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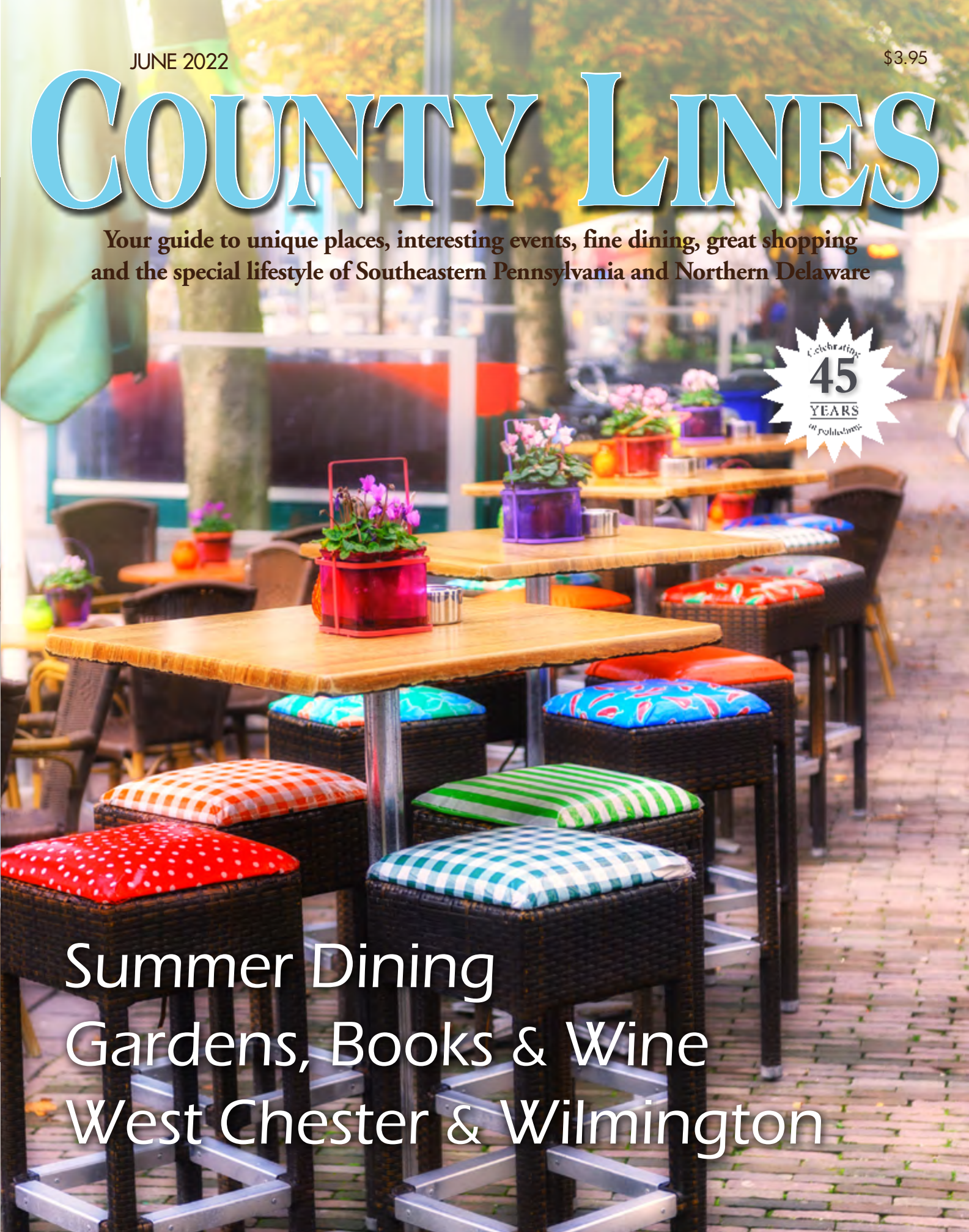
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from the EDITOR

Summer is in sight — it's June in *County Lines* country. Relax, read a book, enjoy the flowers, explore wine cocktails, dine outside and visit local towns with tons of events!

Shelly Laurence of Main Point Books invites you to “Get Your Beach Read On!” She’s picked ten books that are entertaining and still have plenty to say.

June’s long days and warm nights are just what flowers need. In “Bloomin’ Beautiful,” Carol Metzker visits local flower farms and talks to growers of zinnias, cosmos, dahlias, hydrangeas, irises, snapdragons, anemones and more. Learn where to pick your own.

For more flowers, “Chester County in Bloom” has 20+ images competing in our annual photo contest. Pick your favorite and vote on Facebook.

While showy flowers are often a key part of garden designs, don’t overlook the impact of foliage. Stephanie Kuniholm of Jenkins Arboretum explains how in “Foliage Gardening with the Elements of Design.”

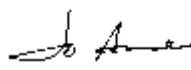
You may want to work on your garden to create a backyard paradise for a staycation destination. Shannon Montgomery talked with local contractors to get ideas for “Creating an Outdoor Oasis.” And make your time at home merrier with Jessica Roberts’ wine cocktail recommendations in “Mixing It Up.”

There’s excitement in the air, writes Cara Corridoni in “West Chester — Morning, Noon and Night,” highlighting Fête de la Musique, TAPS Happy Hours, the return of Gay Street’s Open-Air Market and plenty of outdoor dining. Plus our “Summer Dining Guide” is packed with even more suggestions for dining local.

Count on us for the “Best Local Events” each month. And for June, we zoom in on “Summer in Wilmington.” Ed Malet finds festivals, live music, theater, sports and more to explore.

Finally, for something a little different, Brandywine Table’s Alyssa Thayer writes about Swarbustin’ Honey in “The Accidental Apiary” and shares a few delicious honey-based recipes.

Thank you for reading and happy start of the summer!


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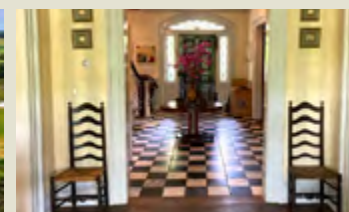
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Fox Hill Farm is set on 80.2 bucolic acres complete with a fabulous house, pool, pond, tennis court, barn, indoor and outdoor arenas plus a dressage ring, and cross-country course. The Archer & Buchanan designed home of 10,000 square feet represents the epitome of gracious country living. The 7 bedroom, 5.4 bath stone home features rare details like Italian marble floors and 200 year old wood floors from a French chateau. The workmanship in this home is spectacular! The large Kitchen features high-end appliances and marble counters. The Master Suite is really special! The Lower Level has a large Wine Cellar, Exercise Room, Theater, and Game Room. The Barn and Indoor Arena offer 27 stalls. Great equestrian community and located in the nationally ranked Unionville-Chadds Ford School District!

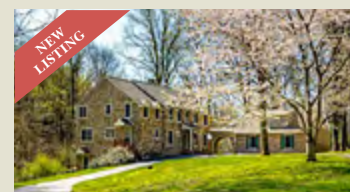
\$6,875,000



Springdale Farm, Pennsbury Township

Springdale Farm (c.1703) has been tastefully restored and completely modernized. On the National Register, and set on 11.67 private acres, the 4BR, 4.1BA stone home features an incredible Kitchen and a fabulous main suite with luxurious bath. The 3 family bedrooms have en-suite baths. Details include several fireplaces, original floors, interior stone walls, and exposed beams. There is also a one bedroom guest house and a detached office! The grounds include stone walls, views, and privacy.

\$2,350,000



East Pikeland Township

Set on a very private three acres, sits this fabulous custom, 4800sf, 4BR and 3.1BA home. The dazzling property boasts quality construction, two grand exposed stone fireplaces, gorgeous Kitchen, abundant wood flooring, finished basement, stream, protected views & more! If you are tired of touring cookie cutter development style homes and want something absolutely unique, look no further than this fine property.

\$1,180,000



Bittersweet Drive | Pocopson Township

Set on 7.3 exceedingly private acres in Pocopson Township, sits this spectacular 18,000 square foot, tutor style home featuring a spectacular main level Master Suite with “His” and “Her” bathrooms, Walk-in Closets, a private Office, and a large Bedroom. The home boasts 5 Bedrooms, 8.3 Bathrooms plus a four room guest/in-law suite easily accessed by way of the home’s three level elevator. The main level Living Room, Dining Room, incredible Kitchen, and stellar Family Room must be seen to be appreciated! All of the Bedrooms enjoy En-Suite Bathrooms. The Lower Level features an amazing Wine Cellar, Theater, Game Room and second Family Room. This fabulous property is located with easy access to Wilmington plus set in the nationally ranked Unionville-Chadds Ford School District!

\$4,750,000



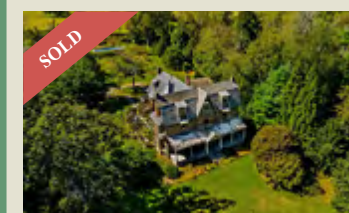
Bohemia River Waterfront

Battery Point Farm is set on a well landscaped and private 5 acre waterfront parcel providing the best of the Eastern Shore. This 5 BR, 3.5 BA home boasts water-views from every room. Features include a spacious living room-dining room with vaulted ceilings, fireplace and large windows; gourmet kitchen; beautiful primary bedroom; two private offices; large 2 car garage; swimming pool; and private dock with water/power hook-up. There is room for horses, gardens and more.

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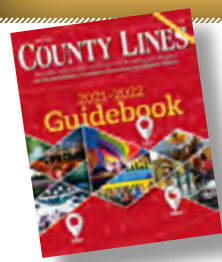
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[Good to Know] *Just a few things we'd thought you'd like to know this month*

ChesCo Pride. June is Pride Month and Chester County is celebrating love, dignity and diversity! The Chester County LGBT Equality Alliance plans to mark the month with their **5th Annual Pride Fest** on June 11 in Phoenixville, noon to 5 p.m. Enjoy a day of pride with vendors, food trucks, music and a 50/50 raffle with a chance to win ChesCo Pride shirts. Visit participating restaurants and shops marked by rainbow balloons for great discounts. LBGTEAChesCo.org.



Prized Preservations. Efforts to recognize and maintain West Chester's historic gems continue with the **11th Annual West Chester Preservation Awards** nominations. These awards spread awareness and appreciation for the borough's history while encouraging preservation efforts. Nominations are open in three categories — Brick and Mortar Awards for construction projects, Preservation Service Awards for educational and advocacy efforts, and the Preservation Legacy Awards for exceptional contributions to West Chester's historic integrity. Nominates close June 10. WCDF.org.



Crafty Plans. June is prime time for enjoying outdoor craft fairs featuring local artisans. Check out the **Clover Market** for lucky finds when it's in Kennett Square on June 5, returning October 23. At **Craft + Mercantile** in Eagleview, shop under the stars and twinkling lights on June 17. For two days of fun, June 25–26, visit the 31st annual **Manayunk Arts Festival**, the largest outdoor arts and crafts show in the tri-state area held along historic Main Street. TheCloverMarket.com. GrowingRootsPartners.com. Manayunk.com.

Attention History Buffs! Tedyffrin Historic Preservation Trust opened the **Jones Log Barn Living History Center** this spring, featuring one of the oldest intact log barns in the Mid-Atlantic. This 230-year-old barn, moved from Berwyn to its current home in Chesterbrook, brings history to life with displays of Chester County's early years, historic farm equipment,



the Township's part in the American Revolutionary War and more. The historic site is shared by the Duportail House and the c. 1792 Federal Barn. Open Sundays, 1–3, through October. TedyffrinHistory.org.

Pretty in Pink. Interested in color psychology? Then get to know **Baker Miller Pink** — aka Drunk Tank Pink or Millennial Pink — a bright shade of pink originally thought to cause such a sense of calm and relaxation, it was painted on walls in jails and locker rooms of opposing teams. Studies of the color found conflicting results but generally show the body reaches equilibrium after 30 minutes of exposure. Then antagonistic behaviors may come back — sometimes worse than before. Think twice before you paint! ColorMatters.com.





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June Picks

Our Picks for top events this month

Brandywine Polo

Through September 25, Fridays & Sundays



The passion of polo and the spirit of the local community come together every summer season as spectators gather to watch the excitement on 122 acres in the Brandywine Valley. Bring family, friends and a picnic and tailgate at the grounds. 232 Polo Rd., Toughkenamon. Friday Twilight Polo — gates open at 5 p.m.; match at 5:30. Sun, gates open at 1:30 p.m.; match at 3. \$15–\$20. Check Facebook for weather and field updates. BrandywinePolo.com.

Town Tours & Village Walks

June 9–August 18, Thursdays

Join a series of free summer strolls through historic neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and sites, designed to inform, entertain and increase awareness of Chester County's rich heritage and historic landscape. Coming up: **June 9**, West Chester: Humphry Marshall Birthday Bash; **June 16**, Kennett Borough: Founding Families of the African American Community in Kennett Square; **June 23**, Eagle Village. For tickets and details, Chesco.org/Planning/TownTours.



The Strawberry Festival

June 2

The Rotary Club of Coatesville hosts, offering family entertainment, rides, kids activities, monster trucks, Friday fireworks and much more. The Festival Marketplace has craft and promotional vendors and food trucks. Benefits the Coatesville community. *Brandywine Hospital, at Rt. 30 Bypass, Coatesville. Thursday, 5 to 10 p.m.; Friday, 5 to 11 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 11 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 6:30 p.m. BrandywineStrawberryFestival.com.*

Fête de la Musique

June 21



Kick off the summer season with a new event in Downtown West Chester. Originated in France, Fête de la Musique (also known as "Music Day") is a celebration of music, when people take to the streets to perform.

The goal is to feature local musicians of all stripes — from solo performers to ensembles — on street corners, sidewalks, plazas and more throughout Downtown West Chester. Noon to 9 p.m. Rain date, June 23. DowntownWestChester.com.

PA Guild of Craftsmen Fine Craft Fair

June 25–26

Over 100 artisans offer contemporary fine crafts including jewelry, functional and decorative pottery, men's and women's wearables and upscale home furnishings. Savor the many options from the food truck court. *Ludwig's Corner Horse Show Grounds, Glenmoore. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$10 per car. PACrafts.org.*



best Local Events

FAMILY FUN

ONGOING
Now Open — The Museum of Illusions. You'll enjoy more than 60 visual and educational exhibits featuring holograms, stereograms, optical illusions and immersive rooms that are designed to tease the senses and trick the mind. 401 Market St., Philadelphia. \$14.99–\$19.99. For times, MOIPhilly.com.

JUNE 3

Family Movie Night at Wilson Farm Park. Bring family, friends, blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy *Encanto* under the stars. Free popcorn available. Rain date, June 4. 500 Lee Rd., Wayne. 7 to 10 pm. Free. Tredyffrin.org/Departments/Parks.

JUNE 4

Strawberry Festival at Linvilla Orchards. Celebrate the peak of the local strawberry season by coming out to pick your own from the fields at Linvilla. Rain date, June 5. 137 W. Knowlton Rd., Media. Begins at 8 am. Linvilla.com.

JUNE 4

Historic Newtown Square Day. A community celebration with demonstrations, Revolutionary War and Native American reenactors, art, tours of historic sites, sheep shearing, music, antique cars, children's activities and more. Square Tavern, Rt. 252 & Goshen Rd., Newtown Square. 10 to 4. Free. HistoricNewtownSquare.org.

JUNE 21–25

St. Joseph Community Festival. The festival is back and better than ever with a beer garden, fireworks on Friday, food booths,



raffles, bingo, live entertainment, amusement rides and more. 332 Manor Ave., Downingtown. Tues–Thurs and Sat, 6 to 10; Fri, 6 to 11 pm. 610-269-8294; StJoeseFestival.com.

JUNE 25

Family Fest at The American Helicopter Museum. The annual celebration of family and fun with helicopter rides, a classic car and motorcycle show, food trucks, inflatable games, static aircraft displays, music and more. 1220 American Blvd., West Chester. 10 to 5. \$10–\$15. Rain or shine. AmericanHelicopter.Museum.



JULY 4

4th of July Celebration at Wilson Farm Park. Bring your lawn chairs and a picnic dinner and enjoy the patriotic sounds of the holiday from Chester County Concert Band. Fireworks show begins at dusk. Kona Ice will be available to enjoy a sweet treat. 500 Lee Blvd., Wayne. 7:15 to 9:15 pm. Tredyffrin.org/Departments/Parks.

JULY 1–4

Philly Balloon & Music Festival. Dozens of balloons paint the Chester County skyline. Enjoy live entertainment on the main stage



from local bands, fireworks on Sunday, hay rides, bounce houses, kids tent, refreshments and a balloon glow Fri–Sun at 9 pm. 1326 Pottstown Pk., Glenmoore. Gates open Fri, 3 pm; Sat–Mon, noon. \$10–\$40. PhillyBalloon-Fest.com.

JULY 4

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



JULY 4

Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation 4th of July Celebrations. Celebrate the Fourth of July at Colonial Plantation with a reading of the Declaration of Independence, patriotic celebrations and historic demonstrations. 3900 N. Sandy Flash Dr., Newtown Square. 11 to 4, last admission is at 3. \$8–\$12. 610-566-1725; ColonialPlantation.org.

JULY 4

Garrett Hill-Rosemont 4th of July Parade. Decorate your bikes and floats to ride in this year's parade. Registration and start are at Rosemont Business Campus, 919 Conestoga Rd., Bryn Mawr, at 9:30. The parade ends at Clem Macrone Park, where there will be entertainment, refreshments and games for the whole family. GarrettHillPA.com.

JULY 8

Odorisio Music & Movie Event. Enjoy musical performances, food, refreshments, prizes and a movie on the big screen — Disney's Soul at 8:30 — under the stars. Bring your own lawn chair or picnic blanket. Odorisio Park, 418 Fairview Rd., Wayne. 6 pm. Free. Radnor.com.

ART, CRAFTS & ANTIQUES

THROUGH JUNE 5

Devon Art Gallery. New and returning artists display and sell their work at this juried show held at The Devon Horse Show, Rt. 30, Devon. Visit in person or virtually to choose a piece. DevonHorseShow.net.

THROUGH JUNE 10

Exhibition at The Art Trust—Reflections. Seven talented artists exhibit new work, including one exhibit-specific piece: their unique take on a self-portrait in response to being an artist during the pandemic. June 9, closing event at 5. The Art Trust at Meridian Bank, 16 W. Market St., West Chester. TheArtTrust.org.

JUNE 3–5

Frog Hollow Art Show. Presented by the Diving Cat Studio Gallery. Exciting local artists exhibit interesting creative styles in art and craft in a restored 1790s four-story gristmill house on Birch Run. 1655 Hollow Rd., Chester Springs. Fri, Preview Party, 3 to 9 pm; Sat–Sun, 10 to 6. 484-919-8774; FrogHollowArtShow.com.



JUNE 17

Craft + Mercantile. A curated night market celebrating local makers and artisans alongside live music, food and drink. Eagleview Town Center, 565 Wellington Square, Exton. 5 to 8 pm. GrowingRootsPartners.com.



BOOKS

JUNE 1–16

Wellington Square Bookshop. Classics Book Club: June 1, "Mrs. Dalloway" by Virginia Woolf. NonFiction Book Club: June 2, "The

Woman Who Smashed Codes" by Jason Fagone. Fiction Book Club: June 15–16, "Fresh Water for Flowers" by Valérie Perrin. 549 Wellington Sq., Exton. WellingtonSquareBooks.com.

JUNE 1–21

Main Point Book Club. Meet the Author: June 1, "Poor Richard's Women" by Nancy Rubin; June 7, "The Cherry Robbers" by Sarai Walker; "The Foundling" by Ann Leary; June 14, "The Recruit" by Alan Drew. Fiction Book Club: June 21, "Narrowboat Summer" by Anne Youngson. 116 N. Wayne Ave., Wayne. For times, MainPointBooks.com.

JUNE 30, JULY 28, AUGUST 25

DelArt Readers Book Club. A virtual, community-led event on Zoom meets monthly to discuss, debate, celebrate and share works of fiction and non-fiction. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. 6 to 8 pm. Free. DelArt.org.

CAR SHOW

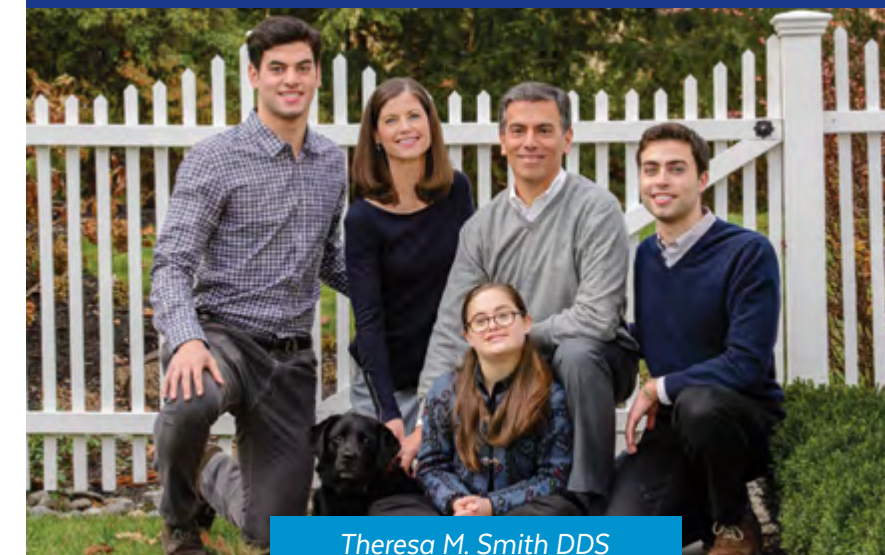
JUNE 4

Ales & Petals—Cars & Motorcycles of England Car Show. Enjoy food, live music, craft beers and tour this large British motoring show with over 250 classic British cars and motorcycles. On



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the grounds of Historic Hope Lodge, 553 Bethlehem Pk., Ft. Washington. 10 to 4. \$5–\$10. HistoricHopeLodge.org/Ales-Petals-Car-Show.

JUNE 24–25
2022 Philadelphia Concours d'Elegance. Cool Cars for Kids, Inc. presents a showcase of classic and historic automobiles, this year celebrating the “Snakes” — the iconic Ford Shelby Cobra and Dodge Viper. The Simeone Automotive Foundation Museum, 6825 Norwitch Dr., Philadelphia. Benefits the Children’s Hospital of Phila. Preview Gala Fri, cocktails, dinner, concours preview and auction, 6 pm, \$150. Sat, 10 to 3, \$25, under 18, free. 215-365-7233; CoolCarsForKids.org.

EQUESTRIAN EVENTS
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 25
Fridays & Sundays
Brandywine Polo. See *June Picks*.

JUNE 29–JULY 3, JULY 5–JULY 10
Charitable Fund Brandywine Horse Shows. Offering two weeks of family-friendly equestrian competition at the Devon Show Grounds. This year the show benefits Domestic Violence Center of Chester County and Equus Survival Trust. Rt. 30, Devon. BrandywineHorseShows.com.



FESTIVALS
JUNE 5
153rd Annual Malvern Memorial Day Parade. The Upper Main Line Memorial Association sponsors this event that begins on King St. at the fire station and ends at Memorial Park on Monument Ave. MalvernMemorialParade.com.

JUNE 11
Historical Society of the Phoenixville Area Strawberry Festival. A family affair with food, entertainment, kids games and fresh strawberries and ice cream highlight the event. Benefits the Historical Society. 204 Church St., Phoenixville. Flea Market, 8 am to 1 pm; food, entertainment and games for children, 10 to 3. HSPA-PA.org.

JUNE 25
Pennypacker Mills Has Vintage Baseball at its Best! Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy baseball as it was played in the early days. Root for the Athletic Base Ball Club of Philadelphia as they play against the Brandywine Base Ball Club. Explore the property on the Treasure Hunt activity. 5 Haldeman Rd., Schwenksville. 1 to 3. Free. MontcoPA.org/PennypackerMills.

JUNE 24–26
Celtic Fling and Highland Games. Enjoy traditional pipe bands, modern Celtic rock bands and everything in between. Savor delicious Celtic cuisine, fresh brewed ales, wines, ciders and more. Mount Hope Estate & Winery, 2775 Lebanon Rd., Manheim. Fri. night, gates open at 5 pm; Sat–Sun, 11 to 10. \$13.95–\$31.95. PAREnFaire.com.

FOOD & BREWS
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28
Wednesdays
Dining Under the Stars in Media. Stroll. Shop. Dine. Restaurants set up tables on State Street, which is closed from Jackson to Orange for this summer-long outdoor dining event. Starts at 5:30 pm. Check VisitMediaPA.com for participating restaurants.

THROUGH NOVEMBER 6
Taste Kennett Food Tours. Visit six restaurants, a brewery, a market and specialty shops on a 3-hour guided walking food tour through historic Kennett Square. Enjoy food tastings at each stop, a little bit of history and a fun afternoon. 1 pm. \$59. TasteKennett.com.

JUNE 4
Willistown Conservation Trust Barns & BBQ. The Willistown Morning Barn Tour begins at 9 am, and Barns & BBQ starts at 2. Both feature a tour book, access to barns and farms and a deep history of all tour stops. Barns & BBQ attendees will end the evening with a cocktail hour, three-course meal and live music overlooking preserved land at a secret barn location. \$50–\$300. For tickets, WCTrust.org.

JUNE 5–10
Rehoboth, DE Restaurant Week Supports the Red, White & Blue on the Culinary Coast. You'll enjoy either menu discounts or prix-fixe menus at restaurants in Rehoboth Beach, Dewey Beach, Lewes and Coastal Delaware. For more information, 302-227-6446 or visit Beach-Fun.com.

JUNE 7–JULY 26
Food Truck Tuesdays in King of Prussia. You can enjoy live music, games and delicious food during your lunch hour. Call or visit website for a complete lineup and directions to food trucks. 484-681-9452; KOPBID.com.

Local Farm Markets

Artisan Exchange, 208 Carter Dr. Unit 13 B, West Chester. Sat, 10 to 1. ArtisanExchange.net.

Bryn Mawr Farmers Market, Lancaster Ave. Bryn Mawr train station lot. Sat, 9 to 1. FarmToCity.org.

Market at Coverdale Farm Preserve, 543 Way Rd., Greenville, DE. Fri, 2 to 7; Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, 11 to 3. DelNature.org.

Downingtown Farmers Market, Kerr Park, Log House Field, 28 E. Pennsylvania Ave. Sat, 9 to 1. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

Eagleview Farmers Market, Eagleview Town Center, 570 Wellington Sq., Exton. Thurs, 3 to 6:30. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

Kennett Square Farmers Market, The Creamery, 401 Birch St. Fri, 3 to 6. 610-444-8188; KSQFarmersMarket.com.

Lancaster County Farmers Market, 389 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne. Wed, Fri & Sat, 6 to 4. 610-688-9856; LancasterCountyFarmersMarket.com.

Malvern Farmers Market, Burke Park, 26 S. Warren Ave. Sat, 9 to 1. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

Pete's Produce Farm, 1225 E. Street Rd., West Chester. Mon–Sat, 9 to 6; Sun, 9 to 5:30. 610-399-3711; PetesProduceFarm.com.

Phoenixville Farmers Market, 200 Mill St. Sat, 10 to noon; seniors, 9–9:30. PhoenixvilleFarmersMarket.org.

Pottstown Farmers Mkt., 100 E. High St. Every other Sat, 9–1. 484-948-6061; PottstownFarm.org.

Rodney Square Farmers Market, 10th & N. Market St., Wilmington. Wed, 10 to 2. InWilmDE.com/Events/Downtown-Farmers-Market-at-Rodney-Square.

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

Thornbury Farmers Mkt. & CSA, 1256 Thornbury Rd., West Chester. Sat, 9 to 6; Sun, 11 to 5. ThornburyFarmCSA.com.

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

West Chester Growers Mkt., Chestnut & Church Sts. Sat, 9 to 1. 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.

JUNE 11
Brewfest at Mount Hope. Fill your sampling glass with beers from a variety of breweries while shopping with various merchants and enjoying delicious Brewfest foods. Mt. Hope Estate & Winery, 2775 Lebanon Rd., Manheim. 11 am to 3 pm. \$59.95. PAREnFaire.com.

JUNE 12
First Annual Kennett Summerfest Wine and Spirits Festival. Taste wines from some of the best local and regional wineries, paired with cheeses from Talula's Table as well as mixed



drinks featuring spirits from local distilleries and Barefoot Botanicals mocktails for designated drivers. An exclusive “Farm & Vine” three-course meal available before event, 12:30, \$145. Summerfest held on 100 block of S. Broad St., 3 to 7, \$60. KennettSummerfest.com.


JUNE 16
2022 Summer Pop-up Biergarten at Historic Sugartown. BYO chairs and picnic blankets. Locust Lane Craft Brewery and Chaddsford Winery offer beverages, and food trucks will be cooking up some delicious food. Music will be provided by Shake Down. 260 Spring Valley Rd., Malvern. 5 to 8. \$10; under 18, free. HistoricSugartown.org.



JUNE 18
Habitat For Humanity Hops for Homes Beer Festival. This is the first Hops for Homes Beer Festival celebrating Chester County craft breweries. Join in a day of beer tastings from La Cabra, Suburban Brewing and more along with food trucks, backyard games and live music. Exton Square Mall parking lot, Exton. Noon to 4. HFHCC.org/News/Building-A-Thirst.

JUNE 22, 29
Field to Fork Dinners at SIW Vegetables. Dine on the farm and enjoy just-picked produce in an idyllic setting. Chefs prepare dishes in the renovated barn. BYOB. **June 22,** Chef Jezabel Careaga, \$99; **June 29,** Taste in Music with chefs Yehuda Sichel (Huda), Randy Rucker (River Twice) and Mikey McCaan (Dizengoff). \$140. 4317 S. Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. \$150. SIW-Vegetables.Blogspot.com.

FUNDRAISERS
JUNE 7
CVIM's Annual Golf Classic. Join Community Volunteers in Medicine for a day of golf along with breakfast, lunch, dinner, open bar, auction and giveaways, to support the region's largest free healthcare center for families without health insurance. Applebrook Golf Club, 100 Line Rd., Malvern. CVIM.org.



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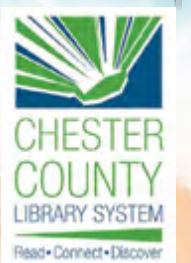
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JUNE 11
Thorncroft's 37th Annual Victory Gallop. As Thorncroft's premier fundraising event, the Victory Gallop presents an unforgettable black-tie evening for the benefit of the Farm. The Victory Gallop welcomes guests for dinner, dancing and silent auction. Held at a private estate. Thorncroft.org.



JUNE 11
Great Chef's Event for Alex's Lemonade Stand. Many culinary superstars and representatives from the best bars, wineries and craft breweries participate. Urban Outfitters Headquarters, Bldg. 543, 5000 S. Broad St., Phila. 1 to 4 pm. \$195. AlexsLemonade.org.

GARDENS
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 25
Longwood Gardens Festival of Fountains. Fountains dance and music sets the tone during these captivating evenings. *June 30–Oct. 30*, experience the wonder that is *Light: Installations by Bruce Munro*, Thurs–Sun evenings. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Timed tickets, 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

THROUGH SEPTEMBER
Pennsylvania Horticultural Soc. Announces Opening of PHS Pop Up Gardens. Visit urban garden spaces in Manayunk and on South Street and enjoy entertainment and events, food and beverages. Manayunk: 106 Jamestown Ave., Phila. South Street: 1438 South St., Phila. Mon–Wed, 5 to 10 pm; Thurs, 5 to 11; Fri & Sat, noon to midnight; Sun, 11 am to 9 pm. PHSONline.org/PopUp.

THROUGH OCTOBER 30
Longwood Gardens Illuminated Fountain Shows. Find a place to sit—or stand back in awe—as water in all shapes, sizes and heights combines with music and infinite colors. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Thurs–Sat, 9:15. \$18–\$25. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

JUNE 3
Natural Lands Stardust! Celebration. Kick off summer with a celebration including garden strolling, roving supper and much merriment. The event benefits Natural Lands' mission to save open space, care for nature and connect people to the outdoors in eastern PA and southern NJ. Stoneleigh: a natural garden, 1829 County Line Rd., Villanova. 6:30 to 9:30. Tickets start at \$300. NatLands.org.



JUNE 3
Moonlight & Roses at Morris Arboretum. Dining and dancing under the stars, surrounded by the beauty of roses in bloom. The annual fundraising event supports all aspects of the Arboretum's mission. For info and to purchase tickets, MorrisArboretumGala.org.

JUNE 4
Garden Day at White Horse Village. The senior living community showcases the talents of resident gardeners. Self-guided tours, 10:30, complimentary lunch at noon, reg. req. 535 Gradyville Rd., Newtown Square. Free. WhiteHorseVillage.org.

JUNE 7
Beautiful Blooms at Bear Creek Preserve. Take a hike through this expansive preserve's forest and stream valleys to discover an amazing array of ephemeral beauties. 47 Rabbit Run Ln., Bear Creek. 9 am to noon. \$10. NatLands.org.

JUNE 11–19
The Philadelphia Flower Show. "In Full Bloom" will take place in South Philadelphia's Franklin Delano Roosevelt Park. Benefits the



Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. 1500 Pattison Ave. & S. Broad St., Philadelphia. \$20–\$50. 215-988-8800; TheFlowerShow.com.

MUSEUMS
ONGOING
Brandywine River Museum of Art. Works by Andrew Wyeth to be made accessible in perpetuity through a sharing agreement between the Wyeth Foundation for American Art and the Brandywine River Museum of Art. 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. Wed–Mon, 10 to 4. \$6–\$18. Brandywine.org.

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 11
Delaware Art Museum. "Stan Smokler: Steel in Flux." 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.

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
JUNE 2–OCTOBER 20
Thursdays
Live Music at King of Prussia Town Center. *June 2*, Kat Rivers Duo; *June 9*, Joe Miralles; *June 16*, Carmen Tomassetti; *June 23*, One HotMess Duo; *June 30*, Castles in the Sky; *July 7*, Kat Rivers Duo. Concerts continue through Oct. 20. 155 Village Dr.

(in front of Davio's), King of Prussia. 6 to 8 pm. KingOfPrussia-TownCenter.com.

JUNE 2–JULY 8
American Music Theatre. *June 2*, An Evening with Kenny G; *June 4*, Blippi The Musical; *June 10*, The Lettermen; *June 11*, Terry Fator; *June 16*, Fleetwood Mask: The Fleetwood Mac Experience; *June 17*, The Frontmen of Country; *June 25*, Happy Together Tour; *July 8*, Dion. 2425 Lincoln Hwy. E., Lancaster. 888-729-4718; AMTShows.com.

JUNE 3–25
The Keswick Theatre Presents. *June 3*, Tommy James & The Shondells; *June 4*, Tom Keifer; *June 8*, ABBAFAB; *June 10*, Wanda Sykes; *June 11*, Glen Burtnik's Summer of Love Concert; *June 14*, It Was 50 Years Ago Today: A Tribute To The Beatles; *June 17–18*, Get The Led Out; *June 19*, Blippi The Musical; *June 22*, George Thorogood & The Destroyers; *June 23*, Everclear; *June 24*, The Music of Cream; *June 25*, The Fab Faux with The Hoghead Horns and the Creme Tanerine Strings. 291 N. Keswick Ave., Glenside. 215-572-7650; KeswickTheatre.com.

JUNE 3–26
Point Entertainment Presents at The Colonial Theatre. *June 3*, The Room Live! with come-

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dien Greg Sestero; *June 5*, Steve Earle and The Dukes with special guests The Whitmore Sisters; *June 18*, An Evening with Roger McGuinn; *June 26*, Psychedelic Furs: Made of Rain Tour. 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. Times and tickets, 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.

JUNE 3–4
Wine & Jazz at Longwood Gardens. *June 3*, a Wine & Jazz All Stars performance in the Open Air Theatre, 7:30, \$49. *June 4*, the festival begins with live music and a selection of wines. Sip along to exceptional jazz then catch the jazz-inspired *Take the A Train to Birdland* Illuminated Fountain Performance after the sun sets. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. 2 to 10 pm. \$59. 610-388-1000; Longwood.org.



JUNE 3, 15
Kennett Flash. *June 3*, Mark Unruh; *June 15*, Tony Vacca's World Rhythms Ensemble at Anson B. Nixon Park, 405 N. Walnut Rd., Kennett Square. Kennett Flash located at 102 Sycamore Alley, Kennett Square. Times and tickets, 484-732-8295; KennettFlash.org.

JUNE 3–25
Bryn Mawr Twilight Concerts. *June 3*, Cabin Dogs; *June 4*, Stephen Kellogg; *June 10*, Merion Concert Band; *June 18*, Lucy Kaplansky; *June 25*, Dar Williams. Concerts through Aug. 28. Bryn Mawr Gazebo, 9 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr. 7 pm. \$15. 610-864-4303; BrynMawrTwilightConcerts.com.

JUNE 3–AUGUST
Long's Park Summer Music Series. Stay tuned for this year's line up. Visit website for details. Long's Park Amphitheater, Route 30 & Harrisburg Pk., Lancaster. 7:30 pm. LongsPark.org.

JUNE 5
Jazz at the Springs. Grab your chairs and settle in for an afternoon of great jazz on the old tennis courts behind the Chester Springs Studio. 1668 Art School Rd., Chester Springs. 3 to 5:30. Free. 610-827-7414; YellowSprings.org.

JUNE 5
Turks Head Music Festival. Two stages feature seven local bands performing different genres of music and approximately 90 artists and vendors set up booths throughout Everhart Park to sell

their high quality arts and crafts. 100 S. Brandywine St., West Chester. Noon to 7 pm. Rain date, June 12. Free. TurksHeadFestival.com.

JUNE 9, 12
Concerts in the Courtyard at Willows Park Preserve. Enjoy an afternoon of entertainment. *June 9*, Callie Graver; *June 12*, Laura Shay. 490 Darby Paoli Rd., Villanova. 5 to 6:30. \$15, under 12 free. WillowsParkPreserve.org.

JUNE 11
Wayne Music Festival. Enjoy a wide range of musical genres and artists from all over the country. The Wayne Music Festival highlights local and regional acts, as well as over 75 local restaurants and vendors. Downtown Wayne. 2 to 10:30. Free. WayneMusicFestival.com.



JUNE 12, 26
Miller Park Summer Concert Series. *June 12*, Slippery Band; *June 26*, TBA. Concerts through Aug. 21. Albert C. Miller Memorial Park, 220 Miller Way, Exton. 6 pm. Free. 610-363-9525; WestWhiteland.org.

JUNE 12, 26
West Goshen Summer Concert Series. *June 12*, The Plants; *June 26*, The Greaseband. West Goshen Community Park, N. Five Points and Fern Hill Rds., West Chester. Guests are asked to bring a dry good item for West Chester Food Cupboard. In the event of rain, concerts at Stetson Middle School Auditorium, 1060 Wilmington Pk. Concerts continue through Aug. 21. 6:30. Free. WestGoshen.org.

JUNE 15–AUGUST 14
Delaware County Summer Festival. Free concerts in Rose Tree Park's scenic outdoor amphitheater—a popular Delco tradition for more than four decades. Offering everything from Classical to Cajun, Motown to Broadway, Doo Wop to Rock & Pop and everything in between. Visit website for a list of concerts. Rose Tree Park, Rt. 252 & Providence Rd., Upper Providence. Free. DelcoPA.gov/Departments/Parks/Summer-Festival.html.

JUNE 16–JULY 28
Summer in the Park Concerts at Wilson Farm Park. *June 16*, Disco Perfect Band; *June 23*,



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June 3–5
Let's Go Music Festival
Enjoy a weekend of top live music acts from country to rock to pop. This year's headliners feature Lynyrd Skynrd, Outlaws, Billy Currington, Goo Goo Dolls and more. 1450 Generals Hwy., Crownsville, MD. For the full line up and tickets, visit LetsGoFest.com.

June 5–12
Annapolis Arts Week
The week-long event encompasses all the wide-ranging artistic creativity that has made the area a haven for art lovers. VisitAnnapolis.org/Events.

July 2–4
4th of July Weekend Celebration
Three days of citywide events including live music and salsa dancing, historic tours and fireworks. Parade on Sat, 10:30 am; fireworks will be launched from a barge in Annapolis Harbor on Sun, 9:15 pm. For more information, VisitAnnapolis.org/Events.

August 5
77th Annual Rotary Club of Annapolis Crab Feast
Get your fill of Maryland's famous blue crabs — plus vegetable crab soup, corn on the cob, beef barbeque sandwiches, hot dogs, draft beer and more. Benefits local community and cultural organizations. Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, 550 Taylor Ave., Annapolis. 5 to 8 pm. AnnapolisRotary.org/CrabFeast.



June 4
Pennypacker Mills Meet Harriet Tubman
Arrive between 1 and 3:30 pm to explore the property on a Treasure Hunt activity. The Harriet Tubman performance at 4. Free. 5 Haldeman Rd., Schwenksville. MontCoPA.org/PennypackerMills.

June 16–19
Chester County History Center
The Center will join the Chester County Juneteenth Festival: *Journeying Towards Freedom*. All events are free. *June 16* – “A Night with Dane E. Tilghman.” 6:30 pm. *June 18* – “A Celebration of Freedom with Nahjee Grant.” Children's program. 1 pm. *June 18* – “A Lifetime of Service, a Conversation with Rev. Anderson Porter.” 6:30 pm. 225 N. High St., West Chester. MyCCHC.org

June 17–19
Voices Underground Presents
June 17 – An Evening with Dr. Eddie Glaude, Jr., 6 pm. Longwood Gardens, 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. *June 18* – Journey to Freedom Juneteenth Festival, Noon to 8. The Creamery, 401 Birch St., Kennett Square. *June 19* – Freedom's Table: A Dinner of Friendship with Adrian Miller, Lincoln University, 1570 Baltimore Pk., Lincoln University. For details visit VUProject.org/Juneteenth.

June 18
Kennett Underground Railroad
Open House with Kennett Heritage Center, A walking tour of the area around the Kennett Heritage Center. Two-hour Heritage bus tour of points of interest. 120 N. Union St., Kennett Square. KennettUndergroundRR.org.

June 18
Delaware Art Museum Beyond Juneteenth Egungun Festival
Enjoy live performances, along with food trucks, arts and craft vendors. 10 to 4. Free. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wilmington. DelArt.org.

June 19
Juneteenth Celebration at the Melton Center
The celebration features a Flag Raising Ceremony, A Moment of Silence, Ceremonial Planting of a shrub or tree, Dedication of the Freedom Bench and more. 9 am. 501 E. Miner St., West Chester. MeltonCenter.org.

Tim Williams Band; *June 30*, Fusebox; *July 14*, Almost There; *July 21*, Chico's Vibe; *July 28*, White Wedding Band. Wilson Farm Park, 500 Lee Rd., Chesterbrook. 7 pm. Free. Tredyffrin.org/Departments/Parks.

JUNE 23
Charlestown Summer Concert. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy The Malarkey Brothers Celtic Folk Rock Band performing at The Wisner-Rapp House, 3020 Yellow Springs Rd., Malvern. 7 to 9. Free. Facebook.com/CharlestownDay.

JUNE 25–JULY 10
Upper Merion Concerts Under the Stars. *June 25*, David Uosikkinen's “In The Pocket,” *June 30*, Start Making Sense, Talking Heads Tribute; *July 10*, The Graceland Experience featuring Bakithi Kumalo (bassist on Paul Simon's *Graceland*). Concerts through Sept. 10. Concerts, 6 pm, beer garden opens, 5. Township Bldg. Park, 175 W. Valley Forge Rd., King of Prussia. UMTownship.org.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

JUNE 4
11th Annual Tails & Trails 5K Run/2K Walk. Join in-person at Main Line Animal Rescue's 60-acre farm or participate virtually. In-person offerings include beer garden, food, music, raffles and adoptable animals. MLAR, 1149 Pike Springs Rd., Chester Springs. Reg., 7:30 am; run at 9. \$35. MLAR.org/TailsAndTrails.

JUNE 12
The 20th Annual French Creek Iron Tour. Seven road courses range from 11 to 100 miles, and a 70-mile Gravel Grinder make this a ride for everyone. Benefits French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust. Start and finish at Kimberton Fire Company Fairgrounds, 762 Pike Springs Rd., Phoenixville. Start times vary; check website. \$55. IronTour.org.



JUNE 17
Media 5-Mile Race. Benefits community outreach and donates proceeds to non-profits that serve the area. Kids' Free Fun Runs start at 6 pm, Barrall Park and Field, State & Edgemont Sts. Main race starts at 7 pm, State St. and Veterans Square. \$40. Media5MileRace.com.

JUNE 18–24
Schuylkill River Sojourn. The annual 112-mi. guided canoe/kayak trip begins in Schuylkill Haven and ends at Philadelphia's Boathouse Row. Participants paddle 14–18 miles per day. Register for one day, any amount of individual days or the entire week-long journey. Meals, camping arrangements and shuttle service included. \$100–\$695. 484-945-0200; SchuylkillRiver.org/Sojourn.aspx.



JUNE 23–26
Annual Pottstown Rumble. Premiere grass doubles volleyball tournament, attracting nationally ranked pros, amateurs and kids. Food booths, vendors and beer tent onsite. Memorial Park Main Field, 75 W. King St., Pottstown. Visit website to register. PottstownRumble.com.



THEATER
THROUGH JUNE 5
Sister Act: The Musical at Media Theatre. Filled with powerful gospel music, outrageous dancing and a truly moving story. 104 E. State St., Media. Times and tickets, 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

THROUGH JUNE 12
Man of La Mancha at The Fulton Theatre. A musical adventure inspired by the tale of Don Quixote. 12 N. Prince St., Lancaster. Times and tickets, 717-397-7425; TheFulton.org.

THROUGH JUNE 12
Bayard Rustin Inside Ashland at People's Light. This world premiere play soars with African-American spirituals telling the story of Bayard Rustin, chief organizer of the 1963 March on Washington. 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

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TOWNS, TALKS & TOURS.....

THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Historic Kennett Square's Third Thursdays on State Street. Enjoy sidewalk dining on State Street, pop-up vendors, rooftop concerts brought to you by The Kennett Flash and ice cream and an outdoor beer garden vibe on Birch Street. Visit HistoricKennettSquare.com.

THROUGH OCTOBER 3

Open-Air Set-Ups in Phoenixville. Businesses will set up in the closed sidewalk and roadway between the 100-200 blocks of Bridge Street. Fri, 4 to 11 pm; Sat-Sun, 7 am to 11 pm. The Main and Bridge Street parking lot will also be closed for the duration of the road closure. Phoenixville.org/OpenAirSetUp.

JUNE 3, 11, 16

1st Fridays, 2nd Saturdays, 3rd Thursdays. First Fridays: June 3, Lancaster City, 717-509-ARTS; VisitLancasterCity.com. Oxford, 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org. Phoenixville, 610-933-3253; PhoenixvilleFirst.org. West Chester, 610-738-3350; DowntownWest-Chester.com. Wilmington Art Loop, 302-576-2135; CityFestWilm.com.

Second Saturday Virtual Arts Stroll: June 11, Media, 484-445-4161; MediaArtsCouncil.org.

Third Thursday Malvern Stroll: June 16, MalvernBusiness.com.

JUNE 21

Food for Thought: Community Conversations. Chester County Community Foundation hosts meaningful conversations on Zoom about diversity, equity and inclusion in America. Noon. Register at ChescoCF.org/Explore/Food-For-Thought. ♦

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Let's start with one of Oprah's most anticipated books of 2022. At first glance, *Book Lovers* by Emily Henry seems like your standard rom-com: one summer, two rivals in the publishing world and a mismatched romance. But Taylor Jenkins Reid (*Malibu Rising*) says it's a breath of fresh air, "razor-sharp and modern, featuring a fierce heroine who does not apologize for her ambition and heartfelt discussions of grief."

What if you could take a vacation to your past? Bestselling author Emma Straub offers up *This Time Tomorrow*, a unique story with a time-traveling twist. After her father gets sick, Alice wakes up one morning and finds herself reliving her 16th birthday, when she meets a charming and vital, 40-something version of her dad. How does it affect her and their future relationship? Would she change anything if she could? Would you? Our store owner, Cathy Fiebach, highly recommends this one: "A smart, funny, loving, time-hopping NYC-centric book. This is my definition of a perfect summer beach read."

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus introduces us to Elizabeth Zott, a scientist in 1960s California. Her career takes a major turn when she becomes the star of her own TV cooking show. If quirky is your style, my co-worker Anmiryam Budner says this one's for you. "Populated by brilliant, awkward scientists who defy social norms, a precocious and charming child, a brilliant dog named Six-Thirty and sleazy villains — which could in lesser hands veer into kitsch — become a highly diverting fable of overcoming the sexism and social repression of the 1950s and '60s. There are plenty of laughs, but

mostly you'll cheer for Elizabeth Zott and the people whose lives she transforms, just by being herself."

If you loved *A Man Called Ove* (and who didn't?), check out *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. It's a sweet tale of reckoning and hope, told through a widow's unlikely connection with a giant Pacific octopus. Think *My Octopus Teacher*. *Kirkus Reviews* calls this one "a charming, warmhearted read."

Want something a little more hard edged? I've got you covered. Don Winslow gives us *City on Fire*. Two criminal empires in New England are shattered when a modern-day Helen of Troy comes between the Irish and the Italians, launching an all-out war that sets a city ablaze. Stephen King raves: "Superb. This is storytelling with a keen edge. *City on Fire* is exhilarating to read."

Villanova professor Alan Drew brings us *The Recruit*. A series of strange crimes terrorizes an idyllic California town, and they may be linked to a white power movement. The question is — why this town and why now? Jeffery Deaver, author of *The Bone Collector*, says, "I can think of no other thriller that portrays its vital themes — all relevant to our times — in such a riveting and up close and personal way. Bravo!"

For our nonfiction fans, David Sedaris is back with his first new collection of personal essays since *Calypto*. In *Happy-Go-Lucky*, Sedaris captures the new reality of pandemic life: the unexpected, hilarious and poignant. If we must muddle through interesting times, who better to guide us through than David Sedaris? I've got this one on my reading list.

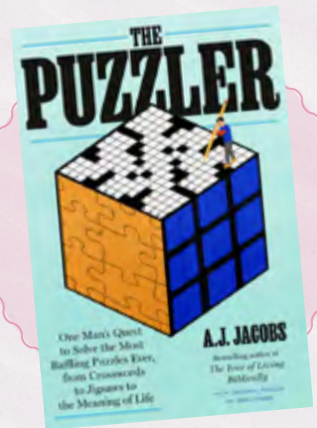
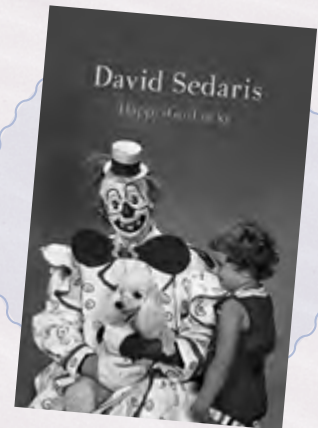
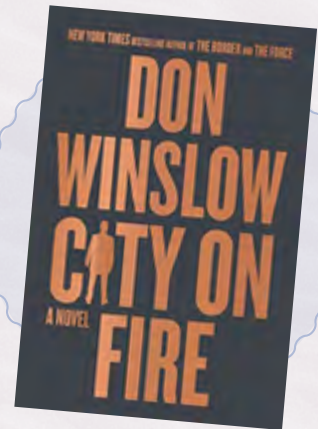
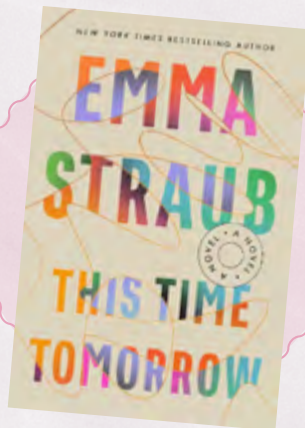
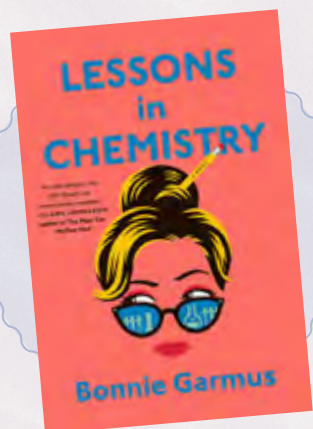
What makes puzzles — jigsaws, mazes, riddles, sudokus — so satisfying? In *The Puzzler*, A.J. Jacobs sets off on a lively journey to find out. Jacobs introduces us to some serious puzzle people, travels to interesting competitions, tries to get through the hardest corn maze in America and solves the most sadistic jigsaw. You may even pick up ideas for solving puzzling situations in life! Not a bad goal for these odd times.

Let's not neglect the younger set. *I Kissed Shara Wheeler* by Casey McQuiston is a YA novel about chasing what you want, but getting what you need. This one gets a big thumbs up from *Publisher's Weekly*. "Crisp writing, humorous asides and fully fleshed characters and relationships — many queer — keep things fresh, leading to a genuinely hopeful ending that centers on themes of authenticity and autonomy."

Little ones will love *Where Do Diggers Take Vacation?* by Brianna Caplan Sayers. It's a charming, rhyming board book about going on vacation, perfect for summer reading! If your youngster liked *Where Do Diggers Sleep at Night?* this is a natural choice.

This is just a small sampling of what's available for the summer season. Visit your local independent bookstore for more great suggestions. We all have our favorites and can't wait to share them with you. Happy summer reading! ♦

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Foliage Gardening with the Elements of Design



YOU DON'T NEED FLOWERS FOR DRAMA IN YOUR GARDEN

Stephanie Kuniholm, Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens

MANY GARDENERS HAVE SPENT YEARS SEEKING out plants with that elusive combination of four-season interest, ease of maintenance and striking features. While we often turn to showy flowers, eye-catching fruit or ornamental bark to add interest to our garden design, we may be overlooking a simple, yet powerful design tool for our home landscapes — foliage!

By applying the principles of design to your approach to growing foliage plants, you can quickly create a gorgeous — and easy to maintain — garden.

Turn your memory back to high school art class to revisit the elements of design: **shape, color, space, form, line, value and texture**. Together these elements create visual interest in a work of art, catching the eye of the viewer and leading them through the piece.

In a similar manner, these elements of design can engage the eye and draw a visitor into and through a garden space. While all seven elements are important to consider when designing or maintaining a garden, texture, color and form might be the three to focus on first for the most dramatic impact in your home landscape.

TEXTURE

Here at Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens, we specialize in plants that are native to the northeast region. With this particular palette

of plants, there are often long stretches of the year that have fewer flowers in bloom and are instead dominated by the color green.

One way we add variety and visual engagement to the gardens is to plant a diversity of textured foliage. From the fuzzy leaves of mountain mint (*Pycnanthemum muticum*) to the glossy leaves of Southern magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora*), the waxy pads of eastern prickly pear cactus (*Opuntia humifusa*) to the rough leaves of oak-leaf hydrangea (*Hydrangea quercifolia*), nature's textures are found throughout the garden. *See photos 1 & 2.*

COLOR

The word “green” simply does not do justice to the wide variety of colors we use the word to describe. When using the elements of design, an entire garden can be planted in only green hues, yet still be attractive and inviting.

At Jenkins, we look for contrasting shades of green to add drama to the garden. For example, down on the pond's edge, we planted the blue-green foliage of swamp rattlesnake master (*Eryngium aquaticum*) alongside the soft, buttery green leaves of the American lotus (*Nelumbo lutea*). *See photo 3.*

The combination of these two shades of green — along with their striking difference in texture (spiky against smooth) and form (nar-

row and upright next to low and round) — create a dramatic and eye-pleasing planting. This is one of our most-photographed spots in the garden ... all because of the foliage! *See photo 4.*

FORM

First, a quick refresher from art class: shape and form differ in that shape is generally a two-dimensional element, while form depicts three dimensions. Designing a garden space is certainly different from painting on a flat canvas, but it's still important to consider the form of plants and the space they occupy in the landscape.

Some plants take on a tall, upright form, such as scouring rush horsetail (*Equisetum hyemale*), while others sport rounded, bold foliage, such as Canadian wild ginger (*Asarum canadense*). *See photos 5 & 6.* Other types of forms to look for in the garden are cascading, vase, mounding or arching.

Just as with texture or color, the design element of form thrives on contrast. Play with the differences in form to see what catches your eye in the garden.

AND MORE

With all the elements of design, there are a few additional considerations. When planting a variety of foliage plants, keep in mind that too much variety in a small space can dull the impact of any one type of foliage and can quickly look messy or undefined to the eye.

One way to avoid this visual messiness is to plant *en masse* to create a dramatic look. Large, graceful sweeps of the same plant create a bold visual statement and an impactful presence.

1. Texture — Mountain mint
2. Texture — Dark glossy leaves of Southern magnolia
3. Color — Swamp rattlesnake master next to American lotus
4. Color — Green on green at the pond
5. Form — Scouring rush horsetail
6. Form — Canadian wild ginger with Christmas fern
7. More — Plant en masse to create a dramatic look

As we all know, rules are meant to be broken. So while some plants do best in large groupings, it can also be fun and dramatic to play with the contrasts between plants. Plant dissimilar foliage types next to each other in larger drifts or place an unexpected “pop” of a different kind of foliage in the middle of a grouping.

The elements of design are useful when designing a home landscape but can easily be applied to small container plantings as well. Be mindful of the texture, color and form of the plants you choose to combine in a container, and you're sure to add some “wow” to your front porch or patio.

Keep the elements of design in mind as you work in the garden this season and have fun “painting” your masterpiece! ♦

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 and are always free. Plan your visit by visiting Jenkins online at JenkinsArboretum.org.



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Creating An Outdoor Oasis

TRANSFORM YOUR BACKYARD
INTO YOUR OWN PRIVATE PARADISE

Shannon Montgomery

Photos: 1. Peter Zimmerman Architects 2. Dewson Construction 3. E. C. Trethewey Building Contractors

YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD PLENTY about curb appeal, but what about backyard appeal? That should be a thing, right?

Although some of us have destination vacations planned, many of us have developed a newfound appreciation for our homes. There's nothing like a good 'ol staycation!

And since you're unlikely to spend the entire summer away from home, think about how your backyard can be your own private oasis and your most convenient — and free — party venue.

Here are some ideas to transform your backyard into an outdoor oasis this summer, backed by the experts.

GATHER 'ROUND

A cozy outdoor living space is the perfect starting point for creating your personal paradise. When designing this space, [John McMahon of Dewson Construction](#) recommends making it an extension of your home. "It used to be that once the house is done, then you start thinking about the outside," he explains. "Now, it's part of the whole design."

A great way to do this is to let the natural landscape of your property influence the layout. [Ann Trethewey of E. C. Trethewey Building Contractors](#) shared with us a home that did just that. "The living room space opens through sliding doors to a spacious covered outdoor space, featuring outdoor seating with a television and dining table for eating out," she says. "The home was built into a hill, so this outdoor space has steps leading down to another seating area."

As for what to include in your outdoor living space — even if you're not starting from scratch — a fire feature is a must-have. Humans have been gathering around fire since, well, forever, so it's no wonder this is such a backyard staple.

In addition to traditional fire pits, both built-in and portable, more homeowners are building outdoor fireplaces. A gorgeous masonry fireplace, whether wood-burning or gas, can give your space the coziness and feel of an indoor living room. And add value.

Upgrading your backyard should extend beyond the seating area. An outdoor kitchen is what you need for a barbecue with friends or a family brunch. "The grill is the centerpiece of an outdoor kitchen," McMahon tells us. But that isn't



the only appliance to consider. Homeowners are adding ovens, refrigerators, sinks and even dishwashers to create a dream outdoor kitchen. And for those who enjoy a cold drink on a warm night, add a full outdoor bar!

When you start designing your outdoor living space, McMahon advises careful planning. “Lay everything out in the space and be aware of sizing and location.” Ultimately, you want your outdoor living space to feel like a natural and well-designed extension of your home.

MAKE A SPLASH

When it comes to the perfect summer hangout, is there anything more classic than a swimming pool?

There’s a reason pools are a quintessential backyard luxury and focal point. Who doesn’t love to gather friends and family around the pool on a hot summer’s day? Or, even better, just while away a sunny afternoon lounging poolside with a cool drink in hand ... no company required.

If you’re dreaming of an aquatic oasis, you may have to wait — many local pool companies are booked until 2023. **Joe Perchetti of Ted’s Pools** tells us he’s scheduled until the middle of next year. “We’ve found the pandemic-era craze for home improvements and pools hasn’t calmed down yet,” he says. But that doesn’t mean you can’t start planning now.

To start, spas never go out of style. Perchetti estimates about half the pools he builds have one. Elevated spas that sit above the pool are gaining popularity, and it’s easy to see why. They look gorgeous — picture a waterfall cascading from the edge of the spa into the pool — and the raised walls double as seating by the pool.

Want to keep the party going all year long? Consider a winter spa. These have deeper piping, below the frostline, so you can soak in steamy water long after you closed the pool for the season.

Another must-have is a water feature such as a rocky waterfall to give the pool a more natural look. Also popular is a rock grotto, an alcove for pool-goers to swim into and



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imagine they’re in an exotic paradise, not just your backyard paradise.

THINKING GREEN

You might not have thought much about the trees on your property. But well-maintained trees can add value, plus help with heating and cooling costs.

When deciding the kind of tree to plant, **John Dwyer**, board-certified master arborist with **Shreiner Tree Care**, says no two backyards are exactly alike. “The best course of action when planting a new tree is to consult an arborist about the best species for the growing environment,” he explains. “Sunlight, soil characteristics, growing space and the homeowners’ needs all influence the appropriate tree for a location.”



Black gum tree



Japanese maple tree

Raise a Party Barn

Love hosting parties, but hate the hassles? Think about building a party barn!

Eli Zimmerman of King Construction explains the appeal of these rustic buildings. “I think about when you have people over. You can have them in your party barn, and you don’t need to open your house and make that all messy. Afterwards, you can just leave the barn and go back in the house,” he says. And clean up whenever.

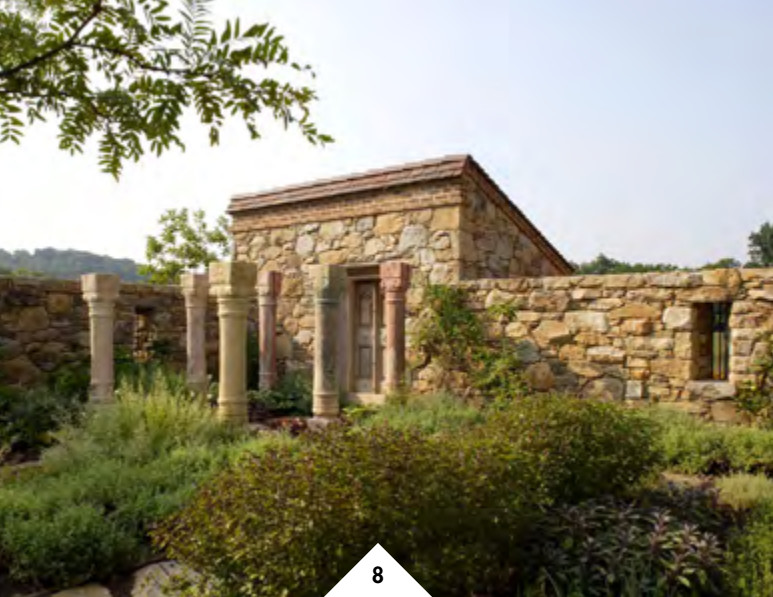
Consider adding a kitchen and bathroom to your barn. Then guests don’t need to go into your house. And if you have the room, Zimmerman suggests building a two-story bank barn, with a living space on the ground floor and storage, bedrooms or an apartment above.

If you plan to build your dream barn, Zimmerman recommends choosing someone with experience constructing barns. “Timber frames are completely different than conventional ones,” he explains.

As for renovating an existing barn versus building from scratch, Zimmerman works on both, “about 50-50.” With renovations, he cautions you’ll likely spend more time and money than you expect. “Renovations are possible,” he explains, “but they might cost as much or more than a new barn.”

That said, renovating a historic barn maintains the unique character of your property. And it may be easier to get permits for a renovation than a new structure.

One of Zimmerman’s favorite projects is a two-story, timber frame barn in Paoli. Built into a hill, the open living space is upstairs, with three bedrooms and a bathroom downstairs. Glass doors open up to a patio downstairs, connecting the inside of the barn to the great outdoors.



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8. John Milner Architects
Built by Griffiths Construction

Dwyer has a few suggestions. For those looking for low-maintenance options, white oak, black gum and London plane trees are great choices for our region. Attractive Japanese maples and stewartia add ornamental value to your property. And for evergreen lovers, Dwyer says you can't go wrong with a Hinoki cypress or Norway spruce.

Not sure where to plant? Consider creating a natural border for your property. "Trees can make excellent green borders and can be used as a privacy screen around a pool or backyard," Dwyer says. He recommends using Norway spruce, green giant arborvitae or skip laurels for your green wall. Or go for a "mixed border" by planting several different species for "a wonderful way to introduce different colors and textures into a landscape screen and add to the aesthetic value of the screen," says Dwyer.

OUTDOOR FOLLY

If you're ready to take on a major project, consider adding a new structure to your property. Spruce up your garden with a gazebo or pergola, or go big with a pool house or garden room.

These structures "can be great stopping-off points in the landscape," explains Christopher Miller at John Milner Architects. "They often contribute most to our sense of wellbeing and delight."

If you plan to build something on your property, consider consulting an architect. As Peter Zimmerman of Peter Zimmerman Architects puts it, "Architects look at designing outdoor spaces similarly to the way they look at designing indoor spaces — taking into account symmetry, balance, proportion, scale and a sense of arrival. In essence, you're creating a series of outdoor rooms that need to be as thoughtfully put into the landscape as the siting of the house."

A pool house can be a great addition to your property — if you have a pool, of course. Beyond being a space to store pool supplies, it's another living space. Add a kitchen and bathroom and your pool house becomes another place for entertaining.



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9. Peter Zimmerman Architects

Zimmerman says pool houses can be designed to fit the style of your home as well as your personal needs. On a Gladwyne property, he designed a stone English Tudor pool house with a red terracotta roof. "It's a beautifully proportioned space surrounded by lush gardens," he says.

For a Bryn Mawr pool house, John Toates, of John Toates Architecture and Design, used tall windows and a large skylight to flood the space with natural light, and folding glass doors open to a covered outdoor dining space. "With our client's encouragement, we imagined what a pool house from the 1930s might have looked like and updated it with new and exciting features," says Toates.

If pool houses aren't your style, try a creative approach with a folly. As Miller explains, follies are "small buildings or site structures that are artistic, decorative or whimsical in nature that transcend the appearance of typical, functional outbuildings and site structures."

One of Miller's favorite projects was a children's cottage built for a couple's grandchildren. "For a new house project, we suggested we could create a children's cottage that defines the corner of their entry garden and ties into the garden wall," he says. "The reduced scale of the features and spaces relates to the occupants and provides a wonderful place for the grandchildren when they visit. We were partly inspired by salvaged small stone columns that came from an historic building in France."

For a different purpose, Zimmerman designed a special pavilion for a client. "It sits at the end of the pool and was created as a meditation space," he explains. "It's open and airy and creates a very peaceful place to contemplate." The pavilion accompanies a pool house complete with a seating area surrounding a fire pit.

Whether big or small, every backyard project has the potential to transform your home. Get creative and start imagining your perfect outdoor oasis! ♦



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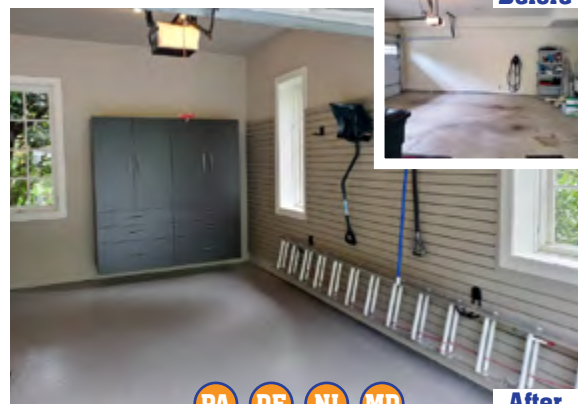
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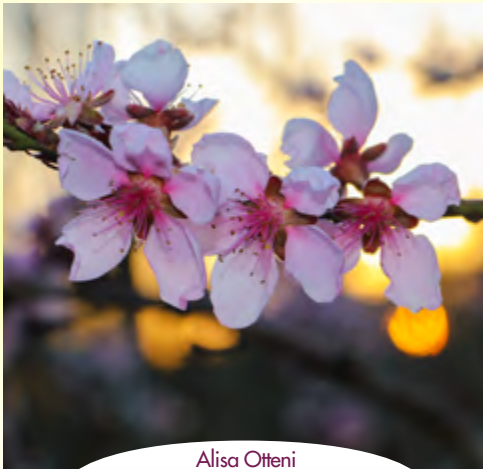
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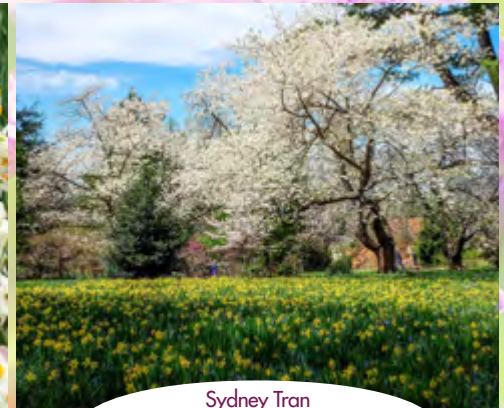
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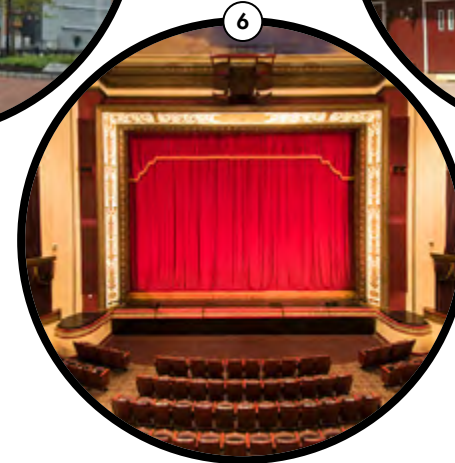
1. Summer fun in Wilmington
2. St. Anthony's Italian Festival
3. Clifford Brown Jazz Festival
4. New Castle County Ice Cream Festival

SUMMER IS HERE. AND we're looking for places to go. Things to do. How about in Wilmington? The city comes alive each summer with festivals, music, theater, museums, gardens, nature, gambling, baseball, horses and more.

There's so much to see, hear and do! We've rounded up a few ideas to get you started.

COMMUNITY FESTIVALS

Start with community celebrations. Thousands will flood to Wilmington for the [St. Anthony's Italian Festival](#), 901 N. DuPont Street, on June 11 and 12. There's Italian food galore and the music goes late into the night. Don't miss the Procession of Saints on Sunday. [SAPDE.org/ItalianFestival](#).



5. Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park
6. The Grand
7. Candlelight Theatre
8. Rockwood Park & Museum

Music lovers must catch the [Clifford Brown Jazz Festival](#) on June 15 to 18 at Rodney Square, N. Market and E. 10th Streets. In its 35th year, this is the largest free jazz festival on the East Coast. The main stage hosts world-class and Grammy-winning musicians. [CliffordBrownJazzFest.org](#).

On June 25, you can cool off at the [New Castle County Ice Cream Festival](#). Bring a picnic lunch, chairs and blankets. There will be plenty of live music, a maker market and fireworks. Enjoy local ice cream and other sweet treats. The party's in [Rockwood Park](#), 4651 Washington Street Extension. [NewCastleDE.gov](#).

Of course, you won't want to miss the fireworks at [Wilmington's 4th of July Celebration](#). Final plans for the 4th haven't been settled yet, but it's usually at the [Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park](#). And always a blast! [WilmingtonDE.gov](#).

You'll also have to check back for the performers and exact dates of the [Wilmington Riverfront Blues Festival](#), typically held at the beginning of August. Past performances have featured notable blues artists like Koko Taylor, Elvin Bishop and many more. [RiverfrontWilm.com](#).

It will likely still feel like summer at the [People's Festival: A Tribute to Bob Marley](#) on September 24, also at the Riverfront Park. Featured this year are Kenyatta Culture Hill, Spokey Speaky, the Raggamuffin Reggae Band and others. [Facebook.com/PeoplesFestDE](#). That's a strong lineup, with more to come!

THE MUSIC DOESN'T STOP

The music isn't only on the streets and at the festivals. [The Grand](#), in its Copeland Hall, 818 N. Market Street, presents several top acts. On June 4, the Piano Men will perform "Time in a Bottle." On June 11, join the Rock 'N' Doo Wop Dance Party. June 15 fea-

tures The Mavericks. And on and on. Check the website for more, [TheGrandWilmington.org](#).

Throughout the summer, [The Queen](#), 500 N. Market Street, is rocking ... and rolling. There are too many performers to list. Lanco, Devon Allman, Apollo Suns ... And that's just the first week in June! Comedians as well. Check the website, [TheQueenWilmington.com](#).

THINKING THEATER

There are several places to enjoy theater in Wilmington. On June 4, see "Chosen" at the [Baby Grand](#), 818 N. Market Street, about a woman whose marriage to a high-profile pastor is marred by deceit, manipulation and infidelity. Sound familiar? With faith and determination, she survives and makes it through to receive her crown. [TheGrandWilmington.org](#).

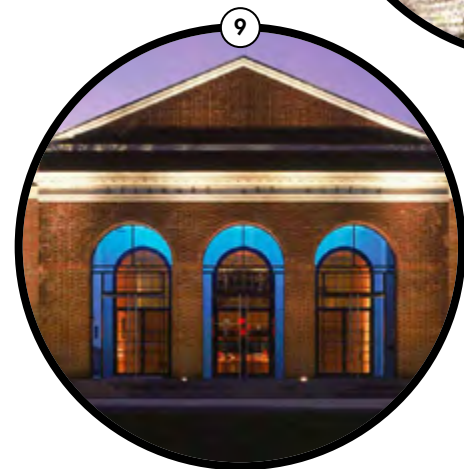
Also on June 4, sample "Vaudeville: A Roaring 20's Speakeasy." It's a showcase of talent, performing a variety of comedy skits, jokes, songs, dance numbers and comedy. You'll laugh your worries away. It's presented at [Bootless Stageworks](#), 1301 N. Broom Street. [Bootless.org](#).

At the [Playhouse on Rodney Square](#), 1007 N. Market Street, enjoy a new production of "Fiddler on the Roof." There are only five performances, from June 9 through June 12. Watch Tevye as he struggles with his religious traditions and five daughters. [TheGrandWilmington.org](#).

Until June 26, the [Candlelight Theatre](#), 2208 Millers Road, will present "Clue," a hilarious farce-meets-murder-mystery that will leave you in stitches as you try to figure out who, where and how they did it. [CandlelightTheatreDelaware.com](#).

Many other planned events dot the calendar at [Rockwood Park & Museum](#), 4651 Washington Street Extension, but from July

9. Delaware Art Museum
10. Wilmington & Western Railroad
11. Brandywine Zoo
12. DuPont Environmental Education Center



15 to 31, you can take in Shakespeare's "The Tempest." Practice your best Queen's English and see how many lines you remember. DelShakes.org.

ARTS, CRAFTS AND SCIENCES

The Museum of Nature & Science, 4840 Kennett Pike, has recently reopened. New galleries include a giant floor map of Delaware and its forests, swamps, saltmarsh, dunes and the Delaware Bay. Another floor map depicts the Earth and is surrounded by examples of tropical rainforests, the Arctic tundra and the African savanna, as well as three different ocean environments. In a third gallery, you'll meet the creatures of the Cretaceous period. And so much more, you'll remember why you missed this museum. DelMNH.org.

Stop by for Happy Hour, held every Thursday this summer in the sculpture garden at the Delaware Art Museum, 2301 Kentmere Boulevard — admission is free from 4 to 8 p.m. The Museum has events scheduled throughout June: a viewing and discussion of Isaac Witkin's "Wild Iris" sculpture on June 3, a tour of the Tiffany Glass collection on June 5, a museum-guided Highlights Tour every Sunday in June and more. DelArt.org.

Celebrate the arts on June 12 at The Delaware Contemporary at the 3rd Annual West Street Arts Festival. The festival includes art-based activities, performances, giveaways and creative fun. Not only does the event support local and emerging

artists, but it offers a platform for artists and community-driven organizations. DEContemporary.org.

The Pennsylvania Guild Fine Craft Fair, on July 30 and 31 at the Chase Center on the Riverfront, 815 Justison Street, features more than 100 local and regional artisans. It's the Brandywine Valley's largest fine craft fair. Look for one-of-a-kind pieces of furniture, clothing jewelry, sculpture and fine art. PACrafts.org.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

The Friends of Wilmington Parks will hold the 13th Annual Jasper Crane Rose Garden Party on June 2. The Garden is a horticultural jewel — with 670 plants of 58 different varieties. Jasper Crane was a DuPont vice president, who donated plants he'd grown in his own fabulous garden. FriendsOfWilmingtonParks.org.

On June 3, you're invited to enjoy a Brew at the Zoo — that's at the Brandywine Zoo, 1001 N. Park Drive — for a fundraiser for the Delaware Zoological Society. There will be live music, beer, wine and spirits, and light fare provided by local restaurants, plus ice cream. BrandywineZoo.org.

Spend a relaxing summer day on June 18 with "Cubans and Cognac." A Cuban cigar, some Cognac, unlimited wine and beer, a tapas-style buffet, live music Tickets at Eventbrite.com. The event is at Brandywine Creek State Park, 41 Adams Dam Road, a great spot for hiking, biking, horse-back riding, disc golf, fishing and canoeing. DEStateParks.com/BrandywineCreek.

Got plans for Father's Day on June 19? Why not treat Dad — or Granddad — to a ride on the Wilmington & Western Railroad, powered by an antique steam locomotives? Dads get to ride for half-fare. It's a 90-minute round-trip train ride to the Mt. Cuba Picnic Grove, including a 30-minute layover for lunch. Board the train at Greenbank Station, 2201 Newport Gap Pike. WWRR.com.

Want to see bald eagles, wood ducks, beavers, dragonflies, river otters, turtles and more? Visit the Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge, 1400 Delmarva Lane Wilmington, where 212 acres of fresh-water tidal marsh join the Christina River. The DuPont Environmental Education Center, at the entrance, features panoramic river and marsh views, a 10-acre ornamental garden, a pond loop extending into the marsh, and trailhead access to a 5.5-mile-long trail from Wilmington to New Castle. DelawareNatureSociety.org.

If you find yourself in need of a quiet place to contemplate, try the Marian Coffin Garden at 1405 Greenhill Avenue. Built as a series of terraces leading from the mansion to the flower garden, the cascading garden steps through flowers, shrubs, trees and statues. At the bottom, a large tea house looks out upon a serene expanse of flowering bushes. PreservationDE.org.

SPORTING WORLD

You may feel far from the urban bustle, but the Carousel Park & Equestrian Center, 3700 Limestone Road, is only a few miles — and 20 minutes — from downtown. It has over 200 acres with sweeping meadows, walking trails, a bark park and ponds with swans, ducks, geese and horses roaming the meadows. Lessons for young equestrians are available. NewCastleDE.gov.

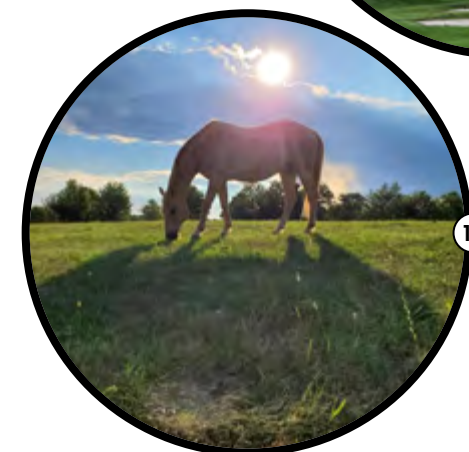
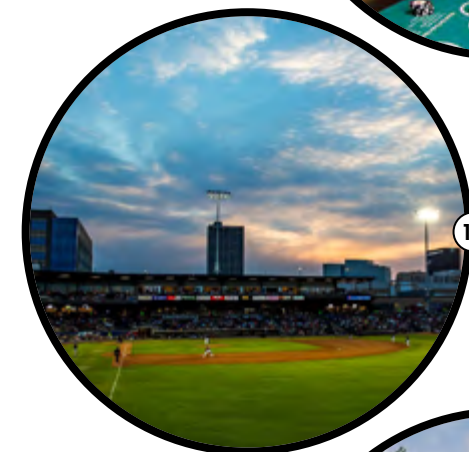
Unless you're a jockey or seasoned equestrian, your interest in horses will probably be less on riding and more on watching. Perhaps on wagering. This summer, watch the thoroughbreds run at Delaware Park, 777 Delaware Park Boulevard, where there's also a casino — slot machines, popular table games, year-round simulcast wagering, a poker room and betting on professional and college sports. DelawarePark.com.

And if it's summer — and it is — it's the heart of baseball season. The Wilmington Blue Rocks, playing at Frawley Stadium, have a full schedule. In June, the 3rd, 4th and 5th week feature the Blue Rocks against Brooklyn, Aberdeen and Jersey Shore. In the 4th week of July, the Blue Rocks will face Hudson Valley and Jersey Shore. Take yourself — and your family — out to the ballpark! MILB.com/Wilmington.

Golf is, for most of us, a participatory sport. But, this summer, you can see top pros go at it. From August 16 to 21, the BMW Championship will be held at Wilmington Country Club. The top 70 players on the PGA Tour will compete to earn one of 30 spots and to be crowned FedExCup champion. BMWChampionship.com.

As you can see, there's plenty to do in Wilmington this summer in addition to major year-round sights like Winterthur Museum, Gardens and Library, Nemours Estate and the Hagley Museum.

For more ideas for summer fun, check VisitWilmingtonDE.com. ♦



13. Delaware Park
14. Wilmington Blue Rocks
15. Wilmington Country Club
16. Carousel Park & Equestrian Center

More Fun In and Around WILMINGTON ...

THROUGH AUGUST

Kalmar Nyckel, Tall Ship of Delaware. You'll find adventure and outdoor fun, maritime history and cultural events with annual community festivals offering family-friendly activities. *July 4*, Free Ship Tours, 2 to 6 pm; *July 9*, Captain Kidd's Pirate Adventure Day, noon to 4 pm; *Aug. 13*, Underground Railroad Superhero Fun Day, noon to 4 pm. Copeland Maritime Center at the Kalmar Nyckel Shipyard, 1124 E. 7th St. KalmarNyckel.org.



THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15

Third Thursdays

Auburn Heights After Hours. Come out to the Marshall Steam Museum for scenic views, craft brews and games. Food trucks, featured groups and fun activities. Some seating; bring blankets and chairs. Friendly, leashed dogs welcome. 3000 Creek Rd., Yorklyn, DE. 5 to 8 pm. \$3-\$6. AuburnHeights.org.

THROUGH SEPTEMBER

The Music School of Delaware. Hosting over 100 performances, events, workshops and master classes at several locations. Performances include diverse musical styles and feature expert faculty, regional artists, internationally acclaimed guests and students. Most are free. MusicSchoolOfDelaware.org.

THROUGH DECEMBER

Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library. Winterthur hosts many events throughout the season. Visit their website for everything from garden walks, special events, workshops, demonstrations and much more. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur, DE. Tues-Sun, 10 to 5. \$15-\$30. Winterthur.org.

THROUGH OCTOBER 31

Brandywine Treasure Trail Passport. The Passport provides access to 12 of Wilmington and the Brandywine Valley's top attractions, including thousands of acres of gardens, the grand estates of the du Pont family, incredible works of art and rich American history. \$49-\$99. VisitWilmingtonDE.com.

JUNE 1-AUGUST 31, Wednesdays

Bike & Hike & Brews at Hagley Museum & Library. 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. 5 to 8 pm. \$5. Hagley.org.



JUNE 1-OCTOBER 30

Delaware Theatre Co. *June 1-19, My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish & I'm in Therapy!* *Sept. 14-Oct. 2, Here You Come Again.* World Premiere; *Oct. 12-30, Black Angels Over Tuskegee.* 200 Water St. DelawareTheatre.org.

JUNE 5-NOVEMBER 6

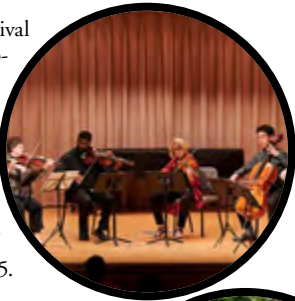
First Sunday each month, Steam'n Days at Auburn Heights. Climb into an antique automobile or board one of the trains and experience what



it was like to travel at the turn of the 20th century. Tour the magnificent 1897 mansion that was home to three generations of the Marshall family. You'll find something for everyone, age 2 to 92. 3000 Creek Rd., Yorklyn, DE. 12:30 to 4:30 pm. \$8-\$12. AuburnHeights.org.

JUNE 10-26

Serafin Summer Music. A festival of chamber music featuring exceptional performers from around the world, both live and livestreamed. *June 11, 18 & 25*, Serfins at the Beach, Bethel United Methodist Church, 129 W. 4th St., Lewes, DE. *June 10, 12, 17, 19, 24 & 26*, performances at the Music School of Delaware, 4101 Washington St. \$25. SerafinEnsemble.org.



JUNE 29, JULY 27, AUGUST 31

Sip & Stroll at Brandywine Zoo. Go a little wild at the family-friendly event. You'll 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 N. Park Dr. 5 to 7. BrandywineZoo.org.



AUGUST 27

Annual Delaware Burger Battle. Tentative date set for the event that puts Delaware's top chefs and 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

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. AugustQuarterly.org.

SEPTEMBER 10

Historic Odessa Brewfest. Enjoy 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, \$75; general adm. 2 to 6, \$60. 302-378-4119; OdessaBrewfest.com.



SEPTEMBER 10-11

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

For more fun things to do, check VisitWilmingtonDE.com.

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Bloomin' Beautiful

LOCAL FLOWER FARMS AND THE FARMERS BEHIND THEM

Carol Metzker

JUNE. LONG DAYS, WARM NIGHTS and what every flower fan dreams of: gardens galore. Thanks to dedicated growers, Chester County's flower farms are numerous — each with special varieties of blooms, different features and offerings. All are spectacular. Check the websites for openings, costs and directions.

Then grab your sun hat and go!

SMALL BUT MIGHTY BEAUTIFUL

Green thumb flower lovers and husband-wife duo Rob and Jen Jones started a micro-farm when they ended up with extra sunflowers, zinnias and hydrangeas in summer 2017. They placed the bonus flowers on their Phoenixville front porch with a sign inviting neighbors to take them. A few souls left a few dollars, and **Front Porch Flower Farm** grew from there.

Using sustainable practices, the Joneses work to leave the soil of their third-of-an-acre plot better than they found it. Ducks that provide them with laughs and photo ops also eat slugs and bugs that would normally devour flowering plants.

June to October, the Joneses' back garden holds arrays of colorful, seasonal zinnias, cosmos, dahlias and more. Upon invitation only, blossoms can be viewed from a restful patio or a hammock.

Accolades for the smallest yet sunniest field go to **Gunther Sunflower Field** — a hop, skip and jump away from red umbrellas at Levante Stables' beer garden in Chester Springs. A blaze of gold announces you've arrived even before you see its sign.

Skirt the field's edge or walk into rows of sunflower faces nodding in the breeze. Pause to consider positive, philosophical signs. An end-of-summer visit to the yellow sunflowers washes away workaday blues.

Owned by real estate developer Blake Gunther, the patch where bees vie for blos-



Front Porch Flower Farm



Wildflower Farm





Chadds Ford Greenhouses



Hendricks' Flowers



som centers, friends snap photos, and families picnic on the lawn was first planted by farmer Kevin Harrop when people struggling with the pandemic needed a boost for their spirits. It succeeded.

Gunther received countless messages from visitors who appreciated the bright spot during dark times. One couple got engaged there. This year, look for a blue and yellow sign in support of Ukraine.

In Malvern, Ryan and Lori Heenan transformed their lives and home with **Wildflower Farm**. Ryan was in real estate; Lori was a pharmacist who traveled for work. When two babies and a pandemic came along, they needed a change.

Combining her love for flowers and his skills — from building a barn to putting in fence posts — the farm became a refuge for their family and pollinators, and a godsend for people whose lives were brightened by buying fresh, local flowers.

Late spring to autumn, their gorgeous barn opens to the public on some Saturdays. In addition to garaging “Lily” — a cute little truck turned mobile blossom bar — the barn holds an indoor swing and shop with honey from their bees, flower-themed greeting cards and tables for snipping and arranging flowers to take home in large mason jars.

Stroll the pollinator garden and butterfly habitat — vivid orange butterfly milkweed, where very hungry striped monarch caterpillars munch on leaves, and spicebush swallowtails and brushfoot butterflies feed on zinnias. Sit and breathe in the peace at a patio umbrella table.

GREEN THUMB, GREENHOUSES

One moment Jannaka Rotteveel wields a watering hose; next moment she advises customers on tending a small tree that will flower in a few months. She, her husband John and son Sebastian own and tend **Chadds Ford Greenhouses** — a business started by her father-in-law decades ago.

After World War II, John's father and his family — descendants of bulb growers in the Netherlands — came to the United States. They began in 1946 by growing

gladiolas, then in 1964 bought property and moved to Chadds Ford where they established ... well, roots.

The younger generations took over greenhouse operations in 1991. Today, Chadds Ford and the surrounding area are all the more beautiful for their business.

Their greenhouses and cooler are alive with shoots, sprouts and buds teasing viewers with hints of color and blooms ready for the shop. On the way to a room where hydrangea blossoms pop out in purples, pinks and white, and hanging bougainvillea bracts dazzle in red and magenta, a 50-year-old orange tree overwinters. A couple planted it the year they wed — the marriage and the tree are thriving, says John with a smile.

Visit their nursery shop. Turn down a lane across from Brandywine Battlefield. Cross a small wooden bridge and look right to see a sea of brilliant petals — you've arrived.

Buy miniature blue and yellow “Catharine” iris, flamboyant rainbow primroses or cheery unsprayed pansies grown in a cold frame to add to your table or early spring walkway. Get glorious pink parrot tulips to recreate the Netherlands Tulip Festival in your yard each April. Find herbs and lush hanging baskets of flowers in summer. Choose Christmas trees for the holidays and succulents anytime you need a little green. While selecting purchases, say hello to two friendly cats who hang out there.

For a piece of heaven before warm weather completely sets in or later in the season, cross the Lancaster County line to Lititz for another quiet gem — family-owned **Hendricks' Flowers**. In 1937 Bernie Hendricks' in-laws took over four greenhouses built in 1914. After she married into the family in 1958, Bernie helped with billing, gradually spending more and more time in the business. Her daughter Sue Ellen, with a master's degree in soil and plant science, is now boss and owner, Bernie says with pride.

In 1937, all their greenhouses held carnations. Today they grow 70 types of flowers — each one magnificent as the next: Asiatic and calla lilies, snapdragons, anemones, stock and ranunculus. In June and July, find bouquets of lisianthus fit for paradise.



Gunther Sunflower Field



Chadds Ford Greenhouses

Flower Farms

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HendricksFlowerShop.com
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WILDFLOWER FARM

8 Castlebar Ln., Malvern
WildflowerFarmPA.com
Fri, 9 am to 3 pm



Eden Flowers and the Arts

“Take a look at the center of the flowers,” says Bernie. “Peek inside. Do the same thing for your life. You’ll see new perspectives of beauty every day.”

SOUTHERN EXPOSURE

By good luck, I discovered **Eden Flowers and the Arts** on a bucolic drive from Avondale to West Chester. Three hand-painted signs caught my eye: Flowers. July 7th. They’re Here. It was July 8th, and it took only moments for curiosity to overcome trepidation about pulling into an unknown driveway.

Jen Cauffman, artist and gardener, created an alluring walk past her farmhouse with a charming garden and an old tree where a birdhouse of moss and twig-thatched roof hangs. Pass under the trellis and through the open wrought iron gate to pick your own milk jug of flowers.

Pink cosmos surround a cobalt blue rain barrel. Snapdragons repel some insects while purple and orange painted tongue and zinnias attract others. While there, rest at an umbrella-covered table. Don’t miss the large tent with art and artisanal home goods, many with floral themes.

Head south past farms and fields and horse-drawn buggies filled with families, to head up a gravel drive at the **Oxford Produce Auction**. A Mercedes parks next to wagons hitched to horses, pick-ups and SUVs unloading flowers and fresh produce.

At 9 a.m. a warm summer breeze blows through the large open-air auction house. An older farmer in jeans leans on a walker. Amish children run barefooted on the cool concrete floor between rows of lily and rose bunches, flats of heirloom tomatoes and kale, pallets of eye-popping Gerbera daisies and pink, purple and yellow lupines in bouquets and pots.

At the center of the activity, an auctioneer sings out numbers. Buyers bid on blooms and produce headed for market shelves later that day and Chester County homes that evening.

As I end my flower farm tour, Graham Nash’s gentle song comes to mind: “I’ll light the fire, while you place the flowers in the vase that you bought today.” ♦



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West Chester

Morning, Noon and Night

SO MANY WAYS TO ENJOY YOURSELF IN THE BOROUGH THIS SUMMER

Cara Corridoni

WHEN YOU VISIT THE BOROUGH OF WEST Chester this summer, be prepared to party like it's 2019.

Come for the new events planned to draw folks outside, including the kickoff festival — “Fête de la Musique” that has the Borough suspending its no busking ordinance for one evening — plus the new weekly West Chester TAPS Happy Hour event on Wednesdays.

Then there's the highly anticipated return of the Gay Street Open-Air Market, back this year on weekends, along with plenty of outdoor patio dining scattered along High, Walnut, Church and Market Streets.

You can hang out by the fountain at 44 West Plaza (corner of Church and Gay Streets), the place to be and be seen. The courtyard has evolved since its 2020 opening, now featuring pastel colored cafe tables perfect for sipping coffee from nearby Gryphon Cafe or munching donuts from Yori's Bakery.

And come to sample West Chester restaurants, like award-winning Spence Cafe, popular Sedona Taphouse, redesigned La Baguette Magique, recently opened Blazin' J's Nashville Hot Chicken, a rule-breaking pizza place, and a new late-night destination. You'll want to broaden your idea of dining to a day-long event.

West Chester fans agree, there's excitement in the air. “Most businesses are optimistic about their future business prospects,” says West Chester Business Improvement District Executive Director, John O'Brien. “I think there's a sense among the public and the businesses that strategies need to change with Covid and people want to resume their normal lives.”

Here's what you should know to make the most of your visit.

NEW THIS YEAR

West Chester's popular Gay Street Open-Air Market, set to return Memorial Day weekend, will move to weekends-only, beginning Friday mornings and extending through Sunday evenings. For its



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third year, the Open-Air Market will see restaurants and retailers investing more in aesthetics. “We got all new patio furniture and some new lighting. We'll think of ways to make it look as nice as we can,” said Iron Hill Regional Manager Dave Horowitz.

New this summer, West Chester TAPS features special Happy Hours. Every Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m., visitors can enjoy \$4 beers, \$5 wines, \$6 cocktails and half-price appetizers at 13 participating restaurants. Choose from a variety of West Chester favorites from Ram's Head to Pietro's Prime, Kildare's Pub to Slow Hand. Check DowntownWestChester.com for locations.

To mark the start of summer, West Chester fills with music with the introduction of the French-inspired “Fête de la Musique” busking festival. Planned for Tuesday, June 21, noon to 9 p.m., Fête, as it's known around the world, invites musicians of all stripes to set up on corners downtown and perform for passing crowds. The free event honors West Chester's rich music, arts and culture scene and highlights the summer solstice. O'Brien says the event is a “celebration of music throughout the town.”

MORNING

With its popular Saturday morning Church Street Grower's Market and numerous breakfast options (see “Best Breakfast Bets” in May's *County Lines Magazine*), West Chester is the place to pass an enjoyable weekend morning. From always-reliable Penn's Table and the perennial favorite Market Street Grill to more recent additions, there are almost too many satisfying choices.

Mae's West Chester. This farm-to-table spot opened just ahead of the pandemic and has been gaining a following for its original brunch entrees and delicious breakfast sandwiches. Looking for something new? Order the chorizo, Swiss and green onion pancake, or play it safe with delicious brioche French toast with seasonal fruit. Whichever direction you go, you'll want to enjoy your meal outside. Their West Gay Street location is perfect for people watching.

La Baguette Magique. After closing several months for renovations, the popular West Market Street bakery finally reopened. Gone are the dishes, cafe tables and children's reading nook. In their place are open space and an expansive counter showcasing their signature French pastries and original takeout entrees, courtesy of their part-



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1. Fête de la Musique
2. Mae's West Chester
3. La Baguette Magique

nership with acclaimed Andairio's. Grab a table inside or outside, or opt for the new concept — more grab-and-go food, a la the French.

Fenn's Coffee Shop. With all that's new, there's also a goodbye. Fenn's Coffee Shop, known for its locally sourced brews, anti-Starbucks vibe, and status as a concert venue and art house, closed this winter after 25 years. The good news is that local Turk's Head Roasters plans to open in the same spot on North Church Street to keep us well caffeinated.

NOON

Sandwiched (sorry!) between breakfast and dinner, lunch in this country doesn't always get its due. Well, no more. Once dominated by preferences of Chester County courthouse employees on midday break, the Borough's newest grab-and-go meals have been generating plenty of buzz.

Blazin' J's. After months of “Coming Soon” signs, West Chester gets a taste of the Nashville Hot Chicken craze taking over the nation — the Pennsylvania version, anyway. “It's different in that it's



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- 4. Blazin' J's
- 5. Spicy Pig Cafe
- 6. Pizza West Chester
- 7. Iron Hill



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not an oil-based sauce,” says Gary Danehower, owner of the West Gay Street location. “It’s something lighter.” Started in Lancaster in 2019, the concept was to keep it simple — just fresh, never-frozen chicken (a couple different ways), hot sauces, salads, Belgian waffles and fresh cut fries. And it’s worked. Today there are four locations, a food truck and lots of happy customers. How do they do it? “You just have to try it,” says Danehower.

Also scheduled to open, on East Gay Street, is FIRE Nashville Hot Chicken, another establishment where quality chicken comes before everything else.

Spicy Pig Cafe. Looking for something lighter? Head to the corner of West Market and South New Streets to celebrate the return of Spicy Pig Cafe. After closing during the pandemic, the American-Thai fusion spot returned earlier this year under new head chef Manee Rapt. You’ll find your old favorites plus a few new dishes, all made from scratch, of course. Try the house specialty Red Curry with meat or tofu, cooked in coconut milk with Thai basil and red bell peppers or the popular Sesame Chicken.

Pizza West Chester. This tiny place opened last fall with two menu items — plain and pepperoni pizza — limited hours that varied each day, no website or phone, and cash-only. A digital-age recipe for disaster. Instead, by focusing on technique and ingredients, it’s proven a win, generating tons of buzz for their thin, almost-charred pies. Today the East Market Street shop has more than 7,000 Instagram followers. Join them to get daily hours and menu updates. Or just take a chance and stop by. Hours vary, but weekday afternoons are a good bet. Be prepared to wait in line, though — there’s no pre-ordering. Just kill the time watching the process of creating perfect pies.

NIGHT

You can’t go wrong with a night out in West Chester. With around 60 dining options to choose from, downtown West Chester continues to be a dining destination. Here’s some of what’s new.

Iron Hill. Fans of Iron Hill will immediately notice the upgrade. “We got beautiful new glass doors that open up,” said Horowitz.

- 8. Split Rail
- 9. Spence Cafe
- 10. Sedona Taphouse

There’s new furniture, new flooring and new paint — all part of an interior refresh — but the windows are the showstopper. They’re floor-to-ceiling along Gay Street and open completely, giving inside diners access to fresh air but with indoor comforts. “It opens up the building so you have the feeling of being outdoors without being outdoors,” says Horowitz. “At the same time, if you’re dining outside, you have a visual connection to the restaurant inside.”

Iron Hill is ready to celebrate summer. For the first time, they’re making seasonal favorites Lemon Cerveza Mexican Style Lager and Orange Creamsicle Milkshake IPA available in cans. In honor of National IPA Day in August, look for their first East Coast/West Coast IPA competition, along with a month of seafood dishes featured from both coasts.

Split Rail. Come celebrate summer at Split Rail with a new selection of \$8 appetizers, including the crispy artichoke hummus plate, and cocktails perfect for cooling down on a hot summer night. Try a Patterned Shirt (dark rum, blackberry liqueur, sherry, orgeat syrup, orange) or the refreshing Sage Against the Machine (sage-infused tequila, grapefruit, honey, salt). Looking for entertainment? Tuesday nights bring Drag Queen Karaoke, or chill out with a pint for Acoustic Night on Wednesdays.

Spence Cafe. Did you hear Spence Cafe was recently named one of OpenTable’s “100 Best Restaurants in the US”? The list, which includes some big names like Philadelphia’s Parc, was created by the online reservation site from more than 10.5 million reviews. Chef Andrew Patten’s menus are always delicious, and dining under the stars on the reopened patio is a unique seasonal treat.

Sedona Taphouse. Like to dine al fresco? Check out Sedona Taphouse on West Gay Street. “Our patio is now fully open,” said manager Spencer Zinc. Also look for sidewalk tables along Gay Street. Opened last year and offering an American menu — think hand-cut steaks and wood-grilled salmon — this has been a popular addition to the dining scene. “We have 13 patio tables and just got approval to add eight more tables on the sidewalk up front,” said Zinc. So, more space to enjoy summer dining.



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11. Good Bad & Ugly

LATE NIGHT

In West Chester the fun doesn't end when the sun goes down, even the late summer sun. There's enough to do to make you want to extend that bedtime. If you've ever been out late in West Chester, you know Kildare's and Barnaby's and after a certain age, Side Bar's upstairs.

Here's a new place to check out.

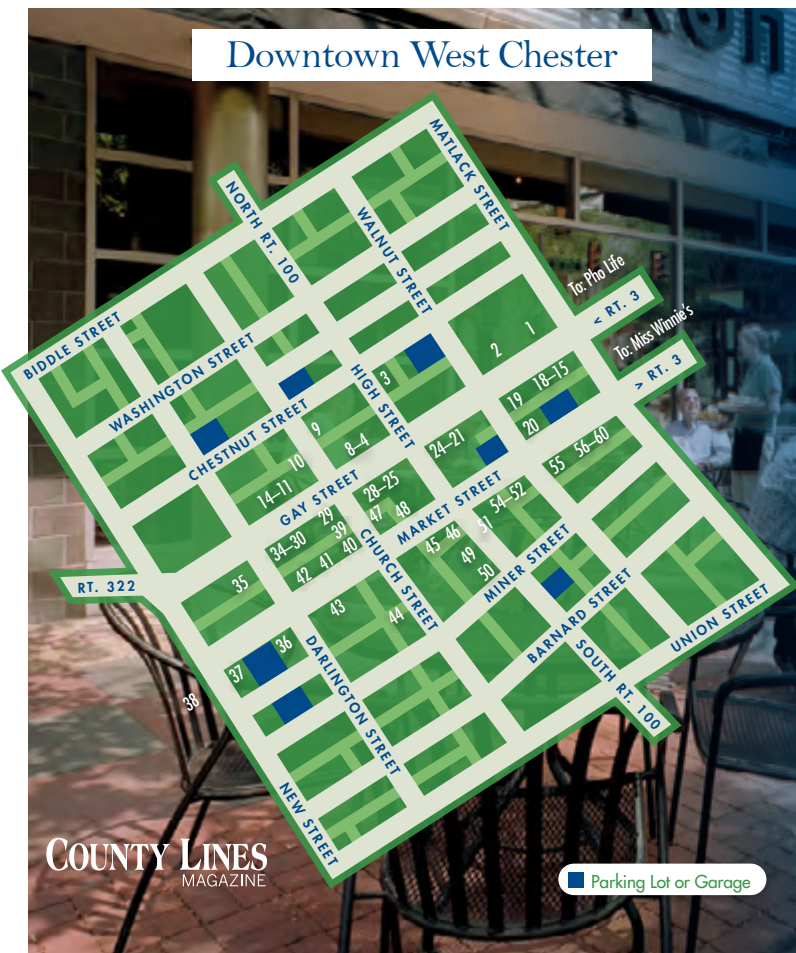
Good Bad & Ugly. If you haven't been yet, it's time to join the crowds at Good Bad & Ugly. GBU is a cocktail bar that opened downstairs at Stove & Tap on West Gay Street (GBU's entrance is on South Darlington Street). Unlike other Borough late-night locations, the focus here isn't on dancing — it's on games and socializing. GBU has a pool table and shuffleboard, plus themed nights during the week including Country Night on Wednesdays and Music Bingo on Thursdays. It's still a late-night bar, so expect the music to be loud and the cocktails to be flowing.

For updates and more about what to do in West Chester, visit *DowntownWestChester.com*. ♦

Cara Corridoni lives in West Chester, is a huge fan and writes the weekly e-newsletter "Hello, West Chester."

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♥ Andiaro

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

♥ Bar Avalon

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

Blazin' J's Nashville Hot Chicken

139 W. Gay St. 484-266-0156; BlazinJs.com

Dolce Zola

134 E. Gay St. 484-887-0760; iPastia.net

FIRE — Nashville Hot Chicken

126 E. Gay St. FireHotChicken.com

♥ Four Dogs Tavern

1300 W. Strasburg Rd. 610-692-4367; TheFourDogsTavern.com

♥ Greystone Oyster Bar

7 N. Church St. 610-241-3369; GreystoneOysterBarWC.com

♥ Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant

3 W. Gay St. 610-738-9600; IronHillBrewery.com

Kildare's Pub

18 W. Gay St. 610-431-0770; KildaresPubWC.com

Kooma

123 N. Church St. 610-430-8980; KoomaRestaurants.com

♥ Limoncello

9 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; MasMexicali.com

♥ Mercato Italian Ristorante & Bar

33 W. Market St. 610-701-6326; Mercato33.com

♥ Opa Taverna

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

♥ Peter Clark Kitchen

698 E. Market St. 610-783-3004; PeterClarkKitchen.com

Ram's Head Bar & Grill

40 E. Market St. 484-631-0241; RamsHeadBarAndGrill.com

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. High St. 610-918-1272; Spence.Cafe

Spicy Pig Cafe

236 Market St. 610-881-5255; SpicyPigCafeWC.com

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



♥ 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 music Wed., Fri. and Sat. in the bar area along with their signature martinis and cocktails.

♥ Miss Winnie's

211 E. Market St.

484-266-0508

MissWinnies.com

Miss Winnie's is a West Chester restaurant with a unique twist. They serve Caribbean food to take away or dine in the restaurant itself. They are happy to serve their delicious Caribbean food to all the folks in West Chester and the surrounding area, from small businesses to visitors to West Chester University students.



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West Chester Events

Open-Air Market in West Chester THROUGH SEPTEMBER 5

Gay Street will be closed to vehicles Friday morning through Monday morning. Restaurants and retail alike will line the street, so residents and visitors have more space to shop, eat and explore the town. DowntownWestChester.com.

West Chester TAPS JUNE 1–SEPTEMBER 1 Wednesdays

Enjoy a borough-wide happy hour when you can unwind and relax with friends every Wednesday from 4 to 7 pm. Participating locations will have a select list of \$4 beers, \$5 wines and \$6 cocktails in addition to a list of half price appetizers. DowntownWestChester.com for locations.

First Fridays JUNE 3, JULY 1, AUG 5

Extended hours at galleries and boutiques, restaurant specials, entertainment and more. DowntownWestChester.com.

Uptown! at Knauer Performing Arts Center JUNE 3–AUGUST 25

June 3, July 29, Better Than Bacon: Improv Comedy; *June 6*, Grease Sing-Along; *June 23, July 28, Aug. 25*, Dueling Pianos; *June 25*, Live at The Fillmore: Tribute to the Allman Brothers. 226 N. High St. Tickets and times, UptownWestChester.org.

Turk's Head Music Festival JUNE 5

Two stages feature seven local bands performing different genres of music, and approximately 90 artists, craftspeople and vendors set up booths throughout Everhart Park. 100 S. Brandywine St. Noon to 7 pm. Rain date, June 12. Free. TurksHeadFestival.com.

2022 Town Tours & Village Walks JUNE 9–AUGUST 18

Explore our Villages — “Founding Mothers and Fathers.” *June 9*, West Chester — Humphry Marshall Birthday Bash, Annual Kick-off Celebration at the Chester County History Center. Tours through Aug. 18. ChesCo.org/Planning/TownTours.

Friends Association Family Reunion JUNE 12

Celebrate the 200th anniversary of Friends Association with a gathering at Chester County History Center. Light fare, beer, wine, signature cocktails and access to the museum. 222 N. High St. 1 to 4. \$50. FriendsAssoc.org.

Chester County History Center JUNE 16, 18

CCHC's Juneteenth Celebration events: *June 16*, “A Night with Dane E. Tilghman,” con-

versation with artist Dane E. Tilghman, 6:30 pm; *June 18*, “A Celebration of Freedom with Nahjee Grant,” children's program, 1 pm; *June 18*, “A Lifetime of Service, a Conversation with Rev. Anderson Porter,” 6:30 pm. All free. 225 N. High St. ChesterCoHistorical.org.



Music at Marshall JUNE 16, JULY 7, 28, AUGUST 18

Picnic concerts in Marshall Square Park. Food trucks open from 5 pm. Music at 6:30. *June 16*, Back2Life Band; *July 7*, Chico's Vibe; *July 28*, Fabulous Greaseband; *Aug. 18*, Sin Brothers Band. Check website for weather updates. 200 E. Marshall St. 6:30. Free. MarshallSquarePark.org.

Fête de la Musique JUNE 21

See *June Picks*.

Family Fest at The American Helicopter Museum. JUNE 25

See *Family Fun in Best Local Events*.

Challenge for Cancer Bike Tour JUNE 26

Cycling tours throughout scenic Chester County from 5 to 100 miles to benefit The Abramson Cancer Center at Chester County Hospital and Penn Medicine Hospice in Chester Co. CCCRide.com.

SHiNE in the VINES SEPTEMBER DATE TBD

Celebrating 24 years of supporting patients living with cancer. Benefits The Abramson Cancer Center at Chester County Hospital. Check website for location. PatientSHINE.org.

Touch A Truck Day SEPTEMBER DATE TBD

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.

West Chester Summer Soirée SEPTEMBER 10

Wear white to this event where guests bring their own picnic dinner and cocktails to share a fun evening with family and friends dining and dancing

under the stars. Live entertainment and lots of fun. Benefits local charities. Location announced closer to event. WCSummerSoiree.org.

20th Up On The Roof SEPTEMBER 17

A fundraiser benefiting the West Chester Downtown Foundation, which is the philanthropic arm of the West Chester BID. Enjoy food by Limoncello and John Serock Catering. Desserts provided by some of West Chester's favorite sweet shops. Complimentary beer, wine and the always-popular Rooftop Martini. The rooftop of Chestnut Street Garage. 14 E. Chestnut St. 5:30 pm. DowntownWestChester.com.

Chester County Restaurant Festival SEPTEMBER 18

Local vendors and restaurants take over downtown West Chester, serving up some of their delicious, gourmet, ethnic and unique favorites. The Beer and Wine Garden is a great place to stop and enjoy your food and beverages. West-Chester.com.

81st Ann'l Chester County Day House Tour OCTOBER 1

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. Tickets on sale this summer. ChesterCountyDay.com.

Crush Cancer Wine Tour of Chester County OCTOBER 1–31

A month-long 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. Visit 2CrushCancer.com.



Rotary Club of West Chester Chili Cook Off OCTOBER 9

Over 70 chili-cooking teams — businesses, nonprofits, hometown cooks — line the streets and compete for prizes in several categories. Sample as many as you can and vote for your favorite. Benefits local nonprofits. Gay St. West ChesterChiliCookoff.com. ♦



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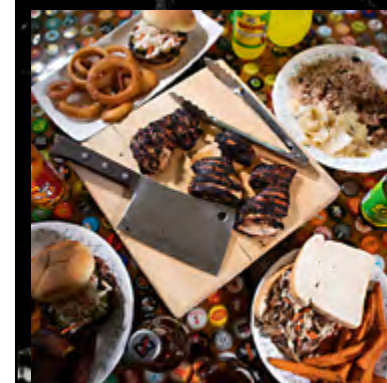


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514 McCue Rd.
610.268.2235; LochNairn.com

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

Brandywine Prime Seafood & Chops
1617 Baltimore Pk.
610.388.8088; BrandywinePrime.com

The Gables at Chadds Ford
423 Baltimore Pk. 610.388.7700
TheGablesAtChaddsFord.com

♥ **GuGu Asian Table**
638 E. Baltimore Pk., Kennett Square
610.388.1062; GuguAsianTable.com

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

Chester Springs

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

Epicurean Garage
570 Simpson Dr.
610.615.5189; EpicureanGarage.com

♥ **Limoncello (also in 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 Ridge Rd.
484.680.1193; MartinsKitchen.com

Devon

Amis Trattoria
138 Lancaster Ave.
610.590.4782; AmisTrattoria.com

♥ **Pizzeria Vetri**
138 W. Lancaster Ave.
484.207.6663; PizzeriaVetri.com

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

Downingtown

♥ **Amani's BYOB / Amani's North**
105 E. Lancaster Ave. 484.237.8179
AmanisBYOB.com; AmanisNorth.com

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

The Social Southern Scratch Kitchen & Bar (also in West Chester)
541 W. Lancaster Ave.
484.593.4113; SocialOn30.com

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

Victory Brewing Co.
420 Acorn Ln.
610.873.0881; VictoryBeer.com

Exton

Al Pastor
Eagleview Town Center, 560 Wellington Sq.
484.341.8886; EatAlPastor.com

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♥ **Bluefin**
Eagleview Town Center, 555 Wellington Sq.
484.458.3234; BluefinEagleview.com

Good Life Organic Kitchen
559 Wellington Sq.
484.872.2244; GoodLifeOrganicKitchen.com

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260 Eagleview Blvd.; 484.874.2897
IronHillBrewery.com/Exton-PA

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268 Eagleview Blvd.
484.713.8888; BestMamaWong.com

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541 Wellington Sq.
484.341.8445; PersisExton.com

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Suburban Restaurant & Beer Garden

Eagleview Town Center, 570 Wellington Sq.
610.458.BEER; SuburbanBG.com

White Dog Cafe (Coming soon. Also in Wayne)

192 E. Welsh Pool Rd. WhiteDog.com

Kennett Square

Cafe Americana (also in Wilmington, DE)

350 Scarlet Rd.
484.731.4123; CafeAmericana.net

♥ **Catherine’s Restaurant**

1701 W. Doe Run Rd., Unionville
610.347.2227; CatherinesRestaurant.com

Grain Kennett Square

108 W. State St.
610.444.7232; MeetAtGrain.com

Hearth Kitchen

859 E. Baltimore Pk.
484.732.8320; HearthKennettSquare.com

♥ **La Verona**

114 E. State St.
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♥ **Letty’s Tavern**

201 State St.
610.444.5687; LettysTavern.com

♥ **Lily Asian Restaurant**

104 W. State St.
610.925.3700; LilySushiAndGrill.com

Portabello’s

108 E. State St. 610.925.4984
PortabellosOfKennettSquare.com

Sovana Bistro

696 Unionville Rd.
610.444.5600; SovanaBistro.com

♥ **Talula’s Table**

102 W. State St.
610.444.8255; TalulasTable.com

♥ **Verbenas BYOB**

102 State St.
484.732.7932; VerbenasBYOB.com

Kimberton

♥ **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, Fogo de Chao and City Works to name a few.

Malvern

Avola Kitchen + Bar

625 N. Morehall Rd.
484.328.8584; AvolaKitchenAndBar.com

Bomba Taco + Bar

30 Liberty Blvd.
610.727.5253; BombaTacos.com

♥ **Brick & Brew (also in Media)**

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

The Fern & Fable

39 Conestoga Rd.
610.647.1631; FarmhousePeoplesLight.com
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♥ **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. King St.
610.644.4009; RestaurantAlba.com

♥ **Toninos Pizza & Pasta Co.**

235 Lancaster Ave. 610.240.9566
ToninosPizzaAndPasta.com

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Media

Ariano Restaurant & Bar

114 S. Olive St.
610.892.6944; Ariano.net

♥ **Azie Media**

217 W. State St.
610.566.4750; Azie-Restaurant.com

♥ **Brick & Brew (also in Malvern)**

26 W. State St.
484.443.8441; BrickNBrewPub.com

Desert Rose

305 W. State St.
484.442.8012; DesertRoseMediaPA.com

♥ **Margaret Kuo’s Kitchen**

Granite Run Promenade
1109 W. Baltimore Pk., Suite A
610.891.8880; MaragretKuosKitchen.com

♥ **Pinocchio’s Restaurant**

131 E. Baltimore Ave.
610.566.7767; PinPizza.com
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Sterling Pig Brewery (also in 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

Newtown Square

Firepoint Grill

3739 West Chester Pk.
484.428.3093; FirepointGrill.com

P.J. Whelihan’s

4803 West Chester Pk.
610.848.4100; PJsPub.com

♥ **Teca (also in West Chester)**

191 S. Newtown Street Rd.
484.420.4010; TecaRestaurants.com

Paoli

Trattoria San Nicola

4 Manor Rd.
610.695.8990; SanNicola.net

Phoenixville

♥ **Avlós Greek Cuisine**

258 Bridge St.
610.455.4110; AvlosGr.com

Bistro Dos

400 Bridge St.
484.302.5637; BistroOnBridge.com

♥ **Bistro on Bridge**

212 Bridge St.
610.935.7141; BistroOnBridge.com

♥ **Great American Pub (also in Wayne)**

148 Bridge St.
610.917.3333; TheGreatAmericanPub.com

Il Granaio Italian Restaurant & Bar

184 Bridge St.
484.924.8423; IlGranaioPA2.com

Iron Hill Brewery & Rest. (17 locations)

130 E. Bridge St.
610.983.9333; IronHillBrewery.com

♥ **La Paloma**

101 Bridge St.
484.302.7830; IlovePalomas.com

Sedona Taphouse (also in West Chester)

131 Bridge Street #5
484.302.5714; SedonaTaphouse.com

♥ **Steel City Coffeehouse & Brewery**

203 Bridge St.
484.924.8425; SteelCityCoffeehouse.com

Tai Me Up

301 Bridge St.
484.302.5141; TaiMeUp.com

Pottstown

Blue Elephant (opening in Wayne)

152 E. High St. 484.949.9084
Facebook.com/BlueElephantRestaurant

Springfield

Tavola Restaurant + Bar

400 W. Sproul Rd.
610.543.2100; Tavalas.com

Swarthmore

Broad Table Tavern

12 S. Chester Rd.
610.543.7500; TheInnAtSwat.com

Wayne

♥ **A Taste of Britain**

Eagle Village Shops, 503 Lancaster Ave.
610.971.0390; ATOBritain.com

Alessandro’s Wood-Fired Italian & Bar

133 N. Wayne Ave.
484.580.6786; AlessandrosWoodFired.com

At The Table BYOB

11 Louella Ct.
610.964.9700; AtTheTableBYOB.com

♥ **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

The Goat’s Beard

103 N. Wayne Ave.
484.584.4979; TheGoatsBeardWayne.com

OUTDOOR DINING IN TOWNS & BOROUGHES

KENNETT SQUARE

Kennett Square, with its award-winning boutiques, cafes and restaurants, is in bloom again this summer. The popular Third Thursdays on State Street return with outdoor dining, live music, food trucks, pop-up vendors and more. Other special events include Kennett Collaborative's inaugural Kennett Blooms on June 10-12 and the first annual Kennett Summerfest Wine & Spirits Festival on Sunday, June 12. Enjoy live music and craft beer at Kennett Brewing Company, ice cream from Kennett's own Michoacana Home-made Ice Cream and the outdoor beer garden vibe on Birch Street at Braeloch Brewing and the Creamery. [HistoricKennettSquare.com](#).

MEDIA

The Media Business Authority is proud to announce the return of Dining Under the Stars, downtown Media's signature event. Dozens of restaurants in Media's historic State Street District offer outdoor seating in a picture-perfect setting, serving delicious cuisine from around the world. Dining Under the Stars starts at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday evening. Many of Media's eclectic independent shops stay open late for guests to browse, and every week M&T Bank will highlight a different local nonprofit organization in the Plum Street Mall. [VisitMediaPA.com](#).

PHOENIXVILLE

Come out to Phoenixville on the 100 and 200 blocks of Bridge Street from 2 p.m. Friday through 7 a.m. Monday, where businesses will set up in the closed sidewalk and roadway for the following hours: Fri., 4 to 11 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Open through November 29, with hours closing one hour earlier after Labor Day. The Main and Bridge Street parking lot will also be closed for the duration of the road closure. [Phoenixville.org](#).

WEST CHESTER

Gay Street Open-Air Market is back! 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](#).



Jessop's Tavern

♥ Great American Pub

4 West Ave.; 610.964.9535
[TheGreatAmericanPub.com](#)

♥ Rosalie

139 E. Lancaster Ave.
610.977.0600; [RosalieWayne.com](#)

♥ Teresa's Café and Next Door Bar

120-126 N. Wayne Ave.
610.293.9909; [Terasas-Cafe.com](#)

White Dog Café

503 W. Lancaster Ave.
610.688.7646; [WhiteDog.com](#)

West Chester

See West Chester article, dining guide and map in this issue.

West Marlborough

♥ The Whip Tavern

1383 N. Chatham Rd.
610.383.0600; [TheWhipTavern.com](#)

Northern Delaware

Cafe Americana (also in Kennett Square)

4500 New Linden Hill Rd.
302.543.7363; [CafeAmericana.net](#)
You'll find scratch-made comfort food prepared in their open kitchen concept. They use fresh and local ingredients delivered daily for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Choose from a full menu of classics that include everything from French toast to steak and arepas to empanadas. New outdoor seating area in Wilmington.

Delaware Park Restaurants

777 Delaware Park Blvd., Wilmington
302.994.2521; [DelawarePark.com/Dining](#)
Dine in the horse-themed venue with steakhouse fare at Racing Legends (casino side), the tiered,



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glass-enclosed dining room overlooking the racing action at the Terrace Dining Room or the intimate Del Cap room located in the Racing Clubhouse and named for the summer classic Stakes race.

Choose from:

Del Cap Café
Racing Legends Restaurant
Terrace Dining Room

Banks' Seafood Kitchen

101 S. Market St., Wilmington
302.777.1500; [BanksSeafoodKitchen.com](#)

♥ Buckley's Tavern

5812 Kennett Pk., Centreville
302.656.9776; [BuckleysTavern.com](#)

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](#)
Jessop's strives to be reflective of the American food history, representative of the English, Dutch, Belgian and Swedish presence in this region. You will see Dutch cheeses, Belgian favorites, English pub fare, Swedish sauces and old American dishes. Their bar offers unique beers from around the world and the US, with a special focus on Belgian beers. They offer over 300+ Belgian beer bottles and 30 draft offerings with 20 drafts dedicated to Belgians.

♥ La Fia

421 N. Market St., Wilmington
302.543.4474; [LaFiaWilmington.com](#)

♥ Le Cavalier at the Green Room Hotel DuPont

42 W. 11th St., Wilmington
302.594.3154; [LeCavalierDE.com](#)

Pizza By Elizabeths

3801 Kennett Pk., Greenville Center
302.654.4478; [PizzaByElizabeths.com](#)

Maryland

Deep Blue at Kitty Knight

14028 Augustine Herman Hwy., Georgetown
410.648.5200; [DeepBlueRestaurant.com](#) ♦



Delaware Park Restaurants
Terrace Dining Room

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).

PENNSYLVANIA

Ardmore

Tired Hands Brewing Co., [TiredHands.com](#)

Aston, Chadds Ford

2SP Brewing Co., [2SPBrewing.com](#)

Audubon

Bald Birds Brewing Company
[BaldBirdsBrewing.com](#)

Avondale

Be Here Brewing Co., [BeHereBrewing.com](#)

Berwyn

La Cabra Brewing, [LaCabraBrewing.com](#)

Will's + Bill's, [Wills-Bills.com](#)

Chadds Ford, Malvern

McKenzie Brew House
[McKenzieBrewhouse.com](#)

Chester Springs

Stickman Brews (and Royersford)
[StickmanBrews.com](#)

Coatesville

Animated Brewing Co.
[AnimatedBrewing.com](#)

Downingtown

Amani's North Craft Cocktail Bar
[AmanisNorth.com](#)

Dublin Brewing, [DublinBrewing.Beer](#)

East Branch Brewing Company
[EastBranchBrewing.com](#)

Victory Brewing Co.

(5 locations in PA & NC), [VictoryBeer.com](#)

Exton

Iron Hill Taphouse
[IronHillBrewery.com/Exton-PA](#)

Stolen Sun Brewing & Coffee Roasting
[StolenSun.com](#)

Honey Brook

322 Taproom, Suburban Brewing Co.
[SuburbanBrewingCo.com](#)

Kennett Square

Braeloch Brewing
[BraelochBrewing.Beer](#)

The Creamery

[KennettCreamery.com](#)

Kennett Brewing Co.
[KennettBrewingCompany.com](#)

Malvern

Locust Lane Craft Brewery
[LocustLaneCraftBrewery.com](#)

Lot 6 Beer Garden, [Lot6Malvern.com](#)

Media

Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant
(17 locations in PA, NJ and DE)
[IronHillBrewery.com](#)

Sterling Pig Brewing (and West Chester)
[SterlingPig.com](#)

Phoenixville

Rebel Hill Brewing Company
[RebelHillBrewing.com](#)

Rec Room/Conshohocken Brewing
[ConshohockenBrewing.com](#)

Root Down Brewing Company
[RootDownBrewing.com](#)

Sly Fox Brewery (and Pottstown)

[SlyFoxBeer.com](#)

Stable 12 Brewing Co.
[Stable12.com](#)

Steel City Coffeehouse & Brewery
[SteelCityCoffeehouse.com](#)

Pottstown

Pottstown United Brewing
[PottstownUnitedBrewing.com](#)

Spring City

Tuned Up Brewing Company
[TunedUpBrew.com](#)

West Chester

Artillery Brewing Co.
[ArtilleryBrewing.com](#)

Iron Hill Brewery
[IronHillBrewery.com](#)

Levante Brewing Co.
[LevanteBrewing.com](#)

Wrong Crowd Beer Company
[WrongCrowdBeer.com](#)

DELAWARE

Argilla Brewing Co. & Pietro's Pizza
Newark. [ArgillaBrewing.com](#)

Dogfish Head Brewings & Eats
Rehoboth Beach. [Dogfish.com](#)
and 6 Cannery Village Center, Milton.

Stitch House Brewery
Wilmington. [StitchHouseBrewery.com](#)

Wilmington Brew Works
[WilmingtonBrewWorks.com](#)



Mixing It Up

WINE COCKTAILS ARE IN SEASON

Jessica Roberts

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT A PERFECT SUMMER day, does that daydream include a cold beverage? It should. For some an idyllic day would be even better with an ice-cold mug of your favorite beer, while for others it's a chilled glass of wine.

Lately, more fun summer days are being improved with the addition of premade and canned cocktails. High Noon is a brand that's leading the market now with their flavored vodka seltzers. Many other companies are following suit, including some big names such as Jack Daniel's, Absolut, Bacardi, Crown Royal and Jose Cuervo.

But spirits companies aren't the only ones making headway in this market — there's demand for wine-based cocktails, too.

Why the hype — and surprising growth — surrounding this emerging category of drinks? Many reasons, but the main one is convenience. Your image of a relaxing weekend likely doesn't include buying a long list of special ingredients to whip up one or more summer drink recipes. You might prefer to let a bartender do the work and order your summer drink when you're out.

But with premixed cocktails, you just open a bottle or can, pour it into a glass and enjoy! Easy as a summer's day.

While there are many brands that have jumped into the wine cocktail ring, here are a few worth checking out — or should I say sampling?

Barefoot has released a line of wine-based seltzers that come in four flavors: pineapple passion fruit, cherry cranberry, strawberry guava and peach nectarine. Yum. These light drinks pair well with a poolside day. You can buy one can, a four-pack or a variety pack. With the variety pack (\$19.99), you can try three of each flavor as you search for your favorite and share them with friends.

If cans aren't your style, try options in bottles. **Flybird** and **Rancho La Gloria** make lines of margarita-style wine cocktails. For \$11.99, Flybird comes in an attractive bottle as colorful as its four flavors — Baja lime, strawberry, passion fruit and watermelon. These drinks are 100% agave, use all-natural ingredients and have bold fruit profiles. They're a little heftier in alcohol, so please drink responsibly.

Rancho La Gloria wine seltzers are also made with 100% agave and real lime juice and are gluten-free. Grab mango, blueberry or watermelon for \$10.99.



If you're looking for more bubbles in your drink, give **Bae** a try. Buy their peach, watermelon or pineapple wine seltzers for \$7.99, and plan your own private party at home with friends. These are sweet, light and uncomplicated, perfect for a day in the sun.

Ready-to-drink products are a great help for parties, vacations or a lazy, low-key day. Just open the bottle, and you're ready to go. But if you're in the mood to make something from scratch, there are many options out there.

A perennial favorite is the mimosa. This is a go-to summer drink for those who love a little citrus in their glass. I recommend half **De Perrière Blanc de Blancs Brut**, avail-

able for \$9.99, and half orange juice with a splash of Grand Marnier in a champagne flute. Garnish this with an orange slice, cherries or any type of fruit.

If you prefer something more traditional, try the French 75. Use the same sparkler as for the mimosa or upgrade to an old-school Champagne such as **Moutard Grand Cuvée Brut**, available for \$31.99. For this drink, you'll also need gin, fresh lemon juice and simple syrup. Combine all the ingredients, except the bubbly, into a shaker and shake vigorously. Then pour into a Champagne flute. Top it off with the bubbly and garnish with a lemon twist. Experiment by adding cordials from St-Germain, Cointreau or even an herbal liqueur like Amaro.

There are so many recipes and variations available online for wine cocktails that you'll need more than a few friends to help you try them all!

As always, please enjoy responsibly. Cheers! ♦

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

Thai Food Mood. Craving authentic Thai cuisine made with fresh, local ingredients? **Tai Me Up** in Phoenixville welcomes its newest chef: Nui Kullanna, formerly of Thai L'Elephant and Nui Nui Kitchen. Try a starter like pork dumplings, Thai hot fries or duck tacos, then move on to their summer specialty entrees including spicy lemongrass chicken or fried chicken coconut rice and som-tum. Check the online menu for their vegan and vegetarian options. Remember, it's BYOB! 301 Bridge St., Phoenixville. TaiMeUp.com



Dublin' the Fun. Enjoy a taste of Ireland right in Downingtown when **Dublin Brewing** opens this summer. The new brewery and wine taproom offers plenty to drink, including beer brewed by Ireland-born owner and brewer, Brendan FitzGerald. Sip an Irish dry stout, IPA, red ale, saison or lager at their 30-foot bar, while sampling their Mediterranean-themed menu featuring paninis, salads, sandwiches and pizzas. Grab your friends and head to their game room to double your fun. 137 Wallace Ave., Downingtown.



Happy TAPS. Grab a drink and spend an early evening at **West Chester TAPS**, a borough-wide Happy Hour event taking place on Wednesdays between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Each participating location provides discounted drinks, featuring \$4 beers, \$5 wines and \$6 cocktails. To pair with your drinks, enjoy special half-off appetizers. Mark your calendar for Happy Hour with friends on a leisurely summer Wednesday. What's better than that? Check the website for locations. DowntownWestChester.com.

Classic Celebrations. Looking for a cool, new spot for your next event? Malvern's **Classic Diner** opened a new private event space right next to the restaurant, holding up to 50 guests. This modern farmhouse space has eclectic and versatile décor fit for all kinds of parties. Plus, they offer catering so your guests can dig into Classic Diner favorites and more. Just contact the restaurant or their catering department to book your next event. 360A Lancaster Ave., Malvern. TheClassicDinerPA.com.



New in Eagleview. Say hello to Eagleview Town Center's latest addition to Restaurant Row. **Persis Indian Grill** serves authentic Indian cuisine including vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options. Enjoy classic dishes like butter chicken, chicken curry or palak paneer paired with their delicious dum biryani (basmati rice cooked with herbs, spices, meat and vegetables) and a traditional mango lassi drink. After dinner, treat yourself to Indian desserts like carrot halwa or rasmalai, sweet Indian cheese dumplings. 541 Wellington Sq., Exton. PersisIndianGrill.com.



The Accidental Apiary

A CHESTER COUNTY FATHER AND SONS TEAM FINDS PURPOSE AND LIVELIHOOD IN THE AGE-OLD CRAFT OF BEEKEEPING.

Alyssa Thayer

PEOPLE LUCKY ENOUGH TO MAKE A LIVING DOING what they love generally don't get into their craft for the money. It's often a spark of creativity or curiosity that propels them forward. Walt Broughton, owner and founder of **Swarbustin' Honey** of West Grove, fits this description to a tee — classic case of hobby turned way of life in the most bee-utiful way possible (the puns are just too easy).

In 1983, a friend of Walt's was moving and needed to unload a couple of beehives. Walt remembers, "I had a grand scheme to become self-sufficient as best I could." Having already planted fruit trees and a garden, bees seemed the next logical step.

He had no intention of becoming a full-time beekeeper — his colony simply kept growing. Two hives turned to four and four to ten hives, eventually leaving little time or space for the rest of his endeavors. "I had no idea the bees would take over my life — best thing that could have happened," Walt says gratefully.

Walt describes beekeeping as both an art and an adventure. Something about that adventure called to his three sons, as they have all found roles running and supporting the business. Walt laughs and says, "It's four alpha males in the same house. It's not always quiet and we all have our own opinions, but it's been a blessing." Together, they now manage up to 650 hives each summer — at 60–100 thou-



The Broughtons from left: Luke, Walter, Abram, Jeb. Father and sons team behind Swarbustin' Honey.

sand bees per hive. "It's quite a little bit of bees," Walt says, quoting a friend.

Walt says it used to be much easier to grow his colony. Since the '90s, the decline of bees, or "colony collapse disorder," has been well documented. Walt says no one thing is to blame, but rather a trifecta of negative factors — predatory mites, habitat loss and widespread insecticide and pesticide use. Out of those issues, he says mites have been the hardest for beekeepers.

For Walt, the mission has always been greater than selling delicious local honey and bee products — it has also been about getting others involved. They do so by selling nucs (or nucleus colonies, used to create new hives) and hosting free workshops for new beekeepers. "That is my newfound passion," Walt says proudly.

To appreciate honey is to know that one pound of honey represents upwards of two million visits made to flowers and trees by bees. It's also to observe the variations in the honey depending on the time of year and what is in bloom when the honey is harvested. Walt sees the uniqueness of each batch as something to relish rather than overcome.

In celebration of pollinators, Father's Day and the delectable sweetness of honey, we've created a host of honey-focused recipes to help build the buzz around the tremendous ingredient. Enjoy!



Swarbustin' honey bee frame with bees



Swarbustin' Honey's home yard of beehives in West Grove

Eat Drink and Bee Merry!

The floral sweetness of honey seems like something that's meant to be savored and shared. The recipes below are a selection of dishes that celebrate the versatility and uniqueness of this liquid gold.

Roasted Feta with Honey

This sweet and salty combo is a guaranteed crowd pleaser! It's simple to put together and best enjoyed warm, out of the oven atop crunchy crackers or crusty bread.

Word to the wise — as with all heated honey dishes, pay close attention when broiling so you don't end up burning the sugars.



8-oz. block feta, removed from brine and patted dry
3 T. extra virgin olive oil
2 T. honey
½ tsp. ground thyme
Freshly ground pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 400°.

Slice feta evenly through middle, creating two thinner blocks. Lay the feta in a shallow oven-proof dish and pour olive oil over top. Spread 2 tablespoons of honey over top (1 T. on each piece), and dust tops with ground thyme.

Place in preheated oven for 8–10 minutes or until cheese is softened but not melted. Turn broiler on high for 3 minutes, watching carefully to ensure it browns, but does not burn. Remove from oven carefully (oil will be bubbling) and top with fresh ground pepper.

Serve alongside crackers or bread.

Serves 4.

***Note:** Depending on the type of honey you use and how sweet you like things, you may want to add one additional tablespoon of honey over top of the cheese after pulling it from the oven.

****Note:** As the feta cools, it gets a chewy texture (much like halloumi cheese). Feel free to pop it back in the oven for a minute or two if it cools too much before eating.

Honey BBQ Chicken Kabobs

If there's any better dish to ring in the summer months, we can't think of it. Sweet, smoky and tangy, this BBQ sauce delivers! This

Bee Informed Basics



Honey Bees: Hives are made up of three types of bees including female workers, male drones and one female queen. The workers are the ones seen buzzing busily outside the hive. One lesser known fact — only female bees can sting.

Apitherapy: Alternative medicine that uses bee products for healing, dating back to ancient Egypt and Greece.

Honey Highlights: While honey as a sweetener is not particularly novel, there's lots to learn about its quality, taste, color and type.

Raw vs. Processed: Raw honey has remained unprocessed (not heated or filtered), allowing it to maintain its delicate taste and various health benefits. Walt says their "Totally Raw Honey" is the real deal, "as raw as you can get outside of the hive," and is extracted using only centrifugal force.

Tons of Types: When purchasing honey, you may have noticed variations in color as well as labeling. Honey is named after the type of flower or plant the bees have interacted with while making the honey. It ranges from the light, creamy black locust honey of spring to the darker, almost bitter goldenrod honey of fall.

Other Goods: While honey bees are best known for their honey, that's not the only thing we harvest from them.

Bee Pollen: Small yellow pellets that are nutrient-dense and some say help lessen seasonal allergies. Walt says, "You could probably sustain yourself on the stuff." ****Note:** If you have strong seasonal allergies, use caution, as reactions can be severe.

Royal Jelly: A gelatinous substance made for young queen bees to consume. It is extremely high in vitamins (specifically B) and other enzymes and highly touted for its anti-inflammatory properties.

Propolis: Bee-made substance from the sap of conifer trees to help them protect their colony. It has potent antibacterial and antifungal properties and is often found at the top of a raw honey jar.

Bee Venom: Yes, you read that right! This substance, which the bees inject through their stingers, is also used for pain management and arthritis.

Beeswax: Used by bees to create hives and store honey. Humankind has used wax for centuries to help protect porous substances, create candles and, more recently, to add to cosmetics.

versatile BBQ sauce can also be used with pulled pork, or as a glaze for salmon or shrimp.

2 T. extra virgin olive oil
5 lg. garlic cloves, minced
Pinch of salt and pepper and more to taste
1½ C. ketchup
½ tsp. smoked paprika
1 tsp. ground ginger
½ tsp. chili powder
1 tsp. ground mustard

½ lemon, juiced
1 T. Worcestershire sauce
2 tsp. tamari or soy sauce
5 T. honey
2 lbs. chicken breast, cut into 1-inch cubes
1 large bell pepper, chopped into 1-inch squares



Add olive oil to sauté pan. Once warm, add garlic, stirring constantly and cooking until fragrant (2 minutes). Add salt, pepper, ketchup, spices, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce and tamari and cook over medium heat, stirring often for 10 minutes.

Turn heat off and stir in honey until well combined. Allow to cool completely before pouring over chicken. Reserve ½ cup for glazing or later use. Allow to marinate for 2 hours or up to overnight.

Preheat grill to medium heat (between 350° and 400°). Build kabobs (if using wood, make sure to follow instructions for soaking), alternating pepper slice and chicken until all are made.

Place kabobs directly on grill grates, checking frequently for flare-ups. Cook for 6–8 minutes on each side, or until internal temperature reaches 165° and they are browned but not burned on the outside.

Set on a heatproof tray to rest for 5–10 minutes before serving.

Serves 4.

****Note:** Fire can quickly turn your sugary BBQ sauce to char if not watched. Every grill is different. Try to avoid placing over any “hot spots” or higher flames.*

Honey Cumin Lime Slaw

Every great BBQ needs a fresh side salad. The veggies in this bright and tangy slaw can be adapted to whatever you happen to enjoy — Napa or purple cabbage, shredded carrots, sliced cucumber or jicama to name a few.

Dressing:

3 T. extra virgin olive oil
1 T. honey, if solid, warm until just liquid
1 garlic clove, minced or pressed
½ tsp. cumin

½ tsp. smoked paprika
½ tsp. lime zest
2 limes, juiced
2 tsp. apple cider vinegar
Salt and pepper to taste

Salad:

5 C. cabbage, shredded/sliced thinly (approx. ½ head)
1 C. carrots, grated
¼ C. fresh cilantro, chopped

Whisk all dressing ingredients together and set aside.

Mix cabbage and carrots for the salad in a large bowl and pour or spoon dressing over top, a few tablespoons at a time, tossing and tasting in between adding until it’s dressed to your liking.

Top with cilantro and enjoy.

Dressing can be made ahead and kept in the refrigerator. It’s also delicious when poured over salmon just before roasting.

Makes approximately ½ C. of dressing, and salad serves 4–6.

Honey Lemon Bars

This sweet treat combines the sweetness of honey and the vibrance of citrus in one perfect treat. Enjoy at the end of a meal or with a cup of your favorite tea.



For Honey Candied Lemons:

¼ C. Swarmbustin’ Totally Raw Honey
1 T. lemon juice
1 lemon, sliced thinly

Add honey and lemon juice to a frying pan over medium heat and stir together. Add slices of lemons and cook. The honey mixture will bubble. Flip lemon slices occasionally.

The lemon slices are done when peel is tender and honey glaze mixture has been reduced by half. Cook time is 10–12 minutes.

Cool and dry your Honey Candied Lemon slices on a greased wire rack.

****Note:** Do not throw away honey glaze, reserve to glaze squares.*

Shortbread Crust:

1 C. butter, melted
½ C. sugar
2¼ cups + 1 T. all-purpose flour
1 tsp. vanilla extract
½ tsp. salt

Lemon Topping:

4 eggs + 1 egg yolk
⅓ C. + 2 T. Swarmbustin’ Totally Raw Honey
1 T. lemon zest
3 T. corn starch
3 T. all-purpose flour
¾ C. freshly squeezed lemon juice (approx. 2½ large lemons)
¼ C. powdered sugar
Swarmbustin’ Honey Fresh Bee Pollen

Preheat oven to 350°. Line the bottom and sides of a 9x13 pan with parchment paper, allowing paper to hang over the sides to make it easier to remove bars from pan.

To make the shortbread crust, stir together butter, sugar, flour, vanilla extract and salt in a small bowl. Press evenly into bottom of prepared pan and bake for 18–20 minutes.

Remove from oven and allow crust to cool completely.

Lower oven temperature to 325° and begin making lemon topping. Mix eggs, raw honey and lemon zest together until smooth. Next, add corn starch and flour and mix well. Pour in lemon juice and whisk until combined.

Pour the lemon mixture over the cooled crust.

Bake until the topping is set, approximately 25–30 minutes. ***Hint:*** It’s done when jiggly in the middle, like a cheesecake.

Once lemon bars are done, remove them from the oven and allow to cool to room temperature.

Sprinkle with powdered sugar, fresh bee pollen and a drizzle of reserved honey glaze. Cut into lemon squares.

Makes 24 squares.

No-Bake Chocolate Almond Meltaway Bars

Adapted from Erin Lives Whole.

If Reese’s Peanut Butter Cups had a wholesome cousin, these would be it! We used almond butter, but you can use any of your favorite natural nut butters and the result is delicious!

Nut Butter Filling:

3 T. honey
1 C. almond flour, fine
1 tsp. flaxseed
Pinch of salt, only if nut butter is not overly salty
1 T. maple syrup
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 C. almond butter (crunchy or smooth)



Chocolate Top Layer:

1 C. chocolate chips
2 T. smooth almond butter
1 T. coconut oil

Prepare 9x10 baking dish with parchment paper, allowing paper to fold over sides of pan for easy removal.

If using crystalized (solid) honey, add to sauce pan over low heat to warm until liquid. Mix all dry ingredients in a large mixing bowl (almond flour, flaxseed, salt). Pour honey, maple syrup, vanilla and almond butter into the bowl and mix until well combined.

Press mixture into prepared pan and freeze for at least 2 hours.

To prepare chocolate top layer, add chocolate chips, almond butter and coconut oil to a double boiler and mix until uniform and smooth. Pour and spread evenly over frozen nut butter base. Return to freezer for 1 hour or until chocolate has hardened. Remove from freezer and slice into 1-inch to 2-inch bite squares.

These can be kept in freezer if you like them harder, or keep in fridge for softer, gooey bars.

Alternative Option for Nut Balls:

If you want something bite-size and a bit less sticky, make this recipe into little spheres. Scoop small spoonfuls of the nut butter filling and roll in hands until round. Freeze for a few hours on a tray lined with wax paper.

Melt topping ingredients together over a double boiler and drop each of the frozen balls in one by one, fishing them out with a fork. Once totally covered, allow any extra chocolate to drip off before placing back onto waxed paper and back into the freezer for an additional hour before serving. ♦

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