 performances a year. For family-friendly theater, see The Brandywiners performing *The Music Man*, July 26–28 and August 2–4. Classical music buffs should reserve seats for the Kennett Symphony's "A Midsummer Night's Concert" on August 18.

Picnic in designated areas or enjoy a Victory brew at the Beer Garden to extend your stay. Open daily. Rts. 1 & 52, Kennett Square. LongwoodGardens.org.



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Brandywine River Museum of Art

For a garden on a smaller scale, plus a world-class museum, next up is a visit to the **Brandywine River Museum of Art** on the banks of the Brandywine River. Home to works by three generations of Wyeths—N.C., Andrew, Jamie—plus regional art, American landscapes, still-life paintings and illustrations, the museum is surrounded by an extensive native plant garden studded with sculpture.

This summer, see 13 artists' depictions of the fierce magnificence of nature in "Natural Wonders: The Sublime in Contemporary Art" through October 21, and explore the social function of portraits,

from the traditional to the witty in "The Serious and the Smirk: Portraits from the Collection" from July 14 through October 28.

The site is also home to the Brandywine Conservancy, which conserves and protects the land, water, natural and cultural resources of the Brandywine-Christina watershed. The Conservancy hosts events like the July 14 Tip-A-Canoe and Barbecue, Too outing, July 25 Summer Garden Walk and September 22 Bike the Brandywine ride. Open daily, Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. BrandywineMuseum.org.

Winterthur Museum

One of 36 stops on the newly created Delaware History Trail, **Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library** is our number three top stop and home to American decorative arts displayed in a stunning mansion set in a landscaped 1,000-acre park, once the home of Henry F. du Pont. In addition to an astonishing 90,000-piece collection, you'll find a Touch-It room for kids.

This year's major attraction, "Follies: Architectural Whimsy in the Garden," features 13 whimsical garden structures—from a faerie cottage to a Gothic Tower (in photo)—on view through January 5, 2020. Summer events include music, a beer garden and tram tours. Find out more online at CountyLinesMagazine.com.

Visitors may prefer to tour the gardens in a tram or meander across acres of rolling hills, streams, gardens and forests as you search for the reflecting pond, glade, azalea woods and pinetum.

For kid-friendly fun, there's the Enchanted Woods, a three-acre fairy-tale style garden including a Tulip Tree House. Open Tues.–Sun. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur, DE. Winterthur.org.

TIP: Visit 18 stops on the Delaware History Trail and get a free copy of Landmarks and Legacies. Download your passport at VisitDelaware.com/History



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Catch Up On Local History

Brandywine Battlefield State Park

The rolling hills and lush vineyards now disguise the site of one of the deadliest battles of the Revolutionary War. Take in some American history at the **Brandywine Battlefield State Park**, site of this pivotal battle and now a beautiful 52-acre park. General Washington and his troops suffered a crushing defeat here at the hands of British General Howe on September 11, 1777.

Enjoy the park at special events like raspberry picking on Wineberry Days through July or Colonial Dancing on July 21, Aug. 18 and Sept. 22. Come back Sept. 11 for Remembrance Day with costumed reenactments and the ringing of the 9/11 bells.

Drive through the park and find a picnic spot among the rolling hills and shady woods or catch a 20-minute film and historical artifact exhibits at the Visitors Center. *Open Tues.–Sun. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. BrandywineBattlefield.org.*



Chester County Historical Society

A complete tour of the county must include a stop at the **Chester County Historical Society** in West Chester—a repository of 300 years of local history and a great place to trace your family roots at a genealogy workshop. Through Dec. 31, learn about Chester County's diverse roots and how it became the melting pot that it is today in the exhibition, "Many Nations | Chester County." *Open Tues.–Sat. 225 N. High St., West Chester. ChesterCoHistorical.org.*

While you're in **West Chester**, check out this Great American Main Street Award-winning town that mixes the best of history with its charm. Stretch your legs and browse the boutiques then sample the 60+ restaurants for dining that ranges from fine to fun. *Learn more in "Embracing Change & Empowering Our Future" at CountyLinesMagazine.com.*



Chadds Ford

Chadds Ford is a charming celebration of our local and national roots. Start with a visit to a period-perfect reproduction fieldstone barn/museum and headquarters of the **Chadds Ford Historical Society**, plus two 18th-century restorations: the **John Chads House** and the **Barns-Brinton House**, both on the National Register of Historic Places. *1736 N. Creek Rd., ChaddsFordHistory.org.*

Art lovers will enjoy the **Chadds Ford Gallery**, specializing in Wyeth prints, *1609 Baltimore Pk.*, while antiques lovers should browse the **Pennsbury-Chadds Ford Antiques Mall**, *640 Baltimore Pk.*

You'll also find wineries to visit here. Check out the many summer events and stylish tasting room at the **Chadds-ford Winery**, *632 Baltimore Pk.*, or sample **Penns Woods'** wine—light and fruity traminette and sauvignon blanc to Italian-style Bordeaux. *124 Beaver Valley Rd.*

Although the popular annual Chadds Ford Days is on hiatus for 2018, be sure to catch the Great Pumpkin Carve, Oct. 18–20.

TIP: The Christian Sanderson Museum is a quintessential Chester County gem. The eight-room house is full of idiosyncratic artifacts from 200 years of one man's life in Chadds Ford and a special view of our nation's history. *1755 Creek Rd., Chadds Ford.*



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Historic Sugartown

Six or so miles away is a living museum in the form of a preserved 19th-century rural village. **Historic Sugartown** provides a window on life at that time, with several preserved buildings, including an 1880s general store, 19th-century schoolroom exhibit, bank barn, inn, carriage museum and book bindery.

Take a bookbinding or scarf marbling workshop or visit for Shugart's Sunday on Sept. 16 with BBQ & Blues and country-style family festivities. *Guided Tours Sat. & Sun. 690 Sugartown Rd., Malvern. HistoricSugartown.org.*

American Helicopter Museum

Had enough history? How about a hands-on, modern museum named the best science museum for kids by *Philadelphia Magazine*? Then a visit to the **American Helicopter Museum** is for you. With a mission to preserve rotary-wing aviation history and the life-saving role of helicopters, the museum lets you get into a real 'copter, operate the controls and fly a flight simulator. Although you missed a chance to take Dad for a ride on Father's Day, check the website for fun and programs like the robotics workshop on July 14 and the Girls in Science and Technology Program during the school year. *Open Wed.–Sun. 1220 American Blvd., West Chester. AmericanHelicopterMuseum.*



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Summer Fun

Wilmington makes the most of the summer weather by hosting a full calendar of summer fun. From the 24th annual People's Festival tribute to Bob Marley, July 28, to the Delaware Burger Battle, August 25. Find more events in our "Wilmington's Big City Revival" at CountyLinesMagazine.com.



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Delaware Art Museum

Start with one of Wilmington's crown cultural gems, the **Delaware Art Museum**, set on 12 acres that include the outdoor Copeland Sculpture Park and Labyrinth. Although you can browse the world-class permanent collections online—from Pre-Raphaelites to contemporary pieces—this right-size museum set in a leafy neighborhood is worth a visit IRL.

Summer exhibits include "Impermanence: Mystery, Transformation, Light," through Aug. 5; "African American Art: Migration and Modernism," through Sept. 2; and "Danny Lyon: Memories of the Southern Civil Rights Movement," through Sept. 17. Plus there's yoga in the garden on first and third Saturdays through August. *Open Wed.–Sun. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy. DelArt.org.*



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Riverfront Wilmington

A visit to Wilmington without a stop at the Riverfront would be ... well, a mistake. Stroll the 1.3 mile Riverwalk, enjoy drinks or dinner on a restaurant patio or deck, play mini-golf, catch the **River Taxi**, tour the tall ship **Kalmar Nyckel** or kick back at the **Constitution Yards** beer garden for a brew and round of corn hole.

Museum lovers can visit **The Delaware Contemporary**, 200 S. Madison St. DEContemporary.org, and **The Delaware Children's Museum**, 550 Justison St. DelawareChildrensMuseum.org, while nature

lovers will head for **DuPont Environmental Education Center** on the 212-acre Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge, home to bald eagles, beavers, dragonflies, turtles, butterflies and other wildlife. *1400 Delmarva Ln. DuPontEEC.org.*

Sports fans will enjoy **Daniel S. Frawley Stadium**, home to the Wilmington Blue Rocks, a top minor league baseball club, and to the **Delaware Sports Museum & Hall of Fame**. Check website for schedule and special theme nights. *801 Shipyard Dr. BlueRocks.com/Stadium; DESports.org.*



More Delaware Highlights

Delaware Museum of Natural History

A few stops outside downtown Wilmington will round out the tour of the First State. Want to see the state's only permanent dinosaur collection and the second largest birds eggs collection in North America? Then head for the **Delaware Museum of Natural History**. Discover the natural world and see science in action as you explore investigation labs.

The summer's special exhibit, "Mystery of the Mayan Medallion," encourages visitors to solve a Mayan mystery by following video clues left by a team of missing archaeologists that disappeared from an excavation site in Palenque, Mexico. Through Sept. 3. *Open Mon.–Sun. Extended hours on Thurs. Rt. 52, S. of Centreville, DE. DelMNH.org.*



Hagley Museum

Many sights in this area are connected with the du Pont family, in addition to Longwood Gardens and Winterthur mentioned earlier. We suggest two more stops.

Hagley Museum is the site of the first du Pont black powder mills and home to generations of the family. Learn some history of American industry, the du Pont family and DuPont corporation (inventors of nylon, Teflon and Kevlar) through exhibits and working models. Explore French-style and Italianate gardens along the Brandywine River or join the "Bike & Hike & Brews" tours every Wed. through Aug. 29. Bring your canine companion on June 27, July 25 and Aug. 29 for Dog Days of Summer. Sept. 16 is the Hagley Car Show, with 500 antique and restored cars. *Open daily. 200 Hagley Rd., Wilmington (for GPS). Hagley.org.*



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Nemours Mansion

Nemours Mansion is a 300-acre country estate that Alfred I. du Pont (1864-1935) had built for his second wife in the late 18th-century style. With almost a hundred meticulously preserved rooms on five floors filled with fine antique furniture, art from many periods, and bric-a-brac, the interior is a stunning showcase of a bygone lifestyle. The grounds are equally impressive, housing the largest formal French gardens in North America, with features such as the long walk, reflecting pool, temple of love and the maze. A chauffeur's garage houses an impressive collection of vintage cars. *Open Tues.–Sun. 850 Alapocas Drive, Wilmington. NemoursMansion.org.*



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Delaware Park Casino

Winning is always in play says **Delaware Park Casino**, home to live thoroughbred racing on the track and slot machines and table games (blackjack, roulette, craps, poker) in the casino, plus online gaming, well, online. You'll find live entertainment and dining choices for all tastes, and even a world-class 18-hole championship golf course at the White Clay Creek Country Club. *777 Delaware Park Blvd., Wilmington. DelawarePark.com.*



Surprising Lancaster County

JUST TO OUR WEST, BACK IN PENNSYLVANIA, is Lancaster County, a place that may surprise you. Home to America's oldest Amish settlement, the county has plenty of horse and buggies, windmills, tidy farms and Amish cottage industries.

But there's also bustling Lancaster City, outlet shopping, American history sites, unusual museums, theaters galore, and trendy restaurants and distilleries.

We think Lancaster should be on your list of summer destinations. Details for the attractions in this section can be found at DiscoverLancaster.com.



Shopping

Shopping options run the full gamut in Lancaster County—from iconic Amish quilts, crafts and hand-built furniture to top national brands and luxury items at **Rockvale Outlets** and **Tanger Outlets**.

Antiques lovers may head for **Adamstown**, home to over 5,000 dealers in what's called the Antiques Capital. It's a true pickers' paradise at **Renninger's Antiques Market** for everything from vintage clothes to military memorabilia. Or pick a small shop to visit and browse.

Two fun shopping destinations in Lancaster City are the **art galleries on Prince Street** and historic **Central Market** housed in a beautiful 1889 building. Enjoy the bounty of the county as you walk the aisles lined with offerings from 60 local vendors.



Lancaster City

As the county seat, Lancaster City has energy and attractions for all ages. Sample the art and history museums—**DeMuth & Lancaster Museum of Art** and **North Museum of Nature and Science**—or browse local art galleries that host fun **First Friday** open houses along Gallery Row and elsewhere in this “authentic arts town.”

Learn about Pennsylvania's only American President at **LancasterHistory.org** (that's the name and Web domain) and visit **President James Buchanan's Wheatland** estate.

Follow that up with a **Historic Lancaster Walking Tour** for a closer look at the city or a **Tuktuk Tour** on a motorized three-wheel rickshaw.

You can even tour a meadery for honeyed wine and some axe throwing (it is period appropriate) at **Meduseld Meadery**. Or for harder stuff, try a tour and tasting of craft rye whiskey at **Thistle Finch Distillery**.

Trains & More Trains

Train lovers must stop at Strasburg for train-themed restaurants and motels, plus a 2000-square-foot **Strasburg Train Shop**, a super store for railroadiana. Strasburg is also home to the **Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania**, housing one of the world's most significant collections of historic railroad artifacts.

Other stops include the **Strasburg Rail Road**, where you can ride a historic coal-burning steam train, and the **Choo Choo Barn**, one family's 70-year creation of an animated, hand-crafted toy train exhibit.

True fans will make a side trip to the **National Toy Train Museum** in Ronks with its world-class collection of toy trains from the mid-1800s to present for kids of all ages.



Farms & Tours

Looking for a farm experience? Try the **Farm Tours at Verdant LView** in aptly named Paradise or a farm stay at **Old Windmill Farm** in Ronks where you can milk a cow, gather eggs, take a hay ride or pitch in with other chores. **Cherry Crest Adventure Farm** offers 60 agritainment attractions, including a popular corn maze in the fall.

For hearty farm-fresh Amish food try the **Bird-In-Hand Family Restaurant and Smorgasbord**, with 50 years of Smucker family hospitality.

If sightseeing is more your taste, try an Amish buggy ride, available almost everywhere. Or **Strasburg** offers **scooter tours**, **Smokehouse** has **helicopter tours**, and **Bird-In-Hand** is home to the **US Hot Air Balloon Team**.



More Towns to Tour

From Blue Ball to Intercourse to Paradise, Lancaster County does not lack colorful town names. We suggest you explore. Find a favorite.

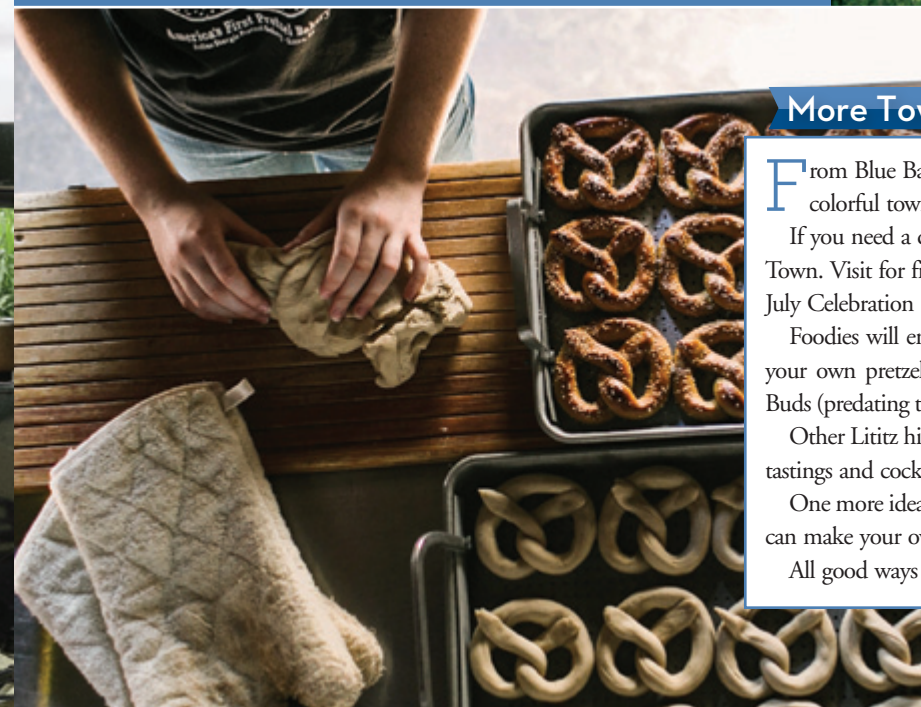
If you need a destination, then try **Lititz**, known as America's Coolest Small Town. Visit for fireworks at their signature event: the 201st Continuous 4th of July Celebration (since 1818) at **Lititz Springs Park**.

Foodies will enjoy the **Sturgis Pretzel Bakery**, where you can roll and knead your own pretzels, and **Wilbur Chocolate Factory** to taste the famed Wilbur Buds (predating the Hershey Kiss!) in addition to a variety of tempting restaurants.

Other Lititz highlights include the new **Stoll & Wolfe Distillery**, offering tours, tastings and cocktails. And there's even a wolf sanctuary. Enough said?

One more idea: check out the **Turkey Hill factory tour** in Columbia, where you can make your own ice cream flavor and experience tea from around the world.

All good ways to end your visit to surprising Lancaster County.



Head for Cecil County

➤ **N**OW ON TO MARYLAND AND CECIL COUNTY, OUR NEIGHBOR TO THE SOUTHWEST, at the top of Chesapeake Bay, midway between Philadelphia and Baltimore. Discover charming small towns, parks with miles of trails, specialty and antique shops, award-winning restaurants, and cozy inns and B&Bs. Plenty of attractions—like the July 20-28 **Cecil County Fair**, Prime Outlet shopping and Maryland's first casino—make this a destination. See SeeCecil.org. ➤

The Chesapeake Bay

For outdoor fun you can hike, bike, camp, bird watch, horseback ride, or drop a fishing line. Explore five rivers, the **Chesapeake Bay** and the **C&D Canal** by boat or by land. Enjoy panoramic views from Turkey Point Lighthouse on a bluff overlooking the Bay or from the banks of the C&D Canal where ships from around the globe cruise.



Fair Hill

Beyond its fame as an equestrian destination for Fair Hill Races in May and a 3-Day Eventing Competition, October 18–21, the over 5,000-acre **Fair Hill Natural Resource Management Area** is known for beautiful meadows, lush woodlands, historic sites and natural beauty. Once owned by William du Pont Jr., who used the property for cattle, fox hunting and steeplechase racing, the land welcomes hikers, anglers, archers and history buffs in search of Mason Dixon markers and covered bridges.

Chesapeake City

Visit a classic town, like **Chesapeake City**, a historic town on the National Register of Historic Places boasting 19th-century Victorian homes and shops that suggest a step back in time.

Outside of town and set in an early 19th-century pump house, the **C&D Canal Museum** tells the story of the 14-mile-long man-made waterway connecting the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays. Started in 1824—when workers were paid 75 cents a day to dig the 10-foot-deep, 66-foot-wide original canal—the canal, now 35-foot deep and 450-foot-wide, is the third busiest in the world and busiest in the U.S., serving 15,000 vessels a year, from pleasurecraft to transatlantic ships. *Open Mon.–Fri. and weekends through Labor Day.*

And don't forget to enjoy a sunset view before heading home.



Great Outdoors

Calling all boaters, fishermen, golfers, equestrians, hunters, campers, hikers and bikers! Cecil County boasts a diverse selection of state parks and forests, each with nature trails for walkers, hikers and bikers, plus wildlife highlights from birds to reptiles to fish, and nearby attractions from arboretums to winery tasting rooms. *Get a copy of the Nature Guide from the tourism office.*

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Sample Maryland's Eastern Shore

➤ **M**ARYLAND MERITS ANOTHER STOP FOR THE FULL CHESAPEAKE EXPERIENCE, SO HEAD FOR THE **Eastern Shore**, across the Bay, about two hours from Chester County. At **Kent County's** Eastern Shore you'll find an area that's unspoiled, with charming waterfront towns, stretches of rolling farmlands, and miles of scenic landscape. Watch watermen hauling in their catch, cyclists cruising on untrafficked roads, and everyone from antiques lovers to Maryland blue crab lovers enjoying the special flavor of the Eastern Shore. ➤

Here are three must-see destinations, and more choices at [Kent County Tourism Office](http://KentCountyTourismOffice.com), KentCounty.com.

Chestertown

Chestertown, a former Colonial port, is now a well-kept historic treasure on the scenic Chester River. Take a walking tour along red-brick sidewalks past the second largest collection of 18th-century structures in Maryland. Chestertown was named by the National Trust as one of a "Dozen Distinctive Destinations," an annual list of unique, preserved communities. Visit the **Geddes-Piper House Museum** (c. 1784), 101 Church Alley, the **Charles Sumner G.A.R. Hall** on Queen Street (one of four Civil War Trail sites), and **Washington College's** historic campus—one of the ten oldest liberal arts colleges in the country and one with links to George.

Enjoy performances at **Princes Theatre** and shopping at the **Chestertown Farmers' and Artisans' Market** on Saturdays, plus special events on First Fridays in a town that's a designated **Arts and Entertainment District**. *For more, visit Chestertown.com.*



Rock Hall

To celebrate Independence Day, head southwest and find the sky full of fireworks at **Rock Hall**, a fishing village—aka the "Pearl of the Chesapeake"—nestled between the Chesapeake Bay and Chester River. Once a tobacco port, then a fishing and crabbing center, the town now thrives as a sailing, boating and tourist destination and was named a best small town to visit by *Southern Living Magazine*. You'll find Eastern Shore flavor and character throughout the town in B&Bs, inns and shops featuring local artwork, crafts and antiques. Don't miss the many restaurants serving the freshest seafood.



Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge

Nature lovers will want to make time for **Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge**, for wildlife, waterfowl, birding and fantastic observation decks and walking trails, many of which lead to the water. Be sure to visit the Butterfly Observation Deck for a panoramic view of Chesapeake Bay. A birders' paradise, the refuge is sanctuary for more than a hundred thousand bald eagles, ducks, geese and swans, along with migratory songbirds and shorebirds. *1730 Eastern Neck Rd., 6 miles S. of Rock Hall, Fws.gov/Northeast/EasternNeck.*



Along the Main Line

MANY DISAGREE ABOUT WHAT TOWNS are included in the 20 square miles of Philadelphia's western suburbs known as the Main Line. Although some extend the area out to West Chester and Media, most agree that about 20 towns make up the Main Line neighborhoods of old money, great shopping, fine dining and outstanding schools and universities, along with some of the county's wealthiest zip codes and best collection of Welsh town names (Bala Cynwyd, Bryn Mawr, Berwyn).

In last year's guide we shared the mnemonic—Old Maids Never Wed And Have Babies—for the train stations for the eastern Main Line, representing Overbrook, Merion, Narberth, Wynnewood, Ardmore, Haverford, Bryn Mawr. Ready for a new memory aid for the western towns of Rosemont, Villanova, Radnor, St. Davids, Wayne, Stafford, Devon, Berwyn, Daylesford and Paoli? Try Really Vicious Retrievers Snap Willingly, Snarl Dangerously ... Beagles Don't, Period. Though even that leaves out Bala Cynwd, Gladwyne and Malvern.



Used as a setting in literature in the 1951 *Catcher in the Rye* and 2015 *Luckiest Girl Alive*, and spared (so far) from being part of the *Real Housewives* television franchise, this 15-mile stretch, mostly along Lancaster Avenue (Route 30), got its name because it parallels the Pennsylvania Railroad's former main rail line from Philadelphia to Chicago. Railroad shareholders built lavish homes in the area, creating the core of still-highly-desirable neighborhoods.

Even now a tour of the area is a perfect diversion for those with a weakness for house porn. Roam the leafy lanes and search for a glimpse of the ten most expensive homes for sale on the Main Line—mostly in Gladwyne and Villanova—ranging from \$4.6 to \$21 million and including both historic and new construction. One even has a batting cage.

Some of the best local shopping and dining options are available along the Main Line. Check out Lancaster Ave.'s assortment of unique boutiques, fashionable eateries and new brewpubs. From dining with history at **Black Powder Tavern** to the latest Cali-inspired **Main and Vine**, there's something for every taste. See our "Best of the Best" dining coverage at CountyLinesMagazine.com.

For shopping, browse specialty shops along Lancaster Ave. in Wayne and Bryn Mawr, or stop in the shopping-centric developments of **Eagle Village Shops** and new-ish **Bryn Mawr Village** for destinations like **Kirma Zabete** and **Athleta**. Farther east is one of the country's first shopping malls. **Suburban Square** continues to evolve, offering everything from an **Apple** store to **West Elm**, and **Lily Pulitzer** to **Soul Cycle**, plus a new **Life Time Athletic** gym/spa/shared work space.



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Area Gardens

Ready for a stroll? Visit one of several sublime public gardens in this leafy enclave. Wayne's **Chanticleer Garden**, a former private residence now known as "a pleasure garden," is a popular destination, as is Devon's **Jenkins Arboretum** with its collection of native plants, as well as Merion's **Barnes Foundation Arboretum** with specimen and rare plants. ChanticleerGarden.org; JenkinsArboretum.org; BarnesFoundation.org; VisitMerion.org. The **Haverford College** campus, which is open to the public, is home to a charming arboretum of stately historic trees along with a pinetum by the peaceful 2.2-mile nature trail. Haverford.edu/Arboretum.



Stoneleigh

The newest addition, just opened in May, is Villanova's **Stoneleigh: A Natural Garden**. The 42-acre piece of paradise was once the Haas family home (of Rohm & Haas) and was left to the community to enjoy. Under the stewardship of Natural Lands, the property has been revived, showcasing the stately trees, winding pathways and lush gardens that were designed by notable landscape architects over the past century—including the Olmsted Brothers, sons of Frederick Law Olmsted. StoneleighGarden.org.



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Visit Valley Forge

Although no battles were fought there, Valley Forge has a singular place in the story of the American Revolution. And so **Valley Forge National Park** preserves the heroic story of George Washington and his beleaguered Continental Army during the 1777-78 winter.

Take a ranger-led tour for an in-depth understanding on this place where history marches off the page. A walking tour from the Muhlenberg Brigade huts follows in the footsteps of the soldiers who fought to survive that terrible winter. Or a 90-minute trolley tour will give you an overview of the park's many highlights. If you have more time, a bike tour gives an even more expansive view on a five-mile loop.

Self-guided tours are another option, allowing you to choose from seeing the **Visitors Center**, **Muhlenberg Brigade huts**, **National Memorial Arch**, **General Wayne's statue**, **Washington's Headquarters** and more. Outside the park is another worthwhile stop, the beautiful 1917 **Washington Memorial Chapel** with its 58-bell carillon. In a nearby log cabin you'll find the **Chapel Cabin Shop** offering Revolutionary-themed gifts, artwork, books and snacks.

The Visitors Center offers maps, self-guided driving tours, ranger-led walking tours, trolley tours, podcasts and more. ValleyForge.org.

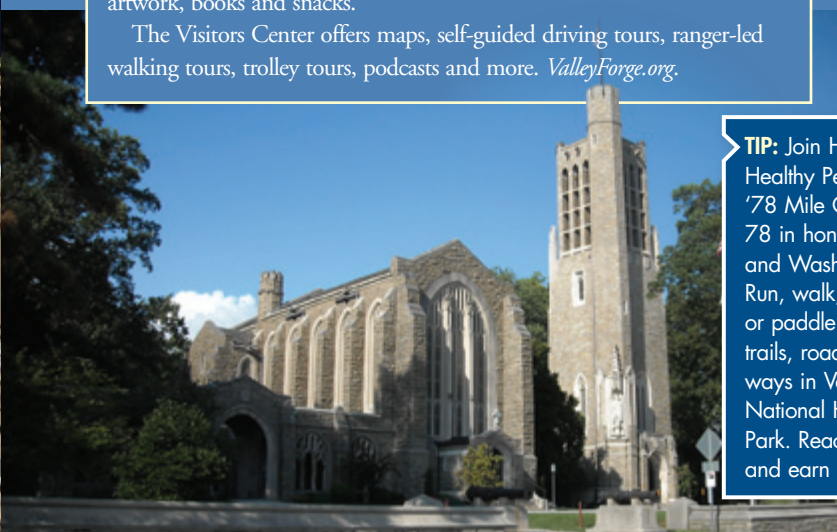


Nature is mixed with history and 75 miles of interconnected trails, including 20 miles in the Park, perfect for jogging, running, biking and horseback riding. With plenty of open space and picnic areas, the Park is meant for summer days filled with soaking up sunshine and history.

As you might expect, each year the park throws a massive community picnic on July 4th with a cookout, games, artillery demos and a reading of the Declaration of Independence. *Park grounds are open year-round, dawn to dusk. Days and times vary by attraction. ValleyForge.org.* ♦

TIP: Join Healthy Parks Healthy People for the '78 Mile Challenge—78 in honor of 1778 and Washington's army. Run, walk, bike, hike or paddle along the trails, roads, and waterways in Valley Forge National Historical Park. Reach 78 miles and earn a prize.

See "More Great Places for Outings" in this Guide and check CountyLinesMagazine.com for the Best Local Events this month and every month.



Towns to Tour

Kennett Square

Historic Kennett Square's State Street is lined with specialty shops perfect for browsing. Visit First Friday Art Strolls, weekly farmers markets, The Creamery Beer Garden (outside town), and dining on State Street on Third Thursdays. Mark your calendar for the Mushroom Festival in September.

King of Prussia Mall & KOP Town Center

The huge, upscale KOP Mall is still glowing from its major facelift that added more luxury shops and luscious dining options a while ago. Nearby KOP Town Center's live-work-play community and dining hub keeps growing and offering everything from Nordstrom's Rack to Duck Donuts.

Malvern

Malvern mixes Victorian architecture with small town charm just off Route 30. Head for King Street to

sip, shop and stroll on third Thursdays, aka the Malvern Stroll, when you can browse everything from art, furniture, clothing, gifts and food. Don't miss the outdoor murals on the sides of buildings throughout town.

Media

Shopping along State Street in Media lets you visit a variety of independently owned shops. You'll notice crowds out on Wednesday nights during warm months for Dining Under the Stars, when the many local restaurants expand into State Street. Head back for a show at the Media Theatre and see a trolley car that still runs through downtown.

Phoenixville

Yes, there's shopping in Phoenixville, a town with an artistic vibe and a neighborly spirit. But the real draw is a surprisingly varied restaurant row, plus a growing beer, wine and spirits scene.

Per capita, Phoenixville ranks in the top 10 brewcentric towns in the entire country!

Wayne

Wayne is more than a series of strip malls along Lancaster Avenue. Check out specialty shops, restaurants and other attractions—including an independent bookstore and new music venue at 18 North! Eagle Village Shops is worth a visit to see what's new at The Barn and Cottage at Valley Forge Flowers.

West Chester

A Great American Main Street award winner, West Chester boasts a university, plus historic buildings housing 75 upscale shops and 64 dining destinations. Gay and Market Streets run parallel and are filled with places for browsing and dining. One of our favorite places to spend time with friends and family.

Great Places for Outings

More Great Places for Outings

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See also: *Historic Sites*

Glen Mills

Newlin Mill Park. Restored 18th-century milling community, with an active 1704 water-powered grist mill. Hiking, trout fishing weekends, picnicking and nature walks. *Rt. 1 & Cheyney Rd. NewlinGristMill.org.*

Glenmoore

Springton Manor Farm. The 19th-century manor house was the country estate of a prominent Philadelphia family and is now a demonstration farm where children meet animals in a petting area and learn about farming. *Park open year-round. 860 Springton Rd. ChesCo.org/CCParks.*

King of Prussia

Nor-View Farm Park. A real working farm with a plant nursery, mini farm and ice cream shop. Visit the farm and observe the animals from spring to fall, shop in the nursery and take advantage of the well water available for purchase. *670 N. Henderson Rd. Facebook.com/NorViewFarmGardenCenter.*

Media

Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation. Recreation of a 112-acre working 18th-century farm, with farmers and guides in period garb, Belgian horses, Red Devon milking cows, Dominique chickens and two very large pigs. They hold many events throughout the season, Apr–Nov. *Weekends, 3900 N. Sandy Flash Dr., Newtown Square. Colonial-Plantation.org.*

Nottingham

Herr Foods, Inc. *USA Today's* 2016 Readers' Choice #1 Best Factory Tour—beating Hershey's Chocolate World, at #4! Factory tours show the real operation, with real workers and include secrets like how tortilla chips get their flavor. Tours end at the Snack Bar and Gift Shop. Reservations required. *To schedule: 800-284-7488; or reserve tickets online: Herrs.com.*

Oxford

The Village of Oxford celebrates its 250-plus-year history in a charming historic district. Try the **Bridge Tour Walking Tour** to enjoy shopping and refreshments in town or check out the **Connective Art & Music Festival** on Aug. 4. For tours, coupons, guides and more, visit *DowntownOxfordPA.org.*

Perkiomenville

Goschenhoppen. One of the oldest continuously existing Pennsylvania German communi-

ties in America preserving the folk culture of this area's earliest immigrant settlers, known as the Pennsylvania Dutch. Today, the Goschenhoppen Historians, Inc. maintain museums, a library and offer educational and seasonal events such as the **52nd Annual Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Festival**, Aug. 10–11, Henry Antes Plantation, 318 Colonial Rd. *Goschenhoppen.org.*

Pottstown

The Carousel at Pottstown. The second oldest operating Philadelphia Toboggan Company wooden carousel in the United States. Each custom carved figure took local artists over 250 hours to sand, paint and finish. *30 West King St. CarouselAtPottstown.org.*

West Chester

QVC. A guided tour takes you through the broadcasting facility including a view from the Observation Deck where guests may be able to watch QVC programs in progress and catch a glimpse of a favorite host or guest. *1200 Wilson Dr. QVC.com.*

DELAWARE

New Castle

The town of **New Castle**, established in 1651 and where William Penn landed in 1682, is a beautifully preserved Colonial town center on the Delaware River. Visit **Immanuel Church** and its churchyard (dating back to 1703), and the **George Read II House**, a grand Federal mansion surrounded by a handsome garden. *NewCastle-CityDelaware.gov.*

Odessa

Historic Houses of Odessa. An outstanding collection of period household furnishings, fine and decorative arts. Five distinctive properties are unique examples of the architectural heritage of Colonial Delaware and tell of Odessa's role in the Underground Railroad. Be sure to visit *Sept. 8* for the **Historic Odessa Brewfest** with craft beer, live music, great food, vendors and more. *OdessaBrewfest.com, HistoricOdessa.org.*



Amusement Parks & Family Fun

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Chester Springs

Above & Beyond Ballooning. Take a scenic ride above Chester, Berks and Montgomery counties and celebrate with a post-flight champagne toast. A memorable and unique experience for the whole family. *USAHotAir.com.*

Downingtown

Downingtown Playdium. Make it through the

laser maze and reward yourself with some video arcade games. Don't forget to redeem your tickets for exciting prizes before you leave! *3949 Lincoln Hwy. W. DowningtownPlaydium.com.*

Downingtown Rock Gym. This Rock Gym is for people of all ages and abilities. Beginners learn the basics of rock-climbing and more experienced climbers test their skills in advanced climbing lessons or seek a new adventure on the outdoor rock climbing area. *462 Acorn Ln. Downingtown-RockGym.com.*

Urban Air Trampoline & Adventure Park. From the obstacle course, balance beams, tubes, the runway tumble track and slam dunk zone and on and on. Great place on a rainy day or for a birthday party. *981 E. Lancaster Ave. Urban-AirTrampolinePark.com.*

Exton

Round 1. There's fun for the entire family at this state-of-the-art entertainment arena. Mom and Dad can enjoy Happy Hour Specials on draft beers and wine while kids participate in activities like bowling, arcade games and karaoke. *Exton Square Mall, 172 Exton Square Pkwy. Round-1USA.com.*

Glen Mills

Oasis Family Fun Center. Safe, clean fun for the entire family including a Ballocity Arena, Soft Playground, Rock Climbing Wall, Laser Maze, Jumpshot Trampoline Basketball and Arcade Games plus a full service snack bar. *35 Lacrue Ave. OasisFamilyFun.com.*

Sky Zone Trampoline Park. Literally bounce off the walls of this indoor trampoline park. Jump into the foam zone on the trampoline dodgeball court and slam dunk with hoops for kids of all sizes. *10 Conchester Rd. SkyZone.com/GlenMills.*



Lancaster

Dutch Wonderland. Fun for kids, with over 30 rides—two coasters, Duke's Lagoon water play area and live entertainment shows. *Rt. 30, 4 mi. E of Lancaster. DutchWonderland.com.*

Malvern

Grand Slam USA. Keep the family active with over 30,000 square feet of athletic activities and sports for all ages plus unique attractions like Ninja Obstacle Course, Nerf Blaster Battle, Spaceball Trampoline and Human Foosball. *11 Lancaster Ave. GrandSlamMalvern.com.*

Mortonville

Brandywine Outfitters. Enjoy a scenic canoe or kayak trip with the whole family down the Brandywine River. If you are looking for a whole weekend of fun, grab your sleeping bag and pitch

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Selected Nature Centers and Public Gardens

a tent on the 26-acre private park in the heart of Chester County. 2096 Strasburg Rd. CanoePA.net.

Newtown Square
Jumpers Family Zone. Indoor playzone with Soft Playground, Safari Slide, Jungle Obstacles and Little Cub Play Area. Enjoy the fun any day of the week or host your next party—you can even create invitations on Jumper’s website. *Ridley Creek Plaza, 5117 West Chester Pk. FunAtJumpers.com.*

Oaks
Arnold’s Family Fun Center. An action-packed day riding go karts and other rides. Try both laser tag attractions, Black Light Mini Golf and bowling. Not only will the kids have fun, but par-

ents can enjoy Arnold’s Bistro & Bar while they play. 2200 West Dr. ArnoldsFFC.com.

West Chester
Brandywine Picnic Park. The region’s largest picnic park allows families to enjoy the scenery of the Brandywine River while trying delicious food. Bring the kids to play in the private park and participate in fun activities like paddleboating, tubing, mini golf and rock-climbing. 690 S. Creek Rd. BPPHHC.com.

Northbrook Canoe Company. Cool off along the beautiful Brandywine River with a peaceful, self-guided canoe, kayak or tubing trip. Continue your fun with your favorite summer foods. Res.

encouraged; walk-ins welcomed. Open daily, May through October with the first trip at 9 am, last one at 4 pm. *NorthbrookCanoe.com.*



TreeHouse World. A place to explore the newest and coolest treehouses around, to challenge yourself with their unique high adventure programs and a place to have a ton of fun. You can also take the Aerial Zipline Adventure Course with 3 ziplines and 8 bridge crossings that take you high above the headwaters of the Valley Creek. 1442 Phoenixville Pk. *TreeHouseWorld.com.*



West Chester Railroad. See July Picks.

DELAWARE

Wilmington

Altitude Trampoline Park. Spend a day on the tumble tracks, foam pit and dodgeball court, or participate in group fitness classes. This high-energy indoor trampoline park is perfect for a rainy day or to burn off some energy. 510 Justison St. *AltitudeWilmington.com.*

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Audubon

John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove. The fieldstone mansion, now a museum, displays Audubon’s major published works and memorabilia. The 175 acres are a wildlife sanctuary with 175 species of birds and 400 species of plants. 1201 Pawlings Rd. *JohnJamesAudubon.org.*

Chestnut Hill/Philadelphia

Morris Arboretum. The official arboretum of PA. On its 92 public acres, thousands of rare plants (many of Philadelphia’s oldest, rarest, largest trees) are set in a Victorian garden. Award-winning rose garden, English landscape park, loggia and hidden grotto, Japanese gardens and swan pond. Special events. 100 E. Northwestern Ave. *MorrisArboretum.org.*

Devault

Great Valley Nature Center. Home to quality environmental education programs. Full-sized replica of a Lenape Village shows what life was like for Native Americans 500 years ago. Rt. 29 & Hollow Rd. *GVNC.org.*

Devon

Jenkins Arboretum. A 46-acre arboretum that emphasizes azaleas, rhododendrons and plants of local woodlands, including groundcovers and colorful wildflowers that bloom over a long season. 631 Berwyn Baptist Rd. *JenkinsArboretum.org.*

Media

Tyler Arboretum. A 650-acre preserve originated with brothers Jacob and Minshall Painter. Mature plant collections are laid out in a natural setting, with 20 miles of marked trails. Education center, museum collections, library. 515 Painter Rd. *TylerArboretum.org.*



Newtown Square

Willistown’s Okehocking Preserve. 180 acres of the 500-acre Okehocking Land Grant Historic District are likely the only known grant to an Indian tribe authorized by William Penn, conveyed in 1703. Includes meadowlands, upland hillsides and old-growth woodlands, with 5 miles of hiking and horse riding trails. 5316 West Chester Pk., *Willistown.Pa.us.*

Pottstown

Welkinweir. This historic country estate is home to Green Valleys Watershed Association, a nonprofit dedicated to preserving the natural resources of northern Chester County. Nature walks and talks, summer camps and volunteer opportunities are offered on 219 permanently protected acres of forests, meadows and an arboretum overlooking multiple ponds. 1368 Prizer Rd. *Welkinweir.org.*

Swarthmore

Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College. “A garden of suggestions,” it’s the college campus, covering 110 diverse acres. 500 College Ave. *ScottArboretum.org.*

Wayne

Chanticleer. See: “Day Trips & Outings.”

West Chester

H. E. Myrick Conservation Center. A 300-acre landscape with vegetation and wildlife habitats. Part of the Brandywine Valley Assn., which has worked for over 50 years to protect the Brandywine Creek. Two marked self-guided nature trails—Hill and Stream Trail and Farm Path Trail. 1760 Unionville-Wawaset Rd. (Rt. 842). *BrandywineWatershed.org.*

DELAWARE

Hockessin

Ashland Nature Center. Headquarters of the



DE Nature Society, 130 acres of meadows, forests, marshes, streams and ponds make an ideal setting for nature programs each year, geared to all ages and all levels of interest. *Brackenville & Barley Mill Rds. DelawareNatureSociety.org.*

Mt. Cuba Center. A botanical garden that inspires an appreciation for native plants and a commitment to protect the habitats that sustain them. 3120 Barley Mill Rd. *MtCubaCenter.org.*

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Wilmington
DuPont Environmental Education Center. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

The Marian Coffin Gardens at Gibraltar. The grounds of an 1844 restored estate listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The gardens are "rooms," each with unique character. 1405 Greenhill Ave. PreservationDE.org.

Nemours Mansion & Gardens. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

Historic Sites

PENNSYLVANIA

Birdsboro

Daniel Boone Homestead. Daniel Boone was



born here in 1734 in a log house built between 1730–1779. Other buildings include a PA bank barn, blacksmith shop, sawmill, log house and visitors center. 400 Daniel Boone Rd. Daniel-BooneHomestead.org.

Broomall

Thomas Massey House. One of the oldest English Quaker homes in PA, built in 1696. [Lawrence & Springhouse Rds. ThomasMasseyHouse.org](http://Lawrence&SpringhouseRds.ThomasMasseyHouse.org).

Bryn Mawr

Harriton House. Home of Charles Thomson, Continental Congress secretary, furnished with 18th-C. antiques. Originally part of a 700-acre, 1700s plantation. 500 Harriton Rd. Harriton-House.org.

Chadds Ford

Barns-Brinton House. Brandywine Battlefield Park. John Chads House. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

Chester Springs

The Mill at Anselma. On the Pickering Creek, the Mill is an extraordinary artifact of 250 years of Chester County's industrial heritage retaining its original Colonial-era power train, and multiple layers of industrial equipment. Demonstrations and hands-on activities. 1730 Conestoga Rd. AnselmaMill.org.

Historic Yellow Springs. Originally named by Native Americans for the iron-rich "yellow" spring water, this scenic village became the principal hospital for the Continental Army during the Valley Forge encampment and an 18th-century mineral water spa. Site of art, crafts and antique shows. Art School & Pikeland Rds. YellowSprings.org.

Geigertown

Joanna Furnace. Hay Creek Valley Historical Assn. supports local heritage and provides a living experience of Berks County's agricultural and technological past by demonstrating early American crafts and trades. The Hay Creek Festival, Sept. 7–9, features Early American crafts, antique toys, Civil War encampment, home crafts, children's hands-on activities, food and olde tyme music. Rt. 10. HayCreek.org.

Lancaster

Rock Ford Plantation. The 18th-C. Georgian-style home of Revolutionary War hero General Edward Hand. In Lancaster County Park, the estate includes the mansion, barn and Kauffman Museum of decorative arts. 881 Rockford Rd. RockFordPlantation.org.

Wheatland, LancasterHistory.org. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

Morrisville

Pennsbury Manor. William Penn's beautiful country plantation on the Delaware River, rebuilt to look as it did in 1700. Jacobean-style furnishings include 17th-century antiques. 400 Pennsbury Memorial Rd. PennsburyManor.org.

Paoli

Paoli Battlefield and Historic Waynesborough. Visit Paoli Battlefield where British troops routed General Wayne in 1777, or Waynesborough, a magnificent Georgian-style country



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Got a thirst for wine? Explore the popular wineries in Chester County and delight your taste buds. Here are some worth a visit this summer.

- **Chadds Ford Winery, Chadds Ford.** Featuring music fests and food trucks, this winery is perfect for a picnic while sampling new wines and food.
- **Galer Estates, Kennett Square.** Hours are extended during Longwood's Summer fireworks shows so visitors can enjoy wine and fireworks.
- **Grace Winery, Glen Mills.** Sip some wine while you experience this historic site where British soldiers were housed during the Battle of the Brandywine.
- **Va La Vineyards, Avondale.** Want to discover unique and unconventional wines? Then head to this vineyard for a taste like nothing you've ever tried.
- **Black Walnut Winery, Coatesville.** Attend monthly events where you can try a variety of wines while painting a wine glass to take home.
- **Stone Barn Cellars Winery, Spring City.** This historic stone barn near the French Creek offers a relaxing place to enjoy some wine.
- **Stargazers Vineyard, Coatesville.** Enjoy the view and calming sounds of the Brandywine River while picnicking and drinking wine.
- **Penns Woods Winery, Chadds Ford.** Lace up your shoes and run the Vineyard 5k then enjoy a post-race after-party with wine tastings.
- **J. Maki Winery, Elverson.** The only American Winery where guests can try gold medal award winning Champagne and expertly crafted traditional dry wines in the same place.
- **Kreutz Creek Vineyards and Winery, West Grove.** Pets are welcome to relax on the lawn while guests enjoy the wines during an afternoon concert.
- **Paradocx Vineyard, Landenberg.** Buy this wine by the bottle at local farmer's markets such as Booths Corner, West town and Lansdowne.
- **Wayvine Winery and Vineyard, Nottingham.** Wayvine wine can be found at local restaurants including SawMill Grill, Victory Brewing, The Farmhouse and Sidebar.

manor house that was home to General "Mad Anthony" Wayne, home to seven generations of the Wayne family. PBPFInc.org; HistoricWaynesborough.org.



Pottstown

Pottsgrove Manor. Built in 1752, this is the historic home of John Potts, Colonial ironmaster and founder of Pottstown. Distinguished for its fine early Georgian architecture. Rt. 100 & W. King St. MontCoPA.org/HistoricSites.

Schwenksville

Pennypacker Mills. A Colonial revival mansion, this home of PA Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker was preserved as a country gentleman's estate. 5 Haldeman Rd. MontCoPA.org/HistoricSites.

Valley Forge

Washington Memorial Chapel and Chapel Cabin Shop. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

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Museums

Wayne

St. David's Episcopal Church. A stone wall encloses St. David's graveyard, memorialized in Longfellow's poem: "What an image of peace and rest is this little church among its graves..." This park-like setting is welcoming and serene, with an intimate stone church, a fine example of early Colonial architecture. 763 S. Valley Forge Rd. [StDavidsChurch.org](#).

Willow Street

Hans Herr House. Oldest house in Lancaster County and oldest Mennonite Meeting House in America, built in 1719. Explore the main floor, the attic and cellar, plus farm museum and Colonial garden. 1849 Hans Herr Dr. [HansHerr.org](#).

Worcester

Peter Wentz Farmstead. Colonial farmhouse used by George Washington before and after the battle of Germantown, restored to its 1777 state. Schultz Rd., off Rt. 73. [MontCoPA.org/HistoricSites](#).

Museums

PENNSYLVANIA

Chadds Ford

Brandywine River Museum of Art. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

Christian Sanderson Museum. A fascinating look at one man's life and our Nation's history—200 years of history in 1500 square feet. Enter the museum to uncover artifacts from the Revolutionary War, Civil War, both World Wars and learn about the Battle of Brandywine along with other local lore. 1755 Creek Rd. (Old Rt. 100). [SandersonMuseum.org](#).

Coatesville

Lukens National Historic District Museums. Industrial history and architectural heritage are woven together so you can "Discover the Past, Explore the Future." Three mansions—**Rebecca Lukens House** (c. 1739); **Terracina** (1850-51) and **Graystone Mansion** (1889)—plus the **National Iron and Steel Heritage Museum** are the highlights when you visit. 50 S. First Ave. Coatesville. [SteelMuseum.org](#).



Lancaster

DeMuth Museum. Describing itself as "National in scope, while reflecting the distinctive character of the Lancaster region," the Demuth Museum, located in the artist's former home, includes workrooms and gardens where artist Charles Demuth lived. 120 E. King St. [Demuth.org](#).

West Chester

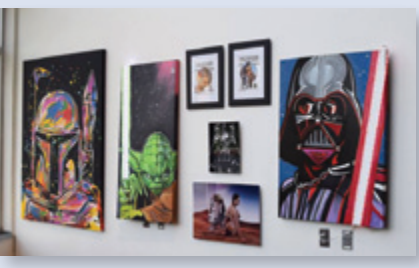
Chester Co. Historical Society Museum. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

DELAWARE

Wilmington

Delaware Art Museum. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

The Delaware Contemporary. A non-collecting contemporary art museum and gathering place for exploring new ideas in art, design, and technology. 200 S. Madison St. [DEContemporary.org](#).



Delaware Children's Museum. The big yellow building along the Riverfront focuses on science, math and technology and engages children in playful learning. 550 Justison St. [DelawareChildrensMuseum.org](#).

Delaware History Museum. Originally a Woolworth's Department Store (1940), the building has been transformed into the Delaware History Museum and the **Jane and Littleton Mitchell Center for African American Heritage**. 504 N. Market St. [DEHistory.org](#).

Delaware Museum of Natural History. Hagley Museum & Eleutherian Mills. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

Rockwood Museum. Designed in 1851 by English architect George Williams, an outstanding example of Rural Gothic architecture and gardenesque landscape design. 610 Shipley Rd. [Rockwood.org](#).



Winterthur Museum & Gardens. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

Yorklyn

Marshall Steam Museum at Auburn Heights Preserve. Home to the world's largest collection of operating steam cars and a 1/8-size live steam railroad on the 250-acre grounds, which are part of the DE State Park system. Visit their website to find out about their special events such as, Evenings at the Museum, Steam'n' Days and more. 3000 Creek Rd. [AuburnHeights.org](#).



Hit the Trails

Soak up some scenery and head out to a popular hiking trail, listed below from shortest to longest. Find your favorite or explore them all!

- **Nottingham County Park, West Nottingham.** At the first Chester County park, dedicated in 1963, visitors can relax in a pavilion or hike along an 18-station mile-long fitness trail.
- **Sandy Hollow Heritage Trail, West Chester.** A 1.1-mile-long asphalt pedestrian path takes you near history, allowing access to the Brandywine Battlefield National Historic Landmark.
- **Kirkwood Preserve, Newtown Square.** Mostly grassland, this is the haven for wildlife and a great place for birdwatching or a 2-mile walk.
- **Hibernia Park, Coatesville.** Over 900 acres of trails, play areas, fishing spots and campgrounds make this a good place for a quick 2.2-mile hike on Rim Trail or a long weekend stay.
- **French Creek Trail, Phoenixville.** A 4.6-mile hike on flat terrain full of historical views of Rapps Dam, Snyder's Mill and Jacob Rudy's Powder Mill and part of French Creek State Park, where visitors can camp, boat, sled and hunt.
- **Okehocking Preserve, Newtown Square.** The Preserve's 180 acres of meadows, uplands, wetlands, riparian areas and mature woods include 5.75 miles of trails and a Nature Center.
- **Cheslen Preserve, Coatesville.** Enjoy 9+ miles of trails and 1,282 acres of nature preserve, full of woodland, meadows, corn fields and stream valleys. Take a relaxing walk or bring the kids to Ollie Owl's NaturePlayGround.
- **Chester Valley Trail, Exton.** Head out on the 14-mile asphalt trail for in-line skating, cross country skiing and leashed dog-walking.
- **Marsh Creek, Downingtown.** With 535-acre Marsh Creek Lake, this park is ideal for sailing, fishing and water sports. Plus a summer camp for kids.
- **Schuylkill River Trail, Phoenixville.** Running 30 miles along the Schuylkill River, from Parkerford to Philadelphia, this trail is part of the 750-mile Circuit Trails and draws over 20,000 runners, bikers and commuters each year.

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Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles. Featuring vehicles of all types: gasoline, electric and horse-drawn, including carriages, wagons and sleighs. You'll see "high wheelers" and "safety bicycles," vehicle builder's tools and local historic roadside architecture. 85 S. Walnut St. BoyertownMuseum.org.

Columbia

The National Watch & Clock Museum. Featuring the treasures of time, from ancient timepieces to modern technologies, the museum captures the evolution of timekeeping over the centuries. 514 Poplar St. NAWCC.com.



Kennett Square

The Kennett Underground Railroad Center at the History Station. The Center takes visitors to a time when slavery existed and the Underground Railroad was a "trackless trail." Kennett-UndergroundRR.org.

Lancaster

Landis Valley Museum. The Landis Valley Village & Farm Museum, a more modest version of Sturbridge Village, is devoted to the PA German rural heritage and is a nationally known living-history village dedicated to this history and culture, spanning 1740 to 1940. 2451 Kissel Hill Rd., Lancaster. LandisValleyMuseum.org.

Hands-On House Children's Museum. Offering interactive activities for kids and families, through self-directed exhibits and programming that stimulate curiosity and invite the joy of discovery for everyone. 721 Landis Valley Rd. Call for dates and hours. HandsonHouse.org.



Malvern

The Wharton Esherick Museum. The stunning home and studio of renowned artist and sculptor Wharton Esherick (1887-1970), who inspired the Studio furniture movement. The Wharton Esherick Museum is a National Historic Landmark for Architecture, housing 50 years of work. Tours by reservation only. 1520 Horseshoe Trail. WhartonEsherickMuseum.org.

Reading

Mid-Atlantic Air Museum. Story of aviation told by displays of restored classic and historic aircraft. Rt. 183 N, Reading Reg. Airport. MAAM.org.

Strasburg

The National Toy Train Museum. Railroad Museum of PA. Strasburg Rail Road. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

West Chester

American Helicopter Museum & Education Center. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

The Antique Ice Tool Museum. Follow the "ice man" from the harvest of the first major winter freeze to the storage, transportation, delivery and consumption of the product that shaped the way of life in this country from 1803-1940. 1825 Sconelltown Rd., AntiqueIceToolMuseum.org.



Brandywine Polo Club

Located on 300 acres of rolling hills in southern Chester County, the Brandywine Polo Club is one of the East Coast's oldest polo establishments, dating back to 1950.

Spectators are invited to picnic or tailgate on a Sunday afternoon or Friday night under the stars and catch a glimpse of local horse country. Called the sport of kings, polo is an enjoyable way to spend an afternoon or evening with your friends and family.

Twilight Polo on Fridays features live music and dancing as well as food and drink for sale. On Sunday tailgaters come out in style. Field-side tailgating, available for the season or by the day, allows you to park at the field's edge and tailgate from your car.

232 Polo Rd., off Newark Rd., S. of the Rt. 1 Toughkenamon exit.
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\$15. Matches cancelled for wet fields or extreme heat; 610-268-8692 to confirm. BrandywinePolo.com.



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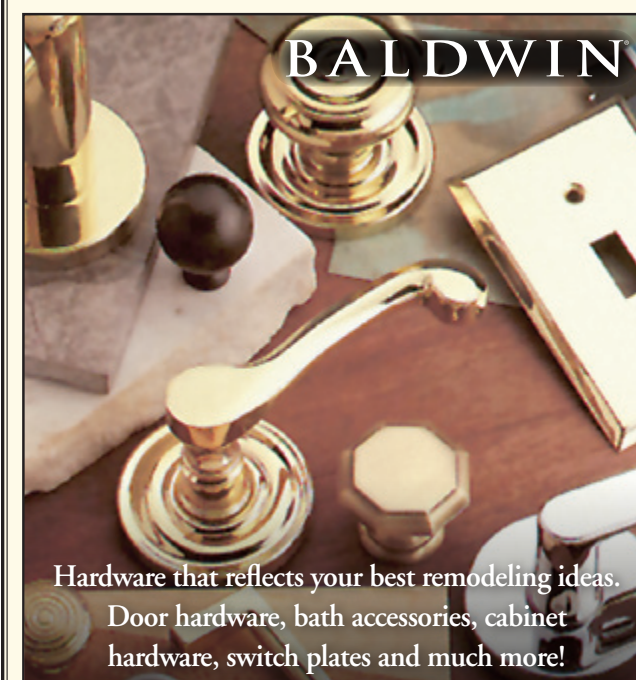
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While you're there, take in the other sights including photogenic waterfalls—like Ohiopyle Falls and Cucumber Falls—and the sandstone water-slides in Meadow Run's nature-built waterpark. Land-lovers will have no shortage of things to do either with rock climbing, biking, hiking, camping and even zip lining at Ohiopyle Zip Line Adventure Park.

The Highlands are also home to PA's largest cave, the Laurel Caverns, covering three miles of passages where you can go caving—or spelunking as it's called—in the cave's natural state. *Tip:* The caves are very dark and you're required to bring at least two good light sources, so come prepared!

A final stop: Visit Frank Lloyd Wright's unique creations nearby at Falling-water (read more in our July 2015 issue) and Kentuck Knob for architecture that's built seamlessly into its surroundings. LaurelHighlands.org.

Go spelunking in Laurel Caverns, PA's largest cave.
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BETHLEHEM 1.5 HOUR DRIVE

GO WHERE HISTORY MEETS INDUSTRY IN THE OLD STEEL CITY of Bethlehem, PA. Once home to Bethlehem Steel—the second largest U.S. steel producer during its heyday—the city boasts the now-sleeping enormous blast furnaces of the Hoover-Mason Trestle that ran for almost a century, starting in 1907. It's now an elevated linear park that stands four stories above street level, serving as a pedestrian walkway and visitor must-see.

Another summer attraction is Bethlehem's wildly popular Musikfest, running Aug. 3–12. With over 450 performers on 14 stages, it continues to be the largest, non-gated free outdoor music festival in the country. Check out what else is playing at the ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks throughout the summer.

Sample the thriving nightlife scene, too, with arts, food, drink and more. Visit First Fridays at the Banana Factory Arts Center—not surprisingly a former banana distribution warehouse—for glassblowing demos and open studios. Sit outside and sip along Main Street at Bethlehem Brew Works, grab a bite at modern gastropub The Broadway Social or try your luck at the Sands Casino. DiscoverLehighValley.com.

Enjoy the festivities at Musikfest and views of the Hoover-Mason Trestle. PHOTO COURTESY FRANK SMITH FOR DISCOVER LEHIGH VALLEY



Satisfy your need for speed at Carlisle's many summer car shows.
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CARLISLE 2 HOUR DRIVE

WHERE CAN YOU SEE WORLD-CLASS CAR SHOWS, DIRT track racing, nature trails and food and drink tours all in one place? Just over an hour west of Lancaster City in the Carlisle PA area, of course!

For some of the largest auto events in the world, car enthusiasts will want to start their trip in Carlisle and plan their visit around one of its five summer car shows—including the Chrysler Nationals (July 13–15), Truck Nationals (Aug. 3–5) and Corvettes at Carlisle (Aug. 23–26). Satisfy your own need for speed at the Carlisle Sports Emporium with high-speed LED go-carts on three tracks. Plus there's laser tag, roller skating, mini golf and more to amp up the fun.

Nearby in aptly named Mechanicsburg, find professional 410 Sprint Car racing at the Williams Grove Speedway, and check out stunning Rolls Royce and Bentley motorcars at the Rolls Royce Museum.

If you'd rather walk, there are plenty of hiking and nature trails in the area—in addition to the famed Appalachian Trail about a half hour south. For more themed tours, the interactive Army Heritage Trail at the Education Center in Pine Grove Furnace State Park is a must-see for history buffs, while beer lovers might prefer their own trail—the Cumberland Valley Beer Trail. VisitCumberlandValley.com.

KNOEBELS 2.5 HOUR DRIVE

LOOKING FOR GOOD OLD-FASHIONED FUN FOR the whole family? Head to Knoebels Amusement Park—America's largest free-admission amusement park. Get your thrills on some of the park's nostalgic wooden rides—including two rollercoasters, a log flume and the only wooden bobsled rollercoaster in the world. Or check out classics like the Ferris wheel, bumper cars and carousel for the less adventurous.

Cool off and swim in Crystal Pool, practice your putting at Knoebels Three Ponds Golf Course and grab a bite to eat at one of the restaurants right on site. Then stay overnight at a local campground with your tent, camper or RV, rent a cozy country cottage for slightly more modern amenities, or check in at nearby Latorre House Red & Breakfast for even more comfort.

On the way home, take a 20-minute detour to the *Atlas Obscura*—recommended and now-abandoned ghost town of Centralia, where a coal fire continues to burn underneath the town since 1962. *Tip:* Don't bother the few inhabitants who still live there, and watch out for sinkholes! Also, don't stay long.

If that's more excitement than you want, stop instead in Pottsville to visit the Yuengling Brewery, America's oldest brewery. Tour Monday through Saturday, but sample the brews only if you're not the designated driver! Knoebels.com & Yuengling.com. ♦

Wooden rollercoasters, family-fun entertainment, camping and more await at Knoebels. PHOTO COURTESY KNOEBELS AMUSEMENT RESORT





Generations of Beauty Chester County's Whitehackle Farm

Story by Emily Hart
Photos by Jim Graham

FROM THE FLAGSTONE TERRACE ADORNED WITH wisteria, gaze out over the expanse of Whitehackle Farm. Every season, every day, every fleeting moment offers a sublime view.

A heron stands silently at the edge of the larger of two ponds. A yellow iris blooms. Morning sun catches a cupola above the stables. Horses gallop past an old sycamore tree and newcomer saplings, as riders race for the prize of the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup.

Like the property's sparkling stream—the headwaters of the White Clay Creek—history, home and heart flow through the farm.

HUNTING GROUNDS

In an area of southern Chester County that was once old-wood riparian forest populated by Lenni Lenape natives, in the 1920s William Ernest Carter created a lodge and surrounding space where he could hunt.

While Carter's full story remains a mystery, the avid fox hunter, polo player and wealthy son of a coal baron sought a new life outside of Philadelphia after surviving the sinking of the Titanic and a later divorce. Plunkett Stewart—a friend and famed founder of distinguished hunts and hounds—brought Carter to the countryside of West Marlborough Township.

Designed and constructed by the renowned Philadelphia firm of John S. Cornell & Sons in 1925, Carter's lodge was no mere hunting box. The two-story house, carriage house and stables with six brood-mare-sized stalls were built with matching large stone lintels and dash pointing.

Exemplary of homes designed and constructed in that period, the house and outbuildings appeared to have grown out of the ground; the home seemed to drape over the hillside. Although the box's second floor had no interior walls for separate bedrooms, the first floor's leaded windows by the front door, marble foyer, two fireplaces and six sets of

French doors leading to the back terrace formed a space of simple elegance and beauty.

Carter named it Gwenda Farm.

Over the decades, owners with a love of the land, horses, hunt and polo continued to be stewards of the property. After Carter's death in 1940, the deed passed through interim owners.

Then in 1953 Lewis Ledyard bought the property, bringing his family and passion for fox hunting. In 2002, son Mike Ledyard—who had spent his childhood there—bought it for his own growing family and named it Whitehackle, after the family's longtime home-stead in New York.

THE MEANING OF HOME

Mike Ledyard recounted the legend of his father buying the farm. Although the Ledyard family lived on Long Island, his parents frequently hunted with friends John and Nancy Hannum on weekends. One day Mrs. Hannum telephoned Lewis Ledyard about a property preparing to go onto the market. Ledyard took a trip to see it.

"My dad made a deal, shook hands and called my mother," said Ledyard. "Dad told her, 'I just bought the nicest farm in Unionville.' She asked the number of bedrooms. 'Two,' he replied." "Dad must have forgotten we had six kids at that time," chuckled Mike.



PHOTO BY OWNERS





Ultimately, a large suite and three additional bedrooms were added to the farmhouse's second floor. With his mother as an ardent gardener, peonies, irises and lilies of the valley from Long Island accompanied the family on their move and were placed in their own beds surrounding the new Unionville house.

"As a kid, I was oblivious to architectural aspects," continued Mike. "Friends would

say it was a great place, so I was proud of it. But to me it was simply home."

As a child, on the coldest winter days Mike played with tiny toy tractors on the rug that covered the original random-width oak floors as sunlight streamed in through the French doors on the house's south side. During summers, he and the family raced their ponies, swimming across the larger pond built by his father.

Mike drank water straight from one of the springhouses.

"I knew every square inch of the farm. I helped build every bit of fence," Ledyard said. "It all has huge sentiment. Later in life, I began to appreciate the architectural style."

BY DESIGN

Many of the home's architectural elements and furnishings are as historically and architecturally significant as the cherished memories are sentimentally significant to Ledyard. Every attention was paid to details from the front doorknob to the plaster moldings.

According to Ledyard, when he and his wife Catherine ("Cathie") moved there, they wondered how to replace an extraordinary but dilapidated Palladian window at the end of the barn. Although he hadn't visited the loft for decades, he vaguely remembered seeing an extra window stored there. Climbing into the loft, he found an identical handmade window with matching magnificent dentils and columns—another legacy of William Carter.

Gracing the wall in one of the downstairs bedrooms is a special document: Map of Country Most Frequently Hunted by Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Fox Hounds, presented to Mrs. John B. Hannum, III, 1950, re-presented 1991. The re-presented map updated names of property owners, including the Ledyard family.

While the appointments are noteworthy, the house also has a charming, comfortable feel. "The rooms are intimate," said John Milner, Chadds Ford architect. "You feel good walking through them. Someone created a home, not just a statement."

Over time some aspects have changed. The driveway with entrances on two roads is now paved. Ledyard laughed as he recounted driving very slowly late at night so the crunch of the gravel beneath the car's tires wouldn't alert his parents to his arrival past curfew.

Lining the driveway, trees once climbed by Ledyard and his siblings are now so tall that limbs are beyond reach. Another once-small tree near the larger pond is now



a majestic oak. Herbs grow in window boxes on a deck that was added to the side of the home overlooking the farm's two springhouses.

Yellow irises by the small pond multiplied and crept downstream over the years. "Shortly after we bought the house in 2002, I asked Mrs. Hannum if we could dig a few of the yellow flowers down the road to plant by our pond," said Ledyard. "She said yes, so we dug, then planted. We found out later that it wasn't her property."

Other things haven't changed: the longstanding tradition of the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup traversing the property and the sight of the gable end of the barn from the bedroom where Mike Ledyard and, years later, his son Mikey—now in law school—slept. Views of and from the protected 68-acre farm, surrounded by protected land, cannot change because of conservation easements.

BY NATURE

Yet another important feature of Whitehackle, one with broad impact, is the freshwater spring that emerges at a dip in the land.

"The property is the birthplace of the wild and scenic White Clay Creek," said Bern Sweeney, senior research scientist at Stroud Water Research Center who has studied the stream since 1972.

"How water is treated in its infancy dictates the quality of water downstream," said

Sweeney. Thus, Chester County residents savoring local butter and cheese from downstream dairy farms, mushroom farms, neighbors in small town Avondale and the city of Newark, Delaware, as well as four-hooved friends from nearby horse farms who drink the water of the creek, all depend on the quality of the water that comes from this farm.

In recent years, with the help of the Stroud Center and others, 1500 trees have been planted along the creek at Whitehackle as part of a water improvement program. Because of the trees that stabilize the creek banks and their shade that stabilizes the water temperature, healthy wildlife abounds

on the farm and beyond: trout, mussels, herons, mayflies and more.

A side benefit of the clean water was revealed through laughter when Sweeney was asked if he ever fell into the stream—on purpose.

As generations past have cherished the home, and land of the farm, there can be no doubt that future generations will revere the beauty of this Chester County treasure. ♦

For information about the sale of Whitehackle Farm, contact Mark Willcox III at Country Property's Berkshire Hathaway Fox and Roach, 610-347-2065 (office), 610-716-0592 (cell).

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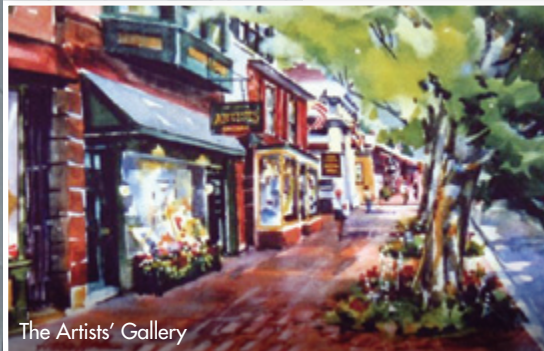
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July 4. July 4th Parade in Rock Hall

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Aug. 10-12. Pirates & Wenches Fantasy Weekend

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Aug. 11. Vineyard Walk

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Sept. 9. CrowFest

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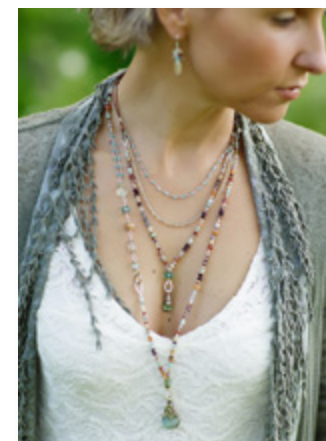
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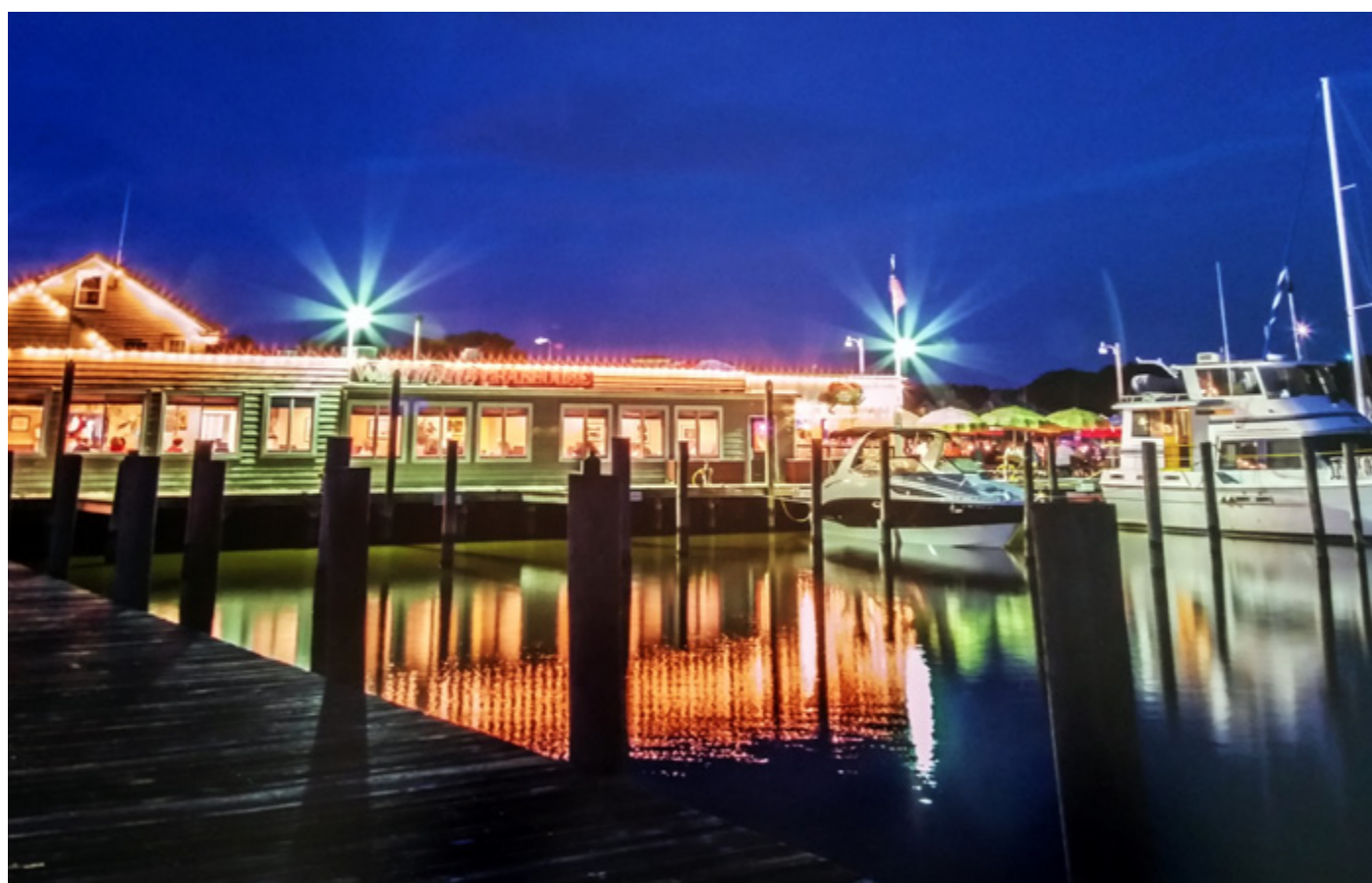
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Think Pink ... for Chocolate?

From trending pink houses in California to rose gold iPhones, millennial pinkness is ubiquitous. Now it's expanded to become a "ruby" chocolate trend. Forget everyday milk, white and dark chocolates. The berry-fruitedness of pink chocolate—created by **Barry Callebaut**, a Belgian-Swiss cocoa company—complements its luscious smoothness. Ruby cocoa beans are the source of pink chocolate's intense sensorial delight and naturally pink aesthetic. Try a ruby chocolate KitKat or order online from your favorite chocolatier.



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