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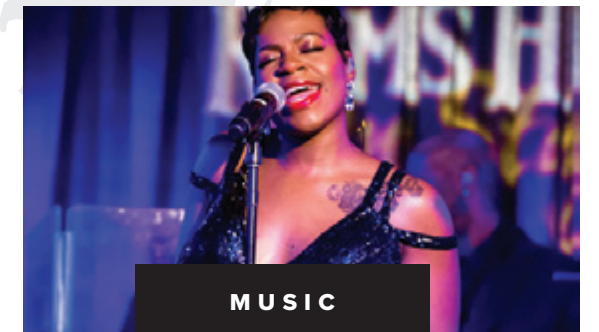
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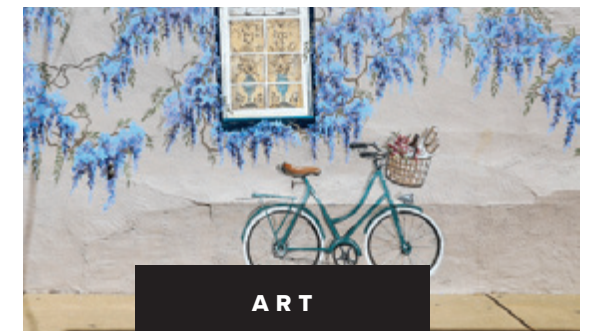
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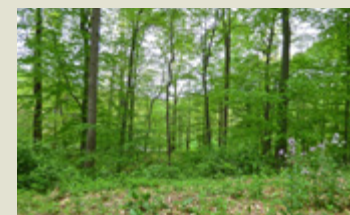
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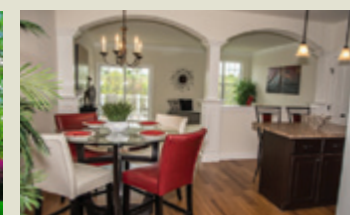
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Our Annual Area Guide is ready to be our passport to summer fun. This year, we're going beyond Pennsylvania and Delaware to explore Maryland, plus a special stop in Florida.

We highlight local sights, starting with the "Big Three"—Longwood Gardens, Brandywine River Museum, and Winterthur—along with historic sites, Revolutionary battlefields, a dozen or so museums, charming towns, and much, much more.

Enjoy the special pleasures of Wilmington, Chester and Lancaster Counties, the Main Line, with side trips to Cecil County and the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

For longer getaways, try Annapolis for a weekend or Disney World where even adults have fun. Mercedes Thomas, our assistant editor, recommends four spots in Maryland—Ocean City, Assateague Island, Deep Creek Lake and the Guinness factory near Baltimore.

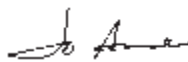
Arts fans will enjoy our annual "Fall Guide to the Arts," filled with entertainment to add to your calendar. Looking for music under the stars? Check out our "Outdoor Concert" listings. Want a play with a local twist? Head for People's Light and the world premiere of "Mud Row," set in West Chester.

And sports fans can catch up on the stars of the spring season at local independent schools. Tales of school rivalries and record setting.

Or if your summer plans focus on relaxing, maybe discovering a new style of beer is excitement enough. Kent Steeves of Braeloch Brewing suggests "Modern Seasons," a perfect beer for summer. Wine lovers who want to drink local should check out some local award-winners to sip this season.

Foodies can have "Summer Fun at Farm Markets" by joining a pollination celebration in Kennett Square or field-to-fork dinners at SIW Vegetables.

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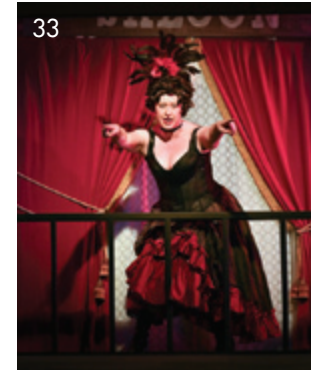
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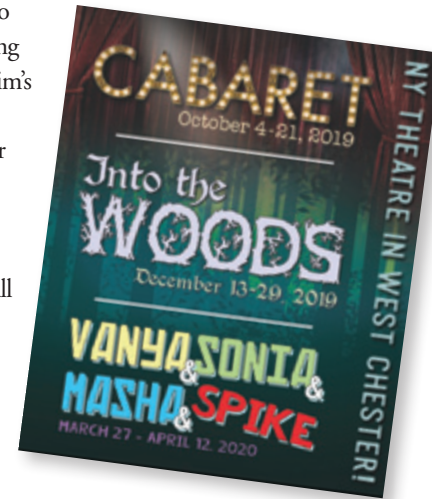


[Good to Know] Just a few things we'd thought you'd like to know this month

Colors of the Sky. Reds, oranges, yellows, pinks—sunsets bring us some of the most dazzling displays of color in nature. So of course there's a whole week dedicated to photographing them—the third week of July is National Capture the Sunset Week. Grab your smartphone or camera and get out to memorialize the moment. Location Tips: Stroud Preserve, Longwood Gardens or Valley Forge National Park are just a few places to get great sunset shots. Share your best photos on social media with @CountyLinesMagazine! HolidayInsights.com.



Life is a Cabaret. The Resident Theatre Company is back for another musical and hilarious season of New York-caliber theater. The season kicks off with 10-time Tony Award-winning musical "Cabaret." During the holidays, RTC brings to life Grammy Award-winning composer Stephen Sondheim's musical "Into the Woods." And the 2013 Tony winner for Best Play, "Vanya & Sonia & Masha & Spike," wraps up the season in the spring. Subscribe for the full season! 226 N. High St., West Chester. RTCWC.org; UptownWestChester.org.



Beat the Boredom! Did you know July is National Anti-Boredom month? Created by Alan Caruba, founder of the Boring Institute, Anti-Boredom month was assigned to July because after the 4th there's not much going on to break up the summer before the kids go back to school. All the more reason to fend off boredom! Go for a walk, learn a new skill, visit family or friends—find new ways to get out and not let the boredom blues get you down. NationalDayCalendar.com.

Bite of History. Princeton, Paoli, Germantown, Monmouth—all sites of notable Revolutionary War battles. Learn about these battles and more on third Tuesdays of the month through Jan. 2020 at Black Powder Tavern's Historical Dinner Series—a place with its own ties to history. Enjoy appetizers and a special menu as experts talk about these significant events. The series focuses on the Battle of Brandywine on July 18, and on the Battle of the Clouds on August 20. Reservations required. 1164 Valley Forge Rd., Malvern. BlackPowderTavern.com.



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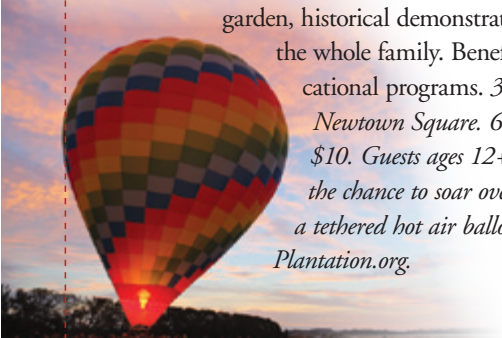


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[July Picks] *Our Picks for top events this month*

**Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation
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July 19

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Friday Night Lights
July 12

Don't miss this fundraising concert without walls featuring great music with Hoots & Hellmouth and Vanessa Collier, adult beverages, food trucks, star gazing with local astronomy clubs and sunset socializing. Benefits Natural Lands. ChesLen Preserve, 1199 Cannery Rd., Coatesville. 8 to 11 p.m. \$35-\$100. 610-353-5587; NatLands.org.



Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center
July 13-27

Let them entertain you! Here's just some of the fun for July. **July 13**, Magic Bus: Tribute to The Who; **July 19**, Better Than Bacon Improv Comedy; **July 20**, The World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra; **July 20**, Dueling Pianos; **July 27**, Comedian Jim McCue. 226 N. High St., West Chester. Check website for tickets and more performances. 610-356-2787; UptownWestChester.org.



Fireworks & Fountains at Longwood Gardens
July 3-September 28

Get your tickets early for one of these fabulous, unforgettable shows where fireworks fly, fountains dance and music sets the tone. **July 3**, "Star Spangled Spectacular;" **July 20**, "The Piano Men," the music of Billy Joel and Elton John; **Aug. 10**, "Swan Lake;" **Sept. 1**, "Night at the Movies II;" **Sept. 28**, "Queens of Soul" celebrates Aretha Franklin, Diana Ross, Gladys Knight and more. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. For times and tickets visit LongwoodGardens.org.



Exton Park Community Day
July 13

Celebrate at Exton Park with live music and a DJ, food trucks, a bike rodeo, kids games, face painting, vendor fair, touch-a-truck, demonstrations, petting zoo, rock wall and fireworks at dusk. 132 Church Farm Ln., Exton. Rain date, July 14. Fun starts at 4 p.m. Free. 610-363-9525; WestWhiteland.org.



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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 blackpowder demonstrations, historical games, a cook-out, music and more. Meet one of the Founding Fathers and sign the Declaration of Independence. Visitor Center, 1400 N. Outer Line Dr., Valley Forge. 11 to 3. Food available. Free. 610-783-1099; NPS.Gov/VaFo.

JULY 4

41st Annual Good Neighbor Day in Downingtown. Start the day with the Run for Life

FIREWORKS AT A GLANCE

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

Lititz Fourth of July Fireworks. Lititz Springs Park, 24 Broad St. Lititz4thOfJuly.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.

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.

Wilmington, DE 4th of July Celebration. Tubman, Garrett Riverfront Park on the Riverfront. 302-425-4890; VisitWilmingtonDE.com.

JULY 6: Ridley Park Fireworks. Eastlake Park, W. Ridley & Constitution. FireworksInPennsylvania.com.

JULY 12: Malvern Fire Co. Fair. Malvern Mem. Grounds, Monument Ave. 610-647-0693; MalvernFireCo.com.

JULY 13: Exton Park Community Day. 800 E. Swedesford Rd. WestWhiteland.org.

JULY 26: Kimberton Fair. 762 Pike Springs Rd., Phoenixville. KimbertonFair.org.

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(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 4-7

Independence Day Celebrations at Colonial PA Plantation. Hear a reading of the Declaration of Independence, write your own declaration using quill pens and engage in other acts of rebellion on the farm. Bring a picnic lunch or purchase refreshments. Ridley Creek State Park, 3900 N. Sandy Flash Dr., Newtown Square. 11 to 4. \$6-\$10. 610-566-1725; ColonialPlantation.org.

JULY 11, 25, AUGUST 8, 29

Summer Storytimes at Wolff's Apple House. Each time will include a story with a theme and afterwards children will get to make and eat a healthy snack, or participate in a related activity. 81 S. Pennell Rd., Media. 10 am. Free. 610-566-1680; WolffsAppleHouse.com.

JULY 11, AUGUST 1, SEPTEMBER 5

Swingin' Summer Thursdays. Great food, live music, clowns, artists, magicians, jugglers and more. Gay St. between High & Darlington Sts. or High & Matlack Sts., West Chester. 6:30 to 9 pm. DowntownWestChester.com.

JULY 13-AUGUST 12

DE Museum of Natural History. July 13, Star Wars Night: Wookies, Jedis, and Stormtrooper's—Oh My! July 20, Apollo 11's 50th Anniversary: One Small Step; July 21, Breakfast with the Birds; Aug. 12, World Elephant Day. Mon-Sat, 9:30 to 4:30. 4840 Kennett Pk., Wilmington. \$7-\$9; \$3 on Thurs Aug. 1-29. 302-658-9111; DelMNH.org.

AUGUST 7

6th Annual National Night Out Against Crime. The Borough Police Dept. invites families to enjoy live entertainment, refreshments, kids' activities, police, fire and EMS vehicles and a meet-and-greet with local responders. Henderson High School, 400 Montgomery Ave., West Chester. 6 to 9. 610-696-2700.

AUGUST 9-10

Goschenhoppen Folk Festival. See More Great Places for Outings, Perkiomenville.

ART, CRAFT & ANTIQUES.....

JULY 27-28

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 16, 22

Main Point Books. July 16, Fiction Book Group: *There, There* by Tommy Orange, 1 pm. July 22, Author Talk: Bianca Marais: *If You Want to Make God Laugh* set in rural South Africa 25 years after the end of Apartheid, 7 pm. 116 N. Wayne Ave., Wayne. 484-580-6978; MainPointBooks.com.

CAR SHOWS.....

JULY 14

12th 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 21. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPa.com.

EQUESTRIAN.....

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29

Fridays & Sundays

Brandywine Polo. Spectators picnic and tailgate at the grounds. 232 Polo Rd., Toughkenamon. Friday Twilight Polo—gates open at 5; match at 5:30. Sun, gates open at 1:30; match at 3, \$10-\$15. Cancelled for rain or extreme heat. 610-268-8692; BrandywinePolo.com.

JULY 2-7

Brandywine Valley Summer Series. The East Coast US Junior Hunter National Championship finals and Local Day Brass Ring Horse Show and Hunter Championship. Benefits



Danny & Ron's Rescue and Main Line Animal Rescue. Held at Devon Horse Show Grounds, 23 Dorset Rd., Devon. Free. BrandywineValleySummerSeries.com.

JULY 14-15

Brass Ring Horse Show Series. A member of the Freedom Horse Show Series, individual shows committed to providing high-quality fun, friendly and affordable hunter and jumper shows in the Mid-Atlantic region. Held at Devon Horse Show Grounds, 23 Dorset Rd., Devon. Facebook.com/BrassRingShowSeries.

FESTIVALS & FAIRS.....

THROUGH JULY 7

70th Annual Kutztown Folk Festival. Celebrating the PA Dutch culture. Kutztown Fairgrounds, 225 N. White Oak St., Kutztown. July 5-6, 10 to 8; July 1-4, 7, 10 to 6. \$5-\$14; under 12, free. 888-674-6136; KutztownFestival.com.

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28

Fireworks & Fountains at Longwood Gardens. See *July Picks*.

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JULY 9-13

Malvern Fire Company Fair. Every night is Family Night at this fair with rides and games, face paintings, magicians and a pep band. Monument Grounds, Monument Ave., Malvern. Daily, 6 to 10. Fireworks, Fri, 9:30 pm. 610-647-0693; MalvernFireCo.com.

JULY 12-14

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 screen-

ings, showings of The Blob. 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. Check website for tickets. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.



JULY 22-27

Kimberton Fair. Everything from 4-H livestock competitions 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 29-AUGUST 3

70th Annual Goshen Country Fair. An old-fashioned fair with agricultural exhibits, rides and entertainment. Benefits the Volunteer Goshen Fire Co. Gates open 6 pm. Fair Grounds, 1320 Park Ave., West Chester. 610-430-1554; GoshenCountryFair.org.

FOOD & BREWS.....

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 19, Thursdays
3rd Thursday on State St. in Kennett Square. Visitors can enjoy outdoor dining, extended shopping hours, live music and children's activities from Broad to Center Sts. Free parking. 6 to 9. HistoricKennettSquare.com.



THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27, Wednesdays
12th Annual Dining Under the Stars in Media. Stroll. Shop. Dine. Restaurants set up tables on State Street, which is closed from Jackson to Orange, for this summer-long outdoor dining event. Check VisitMediaPA.com.

JULY 9

Food Truck Tuesdays in King of Prussia. Eat to beat the heat at food trucks in King of Prussia this summer. This roving food truck series, features live music, yard games and multiple food trucks offering great lunch items. 630 Freedom Business Center Dr., King of Prussia. 1:30 pm. VisitKOP.com.

JULY 20

Newark Food & Brew Festival. Craft and imported beers paired with creative food offerings at restaurants along Main St., Newark, DE. Noon to 7. NewarkFoodAndBrewfest.com.

JULY 20

Summerfest Live 2019! Craft Beer & Music Festival. Indoor and covered beer gardens, over 175 beers to taste, food trucks, music. XFINITY Live!, 1100 Pattison Ave., Phila. 3 to 7. \$40-\$50. XFinityLive.com.

Cecil County, MD Events

Whether it's a day trip or a longer getaway, Cecil County, MD has lots to offer. Check their website for more events. CCGov.org.

July 3. Salute to Veterans Fireworks. Live music and fireworks over the Northeast River. *North East Community Park, 200 Walnut St., North East. 6 to 10 pm. STOCCV.org.*

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

July 10-Sept. 18, Thursdays. **Music on Main.** Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the music. *Corner of North & Main St., Elkton. 5:30 to 7:30 pm. ElktonAlliance.org.*

July 19-28. The Cecil County Fair. Agricultural fair, vendors, rides, games, animals and more. *Fair Hill Fairgrounds, 4640 Telegraph Rd., Elkton. CecilCountyFair.org.*

July 20. Cecil County Food & Wine Festival. Maryland wines, food, music. *North East Community Park, North East. 11 to 5. CecilCountyFair.org.*

August 24. Chesapeake City Car Show. *98 Bobemia Ave., Chesapeake City. Facebook.com/ChesapeakeCityCarShow.*

August 10. 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 10. Lower Ferry Festival. Live music, food trucks, corn hole, car cruise, kids games and more. *Lower Ferry Park, 104 Roundhouse Dr., Perryville. 1 to 6. PerryvilleMD.org.*

September 21. Elkton Fall Fest. Entertainment, contests, crafters, vendors, children's activities. *Downtown Elkton. North & Main Sts., Elkton. 8 to 8. ElktonAlliance.org.*

October 12. National Revolutionary War Festival. History comes to life. *Mount Harmon Plantation, 600 Mt. Harmon Rd., Earleville. 10 to 4. MountHarmon.org.*

JULY 27

Willistown Conservation Trust—Annual Tomato Tasting. Tomatoes are the stars at Rushton



Farm at this annual event. You'll enjoy wine, beer and fabulous tomato preparations. Rushton Farm, 911 Delchester Rd., Newtown Square. 5 to 7. Check website for tickets. Advance reg. only. 610-353-2562; WCTrust.org.

MOVIE NIGHTS.....

JULY 1-29

Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center. Classic Movie Mondays: *July 1, Big Fish; July 8, Funny Girl; July 15, Grease Sing-a-Long; July 22, An Officer and a Gentleman; July 29, Blazing Saddles.* Continues through Aug. 19. \$10. 226 N. High St. UptownWestChester.org.

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JULY 11, AUGUST 1, SEPTEMBER 5

KOP Town Center Movie Nights. *July 11, Mary Poppins Returns; Aug. 1, The Little Rascals; Sept. 5, Incredibles 2.* 155 Village Dr., King of Prussia. 8 pm. Free. 484-231-1762; KingOfPrussia-TownCenter.com.

JULY 19, AUGUST 16

Westtown Township Movie Nights at Oakbourne Park. Bring a blanket or chair and kick back and relax in the park to watch a movie. *July 19, The Princess Bride; Aug. 16, Night at the Museum.* 1014 S. Concord Rd., Westtown. 8 pm. Free. WesttownPA.org.

JULY 22, AUGUST 19

Eagleview Movie Nights. Bring your blankets, chairs and a picnic dinner. *July 22, The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part; August 19, Incredibles 2.* Wellington Square, Exton. 7 pm. Free. 610-458-1900; InEagleview.com.

MUSEUMS.....

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

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT.....

See "Outdoor Concerts" in this issue.

JULY 13-27

Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center. *July 13, Magic Bus: Tribute to The Who; July 19, Better Than Bacon Improv Comedy; July 20, Dueling Pianos; July 27, Comedian Jim McCue.* 226 N. High St., West Chester. Check website for tickets and more listings. 610-356-2787; UptownWestChester.org.

JULY 18

Resident Theatre Company Presents Broadway in the Borough. Hear amazing singers from New York and Philly bring the house down with your favorite Broadway music, then meet performers after the show. Sprout Music Collective, 130 East Prescott Alley, West Chester. Doors open at 5:45 pm, show at 7, after party at 8. \$15-\$22. RTCWC.org.



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.....

JULY 3-AUGUST 28, 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, Wilmington. 5 to 8 pm. \$3. 302-658-2400; Hagley.org.

JULY 13

Tip-A-Canoe and Barbecue, Too! 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. \$50-\$110. 610-388-8315; YoungFriends.org.



JULY 13

2019 French Creek Racing Swim Run Challenge. Swim, run or you can do a combination of both. The event will be launching from

1400 S. Trooper Rd., Norristown. Free hot food buffet. Register at ImAthlete.com.



JULY 21

Pottstown Bike Race. It's a brand new course this year on great roads, 6 corners, 0.75 mile course in clockwise direction. 1300 E. High St., Pottstown. Race at 11. \$25-\$30. 610-570-7153; PottstownBikeRace.com.

THEATER.....

THROUGH JULY 28

Mud Row. See Theater Spotlight in this issue.

THROUGH OCTOBER 23

Stolen: The Musical. Bird-In-Hand Stage, 2760 Old Philadelphia Pk., Bird-in-Hand. \$17-\$38. Check website for times. 800-790-4069; Bird-in-Hand.com/Stage.

JULY 12-28

The Merry Wives of Windsor. Pack a picnic and join friends under the stars as Delaware Shakespeare brings the bold comedy to Rockwood Park, 4651 Washington Street Extension, Wilmington. Wed-Sat, 7:30; Sun, 6. \$18-\$22. DelShakes.org.

JULY 25-27, AUGUST 1-3

The Producers. The Brandywiners Ltd. present Mel Brooks' Tony Award-winning musical at Longwood Gardens, 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. 8 pm. \$18-\$35. 610-388-1000; TheBrandywiners.org, LongwoodGardens.org.

JULY 31-AUGUST 25

Our Town. Celebrate love, family and community with this music-infused production of Wilder's masterwork. People's Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Check website for times and tickets. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

TOWNS, TALKS & TOURS.....

JULY 5, 13, 18

First Fridays, Second Saturdays, Third Thursdays. *July 5, 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; ArtLoopWilmington.org. *July 13, Second Saturday Arts Stroll: Media,*

484-445-4161; MediaArtsCouncil.org.

July 18, Third Thursday Malvern Stroll, MalvernBusiness.com.

JULY 11-AUGUST 1

Town Tours & Village Walks. Explore our villages "Then and Now." *July 11, Lionville c. 1712: A Tricentennial Story; July 18, Regenerate, Reinvent, Recycle: The Village of Yellow Springs, c. 1722; July 25, Marshallton Village c. 1731: Drovers & Patriots, Artisans & Farms; Aug. 1, Doe Run Village c. 1744: Tomahawks, Mills, Foxhounds, Cowboys and Kings.* Tours continue through Aug. 29. Tours 5:30 pm.

Free. Some require registration. 610-344-6923; ChesCo.org/Planning/TownTours. ♦

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Through August

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Kennett Square. AnsonBNixonPark.org

July 2–September 22

Longwood Gardens Summer Concert Series
Kennett Square. LongwoodGardens.org

July 3–August 11

Delaware County Summer Festival
Upper Providence. DelcoPa.gov/Departments/Parks/SummerFestival.html

July 4–25

Summer in the Park Concert Series
at Wilson Farm Park
Wayne. Tredyffrin.org/Departments/Parks

July 4–August 11

Upper Merion Concerts Under the Stars
King of Prussia. UMTownship.org

July 6–August 3

Bryn Mawr Twilight Concerts
Bryn Mawr. BrynMawrTwilightConcerts.com

July 7–August 25

Long's Park Summer Music Series
Lancaster. LongsPark.org

July 11, August 1, September 5

Swingin' Summer Thursdays
West Chester. DowntownWestChester.com

July 12

Friday Night Lights at Cheslen Preserve
Coatesville. NatLands.org

July 13

Tie-Dye Music Festival at
Community Arts Center
Wallingford. CommunityArtsCenter.org

July 18–19

The Ladybug Music Festival
Wilmington. TheLadyBugFestival.com

July 18, August 15

Music at Marshall
West Chester. MarshallSquarePark.org

July 20

People's Festival—
25th Annual Tribute to Bob Marley
Wilmington. PeoplesFestival.com



July 20, August 10, September 14

Rockin' & Reelin' in Phoenixville's
Reeves Park
Phoenixville.
PhoenixvilleFirst.org/Rockin-Reelin

July 21

37th Annual Turk's Head Music Festival
West Chester. TurksHeadFestival.com



July 27–28

Xponential Music Festival
Camden, NJ. On the Waterfront. XPN.org



July 28–August 25

Miller Park Summer Concert Series
Exton. WestWhiteland.org

August 1–11

Musikfest.
Bethlehem. Musikfest.org

August 3

Herr's Second Annual Connective
Art & Music Festival
Oxford. ConnectiveFestival.org

August 3–4

Wilmington's Riverfront Blues Festival 2019
Wilmington. RiverfrontBluesFestDE.com



August 15–18

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Two generations of sisters navigate class, race, love and family in the historically segregated East End of West Chester. Elsie hopes to move up in the world by marrying into “the talented tenth,” while her sister Frances joins the Civil Rights movement.

Decades later, estranged sisters Regine and Toshi are forced to reckon with their shared heritage, and each other, when Regine inherits granny Elsie's house. In this funny, heart-wrenching, and ultimately hopeful comedy-drama, Morisseau skillfully alternates between past and present to paint a living portrait of family legacy.

Mud Row is the second production to emerge from the New Play Frontiers Residency & Commission Program at People's Light. Through this program, the Malvern theater invites nationally renowned playwrights to the area to immerse themselves in neighboring communities, in collaboration with partner organizations, to develop new plays that explore our American identity through local stories and concerns.

Dominique Morisseau—Tony Award nominee, MacArthur Genius Fellow, former

writer on Showtime's *Shameless*, and all-around rock star of the American theater scene—was among the first group of the New Play Frontiers' writers commissioned in 2012. During her initial research, Morisseau was inspired by the people and places surrounding the Charles A. Melton Arts & Education Center, a community beacon that has served generations of West Chester residents.

“It is always encouraging to be in the presence of the people who call the Melton Center home,” Morisseau explains. “Their hearts move with the passion of people who are excited about building up the next generation. Our conversations served as much background food for *Mud Row*.”

“I'm thrilled to premiere the play at People's Light this summer. It will be the culmination of a process that has meant a great deal to me as a writer, an activist and a woman acutely aware of the burdens and blessings of legacy,” says Morisseau.

Experience this world premiere work with a local connection. ♦

~ Gina Pisasale

IF YOU GO:

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Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center



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* *Rupaul's Drag Race, Ted Nugent*

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LongwoodGardens.org
* *Kennett Symphony, Gina Chavez, Mister G*

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
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IT'S BEEN TOO LONG—20 YEARS maybe—since my last visit. The boats, the crabs, the galleries, the history ... Only a two- or three-hour drive from West Chester, get there in time to catch the Wednesday Night Races, sponsored by the Annapolis Yacht Club, since 1959, April through August. If you're early enough—first race at 6 p.m.—you might join a crew.

Welcome to the Sailing Capital of the United States!

RECENT DISCOVERIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACES

The town is rowdy as the race starts. A good vantage point to watch the regatta is from the Spa Creek bridge. There, you'll see more than a hundred sailboats finish, hear the crowds and teams cheering, and perhaps a champagne cork pop.

Later you can head over to **Carroll's Creek Café** or **Boatyard Bar & Grill**, where the crews are loudly, competitively crowing their successes. Join them on deck. Order a beer. Listen to their tall tales. Or watch the regatta from **Pusser's Caribbean Grill's** waterfront location as you sip a rum drink, maybe their signature drink, the Painkiller.

And because it's Wednesday, walk back to town and have **Dinner Under the Stars**. Held in the Arts District, about 10 restaurants move their tables onto the street. Relax. Wind down. Enjoy.

Next, if you've planned well, settle into your room. It's been a long day. **The Maryland Inn**, for example, is one of several elegant yet comfortable hotels downtown managed by **Historic Inns of Annapolis**. Or choose a B&B or something from the larger chains—**Westin**, **Loews**, **Doubletree**, **Hilton** are all represented. Still, best to book early.

START WITH A TOUR

Thursday save for a tour of the **Naval Academy**. June 27 was Induction Day, the beginning of Plebe Summer and the first day of over a thousand new midshipmen's four-year stint.

The first of several tours each day begins at 10 a.m., lasts an hour and a half, and includes the dorms, the Yard, Memorial Hall, Chapel and Crypt of John Paul Jones. Afterward spend time in the Academy's museum viewing memorabilia, models of naval warships, dating back to sails and schooners, weapons, uniforms, paintings, and scenes and maps from famous battles.

Before leaving the grounds, take in the Academy's formidable buildings—some over 170 years old. You'll notice the campus's verdigris dome, currently wrapped in scaffolding but in a few years it will transform into a shining copper landmark.

Next, maybe something lighter. Perhaps a concert? Every Thursday night through mid-August, there's music—from blues to funk to rock to island rhythms. All free and part of the **Tides & Tunes** series.

Until then, wander downtown and browse the shops and galleries. There are about 20 galleries: the **McBride Gallery**,

Whitehall Gallery, **Annapolis Marine Art Gallery** and others. You can just roam.

And then end up at the City Dock. A late afternoon drink and some apps at the **Federal House Bar** is a wonderful way to wind down.

ON THE WATER

The best way to enjoy Annapolis is to get out on the water. For fun, board a 74-foot schooner, one of the **Woodwinds**, sailing about four times each day for two-hour cruises on the Chesapeake Bay.

Another option out of the City Dock, is the **Harbor Queen**, which leaves every hour and takes you (with 50 to 100 passengers) on a narrated cruise around the harbor. For a more intimate tour, join the **Miss Anne** on a slightly different route. Either way, prices are reasonable: about \$17 for adults and \$6 for kids.

If you're less interested in company, and can captain your own boat, you can charter, bareboat or crewed. Alas, that's a whole 'nuther story, and a lot more costly.

Between the **Harbor Queen** and chartering, there are more options. **South River Boat Rental** offers half-day rentals of sailboats and motorboats, while **Dream Yacht Charter** has catamarans and monohulls, some with AC! For something more modest, choose a kayak, canoe, raft or stand up paddleboarding (SUP, it's a thing). Try **Capital SUP** or **Annapolis Canoe and Kayak**.

And, if you don't want to be in command, you can take a water taxi—only \$3 to \$8. Tell the driver to take his time.

TOUR OF THE STATE HOUSE

There's a second dome in Annapolis, atop the oldest state capitol in continuous legislative use. For several years, the **State House** served as the nation's capitol. The Continental Congress met there. George Washington resigned his commission there. The Treaty of Paris, officially ending the Revolutionary War, was ratified there.

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A block away is **St. John's College** campus. Claiming to be the oldest college in the nation, St. John's is known for its distinctive Great Books curriculum.

This neighborhood is also home to many historical houses, too numerous to list. If you choose just one, try the **William Paca Garden & House**. A signer of the Declaration of Independence, Paca lived in a home that now occupies two acres of terraced native gardens.

LAST LOOK

On the first Sunday in July, there's one more thing on your must-do list: the **First Sunday Arts Festival**, held May through December. The event is booming, with well over 130 vendors and performers offering jewelry, paintings, sculpture, music, magic, dance ...

Then, sadly, the long weekend is over—time to say good-bye to Annapolis. Maybe you'll choose the longer way home, over the Bay Bridge and up the Eastern Shore, vowing

to be back in something less than 20 years. Maybe for the **Crab Feast** on August 2? Bushels of crabs, cobs of corn, gallons of crab soup Yeah, you'll be back.

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INCREASINGLY, ADULTS ARE FINDING THAT MICKEY'S WORLD HAS GREAT APPEAL.

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Yes, Disney has been tweaking attractions at its parks to entice adult visitors, with the theme "Enchantment for All Ages." Almost a third of the packages booked with Disney specialist Alicia Osborne of Magic Moments Vacations are adults-only groups. "It's a vacation destination for all ages," says Osborne, "with special options like VIP tours, Keys to the Kingdom Tours, Backstage Tours and more."

Savvy adults will opt for benefits like Disney After Hours for late night fun with a different vibe when exhausted families have left. Experienced Disney travel specialists—like Osborne and College of Disney Knowledge grad, Brenda Gilbert of Connoisseur Travel—can help you customize your experience.

If that weren't enough reason to consider a Disney destination, there's the new *Star Wars* attraction opening in late August this year!

ATTRACTIONS

Many of the classic Disney rides hold plenty of appeal for adults. Just check the Internet to find "Top 10 Disney World Attractions for Adults" and "11 Rides for Adults at Disney World." Space Mountain, Tower of Terror and Rock 'n' Roller Coaster starring Aerosmith are always top picks.

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The Avatar Flight of Passage is a top recommendation from Gilbert. "You take a 3D ride on a banshee through Pandora," says Gilbert. Epcot's Soaring Around the World is another popular multi-sensory experience, she adds.

So, there are more than the educational displays at Epcot and behind-the-scenes tours to keep adults coming back to this magical place where everyone can be a kid again.

EATING AND DRINKING

Those who think all food will be in the shape of Mickey's head (ice cream, pretzels, waffles are), have princess sprinkles, be kid-friendly fast food, or at the high end, be served at Cinderella's Royal Table, think again. "It's not just buffets and meals with costumed characters," says Osborne.



Avatar Flight of Passage



Drinking Around the World

Plus the park is far from dry. The Drinking Around the World tour through Epcot is a popular adults-only adventure with stops at each of the 11 country pavilions—from beer at Canada to margaritas at Mexico. Conquer the world one drink at a time, advises a t-shirt.

Epcot also has internationally themed restaurants to sample. Try Monsieur Paul's, a small, romantic and pricey spot, Le Cellier Steakhouse in the Canadian Pavilion, or wander and graze globally.

More upscale restaurants are found at the resort hotels. The Grand Floridian Resort's Victoria and Albert tops many lists and even bars kids under 10 as evidence of serious adult fine dining. The menu is changing and exotic (bison, octopus, etc.) and the ambiance described as "swanky."

The Animal Kingdom Lodge's Jiko—The Cooking Place features cuisine from the continent of Africa. And the Contemporary Resort's California Grill also gets high marks for great food and spectacular views, including evening fireworks.

DISNEY SPRINGS

For those who haven't been to Disney World recently, the shopping, dining and entertainment development known as Disney Springs (formerly Downtown Disney) is a revelation. It's open until 2 a.m. and caters to adults.

Dining includes choices such as Morimoto Asian, Raglan Road for Irish fare, and Wine



Disney Springs



Food and Wine Festival

Bar George for, well, wine and charcuterie. Or catch some music with your food at House of Blues or other venues for live entertainment.

No outlets here. Shoppers can browse from Anthropologie to UGG, with Kate Spade, Lacoste, Sephora and plenty of Disney merch mixed in between.

FESTIVALS AND MORE

There's never a dull season at Disney World because so many festivals fill the calendar. From the Festival of the Arts in January, to spring's Flower and Garden Festival and popular Food and Wine Festival running from late August to pre-Thanksgiving, there are even more reasons to head to Disney World.

For other amenities, visit the Grand Floridian Resort, home to Senses Spa—a full service spa, health club and salon perfect for indulging. Forego the Disney manicure and opt for aromatherapy massage and a cocoa enzyme facial.

Sports fans may prefer hitting the links at one of several nearby golf courses or joining a Run Disney event with races through the parks or a full-fledged marathon. And of course you can run in costume! World marathon weekend is January 8 to 12, 2020, followed by the Princess half-marathon in February.

Armchair athletes may prefer heading to the ESPN Wide World of Sports complex, where 220 acres host amateur and professional sports events throughout the year.

Whew!

A FEW WORDS ON PLANNING

If all these choices sound daunting, you'll find a wealth of articles online as guides. Or opt for Disney-trained specialists—like Osborne and Gilbert—to help you navigate the latest developments and newest technology.

They'll share the benefits of using a travel agent if you book a Disney property for your stay—you don't pay the commission, Disney does. Yet you get as much or as little help as you want from them.

The pros will explain Fast Pass+ (to avoid the long ride lines at 3 rides per day), Magic Bands (combo credit card, Fast Pass, hotel key), My Disney Experience app (yes, there's an app) and the reason to plan seven months in advance (ask them). They'll also suggest features like the Memory Maker package, so you can enjoy the experience rather than being glued to your iPhone for photos.

After all, "It's a place to make happy memories," sums up Gilbert. And everyone needs more of those. ♦



Festival of the Arts



Flower and Garden Festival



Welcome to
COUNTY LINES
COUNTRY

Each year, it's great fun for us to revisit local sights—to find out what's changed and what's new. It's our pleasure to share our favorites from that research, and we hope you enjoy exploring local attractions as much as we do.

So whether you're a visitor, new neighbor or longtime resident, we hope you discover new places for fun in our area. Let us know what we missed so we can add new places next year.

— **ENJOY!**

DAY TRIPS AND OUTINGS

There's really no better place to start any guide to great day trips than with the three most popular local attractions—Longwood Gardens, Brandywine River Museum of Art, and Winterthur Museum, Garden and Library. People travel from around the world to visit them, so let's start there. Then we'll take you to other sights worth a quick stop or a leisurely tour.

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ANNUAL TIP: Planning to visit more than a few sights this summer? Then seriously consider this tip. The Brandywine Treasure Trail Passport admits you to 12 major sights for a flat fee (\$45/adults, \$95/families). VisitWilmingtonDe.com/Passport.



TIP: Watch for families in canoes and inner tubes floating along the Brandywine River during your visit. They may inspire you with another idea for summer fun.

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TOP THREE MUST-SEES

Longwood Gardens

First-time visitors may want to start with a guided tour of what's been called a "National Wonder" and one of "50 Places of a Lifetime." Pick the "Longwood Story Tour" for the Spark Notes overview to this 1,083-acre legacy of founder Pierre S. du Pont that attracts about a million-plus annual visitors. Then freestyle your way through the many gardens, fountains, entertainment options and more.

Summer is the best time to enjoy the Main Fountains at **Longwood Gardens**, especially during the "Festival of Fountains," the daily fountain shows featuring 1,719 jets of water. Catch the live music and special events with dancing fountains, light shows and five nights of fireworks (July 3 & 20, Aug. 10, Sept. 1 & 28). Fountain shows continue through September 29.

Garden fans can check the website link for "What's In Bloom" or enjoy wandering among the huge fanciful topiaries, formal gardens, conservatories and wooded walks.

For entertainment options—with 400 performances a year—choose from family-friendly shows and local talent, like the Brandywiners performing *The Producers*, July 25–27 and August 1–3. Classical music fans may choose The Philadelphia Orchestra's American composers and Beethoven concert on July 2.

Pack a picnic or enjoy the café, restaurant or beer garden on site. *Open daily. Rts. 1 & 52, Kennett Square. LongwoodGardens.org.*



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Brandywine River Museum of Art

Discover the intersection of art and nature at the **Brandywine River Museum of Art** on the banks of the scenic Brandywine River. Extensive native plant gardens—studded with sculptures including a bronze pig—surround the converted 19th-century mill housing the museum. This is home to works by three generations of Wyeths—N.C., Andrew, Jamie—plus regional art, American landscapes, still-life paintings and illustrations.

You're in luck because this summer's special exhibit highlights 70 paintings and drawings by N.C. Wyeth in an in-depth

examination of the entirety of his work. See "N. C. Wyeth: New Perspectives" from June 22 through September 15. While you're there, make sure to check out the permanent exhibits.

The site is also home to the Brandywine Conservancy, which conserves and protects the land, water, natural and cultural resources of the region, along with hosting events like the July 13 Tip-A-Canoe and Barbecue, Too outing, July 24 Summer Garden Walk and September 28 Bike the Brandywine ride. *Open daily, Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. BrandywineMuseum.org.*

Winterthur Museum

Just over the Delaware state line is the final stop for the Big 3. **Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library** is home to a world-class collection of American decorative arts displayed in a stunning mansion set in a 1,000-acre park, once the home of a different du Pont, Henry F. Superlatives apply on every level!

You've likely heard about this year's major attraction, "Costuming The Crown," featuring 40 costumes from the award-winning Netflix drama—through January 5, 2020. Imagine yourself wearing a royal gown and tiara ...

Stretch your legs and tour the gardens to visit 13 amazing architectural follies—a tower, a tent, a faerie cottage and more fanciful structures dot the landscape. On view until January 5.

For the kiddos, there's the Enchanted Woods, a three-acre fairytale style garden, plus hands-on crafts and games on Terrific Tuesdays in July and August. You'll also find summer events including live music, a farm stand and scenic tram tours. *Open Tues.–Sun. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur, DE. Winterthur.org.*

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EXPLORE CHESTER COUNTY

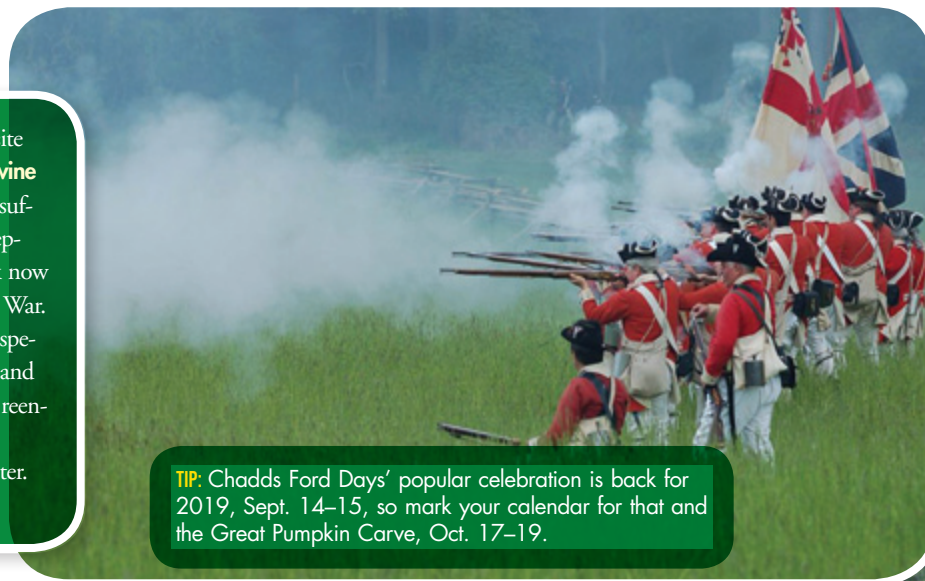
CHESTER COUNTY IS YOUR DESTINATION FOR HISTORY, SPECIAL-interest museums and charming towns. Here are a few of our favorites.

Brandywine Battlefield State Park

This may well be the fourth most important stop on any tour—site of one of the most famous battles in American history. **Brandywine Battlefield State Park** is where General Washington and his troops suffered a crushing defeat at the hands of British General Howe on September 11, 1777. Rolling hills and lush scenery in the 52-acre park now disguise the site of one of the deadliest battles of the Revolutionary War.

At this pastoral park, visitors come to pay homage and to enjoy special events like raspberry picking on Wineberry Days through July and August, and Remembrance Day on September 11, with costumed reenactments and ringing of the 9/11 bells.

Find a picnic spot or catch a 20-minute film at the Visitors Center. *Open Tues.–Sun. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. BrandywineBattlefield.org.*



TIP: Chadds Ford Days' popular celebration is back for 2019, Sept. 14–15, so mark your calendar for that and the Great Pumpkin Carve, Oct. 17–19.

Chadds Ford & Kennett Square

Chadds Ford celebrates our local and national roots in several Colonial-period restorations. Visit the fieldstone barn (now museum and **Chadds Ford Historical Society** headquarters) plus two 18th-century restorations at the **John Chads House** and the **Barns-Brinton House**, at 1736 N. Creek Rd., *ChaddsFordHistory.org*.

A newer site, **The William Brinton 1704 House and Historic Site**, was restored by local architect John Milner and immerses you in early Colonial times. See authentic period furnishings and learn about our area's Quaker history, by-gone lifestyle and genealogy through tours, guides and games. Tours on weekends, 1 to 5, through Oct. 21 Oakland Rd., *Chadds Ford. BrintonFamily.org*.

Learn about Chester County's role in Civil War history at the **Kennett Square Underground Railroad Center**, highlighting our area's historical abolitionists and freedom-seekers. Family-friendly guided bus tours visit documented Underground Railroad sites, historic homes and Quaker meetinghouses on July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15 & Oct. 20. Private tours and self-guided driving tours are also available. *KennettUndergroundRR.org*.

One more stop takes you to the **Christian Sanderson Museum**, a unique eight-room house full of idiosyncratic artifacts from 200 years of one man's life in Chadds Ford and a special view of our nation's history. Amaze your friends with tidbits you learned at this stop. *1755 Creek Rd. SandersonMuseum.org*.

TIP: Nearby Kennett Square's main street is lined with wonderful restaurants—La Verona, Verbena and the famous Talulah's Table—along with a growing number of craft beer breweries—Braeloch, Kennett and Victory breweries—and a fun beer garden at The Creamery. Try axe throwing at Chop Shop! *401 Birch St. KennettCreamery.com*.



Chester County Historical Society

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 18th Amendment at “Nothing to See Here: Prohibition in Chester County,” on view at the **Chester County Historical Society**, a repository of 300 years of local history and a great place to trace family roots at a genealogy workshop (The Genealogist's Toolkit on Sept. 14). *Open Tues.–Sat. 225 N. High St., West Chester. ChesterCoHistorical.org.*



TIP: West Chester is charming enough to be a destination unto itself. This Great American Main Street Award-winning town mixes dining at 60+ restaurants (including James Beard Award semi-finalist Andiarlo) with a lively arts scene and boutique shopping. Check out “Art, Artists & Galleries in West Chester” at *CountyLinesMagazine.com*. And its events calendar is full all year!

Colonial Plantation at Ridley Park

Technically in Delaware County, this authentic living history site is worth the trip. See what farm life was like in late 18th century on the 112-acre park, complete with animal pastures, farmhouse, blacksmith forge, weaving demonstrations, animal barn, orchard and more.

On July 4–7, bring a picnic and join the **Independence Day Celebrations**. Hear readings of the Declaration of Independence, write your own declaration with a quill pen, and watch the burning of King George. July 19 is **Soaring at Sunset**, a fundraiser celebrating America's first hot air balloonist, Peter Carnes. Enjoy live bands, tethered hot air balloon rides, food trucks, beer and wine vendors.

Public tours Sat. & Sun. through Nov. 24. 3900 N. Sandy Flash Dr., Newtown Square. ColonialPlantation.org.



Blobfest in Phoenixville

For 20 years, **Phoenixville's Colonial Theatre** has celebrated the iconic 1958 film “The Blob,” starring Steve McQueen, at a weekend of '50s film nostalgia, sci-fi and kitsch. Come for Friday night's reenactment of the “running out of the theater” scene, followed by the Blob Ball. On Saturday, there's a Streetfair with plenty of fun stuff to do and see. Join the mob for “The Blob,” July 12–14, and search for other locations where scenes were shot in Chester Springs, Downingtown and Royersford. (Hint: One place is a diner.)

TIP: While in Phoenixville, visit one of the many, many breweries, distilleries and great restaurants. Fun fact: the downtown has more breweries per square foot than anywhere else in the country, and the town ranks tenth for total number of breweries!



NEXT UP IS DELAWARE, the smallest and “First State” (first to ratify the Constitution). Our first stop is its largest city—Wilmington. With cultural attractions, an Art Loop, fun Riverfront, plus restaurants, brewpubs, theater row and tax-free shopping, it’s a top tourist destination.



Summer Events Galore

Wilmington’s summer calendar is packed with events and fun for the whole family. Head for the annual People’s Festival tribute to Bob Marley, July 20, and the Delaware Burger Battle, August 24. *Find more things to do in our annual summer preview, “In The Good Ole Summer-time” at [CountyLinesMagazine.com](#).*

The Theater Scene

Theater lovers have plenty of entertainment options, too—**The Grand Opera House**, **The Queen Wilmington**, **The Playhouse on Rodney Square**, **Delaware Theatre Company**, **Delaware Shakespeare**. Check websites for performances. Concerts and live acts keep going through the summer.



TIP: Check out DE.CO—eight unique restaurant stalls and atrium bar set in the historic, art deco DuPont Building downtown. “A launch pad for chefs, a haven for eaters.” [DecoWilmington.com](#).

Museums for Every Taste

Yes, there’s Winterthur, but the **Delaware Art Museum** is another must-see. Browse the world-class permanent collections—Pre-Raphaelites to contemporary pieces—and enjoy the sculpture garden and labyrinth on the grounds. Summer exhibits include “The Loper Tradition: Paintings by Edward Loper, Sr. and Edward Loper Jr.,” through Aug. 4, and “Relational Undercurrents: Contemporary Art of the Caribbean Archipelago” through Sept. 8. *Open Wed.–Sun. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy. [DelArt.org](#).*

Along the Riverfront (more on that later) museum lovers can visit **The Delaware Contemporary**, 200 S. Madison St. [DEContemporary.org](#), and **The Delaware Children’s Museum**, 550 Justison St. [DelawareChildrens-Museum.org](#), while nature lovers may opt for **DuPont Environmental Education Center** on the 212-acre Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge, home to bald eagles, dragonflies, turtles and more wildlife. 1400 Delmarva Ln. [DuPontEEC.org](#).



Riverfront Wilmington

The Riverfront is a prime destination, especially in summer. Strolling, dining, drinking—all with a view of the Christina River. Along the 1.3-mile Riverwalk you’ll find upscale and casual restaurants—seafood and not—plus plenty of patios for sipping drinks with umbrellas or not. Play mini-golf, catch the **River Taxi**, tour the tall ship **Kalmar Nyckel**, check out the options on the **Riverboat Queen**, or kick back at **Constitution Yards** beer garden for a brew and round of corn hole, giant jenga or axe throwing at the new **Wilmo Axes**.



TIP: Mix sports and museums at the Delaware Sports Museum and Hall of Fame in Frawley Stadium to see major sports figures from and beloved in Delaware. [DeSports.org](#).



Sports

Sports fans will enjoy a trip to the **Daniel S. Frawley Stadium**, home to the **Wilmington Blue Rocks**, a top minor league baseball club with a full schedule of games this summer. Check website for schedule and special theme nights—Dog Days, Wet Your Whistle Wednesdays and more. 801 Shipyard Dr. [BlueRocks.com/Stadium](#); [DESports.org](#).

The newest addition to the sports scene is the **76ers’ Fieldhouse**, a 2500-seat arena and sports complex that’s home to the **Delaware Blue Coats**, an NBA G-League pro basketball team and affiliate of the Philadelphia 76ers. The Blue Coats finished the season with a win (though 21-29 overall) in late March. Be on the lookout for them next year, along with their mascot, Coaty. 401 Garasches La. [Bluecoats.GLeague.NBA.com](#).

Family Fun

Discover another view of the natural world at the **Delaware Museum of Natural History** and observe science in action. See the state’s only permanent dinosaur collection and the second largest birds eggs collection in North America. Summer’s special exhibit, “Wicked Plants: The Exhibit,” gives visitors a safe, hands-on experience with some of the world’s most dangerous botanicals. Through Sept. 2. *Open Mon.–Sun. Rt. 52, S. of Centreville, DE. [DelMNH.org](#).*

More accessible than the 42-acre Philadelphia Zoo, the 13 acres of the **Brandywine Zoo** are set in lovely Brandywine Park. Enjoy Thursday storytimes, periodic animal shows, breakfasts with the zoo keepers and a Parrot Party on July 11. *Daily 10 to 4. 1001 N. Park Dr. [BrandywineZoo.org](#).*

For a little history and a lot of fun for kids of all ages, take a ride on the **Wilmington & Western Railroad** on ten miles of tracks through beautiful scenery. Choose the Mt. Cuba Express (1½ hour roundtrip) or the Hockessin Flyer (2½ hour roundtrip) to see the sights and spend quality family time together. Better yet, book passage on the Fireworks Express on July 4. Themed excursions throughout the year—autumn leaves, Father’s Day and the Princess Express. 2201 Newport Gap Pk. [WWRR.com](#).



TOUR LANCASTER COUNTY

HEAD WEST TO LANCASTER COUNTY, WHICH MANY think of first as the home to America's oldest Amish settlement. With miles of rolling hills and lush farms, this is a great place to slow down and take in the countryside.

But there's so much more there—a bustling city, historic sites, great shopping, charming towns and new sights cropping up every year. With so much to do, Lancaster should be on your list of summer plans. Learn more about attractions at DiscoverLancaster.com.



Shopping

Shopaholics will love Lancaster's wide variety. Find locally grown food and Amish crafts like quilts, potholders and pillows at **Central Market**, the oldest, continuously running public farmers' market in the country.

Antiques lovers should visit **Adamstown**, known as the Antiques Capital of the U.S., to find over 5,000 antiques dealers. Stop by the 15,500-square-foot **272 Antiques Mall** for over 160 booths selling toys, signs, furniture and plenty more.

You'll find top name brands and luxury items at **Tanger Outlets** and **Rockvale Outlets**. While at Rockvale, eat at one of their seven restaurants, enjoy a wine tasting at Nissley Vineyards' Tasting Room and take a break at the new Park and Virtual Reality Arcade to play EscapeVR: The Basement, a virtual reality escape room.



Lancaster City

A great place to start is Lancaster's only city, with its active arts scene, varied museums, eclectic dining and much more. Learn about the city that was the capital of the U.S. for one day on a **Historic Lancaster Walking Tour**, or visit **Wheatland Estate**, home of Pennsylvania's only U.S. President, James Buchanan.

For your budding scientist, stop at the **Lancaster Science Factory** for an interactive experience. Check out their new expansion, which includes a maker space classroom where you can take a woodworking workshop or build a robot!

A trip to the city isn't complete without enjoying local performing and visual arts. Catch *Mamma Mia!* at the historic **Fulton Theatre** or go on a musical journey with Ovation—An AMT Pops Orchestra Experience at the **American Music Theatre**. On **First Fridays**, browse **Gallery Row** for live music, pop-up shops, happy hours and more.

Trains & More Trains

All aboard to check out all the railroad-related attractions in Strasburg! Visit the 2000-square-foot **Strasburg Train Shop**, or stop next door at **Choo Choo Barn**, a hand-crafted toy train exhibit with over 150 animated figures and 22 operating trains.

Strasburg is also home to the **Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania**, housing one of the world's most significant collections of historic railroad artifacts. See the new exhibits, including TrainWorks, hands-on areas, and a new film in Steinman Station.

Follow up with a stop at the **Strasburg Railroad** to ride a coal-burning steam train. Meet Thomas the Tank Engine when he rolls into town! During these "Days Out with Thomas," ride with Thomas and enjoy Thomas-related fun. He's back in town Sept. 14–22.

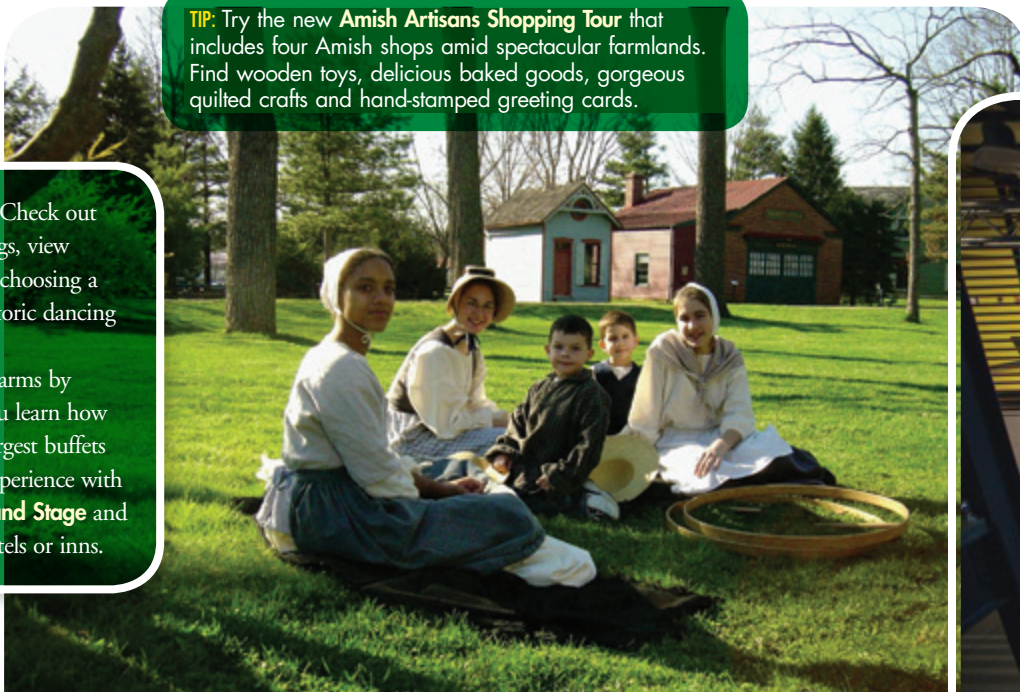
Finish your visit in neighboring Ronks at the **Toy Train Museum and Library**, one of the most extensive toy train collections in the world with trains dating back to the mid-1800s to present day.



Farms & Tours

If it's a farm experience you crave, Lancaster has a bounty crop. Check out **Landis Valley Village & Farm Museum** to tour historic buildings, view exhibits and watch live demonstrations. Customize your tour by choosing a specific time period or theme, and by adding activities, like a historic dancing workshop or basic PA Dutch language lessons.

For sightseeing, take a horse-drawn carriage tour at Chateau Farms by Shady Maple Smorgasbord. Take in breathtaking views while you learn how Shady Maple transformed from a roadside stand to one of the largest buffets in the U.S., with a 200-foot buffet line! Or get the full Amish experience with a visit to Bird-in-Hand. Get dinner and a show at the **Bird-in-Hand Stage** and take a tour of Amish farmlands when you stay at one of their hotels or inns.



TIP: Try the new **Amish Artisans Shopping Tour** that includes four Amish shops amid spectacular farmlands. Find wooden toys, delicious baked goods, gorgeous quilted crafts and hand-stamped greeting cards.

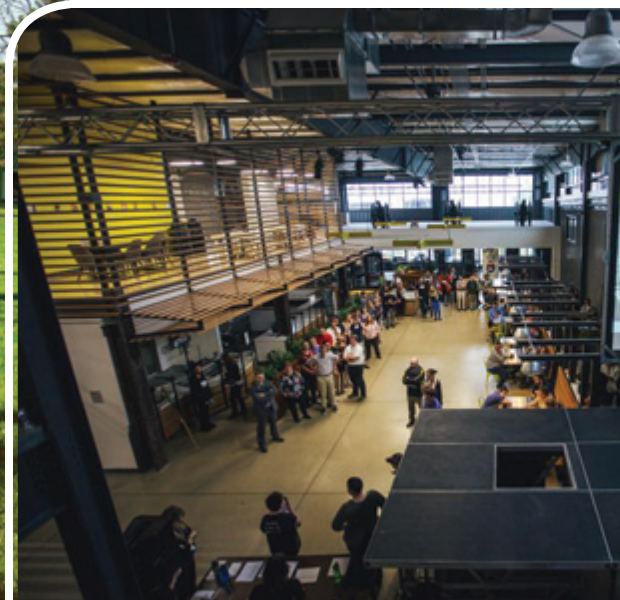
More Towns to Tour

Head north to a National Historic Landmark, the **Ephrata Cloister**. Take a guided tour of the restored 18th-century cloister grounds and structures of the religious communal society, the German Seventh Day Baptists.

Dubbed America's Coolest Small Town, **Lititz** is a top town worth touring. Enjoy fireworks at their signature event, the 202nd Continuous 4th of July Celebration, at Lititz Springs Park. Or roll and knead your own pretzels at **Sturgis Pretzel Bakery**, and sample the famed Wilbur Buds at the **Wilbur Chocolate Factory**. Check out **The Wilbur Lititz, Tapestry by Hilton**, a new boutique hotel located in the Wilbur Chocolate Factory, opening in September with a bistro restaurant and nearby shopping.

Our final recommendation is the new and still-expanding **Rock Lititz**, a one-of-a-kind production community sprawling over a 96-acre campus. Stay at the **Hotel Rock Lititz**, sporting a rock-climbing wall plus a brewery, bike shop, yoga studio, candy store and more at the Rock Lititz campus.

A great end to a relaxing Lancaster getaway.



HEAD FOR CECIL COUNTY

WITH MARYLAND A TOP SUMMER DESTINATION, OUR SOUTHERN NEIGHBOR, CECIL COUNTY is an easy day trip or getaway. Visit the historic towns, parks with miles of trails, specialty and antique shops, and cozy inns and B&Bs. Mark your calendar for great events like the Cecil **County Fair**, July 19–27, attracting over 70,000 visitors to see 4H exhibits, tractor and truck pulls, a demolition derby, rodeo, midway rides and plenty of food. *See SeeCecil.org*

Top of the Chesapeake Bay

Cecil County is where you can explore five rivers, the Chesapeake Bay and the **C&D Canal** by boat or by land. Enjoy the best of summer and outdoor fun as you hike, bike, camp, bird watch, horseback ride or drop a fishing line.

Outdoor enthusiasts will find too many choices for a short weekend visit. Grab a copy of the **Nature Guide** from the tourism office, then choose your pick of the many state parks and forests, each with nature trails, wildlife and attractions from arboretums to winery tasting rooms.

Visit with the animals at the country zoo, stroll the grounds of an herb farm, pick fresh fruit at an orchard, or hike out to **Turkey Point Lighthouse** and marvel at the breathtaking view. You'll find lots of options for outdoor fun.



Equestrian Country

Fair Hill is a perfect destination for enjoying prime equestrian country. Come to watch world-class events—the **85th Fair Hill Races** were held in late May, while the **3-Day International Eventing Competition** is scheduled for October 17–20 this year. Or participate, in a leisurely way, by reserving your outing with **Fairwinds Farm & Stables** for a trail ride, pony ride, carriage ride or hayride through the rolling hill country.

You'll also find over 5,000-acres of natural beauty at **Fair Hill Natural Resource Management Area**, a former du Pont property known for beautiful meadows, lush woodlands and historic sites.



Charming Towns

Explore the Victorian historic district of **South Chesapeake City**, where waterfront dining and shopping are top attractions, along with sightings of ships passing through the C&D Canal bridge. Or capture the essence of Main Street USA on a shopping trip to **North East** for that antique or collectible treasure you've been hunting for. The tiny village of **Port Deposit** on the banks of the Susquehanna—listed in its entirety on the National Historic Register—is another gem in Cecil County worth a stop or a leisurely visit.

For some 21st-century fun, shop till you drop at **Prime Outlets at Perryville**, where you'll also find **Hollywood Casino**.

Wherever you go, remember to catch a sunset view before heading home.



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SAMPLE MARYLAND'S EASTERN SHORE

THE FULL CHESAPEAKE EXPERIENCE REQUIRES A VISIT TO THE EASTERN SHORE—THAT'S THE EASTERN shore of the Chesapeake Bay—about two hours from Chester County. We recommend Kent County, where the coastline varies from historic waterfront towns dotted with marinas to stretches of rolling farmlands, home to local wineries. Kent County is a haven for fishing and boating fans, cyclists, birders and nature lovers. Festival lovers and foodies will also find plenty to pique their interests, including opportunities to sample the obligatory Maryland crab dishes.

Here are some must-see destinations, with more choices at *Kent County Tourism Office, KentCounty.com*.

Chestertown

The County's largest town, **Chestertown**, is a well-kept historic treasure on the scenic Chester River. Take a self-guided audio tour of the historic waterfront or a walking tour along red-brick sidewalks past the second largest collection of 18th-century structures in Maryland, which earned the town the National Trust's award, "Dozen Distinctive Destinations." Visit your pick of historic buildings but be sure to include **Washington College's** historic campus—one of the ten oldest liberal arts colleges in the country and one with links to George.

See what's playing at the **Princes Theatre**, shop at the **Saturday Farmers' and Artisans' Market**, and catch special events on **First Fridays** in a town that's a designated Arts and Entertainment District. *More at Chestertown.com*.



Rock Hall & More

For July 4th, look for the fireworks at **Rock Hall**, a fishing village—aka the "Pearl of the Chesapeake"—between the Chesapeake Bay and Chester River. This sailing, boating and tourist destination was named a best small town to visit by "Southern Living Magazine," with enough distinctive B&Bs, inns, seafood restaurants and unique shops to prove it.

Another charming town, **Georgetown** is where a local heroine stood up to the British during the War of 1812. A restaurant and historic inn—named after **Kitty Knight**—serves up Maryland crab soup and delectable crab cakes along with views from the Sunset Deck.

Galena lures visitors inland with all-you-can-eat breakfasts, ham and oyster suppers, and antiques.

Betterton beach is ideal for swimming and family picnics, while quiet coves along the peninsula are perfect for fishing, canoeing and kayaking.



Nature Lovers

Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge is a top spot for wildlife, waterfowl, birding and fantastic observation decks and walking trails, plus the **Butterfly Observation Deck** with panoramic views of Chesapeake Bay. 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*.



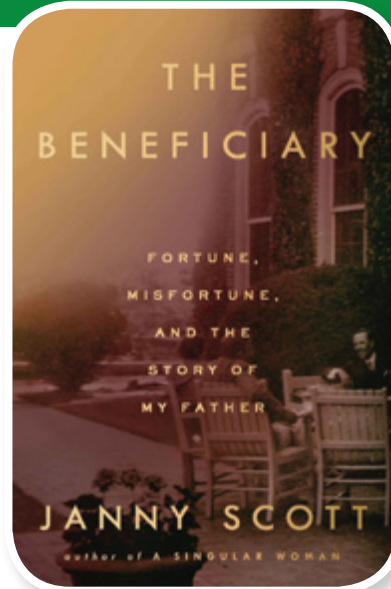
PHILADELPHIA'S MAIN LINE, AS IT WAS ONCE known, refers to the string of about 20 suburban towns running along Lancaster Avenue (aka Route 30) to the west of the city. Encompassing parts of Montgomery, Delaware and Chester Counties, these 20 square miles are best known for their lush and affluent neighborhoods of old money, great shopping, fine dining and outstanding schools and universities,

along with some of the county's wealthiest and best educated zip codes (Gladwyne and Devon). You may have heard the name Main Line has historical ties to the 19th-century Pennsylvania Railroad line connecting Philadelphia to the country estates in the western suburbs, defining the area geographically. Today SEPTA's Paoli/Thorn-dale line continues to run along these distinctive towns.

Most years we recommend roaming leafy lanes to glimpse the glorious Main Line mansions (no McMansions here). Drive mostly north of Lancaster Ave. through neighborhoods with charming signs for Rose, Laurel and Mulberry Lanes and a road that crosses a stream—that's Old Gulph Road at Williamson Road.

For an armchair tour of the old Main Line, read "The Beneficiary" by Janny Scott, descendent of Hope Montgomery Scott, the inspiration for the film "The Philadelphia Story." Get an insider's view from a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist. It's the book of the summer.

Back on Lancaster Ave., you'll find wonderful local shopping and dining options. For recommendations, see our "Best of the Best" dining coverage along with our guide "Slipping Out: From Horses to Flowers, Beer, Music and Comedy" at CountyLinesMagazine.com.



Gardens Galore

Amid the well-manicured grounds of private residences, the Main Line boasts several world-class public gardens. Though smaller than Longwood, each has a special character worth a visit.

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 extraordinary collection of native plants, as well as Merion's **Barnes Foundation Arboretum** with specimen and rare plants. ChanticleerGarden.org; JenkinsArboretum.org; Barnes-Foundation.org/Visit/Merion.

The newest public garden is a former Villanova mansion, now **Stoneleigh: A Natural Garden**. Under the stewardship of Natural Lands, Stoneleigh's 42 acres showcase native plants in a serene setting open to the public. StoneleighGarden.org.



History, Too

For some history, visit **Paoli Battlefield Park**, located in what's now Malvern (the battle was named after a nearby tavern). This 44-acre site is the most pristine Revolutionary War battlefield in the country, preserved for over 230 years. Known as the Paoli Massacre, this is where Washington's army, under the command of General Anthony Wayne, was routed in a surprise attack on September 20, 1777. The brutality of the British led the Colonial troops to swear vengeance, with the cry "Remember Paoli!" Info on lectures, re-enactments, monuments and more at PBBFinc.org.



The Nest Big Thing

Nearby in Montgomery County, the new \$13-million, 18,000-square-foot **John James Audubon Center Museum** offers art, conservation and education for all ages. Immerse yourself in the world of birds through interactive exhibits, modern technology and historic artifacts. Learn why not all eggs are shaped the same, how birds' wings work and trace migration patterns on flyway maps. *At Mill Grove in Audubon, JohnJamesAudubon.org.*

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Trails on Tap

Philly's popular "Parks on Tap" series is bringing a mobile beer garden to riverside locations in our area this summer. For six weeks, the pop-up beer garden "**Trails on Tap**" will travel to Pottstown Riverfront Park, Valley Forge National Historical Park, Royersford Riverfront Park and Norristown Riverfront Park. Enjoy food, drink and natural green space at these locations near the **Schuylkill River Trail** and alongside the **Schuylkill River**. The beer garden will be a festive outdoor space featuring lighting, comfortable chairs, hammocks and restrooms. *For dates, menus and details, TrailsOnTapPA.com.*

Visit Valley Forge

Nature is mixed with history and 75 miles of interconnected trails in **Valley Forge National Park**, including 20 miles, 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.

Valley Forge has a singular place in American Revolutionary history, and so this park preserves the heroic story of George Washington and his beleaguered Continental Army during the 1777-78 winter. Learn more on a ranger-led tour, walking tour following the footsteps of the soldiers who survived that terrible winter, a 90-minute trolley tour of park highlights, or a self-guided tour.

The Visitors Center offers maps, self-guided driving tours, podcasts and more. Park grounds are open year-round, dawn to dusk. Days and times vary by attraction. ValleyForge.org.



TIP: 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.

See "More Great Places for Outings" in this Guide starting on page 62, and check CountyLinesMagazine.com for the Best Local Events this month and every month.

Town Tours and Village Walks

Free summer strolls through historic neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and sites designed to inform, entertain and increase awareness of Chester County's rich heritage and historic landscape.

JULY 11 – Lionville c. 1712: A Tricentenary Story

At the time of its settlement, the area now known as Lionville was called "Uwchlan Meeting" or Red Lion due to the Quaker Meeting formed in 1712 and the Red Lion Inn.

JULY 18 – Regenerate, Reinvent, Recycle:

The Village of Yellow Springs, c. 1722

With nearly 300 years of documented history, this village was everything from a Lenape Indian site to a movie studio.

JULY 25 – Marshallton Village c. 1731:

Drovers & Patriots, Artisans & Farms

Join the tour of this nearly untouched village, named for botanist Humphry Marshall (1722-1801).

AUGUST 1 – Doe Run Village c. 1744:

Tomahawks, Mills, Foxhounds, Cowboys and Kings

Ride along on a bus tour to this village set in former King Ranch country that has been home to tomahawks, mills, foxhounds, cowboys and Kings.



AUGUST 8 – Malvern Borough c. 1889:

From Crossroads to Powerhouse

Join the Malvern Historical Commission on a short walk that spans over 100 years of history, from the Borough Hall to the 19th-century bank that houses the same bank today.

AUGUST 22 – Johnsontown in Downingtown c. 1875:

A Town Within A Town

After World War I, Italian immigrants dominated this area, creating an entire community unto itself, complete with churches, stores, butchers and entertainment.

AUGUST 29 – Brandywine Meadow Farm:

Home of Charles E. Mathers Brandywine

Hounds, c. 1901

Join the tour of this fascinating historic complex, located in the heart of the Brandywine Battlefield at the intersection of three townships.



Supper Lectures:

Held at Historic Yellow Springs, 1685 Art School Rd., Chester Springs. Advanced reservations required. \$20 includes the lecture, supper and refreshments.

AUGUST 15 – Armchair Tour of the Village of Sadsburyville

Located on Route 30 about five miles west of Coatesville, the settlement began as early as 1729, but didn't grow until 1794 when the first macadamized road in the country was laid through the settlement.

OCTOBER 10 – Armchair Tour of Historic Sugartown

The village, now protected under a historic district, remains largely untouched by modern development.

DECEMBER 12 – Beware the Belsnickel

Rich Pawling will bring his talents as an educator, living history reenactor and presenter to the final Town Tour Supper Lecture.

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OCEAN CITY 2.5 HRS

Want some family-friendly fun in the sun? Head to **Ocean City, MD** for 10 miles of free beaches (among TripAdvisor's Top 10) and a 3-mile-long boardwalk (voted a best by the Travel Channel) packed with rides, games, shops and food. Go swimming, surfing, fishing, kayaking and canoeing, and enjoy plenty of free family activities during the week—concerts, movies and Beach Olympics.

Or start the day with a morning bike ride on the **Ocean City Boardwalk**. Bring your own, or rent from one of the bike shops around town. And the boardwalk has lots of games and rides for the kiddos. Choose a thrilling ride on the roller coaster or slower-paced fun on one of the country's oldest continuously operating carousels. Be sure to check out **Jolly Roger**, a collection of five different amusement parks including a water park and miniature golf.

While you're there, sample some of Ocean City's shopping and dining. Embrace the local surf culture over at **K-Coast Surf Shop**, Maryland's largest surf shop. Then savor a dinner of spicy Maryland steamed crabs at one of the town's 200 restaurants.

They say the fun never ends at OCMD! OcOcean.com.

Maryland Getaways

Mercedes Thomas

From beach towns and breweries, to state parks and wild horses, neighboring Maryland has plenty to offer for your next family getaway!

NEW GUINNESS FACTORY 2 HRS

For a getaway with great beer and interesting history, head to Baltimore to check out the new-ish **Guinness Open Gate Brewery and Barrel House**. For over 250 years, Guinness has been one of the most famous beer brands of Ireland. Now their Baltimore brewery, on the site of an old distillery, is their first on American soil in over 65 years (after a brief stay in Long Island City, NY from 1949–1954).

The Baltimore brewery is one of only two **Guinness Experimental Tap Rooms** in the world—the other's based in Dublin. At these special tap-rooms, brewers have creative license to explore new recipes, reinterpret old ones and experiment freely to create new beers. Make sure to ask your bartender what's on tap from their barrel-aged beers and sample Guinness Blonde, their flagship beer. But don't worry, your favorite classic Guinness brews are also available on tap.

We suggest you take the one-hour tour with experienced guides to see the brewery and learn more about Guinness lore and heritage. Afterward, stick around for the tasting, where they always pour a perfect pint!

And if you're hungry, grab a bite at the **1817 Restaurant**—with a menu highlighting beer pairings for every dish. 5001 Washington Blvd., Halethorpe. GuinnessBreweryBaltimore.com.

ASSATEAGUE ISLAND 2.75 HRS

Roam 37 miles of pristine beaches on **Assateague Island** to catch a glimpse of its famous wild ponies. Just south of Ocean City, and running along the coast of Maryland and Virginia, Assateague has over 300 wild ponies that call the beaches, pine forest and salt marsh home. The ponies are used to seeing people—you may spot them walking along the side of the road, which makes photographing them much easier! A major event is the **Chincoteague Wild Pony Swim** in late July.

Stop at the **National Seashore Ranger Station** in Maryland for parking, ranger-guided programs, and more information about the island. Camp on the beach with your tent or trailer, or bring your bike and cycle through 4 miles of island habitat. And enjoy all the beach has to offer—swimming, surfing, clamming and shell collecting.

You can drive over the border to Chincoteague, VA to go on a wildlife cruise or kayak tour with **Assateague Explorer** to visit more remote areas of the island where many of the ponies live. You may just spot peregrine falcons, egrets, osprey and scores of marine-life!

In the Virginia part of Assateague, check out the **Assateague Lighthouse**. Built in 1833 and still operational, it's open to the public. Climb to the top for a stunning view of the island and beaches before you leave. AssateagueIsland.com.

DEEP CREEK LAKE 4.25 HRS

Explore nature at **Deep Creek Lake**—a hidden gem found in the far west corner of the state in Garrett County. Set by the mountains of western Maryland, Deep Creek has plenty of nature and adventure for summertime fun.

Along the lake's border, stop at the 1,800 acres of **Deep Creek Lake State Park** for hiking, camping, boating, fishing, biking and swimming. And for something educational for the kiddos, check out the park's **Discovery Center** or the **Heritage Mobile app**. Attend a campfire program, go on a talk and hike led by a park naturalist, and see displays like science stations, exhibits and an aviary, home to 10 non-releasable birds of prey.

Want to stay the weekend? Book an inn or resort along Deep Creek to extend the fun. **The Wisp Resort** is Maryland's only 4-season ski, golf and recreational resort, and great for your family vacation. Learn how to whitewater raft and kayak, see the treetops on the zip-line and get your adrenaline rush on the Mountain Coaster. And if you don't have July 4th plans, bring the family to Deep Creek for the **Fire on the Mountain Fireworks Display**, 9:30 p.m., set off from the Wisp Resort.

But Deep Creek Lake isn't just a summer destination! Go for a visit during the winter for sledding, snowboarding, skiing, snowmobiling and more! VisitDeepCreek.com. ♦

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More Great Places for Outings

PENNSYLVANIA

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 see 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.



Newtown Square

Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

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 **2nd Annual Connective Art & Music Festival** on Aug. 3. 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 **53rd Annual Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Festival**, Aug. 9-10, *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. NewCastleCity.Delaware.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. 7** for the **6th Annual Historic Odessa Brewfest** with craft beer, live music, great food, vendors and more. OdessaBrewfest.com, HistoricOdessa.org.



Wilmington

Delaware Park Casino. Home to live thoroughbred racing on the track and slot machines and table games, live entertainment and dining choices for all tastes. There is even a world-class 18-hole championship golf course at the White Clay Creek Country Club. 777 Delaware Park Blvd. DelawarePark.com.



Amusement Parks & Family Fun

PENNSYLVANIA

Bird-In-Hand

US Hot Air Balloon Team. Choose a shared or private ride at your favorite location, select an available date and time that works best for you, then enjoy an experience of a lifetime. 2727 Old Philadelphia Pk. USHotAirBalloon.com.

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

Boulder Falls Miniature Golf. A 19-hole mini golf course featuring a cascading waterfall with winding streams flowing into fountain ponds. The beautifully landscaped design provides relaxation and lots of fun. 1426 Marshallton Thorndale Rd. BoulderFallsMiniGolf.com.

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 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. DowningtownRockGym.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. UrbanAirTrampolinePark.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 of 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're looking for a whole weekend of fun, grab your sleeping bag and pitch 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 parents can enjoy Arnold's Bistro & Bar while they play. 2200 West Dr. ArnoldsFFC.com.

West Chester

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.



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West Chester Railroad. 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., 610-430-2233; West-ChesterRR.net.*

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.*

Wilmington & Western Railroad. See: “*Day Trips & Outings.*”

Selected Nature Centers, Parks and Public Gardens

PENNSYLVANIA

Audubon

John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove. See: “*Day Trips & Outings.*”

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. Morris-Arboretum.org.*



Coatesville

Hibernia County Park. The park consists of over 900 acres of trails, woodlands, meadows, open fields, play areas, pavilions, camping, picnic areas and popular fishing sites. *1 Park Rd. ChesCo.org/1743/Hibernia-Park.*

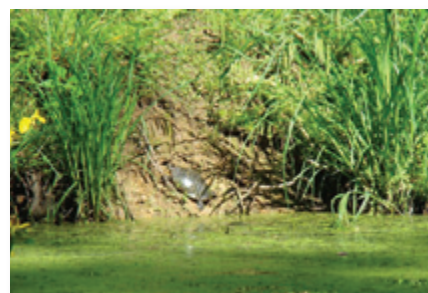
Devon

Jenkins Arboretum. See: “*Day Trips & Outings.*” A 46-acre arboretum that emphasizes azaleas, rhododendrons and plants of local woodlands, including groundcovers and colorful wildflowers that bloom over a long season. It’s also a vibrant classroom for people of all ages. From seed propagation workshops to story time in the Children’s Garden, yoga practice to beekeeping demonstrations, there is always something new to learn, create, or experience at Jenkins! *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. Tyler-Arboretum.org.*

Newtown Square

Willistown Conservation Trust/Rushton Conservation Center. The Trust program’s focus encompasses 28,000 acres in Chester County and portions of Delaware County, and its mission is to preserve and manage the open land, rural character, scenic, recreational, historic, agricultural and natural resources of the area.

Rushton Farm is the centerpiece of the community farm, hosting a CSA, school groups, volunteer days and a “Share the Bounty” program that donates fresh food to local food cupboards. *925 Providence Rd. WCTrust.org.*

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.*

Nottingham

Nottingham County Park. The 651-acre park offers nine pavilions, an 18-station fitness trail and three modern, handicapped accessible playgrounds. Dedicated in September 1963, Nottingham Park was the first Chester County park. *150 Park Rd. ChesCo.org/1743/Nottingham-Park.*

Phoenixville

Black Rock Sanctuary. Consisting of 119 acres of wetlands, woodlands and meadows, Black Rock Sanctuary is dedicated to wildlife habitat and public use. The sky over Black Rock is a flyway, or air highway, for birds that migrate up and down the East Coast. *953 Black Rock Rd. ChesCo.org/1745/Black-Rock-Sanctuary.*

Pottstown

Warwick County Park. Hardwood forests, meadows, wetlands and the French Creek are all jewels within Warwick Park’s 535 acres. *191 County Park Rd. ChesCo.org/1743/Warwick-Park.*

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. Scott Arboretum.org.*

Wayne

Chanticleer. Chanticleer is one of the great gardens of the region. Once the Rosengarten estate, today’s Chanticleer is a colorful, contemporary garden within an historic setting. *786 Church Rd. ChanticleerGarden.org.*

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). BrandywineRedClay.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

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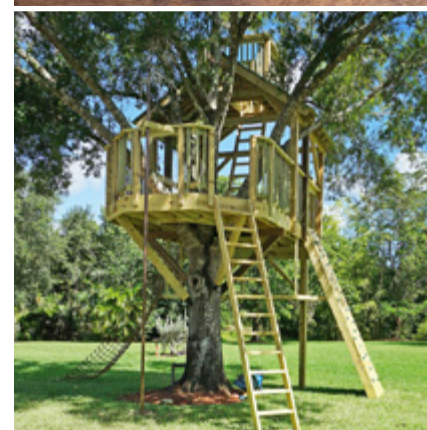
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commitment to protect the habitats that sustain them. *3120 Barley Mill Rd. MtCubaCenter.org.*

Smyrna

Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge. This 16,000-acre refuge is one of the best places on the East Coast to view migrating and resident waterfowl, especially in spring and fall. *2591 Whitehall Neck Rd., Rt. 9, E of Smyrna. FWS.Gov/Refuge/BombayHook.*

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. This is a 300-acre country estate with formal gardens and a classical French mansion with 105 rooms on five floors. *850 Alapocas Dr. NemoursEstate.org.*

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.*

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. Blacksmith William Barns foresaw the need for a tavern on “ye Great Road to Nottingham.” So, in 1714, he built the spacious brick building that was to become a tavern. **John Chads House.** Built around 1725, and owned by John Chads from 1729 until his death in 1760. He operated a ferry across Brandywine Creek. The location became known as Chad’s ford. *1736 Creek Rd. ChaddsFordHistory.org.*

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.*

Ephrata

Ephrata Cloister. William Penn’s colony of Pennsylvania was the first to offer freedom from religious persecution and Historic Ephrata Cloister is a wonderful example of this religious toleration. You’ll experience a tranquility missing from today’s hectic lifestyle while you explore Ephrata’s unique architecture, music and artwork. Don’t miss the museum store featuring specialty crafts by nationally recognized artisans. *632 W. Main St. EphrataCloister.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 Amer-

ican crafts and trades. The Hay Creek Festival, Sept. 6–8, features Early American crafts, antique toys, 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. The estate includes the mansion, barn and Kauffman Museum of decorative arts. *881 Rockford Rd. RockFordPlantation.org.*

Wheatland, LancasterHistory.org. See: “Day Trips & Outings.”

Malvern

Historic Sugartown. Historic Sugartown provides a window on rural 19th-century life, with several preserved buildings, including a circa 1880 General Store, a Carriage Museum featuring Chester County carriages and sleighs, Bank Barn and Book Bindery. Take a bookbinding or scarf marbling workshop or visit for Shugart’s Sunday on Sept. 15 with BBQ & Blues and country-style family festivities. Guided tours Sat.-Sun. *Parking at 273 Boot Rd., Malvern. HistoricSugartown.org.*



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. On the night of September 20, 1777, British Troops attacked Anthony Wayne’s Pennsylvanians at this spot. This was the 9th bloodiest battle of the Revolutionary War and this battle was also called the Paoli Massacre. Visit this spot where America’s First Battle Cry of “Remember Paoli” was born and see the 2nd oldest revolutionary war monument in the United States. *PBPFInc.org.*



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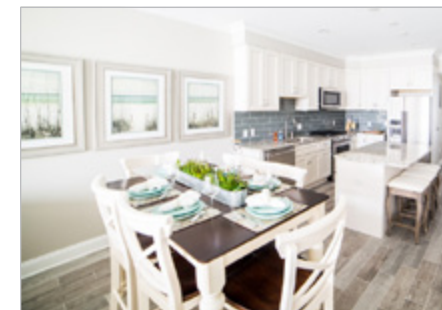
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Museums

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Chadds Ford

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

Christian Sanderson Museum. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

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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."

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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**

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

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Lancaster

Landis Valley Museum. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

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West Chester

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Malvern Prep and Haverford do battle at the boys lacrosse championship

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THIS SEASON WAS MARKED BY INTENSE COMPETITION, both in boys' lacrosse and baseball. Girls' lacrosse was heated, too, with a three-way fight. One school also vied at the state level for both softball and boys' lacrosse.

Local sprinters topped all others in the 100- and 200-meter dashes. And Delaware schools were successful in spring tennis, one with an 8th-grader on the team!

BOYS' LACROSSE

It came down to which team wanted the title more. In Pennsylvania, Haverford School was #1 and Malvern Prep #2 ... or vice versa throughout the season. Haverford won during the season, but Malvern beat Haverford in the championship in double overtime play.

Malvern Prep has a host of graduating seniors headed for premier institutions. Goalie Will Petit has committed to University of North Carolina, Jackson Powers to Catholic University and Sean Rushton to Lafayette College. Eight others will continue at major college programs.

Two Haverford School middies, Mac Costin and Peter Garno, are going to University of Utah and University of Virginia. Attacker Adam Salvaggio is headed to Colgate, defender Ryan Niggerman to Lehigh, and Gavin Burke to Villanova University.

Not far behind was Episcopal Academy. Quinn Chambers and Gabriel Furey, two middies, will continue their careers at Johns

Hopkins University and University of Pennsylvania. Attacker Rowan Brumbaugh heads to Hamilton College and defender Collin Loughhead to Boston University. You'll see Jack Henderson, a face-off specialist, at Penn State University.

At 23-1 for the season, Bishop Shanahan High School beat Hershey High School and won the State championship in Class 2A of the Pennsylvania Independent Athletic Association. Three attackers, Bryan Rafferty, Kyle Gucwa and Parker Childs, will attend St. Bonaventure University, Manhattan College and Bowdoin College in the fall. Connor Whalen, who plays long stick middle, committed to University of Maryland.

In Delaware, Archmere Academy was 13-5 for the season, finishing 1st in the Diamond conference. Midfielder Cole Bauer will attend Washington College next year. Tatnall, 15-2 overall, is sending goalie Cole Hiller to Roanoke College.

GIRLS' LACROSSE

Three area schools were rated 1-2-3 in Pennsylvania by Inside Lacrosse, with a spread of only 1.3 points out of 100. At 16-1, Episcopal Academy's girls were ranked 1st. Two of it middies, Olivia Dirks and Isabelle Rohr, head to Penn State and University of Pennsylvania this year.

Agnes Irwin School was ranked 2nd at 21-8. Attending Loyola University Maryland next year will be its attacker Emily Wills, while defender Emily Coyne attends University of Pennsylvania.

Defender Abby Rhodes heads for the University of Colorado.

And, at 18-3, Adademy of Notre Dame de Nemours was ranked 3rd. Attacker Hannah Gillespie has committed to Northwestern University, defender Lily Allen to Fairfield University, and middle Maggie O'Brien to University of Richmond.

In Delaware, Archmere Academy was 15-3 for the season. Tower Hill School finished 13-3, winning the Delaware Independent Schools Conference.

BASEBALL

What was true in boys' lacrosse was also true in baseball: it was Malvern Prep and Haverford School, head-to-head.

Friars outfielder Chris Newell was outstanding, with a batting average of .395 and 5 home runs. Named an All-American, next year he'll join University of Virginia. Two pitchers, Patrick Durkan and Liam Dabagian, will also be moving on. With an ERA of 1.45, Durkan will go to Catholic University. Dabagian, whose fastball was clocked at 84 m.p.h., has committed to Elon University. And shortstop Grant Burgess is headed to Franklin & Marshall College.

At 15-7 overall, Haverford School will bid farewell to several of its stars. Pitcher Calvin Costner committed to the University of Rhode Island. Outfielders Luke Kania and Logan Keller will go to Villanova University and Salisbury University. Joe Bonini, who played 3rd and 1st base, is headed for Montgomery County Community College.

Episcopal Academy won half its games with the help of Jack O'Reilly, who played 3rd base, batted .352, scored 12 runs, and committed to the University of Notre Dame.

Bishop Shanahan broke .500 for the season. Their twin-brother pitchers, Matt and Anthony Bertolami, have committed to Catholic University and Penn State University. Kenny Kunzman pitched 24 innings—his fastball clocked at 80 m.p.h.—and played 1st base. He's heading to Moravian College.

SOFTBALL

Villa Maria Academy was 12-5 and successful until losing to Upper Merion in the



Villa Maria Academy pitcher Alyssa Viscardo

round of 8 in the District One tournament. Star pitcher Alyssa Viscardo committed to the University of Hartford. Another star, Riley Miller, batted .490 and was also the school's salutatorian, swimming and diving captain, editor of the yearbook, on student council, and will attend University of Notre Dame.

Bishop Shanahan, with a record of 16-6, lost the championship game of the Ches-Mont league, and was eliminated late in the State championship. Pitcher Devon Miller made school history with 1000 strikeouts. She pitched 135 innings, had a 1.25 ERA, batted .384, 3 home runs, and a .578 slugging percentage. She's been recruited by Fordham University.

Shanahan's slugger and 1st baseman Hannah Kelper batted .396, had a .636 slugging percentage, and committed at University of Rochester. And 3rd baseman Alexa Peterson batted .483 with a .639 slugging percentage and will attend West Chester University.

TENNIS

The Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA) boys' tennis tournament ended with Tower Hill on top. The team was 13-1 for the year, and Robby Ward at first-singles was spectacular. It was the third time he championed the DIAA



Tower Hill's Robby Ward



The Bishop Shanahan softball team

first-singles position. He'll attend Middlebury College next year.

On the girls' side of the tournament, Aubrey Nisbet, just an 8th grader, of Wilmington Friends was first-singles champion. We'll look forward to four more years of watching her play!

TRACK

At the Henderson Invitational, Julian Klenner, running for Westtown School, sprinted 200 meters in a blazing 21.32 seconds. It was the best time in Pennsylvania this year. He also ran the 400-meter in 47.48 seconds, the 2nd best time in the Commonwealth this year.

At the Inter-Ac Championship, Daiyann Hawkins, an 11th grader at Haverford School, clocked the best time in Pennsylvania this year for the 100-meter dash—10.46 seconds.

We applaud these fine performances, and wish the graduates well as they pursue their college careers. ♦

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That’s partly because brewers are a creative lot. Some brewers add spices like coriander, orange zest and maybe even ginger. Others add rye malt or other earthy spices. Still others strive for a dry finish or a small amount of residual sweetness.

Yet there are more commonalities than differences. Most brewers have floral notes emanating from the esters from the yeast (for the non-beer geek, that’s the fruity flavors from fermentation). And most brewers will agree that the saison style is a simple beer that can offer nuanced complexities—just plain fun for brewers and drinkers.

And for our hopheads out there, have no fear—some brewers are making hoppy saisons as well.

But no matter where you go, expect to sip a classically golden-orange colored, refreshing, lighter-body pale ale that has elevated carbonation (and a big, long-lasting, lacy head) with a blend of earthy and floral notes. These last two features are responsible for the variety from brewer to brewer. And make sampling so much fun.

So in the end, each brewer’s saison represents a unique interpretation of the style, giving the beer its own story. And for beer fans, the saison is one of those beers that’s great for the beginner craft brew drinker, while it’s also enjoyed by seasoned beer geeks.

Want to learn more?

YOU SAY SAISON, I SAY FARMHOUSE

Beer fans often ask about the difference between a saison and a farmhouse ale. The short answer is these names refer to essentially the same beer style. But a little history is instructive. Feel free to pour yourself a beer as you read on.

Legend has it that saisons/farmhouse ales date back to the 18th century when the beers were brewed in the farmhouses in Wallonia, the French-speaking area of Belgium. Farming was manpower intensive back then—no air conditioned John Deer cabs to ride in.

To keep farmhands hydrated and fortified, farmers brewed beer in the off-season, taking advantage of cooler weather to store and age the beer. Later, they’d serve it to the farmhands during their hard work in the warm months. Hence, farmhouse ales.

Brewing farmhouse ales in the off-season of farming inspired the French term *saison*, meaning season.

FARMER BREWERS

Traditionally, saisons were relatively simple in their flavor characteristics and were brewed with a practical purpose—to satiate the farmer and seasonal workers (*saisonniers*) during the summer. The ale was brewed in the cooler non-farming months, and then bottled, unfiltered, and aged during the winter.

To survive the long winter storage, plus some warmer-month storage until consumed, the beers were hopped up (added hops act as a preservative) and generally dry (higher residual sugars could cause stability issues).

This type of brewing had substantial challenges: make a beer that can survive the long winter and spring storage, while keeping the

alcohol low enough (in the 3.5% range) that farm workers could quench their thirst but still keep working.

Farmers had their own unique saison flavor characteristics, depending on the ingredients available on their farm and the wild yeasts that caused the fermentation.

This history is likely the main reason these beers are traditionally available in the summer.

MODERN SAISONS

Even today and off the farm, the refreshing nature of the saison just screams summer. Surely you’ve heard the call of a saison when choosing a warm-weather brew. Be aware, though, that for modern saisons, while the varying characteristics remain, the alcohol level is now generally in the higher 5% to 8% range.

No matter the variations, you’re sure to find many saisons that will quench your thirst. Refreshing, light body and tingly on your tongue, saisons also combine an added blend of earthiness and fruity esters that make them very drinkable.

BREWING SAISON

When asked what makes a great saison, I find that’s tough to answer. In part, that’s because of all the fun and nuance a brewer can put into that style.

My interpretation of the saison is to keep the alcohol in the low 5% range, add some rye malt to the grain bill for subtle peppery notes, so that when combined with the hops (Styrian Goldings and Saaz), there’s a nice combination of spice and hop to the finish of each sip.

Next, fermentation with a saison yeast starts around 67° and climbs to 72°, to bring out a pronounced level of fruity esters. The resulting beer is a bubbly pale ale with nice fruity notes that finishes in the back of the mouth with a slight hop bite combined with pepper.

To sample this approach at [Braeloch Brewing](#), try the [Apricot Saison](#) that combines the tartness of apricots to complement the fruity esters of the base saison. To keep this beer on the dry side, the sugars introduced by the apricot are further fermented, increasing the alcohol level to 6.5%.

SAMPLE SOME SAISONS

To understanding the beauty of saisons, head to your local craft beer shop and grab a selection to compare and contrast. Given the growing popularity of saisons in the craft brew world, this task should be as easy as it is enjoyable.

For an iconic example, try [Saison Dupont](#) from Belgium. At 6.5% ABV, it’s bottle conditioned (often in a bottle with cork and cage, like Champagne) and unfiltered, representing the epitome of the style. Other good options are [Goose Island’s Sofie](#) and [Brooklyn Brewings’s Sorachi Ace](#).

Wondering about food pairings? The simple answer is that the inherent crispness and wide range of flavors offer almost limitless options—from spicy Asian to grilled meat. Or go old-school and pair this farmhouse-style ale with rustic food, like a simple grilled chicked with herbs.

If you’re already a fan of saisons, devote part of this summer to enjoying the growing selection and variations available. If you’re new to saisons, this beer style can be a fun exploration to see which brewer’s interpretation matches your palate.

Cheers! ♦

A home brewer for 12+ years who’s now turned pro, Kent Steeves is a former rocket engineer and business leader in semiconductors and electronics. Working with partners Amy Steeves, Matt and Kathy Drysdale, he opened Braeloch Brewing in Kennett Square this March. The 10-barrel craft brewery has a 78-foot-long bar, large taproom, outdoor beer garden and great food and beer. Visit at 225 Birch St., Kennett Square. [BraelochBrewing.Beer](#).



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[Food News] A few of our favorite things to share this month about local food and drink

Cup of Joe. Pour over, French press, AeroPress—no matter the brewing method, coffee is essential to life. So why not take your coffee knowledge to the next level? **Coffee cupping**, dating back to the early 1900s, is a way of tasting used by producers and



buyers around the world to check the quality of a batch of coffee. Coffees are scored for things like fragrance, flavor, aftertaste and body. Check out **Pour Richards** in Devon for free weekly cuppings. 36 Berkley Rd., Devon. PourRichardsCoffee.com.

Pick a Side! Grab your popcorn and get ready to watch a Pennsylvania rivalry as old as time unfold on screen with **Sheetz vs. Wawa: The Movie**. While many may see these places as simple convenience stores, Emmy-nominated local filmmaker Matthew Fridg aims to show the deep love and cultural importance these PA icons created for their West vs. East origins, all while entertaining a spirited rivalry. Head to their website to cast your vote! SheetzVsWawa.com.



Last Call. If you haven't already made it to one of **King of Prussia's Food Truck Tuesdays**, you have one more chance. On July 9, come for great food, vendors, giant yard games and music by Dale Knight's Steel Drum Band. Try crab mac and cheese from Food on the Roll, smoked brisket from Sum Pig, or a green curry bowl from Papermill Foods. And grab a cone of mint cookie crunch ice cream from Scoops on King! 630 Freedom Business Center Dr., King of Prussia.

From Delco to Chesco. Parisian street lamps, an outdoor patio, faux greenery wall—the new **Brick and Brew Gastropub** in Malvern is open for business! The restaurant shows off exposed brick walls and steel beams with hanging whiskey barrels in its 5,000 square feet to enhance its underground distillery feel. Look for 14 taps and the same satisfying and elevated pub menu as the Havertown and Media locations. More options on the dining scene! 400 E. King St., Malvern. BrickNBrewPub.com.



Pop-Up Fun. Enjoy a warm apple cider donut with a cold beer at **Levante Brewing's** pop-up beer garden at **Highland Orchards**. Open Fridays through Sundays from noon to 6 p.m., the beer garden runs through September 1. Get a bite to eat at food trucks, pop into the Highland Orchards Market and Bakery for something sweet and fresh, and sip your favorite Levante beers, ciders and hard sparkling teas. 1000 Marshallton Thorndale Rd., West Chester. LevanteBrewing.com; HighlandOrchards.net.



PA Wines

Sip Local Award Winners

YOUR SUPPORT FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES SHOULD, OF course, extend to local wineries. It makes perfect sense to explore wines from our region's vineyards. So take some time between National Wine Day on May 25th and International Rosé Day on August 14 to devote to that goal.

To help you sample some of the best, we've rounded up award winners you should put on your summer sipping list.

Selections in the Top Wines category from the 2019 PA Sommelier Judgment—when sommeliers, beverage directors and wine experts met for a blind tasting, to highlight notable PA wines—include (in alphabetical order):

- **Chaddsford Winery's** 2017 Cabernet Franc (Chadds Ford)
- **Galer Estate Vineyard & Winery's** 2018 Rosé (Kennett Square)
- **Wayvine Winery's** 2016 Carmine (Nottingham)

And from the same competition, Honorable Mention wines were (in alpha order):

- **Grace Winery's** 2017 Dragonfly (red blend) and 2017 Pinot Gris (Glen Mills)
- **Penns Woods Winery's** 2018 Rosé (Chadds Ford)

There are, of course, countless other wine ratings and competitions, so we thought we'd include a few more options as you sip locally.

- **Harvest Ridge Winery** (Toughkenamon, PA & Maryland, DE) took gold for wines at a recent Indy International Wine Competition. Try the Blue Hen Blue for a red wine with blueberries.
- **J Maki Winery** (Elverson) is known for its bubbly and ice wines, which won the Vinalies Internationales awards in 2001 and 2003, aka the Olympics of wine competitions.
- **Stargazer Vineyard** (Coatesville) is known for its sustainability practices and wines featuring the special micro climate, aka terroir. Solar Celebration Chardonnay tastes like Chester County.
- **Stone Barn Cellars Winery** (Spring City) is a PA Preferred winery, meaning all the grape wines are made from Pennsylvania fruit. Using solar panels and recycling right down to the water, they have a near-zero carbon footprint. Sample thier sangria.
- **Va La Vineyards** (Avondale) is always recognized as a star and a favorite of food critic Craig LaBan. Try La Prima Donna. And a bit farther afield, **Crow Vineyard** (Kennedyville, MD) has three wines scored by James Suckling, including their 2015 Chardonnay (90 pts). ♦



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Whether it's an entire home, guest cottage, private room in a stately manor, quaint motel or seaside campground, Kent County's many lodging options will make your pet feel welcome. With more than a dozen accommodations, you're sure to find the perfect fit for Fido. With home base at historic five-star B&B deluxe cottages with acres of ground to roam or private rooms with amazing amenities, landscaped acreage and complimentary access to neighboring marinas, you'll have a day packed with fun.

Wake early and treat your best buddy to a tandem kayak tour of the Chesapeake Bay tributaries. Many lodging properties are on the water or near public landings and will provide complimentary paddle boards, or you can rent equipment or take a guided tour from outfitters in Rock Hall or Chestertown. For a leisurely bike ride with your four-legged exercise partner, Kent County's tranquil, flat roads make a perfect setting.

Settle into a dog-friendly B&B, inn, hotel, vacation rental or campground that offers inviting porches, swimming pools, fields for fetch or frisbee, on-site pet-walking areas, sunsets from private docks and firepits. If you're close to a town, walk the red-brick, tree-lined sidewalks of Chestertown, stroll the historic campus of Washington College or explore the quaint beaches of Rock Hall and Betterton.

Most of Kent County's almost two dozen marinas welcome your seafaring pooch. Whether at a seasonal slip or for a transient getaway, you'll find many marina amenities are world-class with beaches, grills, stand up paddleboards, walking trails and bicycles, along with dog play areas, dog watering and bathing stations, dog treats, leash lending, life preservers for small dogs and more. Some have restaurants on site, within walking distance or just a tram stop away.

After working up an appetite, head for any of the great local restaurants. Outdoor, pet-friendly decks and street-side seating are abundant—many with spectacular water views and delicious daily catches. You may find fresh-water bowls, home-made organic biscuits and dog treats, or a specialized dog menu for your four-legged companion.

Dogs can prance and pose with nautical-themed leads, collars and harnesses from The Hickory Stick. Buy everyday supplies at Kingstown Farm, Home and Garden or at Tractor Supply—both carry a wide range of brands. Your pooch will love the aromas at the Chestertown Farmers & Artisan's Market as you browse on Saturday mornings.

A day at the spa for you and a bit of pampering for your pet are easy to find in Kent County. Grooming (including mobile), daycare, pet sitting and dog walking are among many services available. Several animal hospitals and veterinarians are ready to assist if needed, including a visiting vet who makes house calls.

Tails will wag at events like Dock Dogs at Kingstown, an aquatic canine competition in October, or the Pirates & Wenches Fantasy Weekend in August, where you don't have to be human to dress like a pirate. For more traditional mingling, the Chestertown Dog Park offers both large and small dog parks with benches in its three-acre fenced area. Each provides water and waste stations, and there's even a hydrant to help urban males feel more at home.

So, when it's time to get away, don't leave your best friend at home. Visit Kent County, Maryland, where you can both enjoy an adventurous and relaxing vacation.

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Through December, Chestertown First Friday Chestertown Historic District. 5 to 8 pm. [Facebook.com/DowntownChestertown](https://www.facebook.com/DowntownChestertown).

Through December, Chestertown Farmers and Artisans Market

Produce, herbs, breads, soaps and plants as well as the handcrafted works of local artisans. High & Cross Sts., Fountain Park. ChestertownFarmersMarket.net.

Through December, Second Saturdays in Chestertown

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June 30, Waterman's Day in Rock Hall Competitions include an anchor toss and boat docking. Noon. The Bulkhead on Bayside Ave. RockHallMD.com.

July 3, Fireworks for Independence Day 9 pm. The Bulkhead on Bayside Ave. RockHallMD.com.

July 4, July 4th Parade in Rock Hall Celebrate Independence Day with floats and marching band. 10 am. Main St. and the Ballfield to the Civic Center. RockHallMD.com.

July 4, July 4th Parade in Chestertown 9:30 pm. Wilmer Park, 413 S. Cross St. TownOfChestertown.com.

July 5-28, Chestertown RiverArts – "Patterns of Eastern Shore Life" Reception July 5, 5 to 8. 315 High St., Chestertown. ChestertownRiverArts.net.

July 13, Farm to Table Grill Night Crow Angus Beef on the menu. 6 to 9 pm. Crow Vineyard & Winery, 12441 Vansants Corner Rd., Kennedyville. CrowVineyardAndWinery.com.

July 13, 3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament – Bag, Beer & BBQ Practice at noon, bags fly at 1. Benefits Bridges at Worthmore, a certified equine-assisted therapy program. Worthmore Equestrian Center, 11570 Still Pond Rd., Worton. BridgesAtWorthmore.org.

July 18-20, Kent County Fair County fair with agriculture education, 4-H exhibits, great food and more. 21349 Tolchester Beach Rd., Chestertown.

July 27, Farm to Table Wood Fired Weekend Pizza on the grill. 6 to 9 pm. Crow Vineyard & Winery, 12441 Vansants Corner Rd., Kennedyville. CrowVineyardAndWinery.com.

Aug. 2-31, Chestertown RiverArts – "Photography and Wood Exhibit" Reception Aug. 2, 5 to 8. 315 High St., Chestertown. ChestertownRiverArts.net.

Aug. 9-11, Pirates & Wenches Fantasy Weekend Sea shanty sing-a-long, rum tasting, decorated

dinghy contest, Caribbean beach party, entertainment, pirate performances. Town-Wide, Rock Hall. RockHallMD.com.

August 12-October 19, Sultana-Themed Public Paddles Kayak paddles on Maryland's Upper Eastern Shore. 200 S. Cross St., Chestertown. SultanaEducation.org.

Aug. 23-September 8, "Circle Mirror Transformation" A contemporary piece by playwright Annie Baker. Fri-Sat, 8 pm; Sun, 2 pm. The Garfield Center for the Arts at the Prince Theatre, 210 High St., Chestertown. GarfieldCenter.org.

Aug. 24, Vines to Wine Dinner Series A pre-harvest dinner event. 6 to 9. Crow Vineyard & Winery, 12441 Vansants Corner Rd., Kennedyville. CrowVineyardAndWinery.com.

September 6-29, Chestertown RiverArts – "Connections: Work in a Series" Reception September 6, 5 to 8. 315 High St., Chestertown. ChestertownRiverArts.net.

September 7, Charlie Joyner Memorial Decoy Show Honoring the late Charlie Joiner, native of Chestertown and world-renown decoy carver from Kent County. Galena Volunteer Fire Department, 90 E. Cross St., Galena. TownOfChestertown.com.

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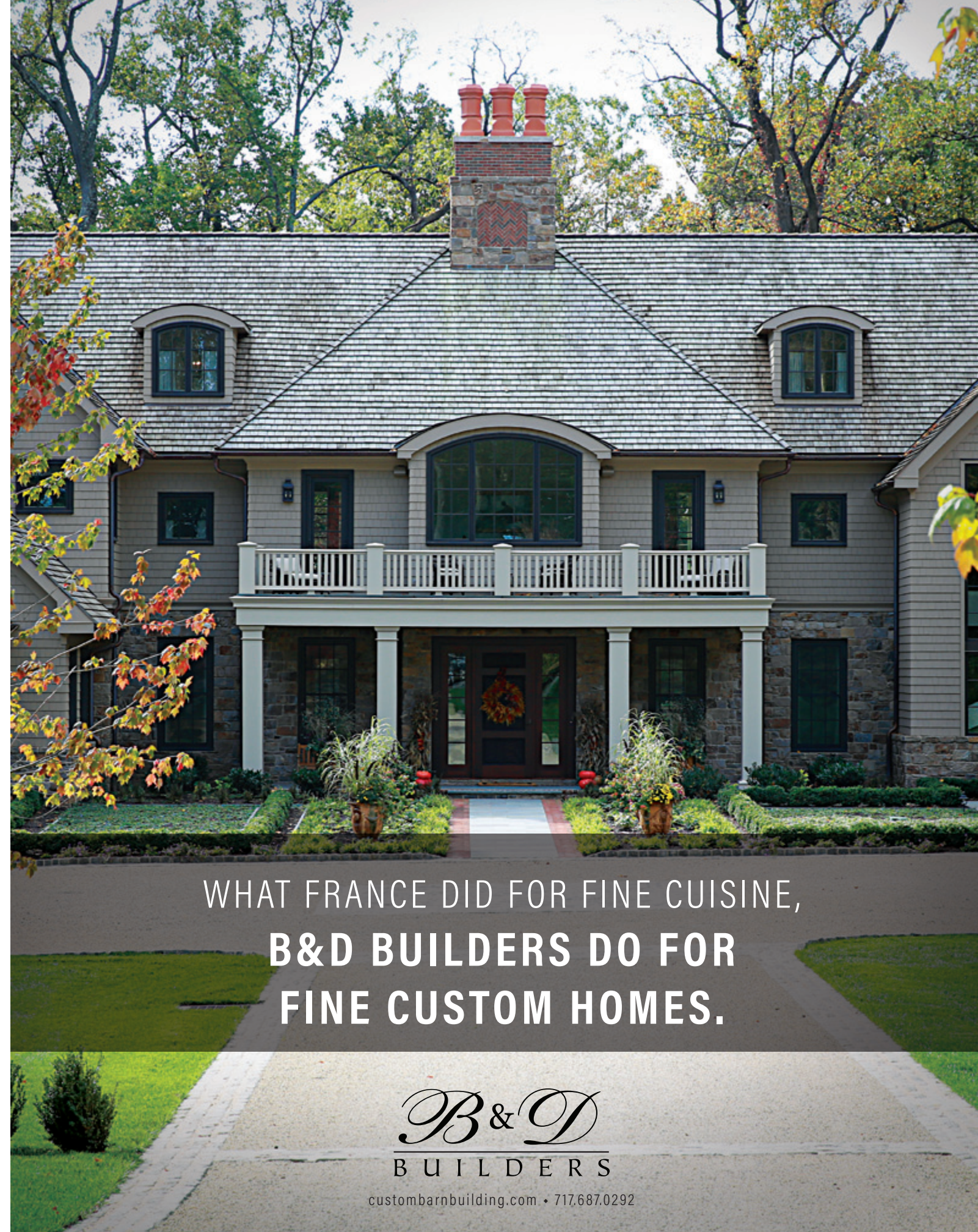
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