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from the **EDITOR**

What a difference a year makes! It's June and things are looking up. Windows open, top down ... less masking and distancing. Let's celebrate the start of a great summer and visit restaurants, local events and friends' homes.

June marks Flag Day, Father's Day, the summer solstice and Juneteenth on the 19th. Not familiar with that last one? It was the day in 1865 of the final announcement of the end of slavery. Read Malcolm Johnstone's article on the cause that has united freedom fighters and continues today.

This month is also for getting out and about. "Go Wild Around Wilmington," writes Carol Metzker, as she visits a zoo, parks, trains, creeks, a tall ship and places to eat. Our publisher, Ed Malet, focuses on restaurants in "Summer Dining Scene in West Chester," checking in on about a dozen places there. And our "Summer Dining Guide" features more tempting places to enjoy great food and good times.

Christy Campli of Growing Roots Partners joins Alyssa Thayer at Brandywine Table to share tips for farmers market shopping along with recipes highlighting the best summer produce. For the perfect complement, read Jessica Robert's suggestions for summer wines in "Days of Light & Wines of White."

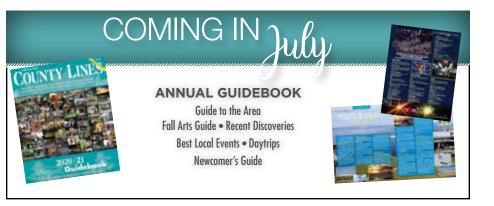
Getting your yard party-ready? Madison Meinel learns about "Defining Your Summer Party Space." Pavillions, gazebos, outdoor fireplaces, lighting and party games.

If your spirit needs to recharge, read "A Walk in the Labyrinth," where Paulette Terrels-Clarke and Susan Frens tell us why. Jenkins Arboretum's Stephanie Kuniholm does stress management with a "Nature Mindfulness Walk." Or maybe you need a beach chair and book? "The Best Book You Never Read" by Shelley Laurence of Main Point Books has recommendations.

Our "Chester County in Bloom" photo contest is happening on Facebook this month, so please vote for your favorite.

And, as always, we have a round up of "The Best Things To Do." Thank you for reading.

Jo Anne Durako Editor



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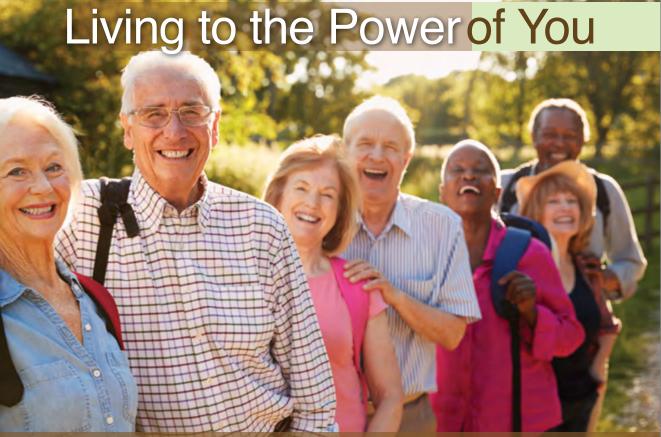
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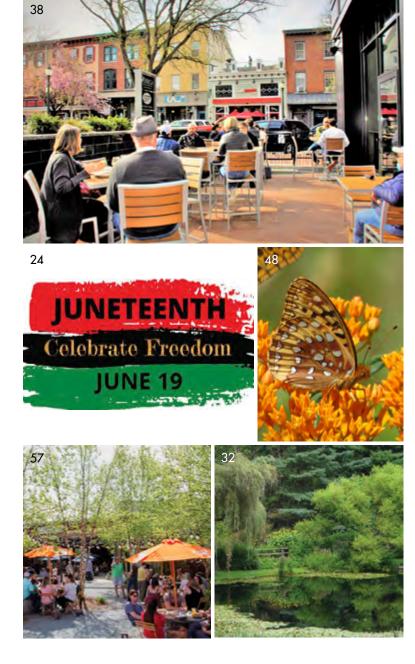
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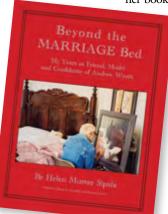
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Good to **Know** Just a few things we'd thought you'd like to know this month

Inside Story. Andrew Wyeth's model and confidante, Helen Sipala, is giving fans an intimate look into the artist's life in her book Beyond the Marriage Bed.



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Throughout the years, Wyeth shared many private thoughts with Sipala, now revealed in this 20-year diary. The book highlights their close relationship over years of conversations, all without sugar-coating anything. Fans won't be able to put down this page-turner. Pick-up a copy at your local bookstore.

Hit the Road. With vacations cancelled and rescheduled, many travelers have chosen road trips as the perfect solution. Chadds Ford native Michael Burlotos has taken this vacation idea but extended it to almost a year. Packing up his belongings and leaving his apartment behind, Burlotos began an open-ended road trip along the East Coast in a converted school bus. For now, he's in West Palm Beach, Florida, but you can follow his travels through Instagram @WanderingBusDude.

Flower Firsts. The Philadelphia Flower Show is back! And for the first time since its start in 1829, the show will be held outdoors. The FDR Park location (near the Wells Fargo Center) will give flower fans a scenic backdrop for the garden displays. Another first: local award-win-



ning garden designer Donald Pell will make his show debut with displays focusing on the relationship between humans and habitats with a beautiful and naturalistic landscape of intricate textures and colors. Mark your calendar, June 5-13. FDR Park. PHSOnline.org.

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Preserving Charm. Nominations are open for the 10th Annual West Chester Preservation Awards. This program gives Borough residents a chance to publicly recognize distinctive projects, and those behind them, that restore and preserve West Chester's historic character. From industry

landmarks to private residences with historic significance, there are so many reasons to celebrate the past. Don't wait! Download the nomination form and nominate your favorite preservation project by June 10th. WCDF.org/Preservation



Virtual Vocations. If you've been taking Zoom meetings in your pajama bottoms or making the daily commute from your bedroom to the kitchen, this day is for you. June 24th marks National Work from Home Day, a day to celebrate the technological

advancements that allow us to be productive from anywhere in the world including the couch. So, let's commemorate the past year of WFH with an early Happy Hour (we won't tell)! NationalToday.com







JUNE Picks Our Picks for top events this month

10th Annual Main Line Animal Rescue's Tails & Trails 5K Run/2K Walk June 5

The 3.1 mile cross-country style course traverses rolling hills, offering sprawling views of Main Line Animal Rescue's 60-acre farm and beautiful spring foliage. Enjoy a socially distanced beer garden featuring



Root Down Brewing Company, food from The Clean Plate Club food truck, raffles, adoptable animals and more. Virtual registration is available. 1149 Pike Springs Rd., Phoenixville. 9 a.m. \$15-\$35. MLAR.org/TailsAndTrails.

Natural Lands Trek-a-Thon lune 1-30

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Historic Newtown Square Day 25th Anniversary Celebration June 5



A community celebration with historic craft demonstrators, Revolutionary War and Native American re-enactors and tours of historic sites in Newtown Square. This year, there's an expanded art exhibit and sale, tavern food, as well as a theme of Newtown Square "Our Town." Square Tavern, Rt. 252 & Goshen Rd., Newtown Square. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. 610-975-0290; HistoricNewtownSquare.org.

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Longwood's Festival of Fountains is Back! Through September 26

Longwood's three fountain gardens offer daily shows in the Open Air Theatre and the Italian Water Garden. At night, Illuminated Performances feature a selection of new shows including a tribute to freedom, hope and strength in "Freedom." May-Aug., Thurs.-Sat., 9:15 p.m.; Sept., 8:15 p.m. For a complete list of performances, visit LongwoodGardens.org/Illuminated.

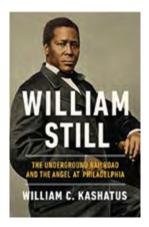


Grab your friends, family and coworkers and get outside for some fresh-air fun and fitness to hike, walk or run at nature preserves, in your own neighborhood or on your treadmill. Log your miles during June and submit your total each week. Set a fundraising goal and ask friends and family to sponsor your trek to benefit Natural Lands. Natlands.org/TrekAThon.

Town Tours and Juneteenth Commemoration Kick-Off June 17

A "Live at 5" virtual program and then a walking tour featuring William Kashatus, Underground Railroad historian.

Depart from the Chester County History Center in downtown West Chester and visit neighborhoods and the homes of Horace Pippin and Bayard Rustin. Learn about early churches, businesses, architecture, the Underground Railroad and civil rights history. Virtual program at 5 p.m., walking tour at 6:45 p.m. For more information and to register visit ChesCoPlanning.org/HisResources/ TownTours.cfm.



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THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30

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THROUGH JULY 18

ONGOING

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Celebrate the peak of the local strawberry from the fields at Linvilla Orchards. 137 W.



at Memorial Park on Monument Ave. Visit MalvernMemorialParade.com for details.

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

JUNE 19

often for the latest updates.

Many events are on hold for now, but there are still fun

things to do in our area. Please be sure to check websites

pout. Bring your camping gear and supplies, set up under the stars and enjoy a night out-

JUNE 20, JULY 18

dren's book, then do a hands-on activity and go on a behind-the-scenes farm tour. June 20, The Pen that Pa Built;" *July 18, "*Charlie 566-1725; ColonialPlantation.org.

JULY 3-4

Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation 4th watching the Colonials make a demonstration against the King by burning him in effigy. 3900 N. Sandy Flash Dr., Newtown Square. 11 to 4. \$6–\$10. 610-566-1725; ColonialPlantation.org.



JULY 9-11

lobfest 2021: House of Harris. Blobfest is coming—virtually! The Colonial Theatre hosts a three-day event in commemoration of

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THROUGH OCTOBER 5 First Sundays

CCArts Outdoor Market at the Center for

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BOOKS ..

JUNE 15, 26, 29

Main Point Books. June 15, "Hamnet" by Maggie O'Farrell, 1 pm. June 26, Girls in Capes: "The Changling" by Victor Lavalle, 5 pm. On Zoom: June 29, "Philadelphia Stories: People and Their Places in Early America" by Rodney Hessinger, 7 pm. 116 N. Wayne Ave., Wayne. 484-580-6978; MainPointBooks.com.

JUNE 2-JULY 1

Wellington Square Bookshop. Classics Book Club in the Town Square: June 2, "East of Eden," by John Steinbeck. NonFiction Book Club on Zoom: June 3, "Janis: Her Life and Music," by Holly George-Warren; July 1, "Stolen: Five Free Boys Kidnapped into Slavery and their Astonishing Odyssey Home," by Richard Bell. Fiction Book Club on Zoom: June 16, 17, "The Dutch House" by Ann Patchett. 549 Wellington Sq., Exton. See website for times. 610-458-1144; WellingtonSquareBooks.com.

CAR SHOWS

JULY 17

4th Annual Phila. Concours d'Elegance. Cool Cars for Kids, Inc. presents a showcase of classic and historic automobiles and race cars at this fundraiser. The Simeone Automotive Foundation Museum, 6825 Norwitch Dr., Philadelphia. Benefits the Children's Hospital of Phila. towards its mission to support the Rare Diagnoses Center.



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Devon Yard Farmers Market, 25 S. Waterloo Rd., Devon. Wed, 11 to 2 from May 12. GrowingRootsPartners.com.

Downingtown Farmers Market, Kerr Park next to Veteran's Memorial, Pennsylvania Ave. Sat, 9 to noon. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

Eagleview Farmers Market, Eagleview Town Center, Exton. Thurs, 3 to 6. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

Kennett Square Farmers Market, The Creamery, 401 Birch St. Fri, 3 to 6. Seniors/high-risk, 3 to 3:30. 610-444-8188; KSQFarmersMarket.com.

Lancaster County Farmers Market, 389 W. Lancaster Ave., Wa<u>yne. Wed</u>, Fri & Sat, 6 to 4. Check Facebook to phone for pickup. 610-688-9856; LancasterCountyFarmersMarket.com.

Malvern Farmers Market, Warren Ave. & Roberts Rd. Sat, 9 to noon. 610-836-1391;610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

Pete's Produce Farm, 1225 E. Street Rd., West Chester, Daily 9 to 5; high risk customers, 8 to 9. 610-399-3711; PetesProduceFarm.com.

Phoenixville Farmers Market, 200 Mill St. Sat, 10 to noon; seniors, 9–9:30. Curbside pick-up, if req. by Fri, noon. PhoenixvilleFarmersMarket.org.

Pottstown Farmers Mkt., 100 E. High St. Opening every other Sat, from May 15, 9–1. 484-948-6061; PottstownFarm.org.

Swarthmore Farmers Market, 121 Park Ave. Sat, 9 to noon. 215-733-9599; SwarthmoreFarmersMarket.org.

Thornbury Farmers Mkt. & CSA, 1256 Thornbury Rd. Fri–Sat, 9–5; Sun, 11–5. ThornburyFarmCSA.com.

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

West Chester Growers Market, Chestnut & Church Sts. Sat, 9 to 1. Can pre-order. Some vendors pre-package. 610-436-9010; WestChesterGrowersMarket.com

Westtown Amish Market, 1165 Wilmington Pk., West Chester. Thur, 9 to 6; Fri, 9 to 7; Sat, 8 to 4, 610-492-5700; WestChesterAmishMarket.com.

dancers, craftsmen and athletes gather at this event and the format has been modified with new initiatives. Mount Hope Estate & Winery, 2775 Lebanon Rd., Manheim. Fri. night festivities TBA. Sat-Sun, 11 to 10. \$15.95-\$29.95. 717-665-7021; PARenFaire.com.

JUNE 26-JULY 4

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2021 Virtual Kutztown Folk Festival. The festival will remain virtual this year, as one of the oldest continuously operated folklife festivals in the country. For information visit Kutztown-Festival.com.



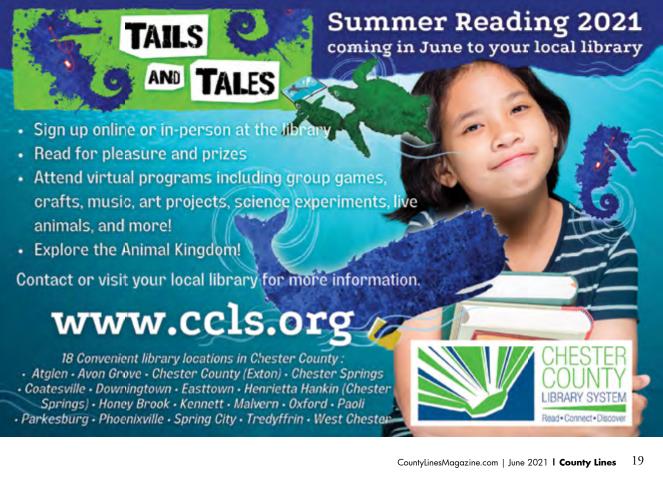
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JUNE 26, JULY 17

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3, Disney's "Mary Poppins Returns." \$15-\$60, includes popcorn and a drink for all paid occupants. 720 Carr Rd., Wilmington. TheGrand-

Cinema in the Cemetery. Pack a picnic, gather some friends and enjoy an evening under the stars as the sun sets over the historic tombs, June 26, "The Philadelphia Story;" July 17, "Little Shop of Horrors." 225 Belmont Ave., Bala Cynwyd. 8:30 pm. Free. WestLaurelHill.com.



trucks offering great lunch items. Locations TBA. 11:30 to 1:30. See website for details. VisitKOP.com.

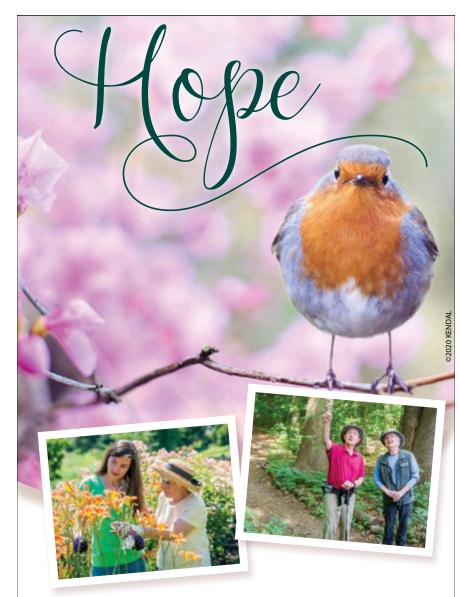
JUNE 4-13

Philly Beer Week. More than 500 events at over 100 venues throughout the city and suburbs, highlighting the region's diverse beer scene, its world-class breweries, neighborhood taverns, restaurants and rich beer culture. For venue information, PhillyLovesBeer.org.

JUNE 25

Chef's Table Dinner at Brandywine River Museum of Art. Enjoy an exclusive Surf & Turf dinner at the Millstone Café featuring Brandywine's own Executive Chef, Liz Sempervive. Galleries will be open from 6 to 6:30 followed by a five-course dinner paired with





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JUNE 30

Field to Fork Dinner at SIW Vegetables. Chef Tyler Akin of Le Cavalier at the Hotel DuPont will be preparing a special dinner to benefit the Central Baptist Development Corporation. 4317 S. Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. \$150. For tickets and more information visit SIW-Vegetables.Blogspot.com.



FUNDRAISERS ONGOING

Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust Presents "As History Goes On." A non-event fundraiser to meet construction costs of the Jones Log Barn and programming needs of the History Center. To donate, 610-644-6759 or visit TredyffrinHistory.org.

JUNE 5

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Willistown Conservation Trust Barns & BBQ. This year's tour features six beautiful barns and farms and will culminate in a tailgate celebration, a three-course picnic style meal, live bluegrass music and a virtual auction. Benefits the Trust's conservation works. Tour, 2 to 5; tailgate, 5 to 8. To purchase tickets visit, WCTrust.org.



JUNE 5-13 French Creek Iron Tour-Cycling for Open Space. In virtual form this year, you can forge your own adventure. If health guidelines allow, there will be a supported ride on June 13. Benefits French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust. IronTour.org.

JUNE 8 CVIM's 19th Golf Classic. Join Community

Volunteers in Medicine and its partners for a day of golf on a premier course plus breakfast, lunch, dinner, open bar, auction and giveaways to support the free healthcare center for families without health insurance. Applebrook Golf Club, 100 Line Rd., Malvern. Visit CVIM.org.

JUNE 11

Good Samaritan Services 14th Annual Golf Outing. Good Samaritan Services provides a full spectrum of services to men, women and children who are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness in Chester and Lancaster Counties. Crossgates Golf Club, 1 Crossland Pass, Millersville. 7 am to 1:30 pm. \$90. 717-492-2531; GoodSamaritanShelter.org.

JUNE 12

Thorncroft Equestrian Center Victory Gallop. Thorncroft's premier fundraising event, presenting a black-tie evening for the





Thorncroft.org.

GARDENS.

THROUGH OCTOBER

JUNE 5 Mt. Cuba Instant Pollinator Garden Online



benefit of the farm. Featuring cocktails, great food, silent auction, an exhibition by Radnor Hunt Foxhounds and live music. Held at a private residence in Malvern. 5 to 10 pm. \$500.

Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Opens Meadowbrook Farm. A 25-acre garden offering beautiful plants and displays, this year highlighting a palette with contemporary plantings influenced by the history of Meadowbrook. 1633 Washington Ln., Jenkintown. Wed-Sat, 10 to 4. Free. 215-887-5900; PHSOnline.org/ Locations/PHS-Meadowbrook-Farm.

Program. Transform your garden into a diverse paradise for beetles, butterflies and other pollinators based on a discussion on plants that provide pollen and nectar to our native insects. 3120 Barley Mill Rd., Wilmington. 10:30 to noon. \$24. Register at MtCubaCenter.org.



JUNE 4

40th Anniversary of Moonlight & Roses at Morris Arboretum. Join Morris Arboretum



from the comfort of your home for a virtual celebration of the event. Guests will receive a curated gift bag to enjoy that evening. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit MorrisArboretumGala.org.

MUSEUMS.

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 12

Delaware Art Museum. "Collecting and Connecting: Recent Acquisitions, 2010-2020." 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 8; Fri-Sun, 10 to 4. \$6-\$12, Sun, free. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

ONGOING

Nat'l Iron & Steel Museum Digital Exhibits.

The Museum announces the launch of a new digital archive, an online collection of newsletters of the Lukens Steel Company produced between 1935 and 1989 and volumes of a separate publication called "The Specialist," produced for employees between 1969 and 1975. 50 S. 1st Ave., Coatesville. SteelMuseum.org.

JUNE 20-SEPTEMBER 19

Brandywine River Museum of Art. "Ralston Crawford: Air+Space+War," an exploration into U.S. aviation and military history through the art and personal experiences of American Modernist Ralston Crawford. 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. \$6-\$18. 610-388-2700; Brandywine.org.



MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT JUNE-AUGUST

Delaware County Summer Festival. Live entertainment is back at the amphitheater this summer, with a commitment to keeping a healthy environment for the audience, entertainers and staff members. Visit website for



a list of concerts. Rose Tree Park, Rt. 252 & Providence Rd., Upper Providence. 7:30 pm. Free. 610-891-4455; DelcoPa.gov/Departments/ Parks/SummerFestival.html.

JUNE 3-25

Kennett Flash Rooftop Concerts. June 3, Chris Smither, 7 pm, \$45; June 5, Beatlemania, 3 & 7 pm, \$35; June 11, Arlen Roth, 8 pm, \$30; June 12, The Bryan Tuk Complex, 7 pm, \$25; June 13, The Levin Brothers, 7 pm, \$40; June 19, Total Mass Retain–A Tribute to Yes, 7 pm, \$25; June 25, Better Than Bacon, 7 pm, \$20. 102 Sycamore Alley, Kennett Square. 484-732-8295; KennettFlash.org.



JUNE 6, JULY 11

Concerts in the Courtyard at Willows Park Preserve. Enjoy an afternoon of entertainment. June 6, Adriana Samargia; July 11, Emily Drinker, 490 Darby Paoli Rd., Villanova, 4 to 6. \$15, under 12 free. WillowsParkPreserve.org.



JUNE 19

Full Moon Fest at Mount Hope. Grab your friends and share a chuckle at Comedy Night at Mount Hope. COVID protocols in place including limited capacity and face masks. Barn & Barrel, Mt. Hope Estate & Winery, 2775 Lebanon Rd., Manheim. 8 pm. Advance tickets, \$15. 717-665-7021; PARenFaire.com.

JUNE 24

The Colonial Theatre Presents. An Evening with Gaelic Storm, 8 pm. 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. Visit website for times and tickets. 610-917-1228: TheColonialTheatre.com.



JUNE 24, JULY 8, 15, 22, 29 Summer in the Park Concerts at Wilson Farm Park. June 24, Swing That Cat; July 8, Tim Williams Band; July 15, Legacy Band; July 22, Chico's Vibe; July 29, Almost There. Wilson Farm Park, 500 Lee Rd., Chesterbrook. 7 pm. Free. 610-408-3626; Tredyffrin.org/Departments/Parks.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES JUNE 5

Tai Chi at Saunders Woods Preserve. Saunders Woods is a beautiful backdrop for this ancient practice of Tai Chi. 1020 Waverly Rd., Gladwyne. 10 to 11 am. \$20. 610-353-5587; NatLands.org.

JUNE 6, 13, 20, 27

Yoga in the Garden at Stoneleigh: A Natural Gorden. Relax with an all-levels yoga class and meditation session. 1829 E. County Line Rd., Villanova. 10:30 to 11 am. \$20. 610-353-5587; NatLands.org.

JUNE 25-27

29th Annual Pottstown Rumble. Premiere grass doubles volleyball tournament, attracting nationally ranked pros, amateurs and kids. Manatawny Park, 61 W. King St., Pottstown. \$10; under 12, free. Visit website to register. PottstownRumble.com.



JULY 1-30

The Stars & Strides Challenge to End Home-

lessness. This is a virtual challenge to run, walk, bike, hike, swim or even crawl, at your own speed, wherever you can, the length of a Marathon, 26.2 miles, during the month of July. Benefits Home of the Sparrow. Follow along on social media as the event nears. Registration page at HomeOfTheSparrow.org.

THEATER.

THROUGH OCTOBER 9

Ryan & Friends: Comedy Calamity Show at Bird-in-Hand Stage. A comedy routine and song parodies in styles ranging from country to Broadway. 2760 Old Philadelphia Pk., Bird-in-Hand. \$14-\$49. Check website for times. 800-790-4069; Bird-in-Hand.com/Stage.

TOWNS, TALKS & TOURS THROUGH JUNE 5

Historic Sugartown Weekend Guided Tours. Enjoy a guided visit to the General Store and School Room exhibits, the Carriage Museum, c. 1805 Garrett House, Book Bindery and c. 1835 Cheever Bank Barn. Parking at 273 Boot Rd., Malvern. 11 to 12:30. \$7-\$9. 610-640-2667; HistoricSugartown.org.

THROUGH JULY 20

Food for Thought: Community Conversations.

Chester County Community Foundation hosts meaningful conversations on Zoom about diversity, equity and inclusion in America. May 18 and June 15 at noon. Register at ChescoCF.org/ Explore/Food-For-Thought.

JUNE 4

First Fridays, Second Saturdays And Third Thursdays

First Fridays: June 4, Lancaster City, 717-509-ARTS; VisitLancasterCity.com. Oxford, 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org. West Chester, 610-738-3350; DowntownWest-Chester.com. Wilmington Art Loop, 302-576-2135; CityFestWilm.com.

Second Saturday Virtual Arts Stroll: June 12, Media, 484-445-4161; MediaArtsCouncil.org. Third Thursday Malvern Stroll: June 17, MalvernBusiness.com.

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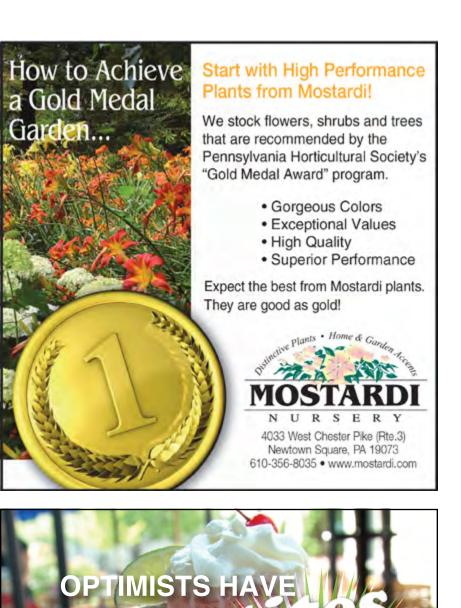
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JUNETEENTH

National Freedom Day

June 19

THE CAUSE THAT HAS UNITED FREEDOM FIGHTERS CONTINUES TODAY

Malcolm Johnstone

HAT IS JUNETEENTH? For over 150 years, there have been annual recognitions of the final announcement that slavery was ended in the United States. Celebrations first occurred when Union forces occupied Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865, which officially proclaimed freedom for all those still enslaved—more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation. Today official recognition of Juneteenth has spread to 47 states.

Specifically, Juneteenth is the anniversary date when 2,000 Union soldiers, under the command of General Gordon Granger, peacefully occupied Galveston, the last Confederate stronghold to surrender.

To ensure peace, General Granger issued various orders, including General Order No. 3, which stated in part, "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor."

LONG ROAD TO EQUALITY

This order became a tipping point for the quest for equality. But it was not the first, nor last, to proclaim equality for all. For example, demands for abolishing slavery can be found in Pennsylvania as early as 1688 when a handful of German and Dutch Quakers led by Francis Daniel Pastorius produced the "Germantown Quaker Petition Against Slavery."

While this was a start, Pennsylvania took nearly 100 years to become the first state to pass an abolition law. But even that didn't immediately emancipate enslaved people in the Commonwealth. Instead, it allowed freedom only for future generations.

On the national level and beyond the military conflicts of the Civil War, it was Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863 that set the course for official equality. Interestingly, that historic proclamation was not the first.

That honor would go to Navy Secretary Gideon Wells. In the summer of 1861, Wells found himself in charge of a navy with just a few dozen vessels, but war strategy required a fleet of 600 ships to effectively blockade Southern ports. He soon discovered there were not enough sailors to crew a larger fleet. However, enslaved people from border states, who were escaping to the Union in record numbers, made good workers aboard the ships. Others served as pilots and informants. All were motivated to lead the Union to victory.

But there was no legal premise for harboring these runaways. The Fugitive Slave Act of 1850, supported by the U.S. Supreme



Court in 1857, required runaway slaves to be returned to their owners. Even as the Civil War broke out, the Army reimbursed some owners for the loss of their so-called "property."

Secretary Wells was undeterred. He needed sailors unimpeded by racist bureaucracy and in August 1861, he declared any runaway slave who made it to a ship or Navy Yard was to be considered "contraband." They would then become employees of the Navy, receive a wage of \$10 a month plus provisions, and be allowed to seek assignment aboard Union vessels with pay equal to their white crew members.

Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation solidified the enslaved people's new-found opportunity for freedom as public policy. By the end of the war, fully 20% of the Union Navy was made up of Black sailors.

EMANCIPATION

After the war, Congress enacted three important changes to the Constitution—the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments—ending slavery, extending citizenship and providing voting rights to persons born or naturalized in the U.S.—including former enslaved people (but voting rights

Juneteenth Celebrations

For 2021, the theme for Juneteenth celebrations is "Journeying Toward Freedom: Remembering the Past, Embracing the Present, Creating the Future." Dozens of events have been planned throughout Chester County centered around the Underground Railroad and the abolition movement.

Find events sponsored by the following organizations, on their websites: **Voices Underground** at *VUProject.org*

Chester County History Center at ChesterCoHistorical.org Cultural Alliance of Chester County at CultureChesCo.org

Kennett Underground Railroad Center at KennettUndergroundRR.org

Event highlights include:

June 17. Town Tours & Village Walks Kickoff & Juneteenth Commemoration, June 17, at the Chester County History Center in West Chester (ChesterCoHistorical.org).

June 18–20. The headline events for the Juneteenth weekend include national speakers and performers, as well as tours and several smaller events in the Kennett Square area, presented by local organizations that tell the story of the Underground Railroad (VUProject.org).

June 19. Underground Railroad Walking Tours, Saturday, June 19, created by the Chester County History Center in West Chester (*Chester-CoHistorical.org*).

remained limited to men). These were essential steps to fulfilling the promise of emancipation.

While these amendments, ratified by the states during Reconstruction, gave African Americans new Constitutional protections, the struggle to achieve full equality continues to this day.

JUNETEENTH 2021

To continue the quest for freedom, community leaders have joined together to celebrate Juneteenth with several events (see sidebar). Partnering organizations initially included the Chester County Historic Preservation Network, Voices Underground, and Chester County History Center supported by the Chester County Board of Commissioners and Chester County Planning Department.

"We're working together to create county-wide events to recognize and celebrate our rich heritage of embracing social justice and equality," said Alexander Parham of Voices Underground, which is focused on elevating stories from the Underground Railroad. Other aspects of the celebrations will highlight the history of the Abolitionist movement.

FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM, AN ANCESTRAL CONNECTION

The end of the Civil War has a special connection to my family. On May 24, 1865, my great-grandfather, John A. Johnstone, commanding the U.S.S. Cornubia off Galveston, fired the last shots of the war, sank the last Confederate warship, C.S.S. Le Compt, and captured the last Confederate Battle Flag that was passed on to Navy Secretary Gideon Wells.

This final chapter of the Civil War was achieved with an integrated crew that included 15 African American sailors, most of whom had been born into slavery. Official Naval records list each of their names and rank.

On June 5, 1865, two weeks before Juneteenth, Johnstone commanded the Cornubia, which became the flagship for Captain Benjamin Sands as it sailed into Galveston Bay to raise the Stars and Stripes at the Custom House and announce the final end of hostilities.

My great-grandfather and his valiant, diverse crew were there to celebrate. \blacklozenge

*Read the entire story of my abolitionist great-grandparents at the Cultural Alliance of Chester County, CultureChesCo.org.

Malcolm Johnstone, Senior Program Officer for the Cultural Alliance of Chester County, is a frequent presenter and author of "For the Union, how Quaker abolition, a hanging, a slave riot, and a small newspaper in West Chester helped launch Abraham Lincoln's quest for the presidency," published by the Chester County Community Foundation. CultureChesco.org.



Local Historic Heroes

Joseph J. Lewis (1801-1883)

A West Chester attorney and abolitionist, Lewis joined Thaddeus Stevens to defend Castner Hanway, a runaway slave who organized an uprising and killed his white owner in 1851 at what's known as the Christiana Resistance. The legal team won an acquittal for Hanway, who eventually found his freedom in Canada.

Ann Preston (1813-1872)

The main speaker at the 1852 Pennsylvania Woman's Rights Convention held at what's known as Horticultural Hall in downtown West Chester, Preston was born and raised in Chester County and became one of the first women in the world to hold a formal medical degree.



Frederick Douglass (1817–1895) He visited Chester County to recruit African American men for the Union military with his unwavering stance that "slavery should be utterly and forever abolished in the United States." A statue of Douglass stands on the West Chester University campus.

Mary Ann Shadd Cary (1823–1893)

An African American activist, writer, teacher and lawyer, Cary lived for a time in West Chester with her family. At the age of 16, she started one of the first schools for African American children in Westtown.

Charlie King (1849–1862)

Born and raised in West Chester, King served as a drummer boy in the Union Army at the age of 13. In September 1862 at the Battle of Antietam, he was killed by artillery fire, the youngest soldier killed in action during the Civil War.

Horace Pippin (1888–1946)

Born in West Chester and returning in adulthood Pippin was one of the most original artists of his generation, with paintings in the collections of the Barnes Foundation and Phila. Museum of Art. A World War I veteran and self-taught artist, his most expressive works address America's history of slavery and racial segregation.

Bayard Rustin (1912–1987)

Born in West Chester, Rustin organized equality rallies early in his life. He's most famous for his role as chief organizer of the March on Washington in August 1963, where Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his immortal "I Have a Dream" speech.









OF MOVING MEDITATION. AND YOU CAN WALK IT IN WEST CHESTER'S EVERHART PARK.

ETTING BORED OF WALKING YOU'RE USUAL ----- neighborhood loop? Consider something new. Labyrinth walking has seen an uptick during the pandemic, as more folks search for ways to release stress-outdoors and socially distanced—using these pre-set, circular paths leading to a center space.

There are several labyrinths in our area-painted on floors indoor and set in nature outdoors, including one at the Church of the Loving Shepherd built in 2001, shortly after September 11.

We came across the newish labyrinth built during the summer of 2020 in Everhart Park and asked two volunteers who worked on the project to tell us more.

Paulette Terrels-Clarke and Susan Frens had this to say.

Why build a labyrinth in Everhart Park?

Paulette: Everhart Park is a beautiful park that already invites people to come and enjoy it. Having a place to slow down a busy life, and even meditate, is wonderful. The flat space in the southwest corner of the park was perfect. It's set a bit away from other activities, yet still a part of the action.

And the labyrinth is an invitation to pause and reflect in an easy and direct way without creating stress.

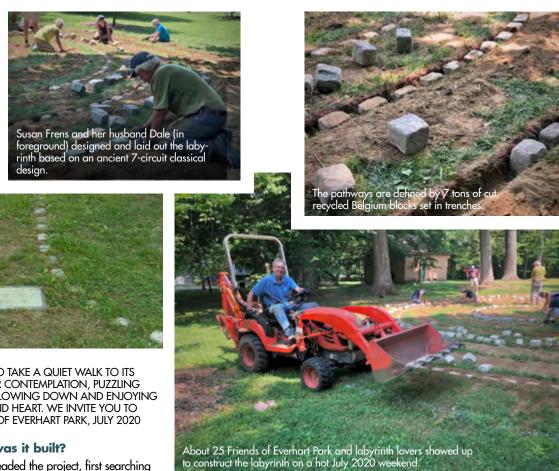
What are some benefits of walking a labyrinth?

Paulette: Many people have discovered their life is too fast and that slowing it down would be beneficial, but they don't know how and feel that sitting meditation is not for them. To walk quietly on a path already there can feel much more calming. And over time that brings them a sense of peace. Walking a labyrinth may feel odd at first, but at the end of the walk or by the second or third time, they begin to feel it's been a very nice experience.

How was the project funded?

Susan: Friends of Vernon Brewer contributed to a fund that provided seed money for the project, then Friends of Everhart Park made up the remainder from fundraisers and membership dues-plus plenty of volunteer labor. Extra plantings around the labyrinth and a welcome stone were funded by addition donations from generous Friends of Everhart Park.







Entry stone

OUT A QUESTION OR JUST SIMPLY SLOWING DOWN AND ENJOYING A SENSE OF CALM IN OUR MIND AND HEART. WE INVITE YOU TO ENJOY THE JOURNEY. THE FRIENDS OF EVERHART PARK, JULY 2020

for a design that would be zero extra maintenance for the Borough. Our model was based on a design at Westtown School, made with natural stones, set flush with the ground so it could be mowed over. Next steps were the approvals-from Borough Council, Public Works

and Parks and Recreation, with Keith Kurowski deserving special thanks.

Our labyrinth is an ancient design: an expanded center, 7-circuit classical (Cretan) labyrinth, with 3-foot wide pathways, constructed with 7 tons of cut, recycled Belgium blocks. My husband, Dale, and I followed instructions in "How to Make a 7-Circuit Labyrinth." We established the center and used string to measure and draw the border lines that we marked by spray paint. Using a trench digger, Distinctive Outdoor Spaces followed these painted lines and machine-dug narrow trenches for the blocks.

About 25 Friends of Everhart Park and labyrinth lovers showed up one hot Saturday in July 2020 (with masks and gloves) to set the blocks in the 4-inch trenches, level them, tap them down and fill in the gaps. Leftover soil was used to fill holes elsewhere in the Park.

Once we finished, we realized the labyrinth needed more protection from traffic on Bradford and West Union Streets, so we added a screen of plants to create a quieter space.

What does a person need to know to use the labyrinth?

Paulette: Labyrinths have become very popular in the last 20 years, and they've been written about in many popular magazines. The invitation is just to walk a path you can't get lost on. How nice is that, when you consider that many times we feel a little lost on our

own life path. This walk can allow a person to take peaceful steps toward a center and back.

Walkers could consider a problem, have a spiritual intention or just be curious. You could even go fast as you walk it. There are no rules.

Our hope is that once someone walks it, they'll come again and again to discover how the simple act of walking mindfully can bring a sense of peace and well-being.

Susan: Kids also love to just run it as a game. As Paulette said, there are no rules. And it's open to the public.

There wasn't a formal launch for the labyrinth because of Covid. Do you plan one?

Paulette: I'd love to have a formal launch to invite the community to take part in the joy of the labyrinth. Plus, signage in a few places in the Park would be helpful. If you don't know about it, most likely you wouldn't find it. And if you did, but didn't see our entry stone, you might not have any idea what it was.

Susan: Once Covid rules are relaxed, we'd like to ask the Borough to have a twilight dedication and put votives on the path. There are a lot of people to thank for this wonderful labyrinth.

Find more labyrinths through the locator function at LabyrinthSociety.org. It lists 8 within 10 miles of West Chester, including those at Winterthur and Church of the Loving Shepherd but not at Everhart Park or Westtown School Check the site to find out which are open to the public.

The <u>Best</u> Book You <u>Never</u> Read

JUST IN TIME FOR SUMMER READING

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S UMMER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. SO IT'S time to grab a book and a beach chair and get your summer read on!

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Need some inspiration? I asked my co-workers at Main Point Books to talk about some of their favorites that may have escaped your notice. They hype their favorites in their own words, below.

The list includes something old, something new and hopefully something new to you!

If you're not ready to hit the road yet, shop owner Cathy Fiebach suggests doing it by the book with Sarah Vowell's *Assassination Vacation.* "Who would believe visiting the sites of American political murders could be funny? Yes, it's also an instructive dive into our shady history, but the book is propelled by Vowell's wit and irreverent sense of humor."

Cathy also recommends traveling the American West via *The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver. "This is when Kingsolver had a sense of humor. The story is centered on a rural Kentucky woman who wants to escape getting pregnant and winds up on the road with a three-year old Native American child. It's charming and engaging and says a lot about love, friendship and how life brings you unexpected things." Anmyriam Budner's first pick is *The Twelve Lives of Samuel Hawley* by Hannah Tinti. "Samuel Hawley is the worst man you will ever root for. His life is Herculean and he wears the scars on his body. Yet, even as you watch him make a hash of things, you realize he's a genuinely good father. How much of the bad he does is in the service of trying to make good? Even as this book entertains, it makes you think."

Her second choice is a book of essays about nature. "Arctic Dreams by Barry Lopez made me look at the natural world differently and begin to question humanity's desire to control the environment."

Nick Wardigo offers up fantasy and something from the master of horror, Stephen King. "*Doctor Sleep* is an unexpectedly touching novel from a guy known for scaring the bejesus out of his readers. It does that too (plenty of ghosts and monsters), but it's the sympathetic depiction of an alcoholic trying his damnedest to be a better man that will cut you to the bone."

If fantasy is your jam, Nick recommends *A Brightness Long Ago* by Guy Gavriel Kay. "This is the latest novel from a terrific fantasy writer at the top of his game. Kay's fantasy world is loosely based upon the Byzantine Empire and its fall, and he populates that

world with wonderful characters from all walks of life—royalty, mercenaries, physicians, tailors, merchants and soldiers—and lets you watch as the march of history causes their paths to cross in wildly unexpected ways."

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Benedict Tanter offers up some terrific period pieces. "*Florence Adler Swims Forever* by Rachel Beanland is a real heartwarming historical novel set on the Jersey Shore of the 1930s, about an unforgettable summer for a family based on the author's own."

Ben also loves *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay* by Michael Chabon. "Another historical novel about two teenagers at the start of the comic books boom. Art, magic and mayhem mix as the world prepares for war."

Emily Hornbeck has your teenager in mind. "My picks are the two books in *The Blood of Stars* duology by Elizabeth Li, *Spin the Dawn* and *Unnavel the Dusk.* They combine aspects of several different fairy tales with ancient Chinese culture to create a story that encompasses growing into our own power as individuals, how much we're willing to sacrifice for the ones we love, and what it takes to gain the happy ending."

Hannah Lee chose two books for the youngsters in your life. *"Little Mole's Wish* by Sang-Keun Kim features lovely illustration and texts. It's the story of a lonely little mole, a snowball he molds into a bear, and his grandmother who saves the day when it melts."

Hannah also recommends *The Best Man* by Richard Peck, calling it "the very best work by the author, exploring the different role



models for how to be a (good) man as Archer looks within and beyond his family."

I'm reaching in to the way-back machine for my suggestions. *Stoner*, by John Williams, is the story of a quiet English professor whose life is full of disappointments: a dead-end career, a bad marriage, plus he's estranged from his parents and child, and on top of that a new love ends under the threat of scandal. In other words, it's just real life. Nothing earthshaking happens, but this book may make you cry. It will also make you think. And care a lot about William Stoner.

My second choice is a little more upbeat, *Rin Tin Tin: The Life* and the Legend by Susan Orlean. This is Orlean (*The Library Book*) at her quirkiest. It's the unlikely tale of an abandoned pup, plucked off a World War I battlefield. Against all odds, he becomes a major Hollywood star, international icon and spawns a dynasty that lasts for decades! (You didn't think there was just one Rinty, did you?) If you love dogs and a good yarn, this one's for you.

Need more ideas? Stop by your local independent bookseller so you're set for the entire summer! \blacklozenge

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Stephanie Kuniholm Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens

► INCE MARCH 2020, WE'VE ALL LEARNED NEW WAYS

Sto deal with stress, manage anxiety and cope with unwelcome change. For many, the restorative benefits of spending time in nature have been the balm to ease the damages of this past year.

Getting outside is more than just a change of scenery! Research shows that spending *just two hours a week* in nature is associated with good health and wellbeing.*

If you're looking to add a new tool to your stress-management toolbox, why not take some time for a self-guided mindfulness walk?

How do you do that?

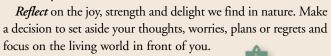
Use the following prompts to help slow down and observe nature in your backyard or neighborhood, even if it's just from a window or balcony. We, of course, suggest a mindfulness walk in a lush garden, like Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens. The quiet, leafy trails winding through Jenkins' Woodland Walk provide a perfect setting for a moment of mindfulness. Give it a try. Or at least two hours.

*Among other articles supporting this conclusion is the 2019 article by Matthew P. White et al., "Spending at least 120 minutes a week in nature is associated with good health and wellbeing" published in Science Reports. Nature.com/articles/s41598-019-44097-3.

SKY

Begin your walk by standing still and looking around you.

Pause to look up at the sky. Then down at your feet and around to the plants growing nearby. Notice the noise of neighbors, critters or cars. Feel the ground underneath your feet, the breeze or sun on your face, and the sound of your own breath.



TREE

Continue walking until you find an old, sturdy tree to stand beside. Look for one of the many Chestnut Oak trees (*Quercus montana*) that make up the canopy at Jenkins Arboretum.

Pause to look up at the farthest reaches of the branches and down to the sturdy flare of the tree's base. Think

of the storms this tree has weathered, the depth of its roots, the birds and insects who live on and within its branches and leaves.

Reflect on your own strength and growth. What storms have you weathered over the years? What roots have you set in your community? How do you provide shelter and a sense of "home" to those around you?

LEAF

Continue walking until you find a fallen leaf on the ground. Find a spot to sit or stand for a few moments while holding the leaf.

Pause to look at the leaf in your hand. Feel the texture of the edges, look closely at the veins, spin the stem in your fingers. Think of the seasons of change for this leaf: swelling as a leaf bud in late

winter, emerging as a bright new leaf in spring, spreading out and soaking the summer sun, changing color in the cool days of fall, then dropping to the ground in winter. Think of the repeated cycles of the seasons.

Reflect on the seasons and cycles in your own life. When have there been times of dormancy followed by seasons of growth and flourishing? During this early summer season, are there areas in your life that you find to be new, fresh or unfurling?

SOIL

Continue walking until you find a place where you can kneel down and pinch a small amount of soil in your hand.

Pause to look closely at the color of the soil. Hold it near to your face and breathe in the fresh scent of the living earth. Feel the cool, moist soil in your hands. Think of the nourishment provided by the soil and the ways in which this small bit of earth contributes to the health of all plants and animals.

Reflect on the sources of nourishment in your own life. Whether it's family, friends, music, nature, movement, books, pets, art, faith or even solitude—what are the things in your world that provide nourishment? Who or what provides the spiritual and emotional nutrients you need to live a healthy life?

WATER

Continue walking until you see water. This could be a stream, creek, pond, puddle, droplet on a leaf or even the contents of your water bottle. At Jenkins Arboretum, walk down the hill to the pond or walk farther to the stream.

Pause to look at the water. Listen to its movement and watch its flowing motion.

Think of all the places this water has been, and all the places it is going. Notice how the water never looks the same for more than a moment—it's constantly changing shape and color.

Reflect on the movement and motion in your own life. What are the ways you continue to move forward and flow? How can you be present and aware in the middle of change?

HOME

After returning home, spend a few minutes writing down or sketching your experiences. Take a moment to be grateful for the time you spent slowing down and breathing deeply. And take a moment to be thankful for the nourishment and life we receive from the Earth. ◆



Photos by Chris Swisher and Stephanie Kuniholm, courtesy of Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens.

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens is a 48-acre public garden showcasing native flora of the eastern United States and a world-class collection of rhododendrons and azaleas. The gardens are open every day of the year from 8 a.m. to sunset and admission is always free. 631 Berwyn Baptist Rd., Devon. 610-647-8870; JenkinsArboretum.org.



Defining Your Summer Party Space

WITH THE WEATHER WARMING AND RESTRICTIONS EASING, IT'S TIME TO GET YOUR BACKYARD PARTY-READY!

Madison Meinel

 UMMERTIME IS FINALLY HERE, and we're celebrating by prepping the grill, mixing some cocktails and sprucing up our outdoor spaces. Our patios, decks, gardens and yards will host plenty of fun this year-even before that long-awaited July 4th get together.

After spending too many months cooped up inside and socially distanced, we're looking forward to sunny days gathering with friends and family. And if you're planning to start entertaining again, it's time to throw open the doors and bring the party outside.

We checked in with local landscapers and designers on backyard trends to help you define your outdoor entertaining space. Make sure your home is ready to kickstart the summer with these tips below!



planned outdoor celebration can get blindsided by unpredictable weather. Don't let an afternoon shower or mid-day blazing sun wreck your weekend. Instead, create a space where your guests can shelter from the elements and still enjoy each other's company.

"From last year to this year, people are looking to create entertainment areas to safely join together," says Randall Spackman of Thornbury Services. "We're seeing a lot of customers looking for specific spaces, like play areas for kids and large covered patios to entertain groups."

Consider building a whole new outdoor space with standing structures like a pavilion or gazebo, perfect for providing shade for extra sunny days or protection from passing summer showers. Use these stand-alone structures to define an intimate outdoor setting for a small dinner party or outfit it with comfy chairs to create your favorite new hangout.

If your patio is already party-ready, just add a pergola for intermediatelevel coverage that still lets the sun peak through-best of both worlds!

LIGHT THE WAY

Your summer party shouldn't end when the sun goes down. Brighten up the space and extend your time outside with fun outdoor lighting. Not only can lighting improve your backyard in a practical sense-no more tripping over potted plants or bumping into furniture-but it can help set the ambiance, anything from relaxing oasis to lively party scene.

Highlight the results of hours toiling in your garden with the help of low-voltage lighting using floodlights, pathway lights or spotlights. Place outdoor lighting strategically to spotlight your favorite outdoor fixtures-anything from statues, striking trees or garden designs.

Crazy for color? Give the allusion of a bigger yard by using bluetoned lightbulbs for floodlights and in-ground well lights. Take it a step further by adding in cool-toned colored lightbulbs like purple and blue around the border of your yard to produce a fun party effect while still complementing the greenery.

Then add in pops of warm colors-red, orange and yellow-to excite the brain. Use warm colors in spots where you want people to gather. Think about adding these colors to wall lights, deck lights and garden lights to create an inviting area for guest to come together.

Warm string lights, like twinkle lights, can add depth to an area while also contrasting with the brighter statement lighting. String these lights across covered patios or pergolas to create a "dining under the stars" experience or simply to define and light up a hangout space.





Go big with a Masonry Fireplace



Backyard Games

No outdoor get together is complete without backyard games. Gather the whole family for competitive fun with some of our favorites! Start with the classics and then try something new.

HORSESHOES

Go back to basics with this classic outdoor game. Measure off 40 feet from your throwing line and drive a stake into the ground. Toss your horseshoes and try to land as close to the stake as possible. The person with the closest shoe to the stake gets a point. Play to 21 points.

CORNHOLE

Beloved by all (and even featured on ESPN), cornhole is a backyard party necessity. Players take turns throwing 16-ounce bean bags at raised boards with a hole in the far end. In the hole counts for 3, on the board for 1 point. Play until a team or player scores 21.

GIANT JENGA

All the fun of the classic version, but with bigger blocks. Each player takes a turn pulling out one of the blocks from the tower while trying not to topple it.

LADDER GOLF (TOSS)

Work on your swing with Ladder Golf. Space the two special game ladders about 15 feet apart and start tossing your bolas (a rope with two balls on either end). The first one to 21 without going over wins!

KANJAM

Show off your frisbee skills with this flying disc game. Using a disc and two large cans 50 feet apart, players try to get their disc in the opposing can without the other team deflecting it. Play to 21 points.

SPIKEBALL

This game is a cross between volleyball and foursquare and perfect for those with plenty of energy. A player starts by serving the ball down on the special game net, so it ricochets up at their opponent, who then spikes it back into the net, creating a back-andforth battle. Again, play to 21.

And don't be afraid to experiment with different styles or finishes for your lighting fixtures. Incorporating contrasting shapes and metal finishes can help turn your outdoor lighting into its own artistic garden feature.

KFFP WARM

Not all your outdoor lighting needs to be electric. Draw on the timeless attraction of fire and gather 'round the "campfire" with family and friends with an outdoor fireplace or firepit.

A growing trend over the past year is to use heat sources like heat lamps and firepits to keep your space cozy after the sun goes down. And if you're trying to create a backyard party space, what's better than a glowing focal point for guest to gravitate toward.

Designers recommend you go big with a masonry fireplace for a showstopping piece that will remain an attraction for years to come. Customize the shape and size of your fireplace to fit any outdoor area. Many landscapers offer options to incorporate storage and seating areas for a one-of-a-kind feature.

If you're looking for something smaller yet still a good heat source, consider a firepit. This fire feature can fit easily into any backyard design and budget. "We're seeing tons of fire pits," says David Fisher of Dutchie's Stone Works. "We've noticed more customers leaning towards modern and sleek designs and away from the rustic look."

Fisher advises that you stay on trend with a sleek glass fire pit table or go the extra mile by building your fire pit into the ground with symmetrical and straightlined stonework for a more elaborate finish.

With the fire roaring you can shed the sweaters and get the smores supplies ready instead.

And once the hard work is done (thanks to the professionals), add your own personal touch with fun throw pillows, colorful planters and brightly hued flowers. Now the only

thing left to do is sit back and plan the party!





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OWNTOWN WEST CHESTER IS LOOKING UP! The long-time dining destination is about to burst forth this summer to meet the pent up demands of hungry, loyal diners.

Expressing cautious optimism, John O'Brien, Executive Director of the West Chester Business Improvement District, which promotes the economic vitality of the downtown district, reports the Borough's restaurants are "finding their way back after a hard year." O'Brien points to increasing numbers of restaurant patrons and the success of its newest restaurants—over a half dozen showed their faith in West Chester by opening in 2020 and early 2021.

Yes, PECO's dig on Gay Street complicated the planned May 1 return of last year's highly successful Open-Air Market, but O'Brien expects the work to wrap up soon and outdoor dining to resurge along with shopping and downtown events. Now the concern here, as elsewhere, is labor shortages—waiters, dishwashers, busboys, bartenders. "They're very hard to find and hire," says O'Brien.

But that's not stopping West Chester restaurants. We checked in with about a dozen downtown eateries, from the newest, to the veterans, to one that's poured its last cup of tea.

SEDONA TAPHOUSE

West Chester's newest restaurant, Sedona Taphouse, opened in April and is "off to a really good start, with a great reception," says David Trout, franchise manager for PA and long-time Chester County resident. Phoenixville was Sedona's first location, but West Chester was "first on our wish list."

An extensive, tempting menu includes starters like Desert Fire Jalapenos and lots of main courses—Australian Kobe beef sliders, Sedona crab cakes, Devil's Pass. Just save room for salted caramel cheesecake!

Eventually, the restaurant will seat about 200, inside and out. Staffing has been "challenging" but the hires have been "fantastic." Bar seating, shareables, daily specials, chef's features and Happy Hour are all going strong. Trout says, "People are thrilled."



STOVE & TAP

West Chester's branch of Stove & Tap, recently joining Malvern and Lansdale as the latest location, opened the first week of February. Now, according to co-owner Justin Weathers, it's "busier than we've ever been." Since Valentine's Day, he says, its customers have been returning from the "fog of winter" and ready for summertime and al fresco dining.

Serving "elevated comfort food"—brisket dip, grilled octopus, crispy pork belly bao buns, angry mussels, Nashville hot chicken— Stove & Tap has seen the demand "skyrocket."

Outdoor seating on the patio also brings in plenty of hungry diners. Plus the tap part of the name promises drafts, cans and cocktails to enjoy this summer and beyond.

GREYSTONE OYSTER BAR

Another recent addition and new food category for West Chester's dining lineup is Greystone Oyster Bar. Featuring, as you might guess, oysters from locations ranging from Connecticut to British Columbia, they also serve clams, mussels, scallops, lobster and virtually all things seafood.





Chicken Fried Foie Gras and Bavette Steak attracts those with a taste for something homemade that they're unlikely to make in their own home.



Associated with popular Italian eatery Mercato, with the uber-cool patio just around the corner, Greystone is a great place to stop for its raw bar, seafood tower and a taste of the Northern Italian coast.

Check out their hand-crafted cocktails, like a ginger martini or Church St. Paloma (yes, it's on Church St.). Manager Josh Hageman says it's already doing a thriving business.

IRON HILL BREWERY

A West Chester veteran (since 1998), Iron Hill Brewery is "not out of the woods yet," but is seeing positive momentum, says Joe Kopke, its chief operating officer. Although takeout business has remained strong and steady, dine-in guests have been increasing. "With nice weather arriving, we've been able to open our patios and welcome more guests to dine with us." During the pandemic, Iron Hill became more "value-centric," with most dishes under or around \$20 to offer "Iron Hill staples that our fans love." But now this favorite in the Borough's dining scene has re-launched its Chef's Table, exclusive promotions, and the return of Happy Hour.

As always there's plenty of great craft beer to enjoy inside and out, from Iron Hill Light Lager to Pig Iron Porter.

SLOW HAND

Slow Hand has also welcomed more diners, though not yet back at prepandemic levels. Owners Craig Russell and Josh McCullough note guidelines only recently allowed more indoor seating, bar seating and the former 2 a.m. closing time.

Josh credits Slow-Hand's survival to the "goodwill of the community," particularly generated by its grocery business. (Last

winter, it was one of five businesses offering curbside pickup.)

Also, the restaurant's innovative menu— Chicken Fried Foie Gras and Bavette Steak, for instance—attracts those with a taste for something homemade that they're unlikely to make in their own home. Confident it will grow stronger, Slow Hand looks forward to a bright future and continued community support. It's been an "incredible year," say the grateful owners.

RAM'S HEAD BAR AND GRILL

For summer dining, Ram's Head Bar and Grill, an American version of a British gastropub with a twist, is expanding its patio service and adding music on their new speaker system to up the ambiance, says General Manager Tonni Hill. Staffing here, like everywhere, had been challenging, but the restaurant ultimately added some "awesome





people." "Everyone has been pulling together as a team," says Tonni.

During the pandemic, the restaurant made several menu additions: gluten free, vegan, organic, non-GMO options and weekly specials and deals that are likely to continue. Ram's Head's beer, tequila (try the flights), whiskey, and bourbon (17-year-old Wild Turkey Masters Keep) menus are also enticing and worth checking out.

THE SOCIAL

If you're looking for Bourbon Street, you won't find it in West Chester. But you can enjoy its distinctive tastes at The Social.

The menu takes your taste buds to the Big Easy with dishes like Nola Fries, Chicken & Andouille Gumbo, Jambalaya Salad and Shrimp Creole. In his "Southern scratch kitchen," Chef Dan Funk creates magic. But what makes fans extra happy are the drinks—Dark & Stormy, made with Gosling's Rum, plus the shakers, slushies and sangria. Donnie Moore, owner of The Social, reports his restaurant is "still running strong"—strong enough to open a new location in Downingtown on Route 30. The stage is set, and the bar, back patio and beer garden are open and ready for summer! Cue the diners.

PIETRO'S PRIME

When you want steak, Pietro's Prime remains the go-to place. A New York Strip or Porterhouse: really, you name the cut. Pausing from red meat? Try an Ahi Tuna Steak or Chilean Sea Bass. You'll leave very satisfied. And don't forget to order a martini—the bar offers over a dozen varieties—by the glass or, if the occasion requires, by the pitcher.

Pietro's will expand for the summer, both on the sidewalk in front and on the patio in back. Marisa Giunta, co-owner and granddaughter of Pietro himself, invites you to stop by and treat yourself or book a date night. Marisa says Pietro's will change its menu in June, but is saving the details for a surprise. Don't worry though. The restaurant will continue to offer its staple: steak!

DOLCE ZOLA

Owner Giorgio Belfiore credits the community for Dolce Zola surviving the pandemic. He still remembers the first days, thinking the restaurant might close until outdoor dining returned. Instead, so many regulars ordered take-out they "ended up having delays ... because we ran out of prepping ingredients and didn't have enough staff." Now they're back, full force.

Innovations also helped, like the "virtual kitchen" offering "high-quality comfort food with an Italian twist at a lower price," plus a newsletter and "a little marketplace" for ravioli and other products.

Outdoor dining on the 40-seat backyard patio and unique pasta products are "huge attractions." Giorgio says, "Instead of focusing on the losses, we decided to



double down, have some fun in the kitchen, and try as many ideas as possible."

LOVE AGAIN LOCAL

For Love Again Local sandwich shop owner Elena Mascherino, it's been essential "to stay focused, positive and not allow emotions to get involved," an ironic sentiment given her restaurant's name.

Like some other restaurants, the shop used the pandemic to experiment with things like LAL Brand Vegan Deli products, now marketed regionally. "The wholesale revenue has been a great supplement to our shop sales. And it brings brand awareness to a broader audience."

"It would be easy to get angry and frustrated at all the craziness, but for me, those emotions don't produce results. ... We just continue to give our customers what they've grown to love about us, consistently great food, served by people who care a lot," says Elena.

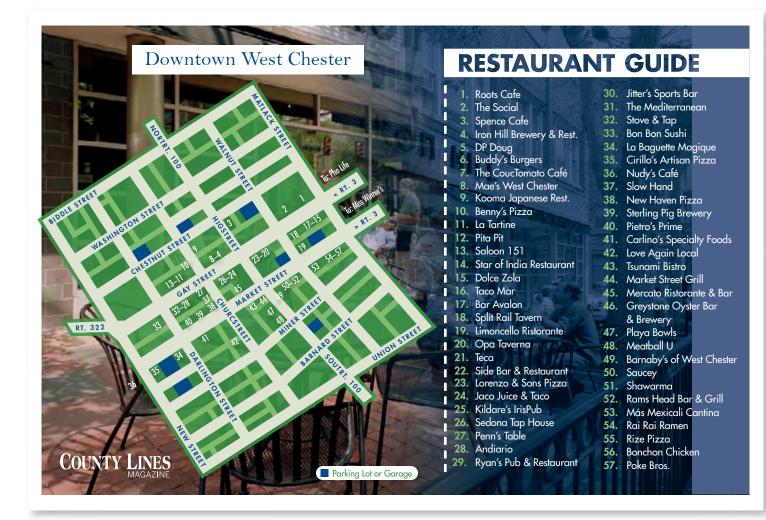
LINCOLN ROOM

Alas, some sad news. West Chester will have to say good-bye to the Lincoln Room. It shut its doors permanently in Spring of 2020. We'll miss this charming tea room that added a special, civilized touch to West Chester's dining diversity.

It may seem early to say "West Chester dining is back!" But it's getting there. Increasingly and cautiously, diners are coming out, eating, drinking, celebrating, being social.

This summer restaurants welcome you back. And if in this new normal the service is a little slower, just take a beat and enjoy being able to share a meal again with friends and family in wonderful West Chester. Bon appetit!

For more on dining in the Borough, check DowntownWestChester.com.



West Chester Dining Guide

Andiario 106 W. Gay St. 484-887-0919; Andiario.com

♥ Bar Avalon 116 E. Gay St. 610-436-4100; AvalonRestaurant.net

Cirillo's Artisan Pizza 236 W. Market St. 484-888-5020; CirillosWestChester.com

Dolce Zola 134 E. Gay St. 484-887-0760; i:Pasta.net

Greystone Oyster Bar 7 N. Church St. 610-241-3369; GreyStoneOysterBarWC.com

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

♥ Kildare's Pub 18 W. Gay St. 610-431-0770; KildaresPubWC.com

Kooma 123 N. ChurcSt. 610-430-8980; KoomaRestaurants.com

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

♥ Lorenzo and Son's Pizza 27 N. High St. 484-999-8756; LorenzosWestChester.com

Love Again Local 18 S. Church St. 484-266-7381; LoveAgainLocal.com

Mae's West Chester
 39 W. Gay St. 484-887-0062; MaesWC.com

Más Mexicali Cantina
 102 E. Market St. 610-918-6280; Mas/Mexicali.com

Mercato Italian Ristorante & Bar
 33 W. Market St. 610-701-6326; Mercato33.com



Pietro's Prime Steakhouse 125 W. Market St.

484-760-6100; PietrosPrime.com Pietro's Prime is an upscale, casual steakhouse and martini bar in the heart of downtown West Chester, serving prime cuts of beef and a variety of seafood selections. Dine in their rustic dining room setting or enjoy their outside patio seating. Stop by for live entertainment, Wednesday– Saturday, in the bar area along with their signature martinis and cocktails.

Miss Winnie's 211 E. Market St. 484-266-0508; MissWinnies.com

Opa Taverna 40–44 E. Gay St. 610-696-4100; OpaTavernaWestChester.com

Pho Life 237 E. Gay St.; 610-606-1100

Rai Rai Ramen & Hawaiian Barbecue 124 E. Market St. 610-738-8808; On Facebook

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

Saloon 151 Whiskey Bar & Grill 151 W. Gay St. 610-701-8489; Saloon151.com

Sedona Tap House 44 West Gay St. 610-738-5104; SedonaTapHouse.com

Side Bar & Restaurant 10 E. Gay St. 610-429-8297; SideBarAndRestaurant.com

The Social

117 E. Gay St. 610-738-3948; TheSocialWC.com

♥ Spence Cafe 131 N. HigSt. 610-918-1272; Spence.Cafe

Sterling Pig Public House 113 W. Market St. 484-999-8026; SterlingPig.com

Stove & Tap 158 W. Gay St. 484-999-0922; StoveAndTap.com

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



Ram's Head Bar & Grill

40 E. Market St. 484-631-0241; RamsHeadBarAndGrill.com Rams Head is an American version of a gastro pub with a focus on high quality ingredients and craft beer/cocktails. This year they have focused on expanding the menu to include more organic, vegan and gluten free options. Check out their website for daily specials and promos. Swing by their expanded patio this summer, including a new speaker for music.

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West Chester Events

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Chester County History Center THROUGH OCTOBER

Through Oct. 1, "Becoming Chester County;" June 19, Underground Railroad Walking Tour, 11 am; July 15, Virtual book discussion, "The Life and Times of Bayard Rustin," 10 am. 225 N. High St. Tues-Sat, 9:30 to 4:30. \$4-\$8. ChesterCoHistorical.org.

First Fridays

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Uptown! at Knauer Performing Arts Center JUNE 14-SEPTEMBER 30

June 14, Bohemian Rhapsody Sing-Along; June 19, Echoes, The American Pink Floyd; Aug. 21, Countdown To Ecstasy - A Tribute To Steely Dan; Sept. 17, Kim Richey; Sept. 18, Let's Hang On America's #1 Frankie Valli Tribute Show; Sept. 24, Kashmir - Tribute To Led Zeppelin; Sept. 30, Into The Mystic: Tribute To Van Morrison. 226 N. High St. Check website for tickets and times. UptownWestChester.org.



Town Tours & Village Walks JUNE 17-AUG 19

Explore Chester County's heritage and rich landscape. Offering "Live at 5" virtual programs on Thursday evenings this summer and limited walking tours: June 17, "Town Tours and Juneteenth Commemoration Kick-Off," see article in this issue; June 24, "Walking in Harriet Tubman's Footsteps," with Ken Johnston, a virtual program, Live at 5; July 1, 3, 4, "Abolitionists and the Eusebius & Sarah Barnard House," Thurs, virtual, Sat-Sun, walking tour; July 15, "Parker Sisters Kidnapping and Rescue" with Roberta McManus. Tours through Aug. 19, 610-344-6923; ChesCo.org/Planning/ TownTours.



Music at Marshall JULY 1, JULY 22, AUGUST 13 THESE DATES ARE PENDING Come to the gazebo in Marshall Square Park for

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GWCC's Quest for the Chamber Cup JUNE 14

An opportunity to play golf and interact with area business leaders outside the office in a fun environment. Benefits West Chester Chamber scholarships for entrepreneurial high school students. Concord Country Club, 1601 Wilmington Pk. 10:30 am. \$250. 610-696-4046; GreaterWestChester.com.

Touch A Truck Day AUGUST 8

Kids love to see and touch different models of cars and trucks. Chester County Gov. Services Complex, 601 Westtown Rd. Noon to 4 pm. Pkg. \$2. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.

18th Up On The Roof SEPTEMBER

Tentative date. Take in the sunset views at this fundraiser, hosted by the West Chester Downtown Foundation and the West Chester BID, with buffet dinner, music, dancing and open bar on the rooftop of the Chestnut Street Garage. 14 E. Chestnut St. 7 pm. Tickets \$105 in advance. DowntownWestChester.com.

SHiNE in the Vines SEPTEMBER 12

Held at Paradocx Vineyard, where you'll find their wine, local beer from Victory and Levante Brewing, great food, raffles, auctions and fun. Benefits SHiNE, a volunteer organization at The Abramson Cancer Center at Chester County Hospital. 1833 Flint Hill Rd., Landenberg. 3 to 7 pm. \$100. Tickets on sale this summer. PatientShine.org.



38th Annual Turk's Head Music Festival SEPTEMBER 19

A day-long celebration of local music featuring artists and vendors. Two stages with 11 local bands performing different styles of music. Food from local vendors is available all day. Rain date Sept. 26. Everhart Park, 100 S. Brandywine St. Noon to 8 pm.

80th Annual Chester County Day House Tour

OCTOBER 2

Longest running house tour in the country, organized by the Women's Auxiliary to Chester County Hospital, showcases the history, architecture, art, landscape and antiques that exemplify fine Chester County living. This year the tour will be in the southwest quadrant of the county. Tickets on sale this summer. ChesterCountyDay.com for updates.

Crush Cancer Wine Tour of Chester County OCTOBER

The event has been reimagined as a monthlong tour of local wineries, breweries, distilleries and dining establishments throughout Chester County. Organized by the Women's Auxiliary to Chester County Hospital. Benefitting Abramson Cancer Center at Chester County Hospital. Dilworthtown Inn, 1390 Old Wilmington Pk. Visit 2CrushCancer.com for updates. ♦



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It is with heavy hearts that we announce the closing of The Lincoln Room Our sincere Thank you to all of our wonderful Tea Room Customers; we will miss you! We have enjoyed the last 6 years of sharing with you so many wonderful Luncheons, Dinners, Parties and Special Events. We have new friends now and cherish the special memories that were made Thank you to The Chester County Community Foundation, to our loyal staff, and to our suppliers. We couldn't have done it without all of you.



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Clockwise from top left: Candace the Capybara at the Brandywine Zoo, Ashland Nature Center, Alopocas Run State Park

FAMILY FUN IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Carol Metzker

R APPEL DOWN A ROCK. CLIMB ABOARD A TRAIN. Head to the Brandywine River to pedal or paddle. This summer, let your energy and imagination run wild around Wilmington.

FUN FROM "A" TO ZOO

Have you missed people during the pandemic? Goats at the Brandywine Zoo certainly did. Happily, the Zoo is open, guests can pet the goats through the fence, and "the whole herd is happy to have their endless stream of human back-scratchers back," says Kate McMonagle, membership coordinator.

Spectacular for tiny tykes, the Brandywine Zoo features celebrity capybara Candace and, at the new outdoor Madagascar exhibit, four half-brother lemurs. Candace, the giant guinea pig look-alike, has her own pool, spits water from her nose and poses for her popular Instagram account. A hit with visitors of all ages.

The perky, quirky ring-tailed lemurs—Khal, Jamie, Tyrion and Bran—hang out on their hill, amusing and educating humans. They climb trees, perk up at noises and share leafy branches of Japanese knotweed like they're passing around a popsicle. Clockwise from right: Wilmington & Western Railroad, Winterthur's Enchanted Woods, Wilderness Canoe Trips







If watching lemurs leaves you with a taste for climbing and jumping, head to a Delaware State Park—each one a treasure—during their 70th anniversary.

Alopocas Run State Park in Wilmington offers rock climbing and rappelling at the blue granite cliffs. Or design your own obstacle course—scramble over boulders then leap over logs. Hike, bike or power your kick-scooter along the 7.5-mile paved Greenway—across bridges, through shady woods, past the cliffs and along the river. The trail has bicycle fix-it stations with tire pumps in case of too much adventure.

More gems await at Hockessin's Ashland Nature Center. Take a scenic drive through a covered bridge, by Wilmington & Western Railroad's tracks and to the Center's alluring entrance. Abundant green leaves, a hummingbird at a feeder and the sound of water spilling over rocks send workaday stress miles away.

Search for frogs and salamanders near the Visitors' Center. Watch monarchs and swallowtails flit around black-eyed Susans in the Butterfly House. Walk a ten-minute trail to the Archeology Dig, where past floods deposited rocks and debris. Kids of all ages can shovel and sift sand for bones, pieces of old dishes and other finds.

Ready to rest? Grab your camera and take a bench at Hummingbird Haven—Ashland's pollinator garden where rubythroated hummingbirds flock to feeders, and butterflies and bees visit phlox and orange milkweed.









ANOTHER TREASURE HUNT

If digging at Ashland whets your appetite for treasure hunting, try geocaching at hundreds of sites around Wilmington. In the world's largest live treasure hunt game aided by a phone app, geocaching adventurers search for hidden boxes holding little trinkets for taking and swapping. Carry hiking provisions, a phone with GPS and compass, plus a bauble for swapping (learn more at DEStateParks.com/Adventures/ Geocaching).

Let your imagination run wild at other Delaware gems. Don your tiara and ride the Wilmington & Western Railroad's Princess Express featuring live entertainment with a fairytale theme. Or duck into the tulip treehouse at Winterthur's Enchanted Woods. Swing like a monkey or slide like a snail at Alopocas Run's Can-Do "boundless playground"-accessible for all kids.

MAKE A SPLASH

Laze your days away tubing down the Brandywine with Wilderness Canoe Trips. For longer adventures, slip into the river at the Brandywine Picnic Park in Pennsylvania for 12-mile kayak and canoe trips ending at Thompson's Bridge in Delaware.

Ahoy, landlubbers! What's the difference between a rope and a line, the quarterdeck and coach? Can you furl? Learn nautical terms while watching the water or get your hands wet by hauling lines during a cruise on the Kalmar Nyckel. After boarding Delaware's Tall Ship and leaving the dock, motor down the Christina River, passing under drawbridges, then feel the breeze as the captain calls out to set sail.

ALL ABOARD

Marshall Steam Museum's Steamin' Days are back and they offer options for socially distanced rides around the lush Auburn Heights property, along with steampopped corn from a vintage machine. Travel back in time on small steam or diesel trains or the spacious classic steam bus. Recent museum renovations include an expanded room for model trains.





Visit our newest addition located between the racetrack and casino: 1937 Brewing Company for gastropub fare, handcrafted beer and original cocktails.



Relax with your family in the tree-studded outdoor picnic Grove. Purchase convenient casual food and beverage items or bring your own*, while soaking up the sun and equine splendor.

No matter your choice- you will surely have a winning dining experience! Reservations for the Terrace and At the Rail are strongly suggested. Visit www.opentable.com or call 302.994.2521. Follow us on Instag am @w4cde & @1937brewingco *No glass containers or outside alcoholic beverages allowed. For a full list of prohibited items visit www.delawarepark.com



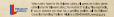
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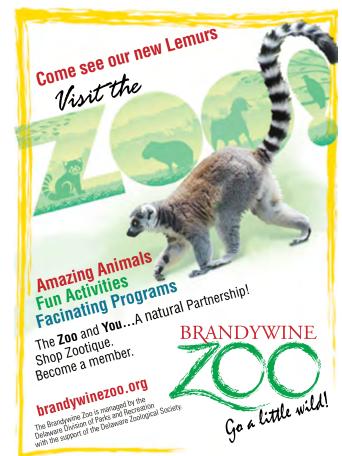
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DINE OUT

Extend your family fun day with take-out supper along a riverbank or outdoor dining.

Pick up iconic burgers, crinkle fries and diner fare from Goober's Diner, named after a 1960's television auto mechanic and giving a nod to the diner's garage next door. For adventure, try a handheld South African Merics chicken pie of succulent, flavorful chicken baked into an impeccable flaky crust by Executive Chef Tom Hannum, a Culinary Institute of America graduate.

For a superlative picnic to pack for the park, look no further than Truffle Parmesan Deviled Eggs from the House of William and Merry. Eat on their farmhouse porch or under umbrellas, but don't leave without dessert. While there's no such thing as an ordinary profiterole, Chef William's creations filled with chocolate mousse, served with candied hazelnuts and chocolate shavings, surpass all others.

Missing the ice cream festival at Rockford Park? Create a fiesta at Poleteria y Neveria Tocumbo with Mexican corn or tequila ice cream and guava or lime water ice.

Or get the inside scoop on fabulous flavors at Woodside Form Creamery. At Woodside, where kids can run on the sprawling lawn and the weary can watch the weathervane's cow turn in the breeze, dig into an edible bowl or cone of irresistible Motor Oil—coffee ice cream, caramel and fudge—or chocolate thunder.

Pack your pod and go—there's an abundance of fun waiting for you. \blacklozenge

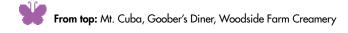
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THROUGH JULY 31

Delaware Theatre Co. 20/21 Season: Take 2! June 1-5, Book of Moron; June 15-19, John Manzari; June 22–26, Get Happy!; July 13–17, The Whitney Project—A Celebration of Black Joy; July 20–24, My Immigration Story; July 27–31, Me, My Mic, and I; Aug. 6-7, 5 Women. Phone or website for tickets and times. 302-594-1100;

DelawareTheatre.org. THROUGH AUGUST

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DelArt Cinema and Delaware Art Museum have partnered to bring a new 169-seat independent film venue in the DuPont Auditorium on the lower level of the Museum, 2301 Kentmere Pkwy. Registration required. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

THROUGH DECEMBER

Science Saturdays at Hagley Museum & Li-

brary. Visitors of all ages are invited to discover solutions to science and engineering challenges. Science Saturdays are drop-in activities, so stop by during the event hours. 298 Buck Rd. 302-658-2400; Hagley.org.

THROUGH DECEMBER

Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library. "Outside In: Nature-inspired Design at Winterthur," in partnership with the Delaware Museum of Natural History, the exhibition brings selections from their collection of natural specimens together with collections drawn from Winterthur's Museum and Library holdings. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur, DE. Tues-Sun, 10 to 5. \$15-\$30. 302-888-4600; Winterthur.org.

JUNE 3-SEPTEMBER 16

Happy Hour at Delaware Art Museum. Summer series features live music, local brews, wine, cocktails, food vendors, 2301 Kentmere Pkwy. N. Terrace Copeland, Sculpture Garden. Free. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

JUNE 4

DelArt Cinema Drive-In Movie. Enjoy a classic film from the comfort of your car. This week, The Color Purple. Concessions available. Check website for rain date. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy. Parking begins at 7:15, movie starts at dusk. \$19. DelArtCinema.com.

JUNE 3-19

Serafin Summer Music. Seven concerts open to the public, live and livestreamed from the Concert Hall at The Music School of DE. June 3, 10, 17, ticket purchasers can join a meet-theartists "chat," offering a behind-the-scenes peek into their lives. 4101 Washington St. Tickets \$20 and up. SerafinEnsemble.org.

JUNE 13

West Street Arts Festival at The Delaware Contemporary. Indoor and outdoor art-based activities, performances, vendors, food trucks and refreshments. 200 S. Madison St. 11 to 3. DEContemporary.org.

JUNE 12, JULY 3

Drive-In Cinema at Bellevue State Park. The Grand announces the return of the popular series: June 12, Disney's Newsies; July 3, Disney's Mary Poppins Returns. 720 Carr Rd. \$15 per person, under 12, free. Ticket includes entrance, one bag of popcorn and one drink. TheGrandWilmington.org.

JUNE 16

Bike & Hike & Brews at Haaley Museum &

Librory. Bring a picnic to enjoy at the picnic pavilion on Workers' Hill or at a table along the Brandywine. Dogfish Head craft beer and Woodside Farm Creamery ice cream are available for purchase. 200 Hagley Creek Rd. 302-658-2400; Hagley.org.

JUNE 16, 30, JULY 14, 28, AUGUST 4, 18

Sip & Stroll at Brandywine Zoo. Sip, stroll and learn while enjoying beer and touring the zoo after hours. Fun animal encounters and activities for all ages. Limited number of tickets. Beer sold separately. Brandywine Park, 1001 North Park Dr. 5 to 7. BrandywineZoo.org.

JUNE 24-27

33rd Annual Clifford Brown Jazz Festival Goes Virtual. Tentative dates set for 4 days of music on 2 sound stages with 15 bands and over 80 artists performing live. Visit website for livestream broadcast. CliffordBrownJazzFest.org.

JULY 31. OCTOBER 16

Kalmar Nyckel. July 31, Wilmington Pirate Festival, pirate and maritime-themed activities, 10 to 4; Oct. 16, Halloween Ghost Ship, wear your costume for a family-friendly event with The Tall Ship of DE as Captain and Mates dress up and share sea stories. 302-429-7447; KalmarNyckel.org.

AUGUST 7-8

The 23rd Annual Riverfront Blues Festival. Tentative dates set-check website for updates closer to event. Musicians take over two stages inside Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park, while vendors sell blues-appropriate food. Rosa Parks Dr. Check website for lineup and times. \$15-\$25. 302-576-2139; RiverfrontBluesFest.com.

AUGUST 28

Annual Delaware Burger Battle. Delaware's top chefs put their best burgers forward. Benefits Food Bank of Delaware and Delaware ProStart. Rockford Tower, Rockford Park, 2000 Lookout Dr. Noon to 3:30. Pay one price to sample burgers all day, \$12-\$50. DEBurgerBattle.com.

AUGUST 28-29

August Quarterly Festival Celebration. The nation's oldest African-American festival celebrating freedom of religion and speech and the right of assembly. Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park, Rosa Parks Dr. 302-655-5231; AugustQuarterly.org.

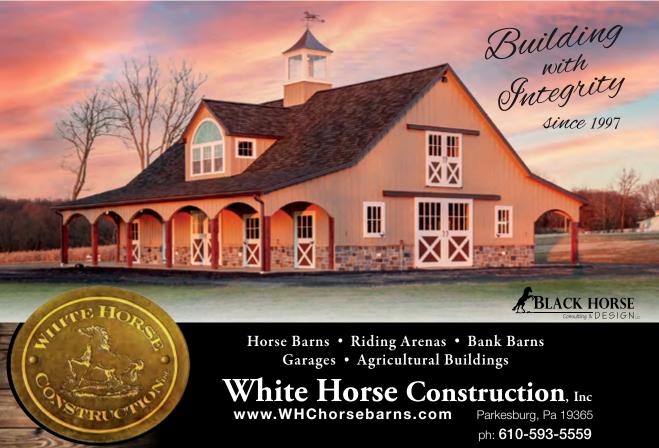
SEPTEMBER 11

Historic Odessa Brewfest. 50 local, regional and national craft breweries, live music, gourmet food and artisan vendors. Benefits Historic Odessa Fdn. 202 Main St., Odessa, DE. VIP, noon to 6, \$70; general adm. 2 to 6, \$55. 302-378-4119; OdessaBrewfest.com.

SEPTEMBER 11-12

Brandywine Festival of the Arts. Over 200 artisans from all over the country. 1001 North Park Dr. Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, 11 to 4. \$5. 302-419-6648; BrandywineArts.com. ♦

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The Farmhouse Restaurant at Loch Nairn 514 McCue Rd. 610.268.2235; LochNairn.com

Berwyn

♥ Nectar 1091 Lancaster Ave. 610.725.9000: TasteNectar.com

Birchrunville

♥ Birchrunville Store Café 1403 Hollow Rd 610.827.9002; BirchrunvilleStoreCafe.com

Chadds Ford

Antica Italian Restaurant & Wine Bar 1623 Baltimore Pk.

484.770.8631; AnticaPA.com Enjoy authentic and inventive Italian cuisine at this restaurant located in the heart of Brandywine Valley. They're open for both indoor and outdoor dining on their patio and offer great cocktails, an extensive wine list, seafood and homemade pastas. Lunch and dinner, Tues-Sun, 11:30 to 9; Fri-Sat, 11:30 to 10.

Brandywine Prime Seafood & Chops

1617 Baltimore Pk. 610.388.8088; BrandywinePrime.com This modern American steakhouse, in the heart of the Brandywine Valley at the historic Chadds Ford Inn, is open inside and outside with curbside to go. They have private rooms for corporate events, rehearsals, wedding showers and your holiday parties and are open for dining Tues-Sat.

The Gables at Chadds Ford

423 Baltimore Pk 610 388 7700 TheGablesAtChaddsFord.com

Hank's Place 1625 Creek Rd. 610.388.7061; HanksPlaceChaddsFord.com

Chester Sprinas

♥ Bloom Southern Kitchen 123 Pottstown Pk. 484.359.4144; BloomSouthernKitchen.com

Epicurean Garage 570 Simpson Dr. 610.615.5189; EpicureanGarage.com

Limoncello (West Chester) 499 E. Uwchlan Ave. 610.524.3112; LimoncelloCS.com

Revival Pizza from Stove & Tap

240 Windgate Dr. 610.947.0999 Facebook.com/RevivalPizzaPub

Coventryville

♥ La Maison 1470 Old Ridae Rd. 484.680.1193; MartinsKitchen.com

Devon

Amis Trattoria 138 Lancaster Ave. 610,590,4782; AmisTrattoria.com

Terrain Café at Devon 138 Lancaster Ave. 610.590.4675 ShopTerrain.com/Devon-Restaurant

Downingtown

♥ Amani's BYOB 105 E. Lancaster Ave. 484.237.8179; AmanisBYOB.com

Estrella Tacos y Mas 202 E. Lancaster Ave. 484.237.2423: EstrellaTacoBar.com

The Social Southern Scratch Kitchen & Bar 541 W. Lancaster Ave. 484.593.4113: SocialOn30.com

Station Taproom 207 W. Lancaster Ave. 484.593.0560; StationTaproom.com

Victory Brewing Company (Kennett Sq.) 420 Acorn Ln. 610.873.0881; VictoryBeer.com

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Suburban Restaurant & Beer Garden Eagleview Town Center, 570 Wellington Sq. 610.458.BEER: SuburbanBG.com

Vickers Restaurant 192 E. Welsh Pool Rd. 610.363.7998: VickersRestaurant.com

Kennett Square

Catherine's Restaurant 1701 W. Doe Run Rd. 610.347.2227: CatherinesRestaurant.com

Grain Kennett Square 108 W. State St. 610.444.7232; MeetAtGrain.com

Hearth Kitchen 8.59 F. Baltimore Pk 484,732,8320; HearthKennettSauare.com

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Lily Asian Restaurant 104 W. State St. 610.925.3700; LilySushiAndGrill.com

Portabello's 108 E. State St. 610,925,4984 PortabellosOfKennettSauare.com

♥ Sovana Bistro 696 Unionville Rd 610.444.5600: SovanaBistro.com

♥ Talula's Table 102 W. State St. 610.444.8255; TalulasTable.com

Verbena BYOB 102 State St. 484.732.7932; VerbenaBYOB.com

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Stone House Grille 1300 Hares Hill Rd 610.933.1147 StoneHouseGrillepa.com

Kimberton Inn 2105 Kimberton Rd. 610.933.8148: KimbertonInn.com

King of Prussia

King of Prussia Town Center 100 Village Dr.

KingOfPrussia-TownCenter.com There are about a dozen restaurants here— Founding Fathers, Davio's Northern Italian Steakhouse, City Works, Fogo de Chao, and Choolaah to name a few.

Malvern

Avola Kitchen + Bar 625 N. Morehall Rd. 484.328.8584: AvolaKitchenAndBar.com

Brick & Brew 400 E King St. 484.320.8688: BrickNBrewPub.com



Classic Diner 352 Lancaster Ave. 610.725.0515: TheClassicDinerPa.com

♥ Dixie Picnic 215 Lancaster Ave. 484.320.8024; DixiePicnic.com

♥ General Warren 9 Old Lancaster Rd. 610.296.3637: GeneralWarren.com

Malvern Buttery 233 E. King St. 610.296.2534; MalvernButtery.com

Restaurant Alba 7 W. Kina St. 610.644.4009; RestaurantAlba.com

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114.S. Olive St. 610.892.6944; Ariano.net

♥ Azie Media 217 W. State St. 610,566,4750; Azie-Restaurant.com

Brick & Brew 26 W. State St. 484.443.8441: BrickNBrewPub.com

♥ Desert Rose 30.5 W State St 484.442.8012; DesertRose/MediaPA.com

♥ Margaret Kuo's 6 W. State St. (Wayne, Frazer) 610.892.0115; MaragretKuo.com ♥ Pinocchio's Restaurant 131 E. Baltimore Ave. 610.566.7767: PinPizza.com

Sterling Pig Brewery (West Chester) 609 W. State St. 484.444.2526; SterlingPig.com

Tom's Dim Sum 13 E. State St. 610.566.6688: TomsDimSum.com

The Towne House 177 Veterans Sq. 484.445.2041; TheTowneHousePa.com

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Teca 191 S. Newtown Street Rd. 484,420,4010; TecaRestaurants.com

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♥ Avlos Greek Cuisine 258 Bridge St. 610.455.4110; AvlosGr.com

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♥ Bistro on Bridge 212 Bridge St. 610.935.7141; BistroOnBridge.com

Great American Pub 148 Bridge St. 610.917.3333: TheGreatAmericanPub.com

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♥ Steel City Coffeehouse & Brewery 203 Bridge St. 484.924.8425; SteelCityCoffeehouse.com

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Springfield

Tavola Restaurant + Bar 400 W. Sproul Rd.

610.543.2100; Tavolas.com

Swarthmore

Broad Table Tavern 12 S. Chester Rd. 610.543.7500: TheInnAtSwat.com

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♥ Autograph Brasserie 503 W. Lancaster Ave. 610.964.2588; AutographBrasserie.com

Black Powder Tavern 1164 Valley Forge Rd. 610.293.9333; BlackPowderTavern.com

The Blue Elephant (opening soon) 110 N. Wayne Ave. BlueElephantBar.com

Christopher's A Neighborhood Place 108 N. Wayne Ave. 610.687.6558 ChristophersANeighborhoodPlace.com

DanDan 214 Sugartown Rd. 484.580.8558: DanDanRestaurant.com









DiBruno Brothers-Bar Alimentari 385 W. Lancaster Ave. 484.581.7888: DiBruno.com

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♥ Rosalie 139 E. Lancaster Ave. 610.977.0600; RosalieWayne.com

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♥ White Dog Café 503 W. Lancaster Ave. 610.688.7646; WhiteDog.com

Teresa's Café and Next Door Bar 120–126 N. Wayne Ave. 610.293.9909; Teresas-Cafe.com

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Columbus Inn 2216 Pennsylvania Ave., Wilmington 302.571.1492; ColumbusInn.net

Farmer & The Cow 413 N. Market St., Wilmington 302.407.5957: FarmerAndTheCow.com

Jessop's Tavern 114 Delaware St., New Castle 302.322.6111; Jessops-Tavern.com

Le Cavalier at the Green Room Hotel DuPont 42 W. 11th St., Wilmington 302.594.3154; LeCavalierDe.com

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Outdoor Dining in Towns & Buroughs

KENNETT SQUARE

Thanks to Historic Kennett Square's "Kennett Blooms" initiative, Kennett Square will be in full bloom this summer with extensive plantings and fun placemaking projects. The town's award-winning boutiques, cafes and restaurants are safely open for business with options for every comfort level. Enjoy sidewalk dining on State Street, rooftop concerts on top of the parking garage brought to you by The Kennett Flash, live music and craft beer at Kennett Brewing Company, ice cream from Kennett's own Michoacana Homemade Ice Cream, and the outdoor beer garden vibe on Birch Street at Braeloch Brewing and the newly reopened Creamery. HistoricKennettSquare.com.

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WEST CHESTER

Gay Street Open-Air Market will return this summer! West Chester is excited to see you and will have plenty of outdoor dining and shopping options. While you're there, make sure to check out all the fun throughout West Chester's vibrant downtown. In addition to street parking, there are over 1,400 parking spots available in the parking garages and lots surrounding the downtown. For more info on parking visit DowntownWestChester.com



Summer Sipping at Local Breweries 🖼

Here Are Local Breweries That Brew Their Own Beer, Most Serve Food, Some Have Food Trucks Or Let You BYOF (Food).

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The Creamery

Malvern

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SterlingPig.com

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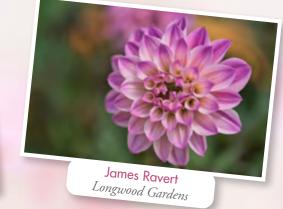
Chester County In Bloom

County Lines Country is in full bloom and we asked you to help capture it! During June, we'll showcase each semifinalist photo on Facebook. To vote, just follow and like our page, then like your favorite photo. The entrant with the most likes* will win a 5-person family membership to Longwood Gardens.

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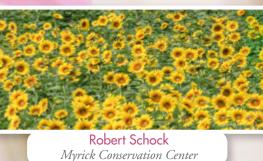
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Days Wines of Light Of White

S UMMER IS FINALLY HERE! IT'S TIME FOR BRIGHT blue skies, warm weather and soaking in the sunshine. Make the season even better by heading to your fridge and pouring yourself a perfectly chilled glass of white wine.

Venture beyond your usual white wine rotation and try something that expands your palate this year. Most of us have explored the classic wines of summer—chardonnay, pinot grigio and sauvignon blanc—so it's time to switch it up with some lesser-known wines that will pair sensationally with your summer activities and menus.

Here are four new white wines to add to your summer sipping enjoyment.

VERDEJO FROM SPAIN

For those who love the crisp and refreshing taste of sauvignon blanc, you'll likely also enjoy a Spanish verdejo. This grape is full of herbaceous, lime and honeydew flavors with a zingy acidity to boot.

Start with the delicious and affordable 2019 Alberto Sanz Verdejo Rueda. At only \$9.99, it's packed with tropical fruit notes and light notes of green apple. Explore further with a sip of the 2019 Cuatro Rayas Organic Verdejo Rueda. Not only does this wine have an energizing zip of crunchy fruit, it's certified organic and just \$13.99.

Drink either of these wines with any light fare such as citrusy chicken, fish, sheep's milk cheeses (like manchego) or dishes that include tarragon, basil, cayenne or cumin.

GRÜNER VELTLINER FROM AUSTRIA

Are you looking for a wine with irresistible acidity to pair with a poolside day? Head over to the Austrian section of your local wine shop and look for grüner veltliner. You'll find lots of stone fruit, white pepper and herb essences in a glass of Austria's most popular white wine.

An excellent entry to this grape is the 2019 Little Cricket Grüner Veltliner. At \$11.99, this wine is clean and crisp with lots of green fruits and flinty characteristics in each sip. If you fall in love, be sure to step it up and try the Proidl Romeln Grüner Veltliner from Kremstal. You'll spend a little more (\$25.99) but the quality is all there. You'll find an exceptionally developed wine that will leave you wishing you bought a second bottle.

Pair these wines with a light meat like chicken or a seafood option like sashimi.

CHENIN BLANC FROM ... MANY PLACES

CRICKET

You may have seen chenin blanc on the shelf of your favorite bottle shop because it's grown all over the world. If you want something with a rich kiss of sweetness that's balanced by a crisp golden fruit nuance, then try this varietal.

Stay a little Old World and give the 2017 Domaine de la Racauderie Gautier Vouvray Demi-Sec a try. Priced at \$19.99, this wine has notes of yellow apple, candied ginger and a savory minerality at the finish. But don't stop there.

South Africa has been taking the chenin blanc market by storm. The 2019 Bodenhorst Family Wines Secateurs Chenin Blanc from the Swartland region is a must-have for any chenin blanc enthusiast at \$16.99. These ripe grapes spent some time aging on the lees (lees are the dead yeast cells and other particles remaining in a wine after fermentation) to create a round texture and honey blossom flavor backed by a hint of crisp stone fruit.

Complement these wines with your favorite spicy cuisine.

VINHO VERDE FROM PORTUGAL

The last in this roundup is more of a regional wine blend than a grape varietal. Vinho Verde is a region within Portugal that has made a particular style with select native grapes. What you will always find

IF YOU'RE SWITCHING

TO WHITE WINE FOR

SUMMER, HERE ARE

MORE OPTIONS TO SIP.

Jessica Roberts



in a Vinho Verde is a slightly effervescent wine that's brimming with acidity, lemon and lime zest. This is also a nice low-alcohol option when you're looking for something light to drink.

The 2019 Quinta das Arcas Arca Nova Vinho Verde Branco is a great choice to sip on a hot summer day. This \$9.99 bottle of wine is dominated by green apple and white pepper notes. A second option is the Portal da Calçada Vinho Verde Branco Reserva, priced at \$12.99, which has a fuller body but still holds its citrus zest and crispiness.

Pair these wines with anything green-cilantro, limes and herbs of all sorts.

All these wines should be served fairly cold—45 to 50 degrees for lighter wines and 50 to 55 degrees for wines with more body. This optimal serving temperature is slightly warmer than most home refrigerators, so for the best results don't leave your wine to chill overnight. The wine won't be ruined if you forget to take it out early. The chill might be just what you need to cool off during the dog days.

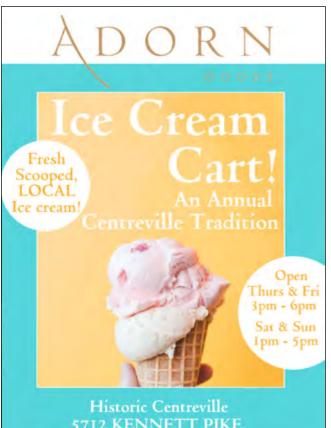
With three whole months of summer there's plenty of time to try all these recommendations and more. Be sure to ask your local wine specialist for additional suggestions.

Enjoy this summer with a sip of something special.

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FINE WINE & GOOD SPIRITS

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

Lighting the Way. Celebrate Juneteenth by visiting Kennett Square's newest cocktail bar, Stor and Lantern. Square Roots Collective and The Creamery are collaborating to create a place for locals to enjoy delicious drinks while honoring the heroes



of The Underground Railroad. The bar will encourage curiosity around the movement's history through features like a cocktail menu that honors the work of Tom Bullock, an enslaved man who published one of the first cocktail books in America. 401 Birch St., Kennett Square.

Back in Business. Don't call it a comeback! Sovana Bistro in Kennett Square is back and better than ever. After two difficult years of rebuilding, Sovana Bistro's doors are officially open and ready to welcome the community back into the new space. The staff has spent this time refining their craft so customers can expect the same high-quality cuisine and thoughtful care. Check out their website and social media for updates on their menus. 696 Unionville Rd., Kennett Square. SovanaBistro.com.

Wayne Happenings. Wayne's summer dining scene has big news! The Great American Pub is opening Radnor Township's first rooftop bar with a central bar, lounge area with couches and shaded tables. Also coming soon, The Blue Elephont, an upscale



Asian fusion restaurant with a location in Pottstown, is taking over the former Matador space. Expect dishes like the Philly special with seared Kobe beef and lobster tempura, drunken noodles or mushroom dumpling soup. More reasons to visit Wayne. WayneBusiness.com.

Restaurant (Inn)possible. The Ship Inn Restaurant is newly renovated and ready for diners after a visit from Chef Robert Irvine of the TV show Restaurant Impossible. Founded in 1796, the

historic Ship Inn is ready for 21st-century customers after its recent update. Enjoy tempting entrees like Korean BBQ chicken cheesesteak, spice crusted swordfish or shrimp Française with lump crabmeat. Pair with a French Martini or Strawberry Mule and relax on their outdoor patio. 693 E. Lincoln Huy., Exton. ShipInn.net.



Summer Smoothies. Looking for healthy ways to beat the heat this summer? Try blending a refreshing smoothie on National Smoothie Day, June 21st. Kick off the summer months with a mix of tangy and sweet fruits for the perfect poolside drink or put your smoothie concoction in a popsicle mold for a yummy dessert. Pick up fresh and organic fruits from the many local farmers markets listed in the sidebar in our monthly Things To Do section. National Today.com.

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Brandywine Table

Market Made

TIPS AND RECIPES TO GET THE MOST OUT OF SUMMER FARMERS' MARKETS

Alyssa Thayer

S THERE ANYTHING MORE WHOLESOME THAN strolling the tents of a farmers' market on a warm summer's day, hand-selecting produce and artisan goods as you go? Short answer, probably not.

While many local farmers' markets officially open in May, they really find their stride in early summer. "We always say strawberries mark the start of the season," says **Growing Roots Partners** owner Christy Campli. She sites strawberries as the sweet lure that brings folks out to their markets. Shoppers might come for the berries, but they stay for the vibrant produce, quality meats and dairy, and scrumptious value-added treats.

Christy, who took over the business from founder Lisa O'Neill this past January, is just getting started with running several farmer's markets, but she's no newbie to local food. Christy served as the manager of farm-to-table mecca, Wyebrook Farm Restaurant in Honey Brook, and helped open Herd Provisions a farm-centric restaurant in Charleston, South Carolina,

Working at these establishments grew her general interest in good food into a full-fledged life's calling. "It opened my eyes and changed my life," she recalls.

As anyone who has ever tended a garden will attest, growing food is no small task. Christy's #1 priority is getting farmers and food



Growing Roots operates farmers' markets in Malvern, Downingtown, Eagleview and Devon.



Christy Campli, the new face of Growing Roots Partners

makers the recognition they deserve. "They aren't in the business of getting rich, they are in the business of doing the right thing," she says.

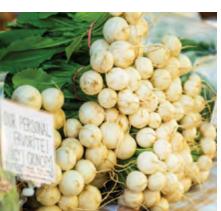
Along with tasting delicious, offering more nourishment, and being better for the earth, buying local is also about supporting the local community and economy. "The best part of the farmers' markets are the farmers," Christy says. And as you'll read in this column, she encourages market-goers to get to know their farmers and take advantage of their depth of knowledge.

As we venture deeper into market season, the culinary inspiration is abundant and ever-changing. Each week there's something new popping up—berries, squash, herbs and more. "For me, as a cook, it's one of the most exciting parts of eating seasonally" she says.

Although asking Christy to pick a favorite season is akin to asking a

mother to pick a favorite child, she smiles and says "It has to be when I can find tomatoes, bell peppers and cucumbers all at the same market ... that's heaven."

All you need is an open mind and a few sturdy reusable bags, and you too can have a feelgood culinary adventure every week. Happy shopping friends!



Ask the farmers what's good. Otherwise, you might miss these crunchy and juicy Hakurei turnips.

RECIPES:

There's no better time to celebrate the flavors of the season than summer. We've organized these warm weather recipes by the month when the ingredients are generally available—but this can shift based on the whims of Mother Nature. Christy also likes to point out that almost everything needed in these recipes is available at their markets—right down to the chicken, cheese, bread and vinegar!

JUNE Summer Berry Salad

Peak-picked berries are a delicacy. And while we're in full support of simply rinsing and devouring, we thought we'd offer one other scrumptious way to enjoy berry season. This version uses strawberries and feta, but we encourage you to use whatever berry and cheese combo is available—blueberries and chevre anyone?



1 lb. fresh strawberries

5 oz. (1³/₄ C.) baby greens (we used a spinach/arugula combination) ¹/₃ C. pecan pieces, toasted and cooled 4 oz. (¹/₂ C.) feta, crumbled ¹/₂ C. fresh basil, chiffonade into ribbons ¹/₄ C. Balsamic-Honey reduction (recipe below) Salt and fresh ground pepper to taste 2 Tb. extra virgin olive oil

Rinse and remove stems from berries, chop into bite-size pieces (halves or quarters depending on size). On a platter, arrange greens in a thin layer, then sprinkle over berries, nuts, cheese and basil.

Next, drizzle olive oil and balsamic reduction over the platter, and finish with a sprinkle of coarse salt and fresh ground pepper to taste. Serves 4–6.

Honey-Balsamic Reduction

This recipe is simple to make (2-ingredients simple), delicious to eat and will make your budget balsamic thick and luxurious. We've used it for a savory dish here, but up the honey-to-vinegar ratio and you'll have the perfect dessert drizzle. Balsamic, stone fruit sundae sound good? ³/₄ C. bolsamic vinegar ¹/₄ C. honey

Shop the Farmers Market Like a Pro

Sourcing ingredients locally admittedly takes more effort than simply walking the aisles of a grocery store, but it can be done and is well worth the effort. Take a look at this list of tips and tricks to shop your local market like a pro.

Early Bird – Early shoppers get the best selection. As the day progresses, you run the risk of missing that first-of-the-season item and may have to settle for whatever is left.

Pre-Order – Until recently what would be available at the market on any given day was always a wild card, making it challenging to depend on for weekly supplies. Thanks to the pandemic, the majority of the vendors now have online pre-order systems, which Christy predicts are here to stay.

Peruse then Choose – It's hard not to purchase the first shiny tomato you see, but do yourself a favor and make a quick lap to see what's available. That way you leave room in your budget and bag for all your top finds.

Plan in Place – Having a general plan of meals for the week will help ensure you can use all your purchases. There's nothing worse than forgetting about or not using something fast enough. Another great part of the market is if you need a certain amount (more or less than how an item is bunched) ask the farmer. They may be able to bunch or split something for you.

Be Flexible – This may seem counter to what we just discussed, but hear us out ... You may be looking for butternut squash, but realize its even sweeter cousin, honeynut squash, is available. The solution is to go in with general categories in mind, rather than specific varieties (leafy greens, root vegetables etc.). That way you can take advantage of what's good and available. If you need help with substitutions, ask a farmer.

Ask the Farmer – See a pattern here? Just like you'd go to a restaurant and ask for chef specials, ask for and use the suggestions of the growers and makers to find the best picks.

Tough Totes – The last thing you need is to be limited by your bag size or have the handles rip and risk bruising or losing your precious cargo. Bring a set of well-constructed totes or baskets. If it's hot, consider having an insulated bag or chilled cooler in your car.

Seek Out Specialty – Many of the specialty vendors (beer, wine, cheese, maple syrup, etc.) rotate markets. Know when they're coming to your neck of the woods so you can stock up.

Serene Routine – Make your visit a joyful part of each week. Add the market as a recurring date on your calendar—to get outside, support the community and of course bring home all the goods.

Add vinegar and honey to a thick-bottomed saucepan. Bring to a high simmer for 20–25 minutes, until you see the mixture begin to thicken, making sure to stir every 5 or so minutes. *Note:* make sure you have a hood fan on, or a window open, vinegar fumes are no joke!

Cool and store in an air-tight container.

TIP: If serving over greens or as a cold dressing, best to make ahead of time.

Makes ³/₄ C. dressing, approximately 6 servings.

JULY Chilled Potato, Green Bean Salad

This is our take on a summer veggie niçoise. Make it with whatever string beans, potatoes and fresh herbs you can get your hands on. The French vinaigrette is what brings the whole thing together as a light but satisfying summer meal.

TIP: Because all the components are served cold, we recommend cooking and chilling your eggs and potatoes ahead of time, if possible.



3 large eggs

1 lb. new potatoes 1 lb. green beans

Optional: 5 oz. (1³/₄ C.) baby greens

Dressing:

1-2 lemons, juiced (enough for 1/4 C.)

2 Tb. sherry or red wine vinegar

1 shallot, minced finely (can be subbed for another small local allium of your choice)

3 sprigs thyme, leaves removed from stem and chopped finely

- 2 tsp. fresh oregano, chopped finely
- 2 Tb. fresh basil, chopped finely

1/2 tsp. honey

Generous pinch of salt and pepper

Toppings:

¹/₃ C. Kalamata olives, drained and pitted
2 Tb. capers, drained
1 Tb. fresh parsley or chives, chopped for garnish
Fresh ground pepper to taste

Egg Prep: It's a hard-boiled egg, how hard can it be? Try these simple steps for a softer, easier-to-peel egg.

Gently set eggs into the bottom of a medium-sized saucepan (large enough to ensure eggs won't touch/crowd). Fill the pot with cold water until the depth reaches 1 inch above the top of the eggs.

Bring water to a boil. Once at a boil, turn down to a simmer for 8–10 minutes depending on how soft you want the yolk.

Using a slotted spoon, remove eggs one at a time from hot water and submerge directly into an ice bath. Once completely cool, peel and slice in half long-ways and long-ways again to make wedges. **Pototo Prep:** Boil potatoes in salted water for 15 minutes or until fork tender (time can range dramatically depending on size and type of potato). Remove from heat and allow to cool completely before cutting. Once cooled, chop into bite-sized pieces.

Green Becns: Rinse and trim ends and place into a steaming basket. Bring shallow water to a boil in steamer pot, then lower the basket in and cover. Let them steam on high for about 5–7 minutes (or until desired crunchiness).

Remove from steam carefully, and deposit directly into an ice bath to stop the cooking and to keep that vibrant green color. We like to cut green beans in half to make them a bit shorter and easier to eat, but that's just personal preference.

Dressing: Add all ingredients to a tight-sealing jar, screw lid on tightly, and shake vigorously to mix. Open up, taste, and add salt and pepper as needed.

Drizzle 3–4 spoonfuls of dressing over potatoes to start soaking in while you begin to assemble the salad.

Create a bed of greens, if using, then layer on green beans and potatoes. Delicately arrange egg slices on the surface of the salad and sprinkle toppings on top (olives, capers, herbs).

Finish by spooning the dressing generously over the top. Serves 4–6.

TIP: Only dress what you'll be eating and keep leftover components separate. That way you won't have any discoloration or sogginess when you enjoy it for a second time.

AUGUST Bruschetta Chicken

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It's no secret that vine-ripened fresh tomatoes are one of the ultimate treats of summer. This recipe harnesses that sweetness, adds a little smokiness, and throws it all over juicy, flavorful grilled chicken. It's a Campli family favorite, so timeless, no one even remembers where it came from.

4 lbs. chicken breasts, butterflied, cut in half and pounded to around $\mathcal{V}_2\text{-inch}$ thick

Marinade: 2 C. scallions, chopped 1/4 C. white wine 2 lemons, juiced (approximately 4 Tb.) 5 cloves garlic, minced 1/4 C. extra virgin olive oil Generous pinches of salt and pepper Bruschetta: 2.5 lbs. tomatoes, diced 1/2 C. fresh basil, chiffonade in ribbons 4 cloves garlic, minced finely 1/2 bunch scallions, chopped (1/4 C.) 1 Tb. extra virgin olive oil Salt and pepper to taste



Place all marinade ingredients in a large container and whisk together. Add chicken with tongs, gently turning to coat evenly. Marinate for 4 hours or overnight.

Preheat grill. Add all bruschetta ingredients into a tinfoil packet or covered grill pan. Place directly onto grill over medium-high heat for 15–20 minutes, or until tomatoes are blistered and juicy.

Place chicken directly on oiled grill grates and cook over medium-high heat for 3–5 minutes on each side (depending on thickness) or until internal temperature reaches 165°.

Pull chicken off grill and allow to rest for 5–10 minutes. Top chicken with bruschetta tomatoes, and enjoy!

Farmers Market Panzanella (Adapted from *Serious Eats*)

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This warm-weather classic pulls together many of our favorite flavors of summer. Plus, it's the perfect way to use up day-old fresh bread!

2.5 lb. tomatoes, cut into wedges 2 tsp. salt, plus more to taste 3 medium cucumbers, thick-chopped to desired shape 1 large red onion, sliced and separated 1/2 C. packed basil leaves, chiffonade into ribbons 2 medium eggplants 3 large bell peppers 1 can chickpeas, drained and rinsed 8 oz. (2 C.) fresh feta, large crumbled Croutons: 4-6 C. (about 1 loaf) rustic bread (Italian or sourdough work well), chopped into 11/2-inch cubes 2 Tb. extra virgin olive oil Salt and pepper to taste Dressing: 1 small shallot, minced (about 2 Tb.) 2 cloves garlic, minced 1/2 tsp. Dijon mustard 2 Tb. red wine vinegar 1/2 C. extra virgin olive oil Salt and pepper to taste



Preheat oven to 350°.

Place chopped tomatoes into a colander over a bowl (to capture juices) and season with salt. Toss to coat evenly. Let mixture stand for at least 20 minutes, tossing occasionally to help release moisture.

While tomatoes are draining, begin preparing croutons. Toss bread cubes in EVOO and season generously with salt and pepper. Transfer to a cookie sheet and bake for 15–20 minutes, or until crispy and golden brown. Set aside to cool.

Remove the colander of tomatoes from the bowl and set aside. To your bowl of tomato juices, add shallot, garlic, Dijon and red wine vinegar and mix. Whisking constantly, add EVOO and salt and pepper to taste.

Combine tomatoes, cucumbers, red onions, basil, salad dressing and toasted/cooled bread cubes in a large bowl. Toss to mix. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes (up to 2 hours) before serving.

Preheat the grill. Chop off eggplant ends, and slice in half lengthwise. With the eggplant half facing down, slice into ¹/3-inch strips. Remove stems and seeds from bell peppers and chop into 4–5 large pieces. Toss eggplant and peppers in EVOO and season generously with salt and pepper.

Place vegetables directly on grill over medium-high heat, until desired char is achieved (about 5 minutes per side). Set aside to cool.

Assemble Salad: Mix chickpeas into refrigerated salad mixture

and add to a deep platter or serving bowl. Top with grilled vegetables (eggplants, peppers) and crumbled feta.

Buon Appetito! ♦

Alyssa Thayer found her love of food at an early age, frolicking around her mother's organic farm and eating her weight in berries and snap peas each summer. She is a self-proclaimed urban farm girl, whose mission is to bring inspired ideas to life, passionate people together, and good food to every table.



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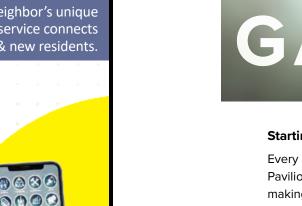
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