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#### West Bradford Township

If you ever thought that living in a converted antique stone barn might be appealing, you must see this fabulous property. Set on a total of 7.8 acres, this five bed-room, two and half bath home enjoys volumes of space, soaring stone walls, lots of exposed beams plus a wonderful floor plan. The home has a fabulous Primary Suite and a lower level apartment - perfect for guests or the in-laws! The detached two car Garage has an attached two stall barn which opens to several pastures. \$850,000

#### West Caln Township

This four bedroom, two full and one half bath home is loaded with high quality features and touches that makes this wonderful home a great buy! The spacious Eat-in Kitchen has loads of beautiful granite backed by handsome subway tile, stainless appliances, and loads of cabinet space. You'll love the Primary Suite with its fabulous Bathroom and large 9' x 20' Walk-in Closet! The home has clever touches like the stone walls in the Dining Room and the murals in the bedrooms. \$389,000



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Your passport to summer fun has arrived. Our July area guide for 2022–2023 is here! This year we tour old favorites - it's worth visiting Longwood Gardens, Winterthur and the Brandywine River Museum every year — and new discoveries in County Lines country. We head for Chester, Delaware and Lancaster Counties, to the Main Line and the states of Delaware and Maryland. We also recommend four "Getaways" a few hours away in New Jersey and New York, along with "Recent Discoveries" in Berks County and the Finger Lakes region in New York.

Carol Metzker visited local lavender farms and shared her sheer joy in "Fields of Bliss." Ed Malet reviews the college choices of local high school athletes headed for Division I sports programs. (Check our website for a more comprehensive list, including Division II and III schools.)

For more on sports, Elizabeth Hughes explains the pickleball mania and notes the Philadelphia Open will be played at the Upper Main Line YMCA in Berwyn, August 25-28.

Also in this issue, Gina Mullen rounds up local distillers — there are more worth a visit than we thought - and Marci Tomassone helps you mark your calendar with our "Fall Guide to the Arts & Outdoor Concerts." Plus "Meet Me at the Farm Market" provides places to score local fruit, vegetables, delicacies and other homemade goods.

For those new to the area, we offer a handy Newcomers Guide to top local businesses, services and organizations. Look here for everything from builders to doctors, from restaurants to schools, from energy providers to real estate brokers. It's what you need to get started in County Lines country!

And as always, we have plenty of Family Fun and the Best Local Events for July and beyond. Thank you for reading. We hope you discover more to enjoy in our area.







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

## Attention Arcade Addicts. The recent

revival of trends like bell bottoms and pop-punk shows pop culture loves the past. Stay on trend with retro fun



at local arcades some rainy summer day. Malvern's Pinball Gallery features 100 pinball and arcade games and hosts gaming competitions. At Booths Corner Arcade in Garnet Valley, play a few rounds before shopping. In Phoenixville, East Coast Coin-OP offers a variety of arcade games and expertise to make your broken games playable. Just don't tilt! PinballGallery.net. BoothsCorner.com. ECAmusements.com.

> All Aboard. Transportation may become a whole lot easier thanks to Chesco, Montco and Berks County's rail committee, the Schuylkill River Passenger Rail Authority (SRPRA). The committee is working on a new route from Reading, Pottstown and Phoenixville to Philadelphia. With the last active train being a whopping 41 years ago, this is long overdue. Here's hoping a passenger train will be part of the new project. Start planning your day trips on the rails now. WHYY.org. MontCoPAorg.

Fireworks Facts. July 4th wouldn't be the same without fireworks, but do you know their origin story? They date back to 800 A.D., when a Chinese alchemist chasing an immortality elixir acci-



dentally created gunpowder. Vibrant colors became part of fireworks when 19th-century Italian inventors added metals. Now over \$2 billion was spent on these explosive delights in 2020. So whether you *ohh* and *ahh* at a public display

or launch your own at home, impress your friends with these fun facts. CelebrateSafely.org. Science.HowStuffWorks.com.

Picture-Perfect Picnics. Have an Instagram-worthy picnic without lifting a finger with help from Wandering Picnics. This new West Chester-based company does it all - just pick the date and place. They'll provide food, drinks, decorations,

flowers, dinnerware and 21st-century necessities like Bluetooth speakers, fans to keep cool and a brunch package. Stay comfy with their piles of pillows, sitting poofs and bubble tent. Choose a theme or a mini-Polaroid camera to amp up the fun. WanderingPicnics.com



PA Pride. Hey, Pennsylvanians! National Pennsylvania Day is July 20th, so why not go full patriot by celebrating at PA's historic attractions? Stroll through Valley Forge National Park or Brandywine Battlefield. Or visit the National Constitution Center in

Philadelphia. Make a checklist of our state symbols to see how many you know. Refresh with quintessential PA foods like a Philly cheesesteak, side of Herr's chips and dessert of TastyKakes or a Hershey bar. StateMuseumPA.org.

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> ment on the main stage from local bands, fireworks on Sunday, hay rides, bounce houses, kids tent, refreshments (including beer and wine) and a balloon glow on Fri., Sat. and Sun at 9 p.m. This family-friendly event is suitable for all ages. Ludwig's Corner Show Grounds, 1326 Pottstown Pk., Glenmoore. Gates open Fri., 3 p.m.; Sat.-Mon., noon. \$10-\$40. PhillyBalloonFest.com.



July 8



Featuring 100+ artists, many of whom do not exhibit at outdoor venues, with an audience of 2,000+ savvy patrons. This Fine Craft Fair appeals to the shopper looking for cutting edge, contemporary and upscale home furnishings, jewelry and

accoutrements. Chase Center on the Riverfront, 815 Justison St., Wilmington. Sat., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$10. PACrafts.org.

#### The Museum of Illusions Ongoing

Are you ready for an adventure? At 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. You can truly experience the impossible! 401 Market St., Philadelphia. Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sun., 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. \$15-\$20. MOIPhilly.com.



## Friday Night Lights at ChesLen Preserve

Enjoy live music, wine and beer, s'mores toasting, stargazing and sunset socializing at one of the most beautiful settings in Chester County. The Flying Komorowski Brothers and Sweet Lizzy Project perform, local craft beer from East Branch Brewing Company and Animated Brewing Company, wine provided by Stargazers Vineyard and yummy food truck fare available. 1199 Cannery Rd., Coatesville. 7 to 10 p.m. Advance tickets only, \$35-\$85. NatLands.org.

## Charitable Fund Brandywine Horse Shows

June 29–July 3, July 5–July 10 See two weeks of premier hunter/ jumper/equitation horse shows at the

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prestigious Devon Show Grounds. The family-friendly equestrian competition includes Pony Hunter Classics, National Hunter Derby, Green Hunter Incentive Regional Championship, USHJA National Hunter Derby Regional Championship and



more. This year's show benefits the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County and Equus Survival Trust. Devon Show Grounds, Rt. 30, Devon. Gates open 8 a.m. Free. BrandywineHorseShows.com.

# best Local Events

#### THROUGH JULY

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Where's Waldo? Grab a

passport at Wellington Square Bookshop and find Waldo at participating businesses. You'll receive a prize at the bookshop after 5 stamps on your pass-

port. Collect stamps from all participating businesses and enter the completed passport into a Waldo goodies raffle during the Where's Waldo party July 30. 549 Wellington Sq., Exton. WellingtonSquareBooks.com.

THROUGH SEPTEMBER Science Saturdays at Hagley Museum & Library. Visitors of all ages are invited to discover solutions to science and engineering challenges. Science Saturdays are drop-in activities. 298 Buck Rd., Wilmington. Noon to 4. \$5-\$9. 302-658-2400; Hagley.org.

#### THROUGH OCTOBER 31

Brandywine Treasure Trail Passport. Gather family and friends and let the Brandywine Treasure Trail Passport guide you to a memorable summer weekend escape, providing access to 12 of Wilmington's and the Brandywine Valley's top attractions. \$49-\$99. VisitWilmingtonDE.com.



#### JUIY 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*.

#### FIREWORKS AT A GLANCE

July 2, Phoenixville Annual Fireworks. Friendship Field (Filmore St. & Franklin Ave.). Rain date, July 9. Phoenixville. Online/Phoenixville-Fireworks.

July 2, Lititz Fourth of July Fireworks. Lititz Springs Park, 24 Broad St. Lititz-4thOfJuly.com.

July 2, 4 – Wawa Welcome America Celebration in Phila. July 2, Penns Landing, 101 N. Columbus Blvd. July 4, Phila. Museum of Art, 2600 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy. WelcomeAmerica.com.

July 3, Bethel Township Independence Day Fireworks. Bethel Springs Elementary School, 3280 Foulk Rd., Garnet Valley. FireworksInPennsvlvania.com.

July 4, Clifton Heights. Clifton Heights Athletic Field, 212 N. Springfield Rd. FireworksInPennsylvania.com.

July 4, Hockessin 4th Festival & Fireworks. Facebook.com/Hockessin4th.

July 4. Narberth Fireworks. Community Park, between Windsor, N. Wynnewood & Haverford Aves. 610-664-2840; NarberthFourthOfJuly.com.

July 4, Tredyffrin/Easttown Concert & Fireworks. Wilson Farm Park, 500 Lee Rd., Wayne. Tredyffrin.org/Departments/ Parks.

July 4, Upper Merion Township Fire-works. Heuser Park, 694 W. Beidler Rd., King of Prussia. UMTownship.org.

July 4, Wilmington. Tubman- Garrett Riverfront Park on the Riverfront. InWilmDE. com/Events.

July 15, Malvern Fire Co. Fair, Malvern Mem. Grounds. Monument Ave. MalvernFireCo.com.

July 16, Exton Park Community Day. 800 E. Swedesford Rd. 7 pm. West-Whiteland.ora.

July 29, Kimberton Fair. 762 Pike Springs Rd., Phoenixville. KimbertonFair.org.

\*\*Fireworks displays usually happen at dusk, 9–9:30 pm, unless otherwise noted. Check websites for more details.

#### 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

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

#### 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. Bring your own lawn chair or picnic blanket. Odorisio Park, 418 Fairview Rd., Wayne. 6 pm. Free. Radnor.com.

#### JUIY 9

Blueberry Festival at Linvilla Orchards. Delicious blueberries and a decadent blueberry pie-eating contest. The winners of each age bracket will earn the champion title and receive a prize. 137 W. Knowlton Rd., Media. Picking: 8 to 7; entertainment, 11 to 4. 610-876-7116: Linvilla.com.

#### JULY 27, AUGUST 31

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

## ART, CRAFTS & ANTIQUES

#### JULY 9

Philadelphia Summer Outdoor Flea Market. Huge market featuring antiques, collectibles, clothing and accessories, ephemera, furniture, household, jewelry, linens/textiles, pottery, primitives, vintage, records, food and more. Cherry and Race Street Piers, 121 N. Columbus Blvd., Penns Landing, Philadelphia. 8 to 5. Free. FairsAndFestivals.net.

#### BOOKS..

#### JULY 6-21

Wellington Square Bookshop. Classics Book

Club: July 6, "The Golden Bowl" by Henry James with Ruth Bernard Yeazell. NonFiction Book Club: July 7, "Clanlands" by Sam Heughan with Graham McTavish. Fiction Book Club: July 20-21, "West with Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge. 549 Wellington Sq., Exton. WellingtonSquareBooks.com.

#### JUIY 19

Main Point Book Club. Fiction Book Club: "Unsettled Ground" by Claire Fuller. 116 N. Wayne Ave., Wayne. For times, MainPoint-Books.com.

#### 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.

#### BRIDAL SHOWS JULY 20

Lancaster Wedding Show. You'll find a great selection of bridal professionals and wedding exhibitors offering their products and services for your wedding needs. There will be DJ performances, live bands, gifts, a fashion show Cameron Estate Inn & Restaurant, 1855 Mansion Ln., Lancaster. 7 to 10 pm. Register at ElegantBridal.com.

#### EQUESTRIAN EVENTS

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 25 Fridays & Sundays Brandywine Polo. 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; match at 5:30. Sunday, gates open at 1:30; match at 3. \$15-\$20. Check Facebook for weather and field updates. BrandywinePolo.com.

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#### JUIY 1-2

The 205th Lititz Fourth of July Celebration. A full day featuring music acts, a parade, food trucks, a Kid Zone, Baby Parade and of course, their famous fireworks set to music. Lititz Springs Park, 24 N. Broad St., Lititz. \$5-\$15. Lititz4thOfJuly.com.

#### JULY 2-10

72nd Annual Kutztown Folk Festival. The festival provides insight into the traditions of the Pennsylvania Dutch and their way of life. Children's activities, great food and a large quilt sale and auction. Kutztown Fairgrounds, 225 N. White Oak St., Kutztown. Daily 9 to 6. 888-674-6136; KutztownFestival.com.



JUIY 12-16 Malvern Fire Company Fair. Every night is Family Night at this fair with rides and games,

face paintings, magicians and entertainment. Monument Grounds, Monument Ave., Malvern. Daily, 6 to 10. Fireworks, Fri, 9:30 pm (rain date, Sat). MalvernFireCo.com.

#### JUIY 16

Exton Park Community Day. Celebrate at Exton Park with live music and a DI, food trucks, a bike rodeo, kids games, face painting, vendor fair, touch-a-truck, demonstrations, petting zoo, rock wall and fireworks at 7 pm. 132 Church Farm Ln., Exton. Rain date, July 17. 4 to 10 pm. Free. 610-363-9525; WestWhiteland.org.

#### JULY 25-30

Kimberton Fair. Everything from 4-H livestock competitions to the Fair Queen competition, great food and entertainment, rides and fireworks. Kimberton Fairgrounds, 762 Pike Springs



Rd., Phoenixville. Visit website for more information. KimbertonFair.org.

#### AUGUST 1-6

73rd Annual Goshen Country Fair. An old-fashioned fair with agricultural exhibits, rides and entertainment. Benefits the Volunteer Goshen Fire Co. Gates open 6 pm, Mon to Fri; Sat at 5 with reduced tickets for rides until 7pm. Fair Grounds, 1320 Park Ave., West Chester. 610-430-1554; GoshenCountryFair.org.

#### AUGUST 7

#### In the Good Old Summertime at Pen-

ny-packer Mills. An early 20th-century summertime celebration. Enjoy old-fashioned lawn games of croquet, ring toss, tabletop games and easy crafts to make. The General Store will be open with fun activities, and you can take a walk-through tour of the air-conditioned mansion. 1 to 3. Free, suggested donation \$2. 5 Haldeman Rd, Schwenksville. MontcoPA.org.





#### FILM JUIY 8-10

Blobfest! at The Colonial Theatre. The annual signature event is a festival commemorating the Colonial's place in cinematic history as a filming location for the 1958 classic film and all things sci-fi. Blobfest will include in-person double features, a street festival, The Blob Ball

and reenactment of the film's 'Run Out' scene.

For details, visit TheColonialTheatre.com.

#### JULY 11, AUGUST 15

Eggleview Movie Nights. Bring your blankets, chairs and a picnic dinner and enjoy the movie. July 11, Encanto; Aug. 15, The Croods: A New Age. Wellington Square, Exton. 7 pm. Free. InEagleview.com.

#### JULY 15, AUGUST 19

Movies in the Park. Pack a blanket or bring some chairs out to enjoy the movie. July 15, Sing 2; Aug. 19, Luca. Oxford Memorial Park, 900 W. Locust St., Oxford. 8:30 pm. OxfordPA. org/Movies-In-The-Park.

#### FOOD & BREWS ....

#### THROUGH JULY 26

Food Truck Tuesdays in King of Prussia. Enjoy live music, games and delicious food during your lunch hour. Call or visit website for a lineup and directions to food trucks. 484-681-9452; KOPBID.com.

#### THROUGH AUGUST 25 Thursdays

Happy Hour at Delaware Art Museum Summer series features live music, local brews

Pkwy. N. Terrace Copeland, Sculpture Garden. 5 pm. Free. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.



#### THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1 Wednesdays

happy hour where you can unwind and relax with friends every Wednesday from 4 to 7 pm. Participating locations have select \$4 beers, \$5 wines, and \$6 cocktails in addition to half-price appetizers. Visit DowntownWestChester.com for locations.



wine, cocktails, food vendors. 2301 Kentmere

West Chester TAPS. Enjoy a borough-wide

## Coming in Annapolis, MD



#### 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. 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.



## Cecil County, MD Events

Cecil County, MD has lots to offer. Take a day trip or plan on staying a while. Check their website for more events. CCGov.org.

July 2. Fireworks at Chateau Bu-De. Enjoy the 5th Annual fireworks on the Bohemia River. Chateau Bu-De Vineyard & Winery, Bohemia Manor Farm, 3822 MD-213, Chesapeake City. 5 to 9:30. \$10. ChateauBuDe.com.

July 3. Salute to Veterans & Fireworks. A salute to Cecil County veterans followed by family-fun, food, music and fireworks. North East Town Park, North East. 6 to 9:45. SToCCV.org.

July 22–30. The Cecil County Fair. Agricultural fair, vendors, rides, games, animals and m<u>ore</u>. *Fair <u>Hill</u>* Fairgrounds, 4640 Telegraph Rd., Elkton. CecilCountyFair.org.



August 27. Chesapeake City Car Show. 98 Bohemia Ave., Chesapeake City. 9 to 3. Facebook.com/ ChesapeakeCityCarShow.

August 28. Tap Into the Tavern. Wine and beer tastings and live music. Rodgers Tavern Museum, 259 Broad St., Perryville. 3 to 7 pm. \$10-\$25. RodgersTavern.com.

October 13–16. Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill. The event showcases four days of competition in Dressage, Cross-Country and Show Jumping. 4600 Telegraph Rd., Elkton. Maryland5Star.us.

#### JUIY 14

Stroud Water Research Center Hosts Sips & Science on Boathouse Row. Mingle with friends and freshwater scientists for a discussion of the health of the Schuylkill River and the Clean Water Act. Enjoy food, drink and the sunset in the famous Vesper Boat Club along Boathouse Row, 10 Kelly Dr., Philadelphia. 6 to 8 pm. \$25. StroudCenter.org/Events.

#### JULY 16

Philadelphia Zoo Summer Ale Festival. The A day of specialty brews, animals, live entertain-

ment and more. An adults-only event, the festival serves as a fundraiser and supports the zoo. 3400 W. Girard Ave., Philadelphia. 7 to 10 pm. \$35-\$85. PhiladelphiaZoo.org.

#### JULY 30

Willistown Conservation Trust Annual Tomoto Tosting. Tomatoes are the stars at Rushton Farm at this annual event. Enjoy wine, beer and fabulous tomato preparations. Rushton Farm, 911 Delchester Rd., Newtown Square. 5 to 7. Check website for tickets. Advance reg. only. WCTrust.org.

#### FUNDRAISERS AUGUST 1-31

Clean Water Paddle Push at Stroud Center. Grab your paddleboard, canoe, kayak, inner tube or waders and hit a body of water near you to celebrate water, the earth's most vital natural resource. Benefits the future of fresh water through Stroud Water Research Center. For more information visit StroudCenter.org/ Events.

#### 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; Longwood-Gardens.org.

#### MUSEUMS

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

#### MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

See "Outdoor Concerts" in this issue.

#### JULY 6-AUGUST 3

Longwood Gardens Summer Performance Concerts. July 6, Carla Morrison; July 13, Girl Named Tom; July 27-30, Brandywiners Ltd. (see Theater); Aug. 3, Angélique Kidjo. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Times and tickets, LongwoodGardens.org.



#### JULY 8-31

American Music Theatre. July 8, Dion; July 10, Always ... Patsy Cline; July 15, Lorrie Morgan & Pam Tillis: Grits & Glamour Tour; July 17, Ricky Nelson Remembered starring Matthew & Gunnar Nelson; July 22, Kashmir - The Live Led Zeppelin Show; July 23, Mike Del-Guidice & Big Shot; July 24, Air Supply; July 29, Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons; July 30, Lyle Lovett and his Large Band; July 31, ABBA The Concert. 2425 Lincoln Hwy. E., Lancaster, 888-729-4718; AMTShows.com.



#### JUIY 9

Kennett Flash. WXPN welcomes Eilen Jewell. 102 Sycamore Alley, Kennett Square. 7 pm. \$32. 484-732-8295; KennettFlash.org.

#### JUIY 11-29

The Keswick Theatre Presents. July 11, Golden Child; July 15, Howard Jones & Midge Ure; July 16, The Manhattan Transfer; July 17, Dion; July 20, Jon Anderson; July 21, Gordon

Lightfoot; July 22, Aunt Mary Pat; July 29, Don McLean. 291 N. Keswick Ave., Glenside. 215-572-7650; KeswickTheatre.com.

#### JULY 16

BBQ, Blues & Brews. Live music with Little Red Rooster Blues Band, BBQ courtesy of Shimpy's BBQ and loads of fun. Brothers On The Brandywine Beer Garden, 2096 Strasburg Rd., Coatesville. 1 to 8 pm. Facebook.com/ BrothersOnTheBrandywine.

#### JULY 16, AUGUST 20

Rhythm & Brews in Phoenixville. Come on down for some brews, tunes and take part in



#### a cornhole tournament. Main & Bridge St. parking lot, Phoenixville. 5 to 10 pm. PhoenixvilleChamber.org.

## OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

THROUGH AUGUST 31 Wednesdays

brory. Bring a picnic to enjoy at the pavilion or at a table along the Brandywine. Dogfish Head craft beer and Woodside Farm Creamery ice cream are available. 200 Hagley Creek Rd., Wilmington. 5 to 8 pm. \$5. 302-658-2400; Hagley.org.

#### 

in red, white and blue and join The RUNegades for this patriotic 5K. Start at the corner of Beech and Grant Sts., Pottstown. 8 am. \$25-\$35. RunSignUp.com.

## JULY 13

Night Hike at Oakbourne. Join naturalist Lon Myers for a family-friendly program to explore nature from dusk to darkness. Learn the mythology of stars, planets and constellations, learn to call owls and identify frog and insect calls, and listen to the sounds of nature. Oakbourne Park, 1014 S. Concord Rd., West Chester. 8 to 10 pm. WesttownPA.org.



#### Bike & Hike & Brews at Hagley Museum & Li-

The Pottstown Patriotic. Deck yourself out

#### JULY 20

Summer Garden Walk at Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art. Stroll with the expert horticulturists for a guided walk through the gardens. 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. 10 to 11 am. \$5. Brandywine.org.

#### THEATER

#### JUNE 29-JULY 24

The Vinegar Tree at People's Light. Mistaken identities and foolhardy love affairs abound in this rarely produced 1930 comedy of manners. 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

#### JULY 15-31

DE Shakespeare Summer Festival: The Tempest. Celebrate Del Shakes' 20th Anniversary Season under the stars at Rockwood Park, 4651 Washington St. Extension. Times and tickets, DelShakes.org.

#### JULY 16-AUGUST 28

The Candleliaht Theatre Presents Sweet Charity. The story of Charity Hope Valentine and winner of 5 Tony Awards. 2208 Millers Rd., Wilmington. Times and tickets, 302-475-2313; CandlelightTheatre-Delaware.org.



#### JULY 27-30

The Brandywiners, Ltd., present *The Wizard* of Oz. L. Frank Baum's classic novel comes to life at Longwood Gardens Open Air Theatre, 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. 8 pm. \$28–\$33. LongwoodGardens.org.

#### AUGUST 3-28

*Grand Horizons* at People's Light. A hilarious, heartbreaking commentary on marriage, family and the wisdom that comes with age—or not. 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

#### TOWNS, TALKS & TOURS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 5

Open-Air Market in West Chester. West Chester will have plenty of outdoor dining and shopping options this summer. 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.

#### THROUGH AUGUST 18

Town Tours & Village Walks. See Day Trips & Outings.

#### 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 plus ice cream and an outdoor beer garden vibe on Birch Street. Visit HistoricKennettSquare.com.

#### THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28 Wednesdays

Dining Under the Stors 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 OCTOBER 3

Phoenixville Inside Out. Businesses will set up in the closed sidewalk and roadway between Starr and Main Sts., and from Main to Gay Sts. beginning at 2 pm on Fri, ending 7 am Mon. The Main and Bridge Street parking lot will also be closed for the duration of the road closure. Phoenix-villeFirst.org.

#### JULY 1, 9, 21

1st Fridays, 2nd Saturdays, 3rd Thursdays. First Fridays: July 1, 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: *July 9*, Media, 484-445-4161; MediaArtsCouncil.org. Third Thursday Malvern Stroll: *July 21*, MalvernBusiness.com.

#### JULY 17

Kennett Underground Railroad Tour. Visit documented Underground Railroad sites, historic homes and Quaker Meetinghouses while learning about local abolitionists and anti-slavery activity in the Kennett Square area. Kennett Underground Railroad Center, 120 N. Union St., Kennett Square. 1:30 to 3. \$23. KennettUndergroundRR.org. ◆

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For more events visit:

CountyLinesMagazine.com

# PLASTIC FREE July:

# Will You Join the Challenge?

Monica McQuail, Willistown Conservation Trust



URING THE PAST FEW YEARS, AND ESPECIALLY during the height of the pandemic, we've witnessed a drastic increase in single-use plastic. Our coveted hand sanitizer comes in plastic bottles of all sizes, plastic containers of disposable wipes are commonplace, we've ordered more takeout meals that arrive in plastic bowls and bags, plus some food at the grocery store has sprouted protective plastic coverings.

Some of these plastic habits are dissipating now, but the reality is that plastics, and most notably single-use plastics, are still entrenched in our daily lives.

As the name suggests, single-use plastics are used only once before being discarded. Things like straws, plastic sandwich bags, plastic cutlery and Styrofoam. To make matters worse, our recycling systems are broken. According to the EPA, less than 10% of plastics are recycled. So even if you do the right thing by cleaning and tossing that plastic cup into a recycling bin, it's unlikely it actually gets processed. Plus, microplastics continue to end up in our waterways, affecting local watersheds and lands along with birds around the world, and as recent research suggests, even making their way into our bodies.

Feeling overwhelmed? You're not alone! Our society is dependent on plastic, but you don't have to be. This month, consider joining





the hundreds of millions across the world taking the challenge to live plastic-free for all 31 days in July! Plastic Free July is a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution — so we can have cleaner streets, oceans and beautiful communities.

The Plastic Free Foundation has issued this challenge for the past 12 years, and they'll walk you through tips and resources to help you on your plastic-free journey, whether you want to eradicate single-use plastic waste at home, work, school, your local cafe or all the above.

You can start small by bringing reusable grocery bags and a water bottle everywhere you go, or go big by working with local businesses and your community to commit to doing better together. You may surprise yourself and continue the challenge into August and beyond.

Sign up for the challenge at PlasticFreeJuly.org. And visit Willistown Conservation Trust's website and social media (@wctrust) to see how their entire staff commits to Plastic Free July!

Willistown Conservation Trust focuses on 28,000 acres within the watersheds of Ridley, Crum and Darby Creeks. Since 1996, the Trust has permanently conserved over 7,500 acres, including three nature preserves open to the public: Ashbridge, Kirkwood and Rushton Woods Preserves. And it offers nationally renowned programs: Bird Conservation, Community Farm, Education and Outreach, Land Protection, Stewardship and Watershed Protection Programs. More at WCTrust.org.

# **Meet Me at the Farm Market!**

Thornbury Farm Market



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

**Downingtown Farmers Market** Kerr Park, 1 Park La. Sat., 9 to noon.

GrowingRootsPartners.com. Live music every Saturday. Loyal2Local Program: fill up your punch card and enter to win MarketBucks.

**Eagleview Farmers Market** Eagleview Town Ctr., Exton. Thurs., 3 to 6. GrowingRootsPartners.com. Loyal2Local Program: fill up your punch card and enter to win MarketBucks.

**Kennett Square Farmers Market** 

The Creamery, 401 Birch St. Fri., 3 to 6. HistoricKennettSquare.com. Through Sept., last Fri. of the month: "Tree Talks," lecture series, 4 pm.

#### Lancaster County Farmers Market

Indoor farmers market. 389 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne. Wed., Fri., Sat., 6 a.m. to 4. LancasterCountyFarmersMarket.com.

#### Phoenixville Farmers Market



#### **Malvern Farmers Market**

Burke Park, Roberts Rd. & S. Warren Ave. Sat., 9 to noon. GrowingRootsPartners.com. Live music every Saturday. Loyal2Local Program: fill up your punch card and enter to win MarketBucks.

Media Farmers Market

Edgemont St. between Front & State Sts. Sun., 10 to 1. FarmToCityMarkets.com.

#### **Pete's Produce Farm**

1225 E. Street Rd., West Chester. Daily, 9 to 5. PetesProduceFarm.com.

#### **Phoenixville Farmers Market**

200 Mill St., under Gay St. Bridge. Sat., 9 to 1. PhoenixvilleFarmersMarket.org. Children's area with activities.

#### Pottstown Farmers Market

100 E. High St. Every other Sat. from May 15, 9 to 1. PottstownFarm.org. July 23 – Christmas in July with Santa Aug. 6 – National Farmers Market Week Aug. 20 – Bees, Bees, Bees – National Bee Week Sept. 3 – Butterfly Tagging and Release Oct. 15 – Halloween Event: Historic & Haunted Tours

**Newtown Square Farmers Market** St. Alban's Episcopal Church 3625 Chapel Rd. Fri., 3 to 6. Facebook.com/NewtownSquareFarmersMarket.

**Oxford Village Market** Third & Locust Sts. Tues., noon to 5. DowntownOxfordPA.org.

#### **Rodney Square Farmers Market**

10th & N. Market St., Wilmington. Wed., 10 to 2. InWilmDE.com/Events. Live entertainment offered weekly.

SIW Farmers Market 4317 S. Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. Daily, 9 to 6. SIW-Vegetables.Blogspot.com.

Field to Fork Dinners: Aug. 24 – Chef Khoran Horn of Guardhouse Sept. 14 – Chef Tyler Akin of LeCavalier

baked goods and even entertainment and special events, your local farm market offers something new every week!

And remember National Farmers Market Week, August 7–13.

From fresh produce, meats, cheeses,

Growing Roots Partners Farm Market



**Swarthmore Farmers Market** 432 Dartmouth Ave. Sat., 9 to noon. FarmToCityMarkets.com.

**Thornbury Farm Market** 1256 Thornbury Rd., West Chester. Fri., 9 to 5; Sat.-Sun., 11 to 5. ThornburyFarmCSA.com.

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

West Chester Growers Market Chestnut & Church Sts. Sat., 9 to 1. WestChesterGrowersMarket.com

Westtown Amish Market Indoor farmers market.

1177 Wilmington Pk., West Chester. Thurs., 9 to 6; Fri., 9 to 7; Sat., 8 to 4. WestChesterAmishMarket.com.

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## BREATHE IN SUMMER'S MOST GLORIOUS PENNSYLVANIA LAVENDER BLOOMS

Carol Metzker





arly on a summer morning, the sun rises and mist lifts at Warwick Furnace Farm to reveal a stunning panorama of lavender buds and blooms. The fragrant purple crown of a hill is the joy, hard work and passion of the Rosen family. And it's a gift to visitors who come for harvests, lavender aromatherapy yoga, plein air art sessions or who bring a picnic to the lavender harvest.

#### FAMILY PASSION

At the northern reaches of Chester County, a Rosen family member and the scent of lavender greet you before you arrive at the field in Glenmoore. Behind the gracious home and garden laid out by Thomas Sears in the early 1900s, pass orchard trees, an apiary and the family's "Lilac Alley."

Wend your way up the hill to the site where birds call, butterflies flit and a sea of blooms delight your senses. Pale yellow and white butterflies flutter from row to row. An occasional monarch wings its way through English and French varieties of lavender. Bumblebees hum and crickets chirp as afternoon slides into summer evening.

At the top of the field, guests ooh and ahh over essential oil, hand salve and floral water spray. Products from the farm's distilled harvest conjure mental images of the countryside or a luxurious spa even on the darkest winter days. Other visitors engage in the Victorian craft of making lavender wands — sachets woven in soft ribbon to hang in closets as moth deterrents or in rooms as decorations sharing a calming aroma.

When the farm — originally established in the 1700s alongside the Warwick Furnace — was for sale, Rosen family members who viewed the estate realized they had an oppor-





Warwick Furnace Farm







Hope Hill Lavender Farm

tunity of a lifetime to create a new legacy with the land and buildings.

Each member brings a special talent to the family's endeavors. Dolly — "our beautiful mama," described by a daughter — is a culinary historian. Winter's Instagram photos show her lavender cookies and cakes made with vintage molds. Ed, the father of their four daughters, is known as "the boss."

Lillie, an expert in native plants, serves as an entrepreneur who comes up with new products. Charlotte — into fitness and dance instruction — and Camille — into sustainable living and cooking — can also be found at events, including the Philadelphia Flower Show and upscale garden festivals.

Eldest daughter Claire — with the eye of an international artist, photographer and communicator — celebrates, connects and shares the beauty of each aspect of farm life. She designs, decorates and photographs life on the farm. Her photos show fields in sun and snow, Dolly's elegant baked goods, a horse among rows of lavender, charming gift boxes of lavender products, her sisters as models in period clothing, and arrangements fresh from the gardens.

Reserve your tickets for a harvest picnic spot overlooking lavender, the barn and rolling hills. Participate in craft lessons. But be sure to come home with a lavender bunch to hang upside-down and dry for wreaths or to grace your table with a touch of the beloved flower.

#### **DESTINATION: PARADISE**

For a transcendent day trip, head an hour and a half northwest from Chester County to find additional acres of heaven on earth — Hope Hill Lavender Farm in Pottsville.

A sign at the top of a winding lane speaks adventurous travelers' truth: "Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations." Stand in the gazebo at the peak of a hill and every view is sublime. In season, sights include row after row of purple lavender and a two-acre pollinator garden against a background of green hills.

The day I visited, Wendy — co-owner with her husband, Troy — was hand-cutting baskets of velvety dark purple stems headed to the drying shed where harvested bunches hung to dry. She took time to point out creatures who also made the farm their home: bluebirds and their nests, some with chicks and others with eggs; purple finches that took up residence in a lavender plant earlier in spring; honey bees around a row of bee boxes; a trio of donkeys who provide year-round entertainment for social media followers; and wild turkeys that roam the fields near the valley.

In 2004 Wendy and Troy bought the 33-acre former Christmas tree farm for horses. They hadn't originally intended to plant lavender, but it grew ... as did the farm. In addition to the gazebo, drying shed and donkeys' stalls, the beautiful landscape holds a greenhouse and a pretty farm shop.

The shop is filled with bath and body products as well as artisans' wares not always found elsewhere — woven baskets and the best lavender ice cream I've ever eaten.

Visit. Take time to relax and take in the views. Take home bouquets of lavender and some culinary delights. Lavender awaits.

Warwick Furnace Farm,

810 Warwick Furnace Rd., Glenmoore • WarwickFurnaceFrarm.com

Hope Hill Lavender Farm, 2375 Panther Valley Rd., Pottsville • HopeHillLavenderFarm.com



# Fall Guide Arts

Here's a preview of the fall season at area theaters and performance venues as well as special concert events. You'll want to mark your calendars early and check websites for even more performances.

#### THEATERS & VENUES WITH MUSIC. **DANCE & THEATER PERFORMANCES**

#### SUBURBAN PA COUNTIES

#### American Music Theatre

Since 1997, AMT has welcomed Opry legends along with Grammy, CMA, Tony and Oscar winners. They've hosted acclaimed original shows, national Broadway tours and Christmas extravaganzas.

2425 Lincoln Hwy. E., Lancaster AMTShows.com \* Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, ABBA The Concert, Air Supply, The Beach Boys

#### **Bird-in-Hand Stage**

Offering exceptional entertainment, including Broadway-style musical theater and magic shows - one of Lancaster County's must-see stops for live performances.

2760 Old Philadelphia Pk., Bird-in-Hand Bird-in-Hand.com \* A Simple Sanctuary, Ryan & Friends

#### The Colonial Theatre/Point Entertainment

Independent and classic films, concerts and community events. Major performances booked by Point Entertainment. 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville

TheColonialTheatre.com PointEntertainment.com

\* Jon Lovitz, Manticore – The Tribute to Emerson Lake & Palmer. The Sixties Show

Kennett Flash An all-ages, stage-centered, café-style venue showcasing professional national, regional and local music, comedy, children's programs and more. 102 Sycamore Alley, Kennett Square KennettFlash.org \* Eilen Jewell

Keswick Theatre o\f Performing Arts A 1,300-seat venue hosting well-known acts with

state-of-the-art sound and light . 291 N. Keswick Ave., Glenside KeswickTheatre.com \* The Manhattan Transfer, Ion Anderson

Longwood Gardens Performing Arts

The arts at Longwood are continuing to be as inspiring and beautiful as the Gardens. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square LongwoodGardens.org \* Live music in the Beer Garden,

The Brandywiners, Ltd., present "The Wizard of Oz"

Neumann University, Meagher Theatre Modern 300-seat theater hosting lectures, theater, cinema and concerts. 1 Neumann Dr., Aston, Neumann.edu

#### Sight & Sound Theatres

Faith-based live theater that's been described as "Christian Broadway." 300 Hartman Bridge Rd., Ronks Sight-Sound.com

\* David, Moses, Miracle of Christmas

#### Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center Theater, music, dance, comedy and film in the heart of West Chester.

226 N. High St., West Chester

UntownWestChester.org Live at the Fillmore: The World's Greatest Tribute to the Allman Brothers Band, Peter Rowan's Free Mexican Airforce, featuring Los Texmaniacs, AM Radio Tribute Show, Hollywood Nights: The Bob Seger Experience, Best Friend's Girl: The Cars Experience, Classic Stones Live: Rolling Stones Tribute, a soon-to-be-announced Theater Season!

#### West Chester University-WCU Live!

Live performances, open to the public, that include music, dance, comedy and speaker events.

Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall and Madeleine Wing Adler Theatre, West Chester WCUPA.edu/OCA/WCULive

#### DELAWARE

**Christing Cultural Arts Center** 705 N. Market St., Wilmington CCACDE.org

#### The Grand Wilmington

Presenting more than 75 shows most seasonsfrom symphony orchestras and ballets to the latest rock and comedy stars, jazz, folk, family artists and more. 818 N. Market St., Wilmington TheGrandWilmington.org \* Maria Bamford, Nephew Tommy

Market Street Music

Free Thursday Noontime Concerts as well as classical concerts in the evening. 1101 N. Market St., Wilmington MarketStreetMusicDE.org



The Met Philadelphia

Theatre N at Nemours Independent feature films and concerts. 1007 N. Orange St., Nemours Bldg. Wilmington, TheatreN.org

#### PHILADELPHIA

#### The Academy of Music

Opened in 1857, it's the oldest grand opera house in the country still used for its original purpose. Broad & Locust Sts. AcademyOfMusic.org \* To Kill A Mockingbird, Cinderella

#### Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts

Dedicated to the advancement of a diverse and thriving cultural community. Univ. of Pennsylvania campus 3680 Walnut St. PennLiveArts.org \* Blind Boys of Alabama, Machine de Cirque

#### The Dell Music Center

This open-air amphitheater has 5,284 reserved seats and lawn seating for 600. 2400 Strawberry Mansion Dr. TheDellMusicCenter.com \* Gladys Knight w/ Special Guest Kenny Lattimore, Japanese Breakfast

#### Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts

Premier performing arts groups reside at the Kimmel Center and the Academy of Music -The Phila. Orchestra, Philly Pops, The Pennsylvania Ballet, Philadanco and more. 300 S. Broad St. KimmelCulturalCampus.org

\* Check website for performances at The Academy of Music and Forrest Theatre

#### The Mann Center for Performing Arts

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

5201 Parkside Ave, MannCenter.org \* Tedeschi Trucks Band: Wheels of Soul 2022, Norah Iones, Van Morrison

#### The Met Philadelphia

This is the former Philadelphia Metropolitan Opera House, originally built in 1908 by opera impresario Oscar Hammerstein. 858 N. Broad St. TheMetPhilly.com

\* Alicia Keys, Amy Schumer, Crowded House

#### NEW JERSEY

#### **BB&T** Pavilion

Outdoor amphitheater/indoor theater complex located on the Camden Waterfront

Media Theatre

1 Harbour Blvd., Camden. LiveNation.com \* Backstreet Boys, Dave Matthews Band, OneRepublic, Keith Urban, Black Keys, Alice in Chains

#### **EVENTS & SERIES**

Chester Ctv. 93rd Old Fiddlers Picnic, Aug. 13 Hundreds gather for music and memories. Hibernia County Park, Wagontown ChesCo.org/CCParks

**Clifford Brown Jazz Festival**, June 2023 Wilmington's tribute to a great man and his legacy is the largest, multi-day, free, outdoor jazz festival on the East Coast. Rodney Square, 1000 N. Market St.

Wilmington. CliffordBrownJazzFest.org

Media Jazz By Night, November 16 The 20th anniversary of this annual festival that serves up a lively night full of authentic jazz. State St., Media. StateStreetBlues.com

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Through August 21 West Goshen Summer Concert Series West Chester. WestGoshen.org

Through August 28 Bryn Mawr Twilight Concerts Bryn Mawr. BrynMawrTwilightConcerts.com

Through August 28 Long's Park Summer Music Series Lancaster. LongsPark.org

Through August 30 Concerts in Eagleview Eagleview. EagleviewTownCenter.com

Through September 10 Upper Merion Concerts Under the Stars King of Prussia. UMTownship.org

Through September Longwood Gardens Concerts Kennett Square. LongwoodGardens.org

Through October 20 Live Music at King of Prussia Town Center King of Prussia. KingOfPrussia-TownCenter.com

July 7, 27 Charlestown Summer Concerts Malvern. Facebook.com/CharlestownDay

July 7, 28, August 18 Music at Marshall West Chester. MarshallSquarePark.org

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

July 14–September 1 Summer in the Park Concert Series at Wilson Farm Park. Wayne. Tredyffrin.org/Departments/Parks

**July 16** Tie-Dye Music Festival at Community Arts Center. Wallingford. CommunityArtsCenter.org

July 31, August 14, 21 Miller Park Summer Concert Series Exton. WestWhiteland.org

August 4–14 Musikfest. Bethlehem. Musikfest.org

August 5-26 Phoenixville Summer Concerts Phoenixville. PhoenixvilleFirst.org

August TBD Wilmington's Riverfront Blues Festival.Wilmington. RiverfrontBluesFestDE.com

**August 18–21** Philadelphia Folk Festival Upper Salford Township, PA. FolkFest.org

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# GETAVAY Beyond PA

FROM BEACHES TO MOUNTAINS AND HORSE RACES TO MUSIC FESTIVALS, THERE'S PLENTY TO EXPLORE DURING A WEEKEND GETAWAY IN OUR NEIGHBORING STATES!

Shannon Montgomery



#### **ASBURY PARK, NJ** 2 HRS

Get away from it all at this historic New Jersey shore town. Spend your days under the sun on Asbury Park's sandy beaches — known as some of the best in the state. In the evenings, stroll along the mural-adorned boardwalk for tasty food, eclectic shops and vibrant nightlife. Be sure to include a visit to the restored Paramount Theater and Convention Hall!

Include a trip to the historic downtown district along Cookman Avenue, lined with shops and art galleries. Asbury Park has become the Jersey Shore's hottest dining destination with over 65 restaurants, many headed by renowned chefs, including James Avery's Bonney Read and Black Swan.

Of course, any trip to Asbury Park must include its famous music scene. Since Bruce Springsteen put it on the map, the town has been named one of the top ten places to listen to music by USA Today. Drop by the legendary Stone Pony, where Bruce has been known to show up for surprise performances.

In September, the Sea.Here.Now Festival hosts 25 performances across three stages on the waterfront. Stevie Nicks and Green Day are headlining, joined by My Morning Jacket, Cage the Elephant and others. In between sets, watch a professional surfing contest and visit Danny Clinch's Transparent Gallery for immersive art experiences. CityOfAsburyPark.com.



#### SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ 2 HRS

Enjoy nature's beauty in stunning Somerset County in north-central New Jersey. Paddle through Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park or explore Colonial Park's arboretum and award-winning gardens. Then visit the Scherman Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary, which fields teams each May in the World Series of Birding. (Yes, really! Think The Big Year, but over 24 hours.)

Sports fans will find plenty to do, too. Play a few rounds at Fox Hollow Golf Club, one of the county's prestigious courses, then head for the U.S. Golf Association Museum in Fair Hills. Golf not your thing? Enter the Sourlands Smackdown Bouldering Competition or the four-day Tour of Somerville, the country's oldest major bike race. Or see the Somerset Patriots play at TD Bank Ballpark.

The U.S. Equestrian Team Foundation Headquarters in Gladstone is home to the U.S. Olympic Training Center and hosts the annual Garden State Horse Show at the end of April. The Mars Essex Horse Trials is a pre-Olympic qualifying event, and the Fair Hills Race offers the highest purses on the National Steeplechase Association Circuit.

History buffs will love the Revolutionary War sites, like General Washington's headquarters at Rockingham. Somerset County also hosts many cultural events, including the Central Jersey Jazz Fest in September, the Downtown Somerville Oktoberfest and festivals throughout the year at scenic Duke Farms. VisitSomersetNJ.com.



#### WOODSTOCK. NY 3.5 HRS

At the foot of the Catskill Mountains, Woodstock is known for its artistic community and its emphasis on peace and love. Surprisingly, the iconic 1960s music festival didn't actually take place there ---- it happened in Bethel, New York, about two hours away. But come to Woodstock and you'll find this little town has been a haven for artists and musicians long before that historic festival.

Back in 1903, the Byrdcliffe Arts Colony was established here, where artists working in every medium came together to hone their craft. Today, the Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild hosts exhibitions, performances, classes, workshops and artists' residences. Learn more about the village's beginnings at the Historical Society of Woodstock.

Woodstock's current art scene largely resides along Tinker Street, where you'll find art galleries and shops, musicians performing on the village green and, in the summer months, plenty of outdoor markets. There are concerts all over, from local acts at the Bearsville Theater to the Maverick summer music festival. Be sure to catch a Midnight Ramble show at Levon Helm Studio, a renovated barn turned music venue by The Band's drummer. Fans of Bob Dylan and The Band will want to visit Big Pink, where the musicians recorded *The Basement Tapes. WoodstockNY.org.* •

#### SARATOGA SPRINGS. NY 4.5 HRS

Upstate New York's Sarato- verse array of performances each ga Springs was named one of Travel Magazine's Most Charming Small Cities. As the name suggests, the town is famous for its 21 naturally carbonated Matthews Band, Sting, Kings mineral springs, each with its of Leon and more. Art lovers own health benefits and unique taste. Visit Saratoga Spa State Park to drink from State Seal Spring or soak in a mineral bath at Roosevelt Baths and Spa, named after FDR, who helped Saratoga Race Course, the preserve the springs.

Saratoga Springs is also known for the Revolutionary War battle fought there. See the battlefield at Saratoga National State Park, then climb the 155-foot Saratoga bucolic Hudson River Valley.

Today, Saratoga Springs is a cultural hub. The Saratoga Performing Arts Center hosts a di-

summer, including a renowned jazz festival, summer residency of the New York City Ballet Company, and concerts by Dave should visit the galleries on Beekman Street, while theater lovers should watch Shakespeare in Congress Park.

Equestrians will know the country's oldest thoroughbred racetrack. Join over a million spectators during racing season, July through Labor Day, then visit the nearby National Museum of Racing and Hall of Monument and look out on the Fame. For more, come in June for the Skidmore Classic Horse Show or drop by Saratoga Casino's harness track to watch and wager. DiscoverSaratoga.org.



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# **Berks County**

Hawk Mountain Sanctuary

## YOU ALREADY KNOW DELCO, BUCKS AND CHESTER COUNTIES. NOW GET TO KNOW BERKS.

#### Cara Corridoni

OCATED JUST NORTHWEST OF Chester County, Berks is an easy day L trip, Yet it can seem a world, or at least a county away. With a mountainous backdrop, rich Pennsylvania Dutch influences and not a single mention of the Founding Fathers, Berks County offers a multitude of family-friendly options that can be reached on a single tank of gas.

Whether you're the outdoorsy type, want to learn something new, or yearn for a good old-fashioned family vacation, Berks County has history, tradition and an underground ice cream cone just for you.

#### OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Blame it on all that time outside over the last two years, but birding is now a popular American pastime, and Berks County is one of the best places in the region to catch the majestic creatures in flight.

Start with Howk Mountain Sonctuary. Recent spottings include raptors, cerulean warblers, winter wrens and, of course, hawks. Another good birding option is Blue

Marsh Lake. Home to the orchard oriole, the eastern bluebird and the known habitat of bald eagles, it's also a great place to cool off on a warm summer day.

Reading Pagoda

Next head south to another popular Berks County method for cooling off subterranean Crystal Cave. This 150-yearold natural wonder maintains a refreshing interior temperature of 54 degrees even on the hottest of summer days. Located just outside Kutztown, the cavern's impressive half-million-year-old rock formations, including the popular "Ice Cream Cone" attraction, are worth exploring. Then hike some trails, play a round of mini-golf and refuel at the onsite cafe.

From there continue south to Reading, where you'll want to check out the Berks County Heritage Center. This free park/historic site combo has hiking trails that lead to all kinds of discoveries, from a covered bridge to the Pennsylvania Dutch-inspired Der Distelfink sculpture. While you're there, check out the Gruber Wagon Works and Epler's School House onsite museums.





Der Distelfink sculpture

Be sure to pay a visit to the iconic Reading Pagoda that sits atop Mount Penn. Unfortunately, the Pagoda is closed for renovations, but the grounds are open sunrise to sunset. No Berks County adventure would be complete without a stop at the more than 100-year-old National Landmark and peak with its 30-mile panoramic view.

#### COOL OFF WITH HISTORY

While history in Pennsylvania often focuses on Philadelphia and the birth of the nation, there's plenty to learn from the industrial pasts of those who settled just northwest. And that includes one of the Keystone state's most famous sons, fabled frontiersman Daniel Boone.

Continue your tour with a stop at the Daniel Boone Homestead in tiny Birdsboro, just south of Reading. Born in the Oley Valley region in 1734, Daniel Boone spent his formative years on the preserved 579-acre property. Stroll the manicured grounds, visit the lake and, when temperatures get too hot, seek shelter in the Boone family home, the blacksmith shop and five other 18th-century buildings.

Next head east to picturesque Boyertown. Bursting with charm and teddy bears (75 cuddly bear statues dot the streets), there are plenty of places to pop in out of the heat. First hit the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles, featuring a unique collection of PA-built vehicles from high wheelers to safety bikes to immaculately restored cars.

Or try the newly opened General Carl Spaatz National USAAF Museum, an interactive history experience honoring Boyertown native son and WWII Air Force commander Gen. Carl Spatz. Attend a pre-flight briefing and sit in the cockpit while live cast members in period uniforms demonstrate the equipment.

Then head downtown to enjoy the beauty of glassblowing at the Taylor Backes Glass Studio and thrill the kids (and kids at heart) with the penny candy collection at the Peppermint Stick Candy Store on Philadelphia Avenue.

#### TEAM AMERICANA

Travelers from the Rhine region of Germany were among the first settlers in Berks County more than 300 years ago. These settlers brought their art, their traditions and, of course, their food. Much of this heritage has been preserved in the markets, festivals and day-to-day life of the region. You just have to know where to look.

Nothing brings to life the history and culture of the region quite like the Kutztown Folk Festival. See how it was done with authentic craftsmen demonstrations, daily entertainment and America's largest quilt sale. The nine-day festival starts on the first Thursday of July (July 9 this year).

While in Kutztown, stop by Renninger's Antique and Farmer's Market. Open Fridays and Saturdays, it's home to some of the best in Pennsylvania Dutch delicacies. For the true cultural experience, grab a jar of chow-chow (a sweet-sour pickled vegetable mix). For those with a sweet tooth, add a sticky-sweet shoo-fly pie to your cart and the always-popular apple butter.

For more festival fun, come back August 12 & 13 for the Goschenhoppen Historians 54th PA Dutch Folk Festival in Perkiomen for food, crafts and stage programs.

Now, let's play ball. While there's no record of those early German settlers playing catch, there's nothing more Americana than an evening at the ballpark. And no one does it better than Reading's Fightin' Phills at FirstEnergy Stadium. A feeder program for the Philadelphia Phillies, Reading's AA team lets you witness major league talent at minor-league prices.

Finally, no Pennsylvania tour would be complete without a pretzel, and this one is no exception. From Reading head west to Litiz and see (pretzel) history in the making. At Julius Sturgis Bakery, you can tour the original 1861 bakery and test your pretzel twisting abilities with a special playdough mixture. When you are done, head over to the onsite bakery to taste how it all began. Grab a bag, or two, to go.

Pair your goodies with that apple butter for a tasty reminder of your visit to Berks County. For more on things to do and see in Berks County, go to VisitPAAmericana.com.



Daniel Boone Homestead

Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles

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Kutztown Folk Festival

# **RECENT DISCOVERIES**

# Finger Lakes, NY

## WINE TRAILS, NATURE AND DREAMY ACCOMMODATIONS

#### Cara Corridoni

ET ON ROUTE 476, HEAD north and in roughly four and a half hours, you'll have arrived at the rolling green hills of New York's famed Finger Lakes region. Once there, navigate winding country roads through acres of vineyards until you glimpse the clear blue of one of the region's dozen or so slender, appendix-shaped lakes.

Congratulations! You've arrived at a vacation destination you won't soon forget. Lush countryside, award-winning wines and oneof-a-kind sights — all under a night sky with a thousand stars.

#### DAY DRINKING

We'll start with wine. While the area's cool temps make New York an ideal region for rieslings and gewürztraminers, there are plenty of award-winning pinot noirs, cabernet francs and merlots produced here as well.

To help you get oriented, note that the area's wine tasting is centered around three wine trails, one for each of the region's biggest lakes. Cayuga Lake Wine Trail, the oldest, was established in 1983 as a way to draw visitors to the region. Its success soon

prompted Seneca Lake and Keuka Lake vintners to follow suit.

While the trails were a 20th-century addition, wine in the region can be traced back to 1866 when the Seneca Lake Grape Wine Company opened the region's first winery. Thanks to the area's unique microclimate, that reputation has grown. Today there are hundreds of wineries laying claim to more than 6,000 national and international medals.

On Seneca Lake, start your trip at Herman J. Wiemer Vineyard in Dundee. A pioneer in Finger Lakes winemaking, they offer award-winning wines and one of the best winery tours in the region (reservations required). Then head to Penn Yan, home of Fox Run Vineyards, recently named one of the top tasting rooms in the country. Order a flight of their rieslings. If you're over on Keuka Lake in Hammondsport, try to snag a visit to Dr. Konstantin Frank Winery, arguably the region's most famous winery.

While the region is best known for its wines, there are other sipping options. Finger Lakes Distilling, a craft distillery in Burdett, offers high-quality, smallbatch liquors made from farm-fresh





Fox Run Vineyards



Dr. Konstantin Frank Winery



Finger Lakes Distilling

# The region's unique collection of museums is also worth a look.

fruits. Beer drinkers in the bunch? Head to Wagner Valley Brewing in Lodi. At nearby Wagner Vineyards, visitors can order a flight of beer or wine at tasting room overlooking beautiful Seneca Lake. Or cool down with an all-natural real Draft Root Beer.

Of course, this is only the tip of the tasting glass when it comes to wine-tasting options in the Finger Lakes. Charting your own way is part of the fun. Discussing the best and worst pours of the day is what dinner conversation was made for.

#### **OFF-TRAIL**

Yes, wine tasting is nice, but it's not the only fun activity. You'd be remiss not to explore the natural wonders of the region. Watkins Glen State Park is home to 19 waterfalls plus the challenging but rewarding Gorge Trail (there's a shuttle if you prefer). Neighboring Taughannock Falls

boasts the tallest free-falling waterfall east of the Mississippi. The region's unique collection of museums is also worth a look. The National Soaring Museum in Elmira tracks the

unique history of motorless flight. Feeling adventurous? Pop over to neighboring Harris Hill Soaring Corporation and experience the thrill for yourself.

Something a little more down-to-earth? Check out the Corning Museum of Glass in, yes, Corning. Featuring 45,000 pieces of classic and contemporary glass art, it's the world's largest glass collection. Plus, live, narrated daily glassblowing demonstrations are a further treat.

Another option is to start your day at one of the many farmers markets. Located between Keuka and Seneca Lakes, the Windmill Farm and Craft Market in Penn Yan boasts more than 175 vendors. Try gooey cinnamon buns from Stoltzfus Pastries, a Windmill staple since the market opened in 1987. Toss in vine-ripened produce, fresh-baked bread and local cheeses,

and you have an Instagram-worthy picnic to sustain you through the day's fun.

#### **BRINGING IT HOME**

With the wine and the drive, this trip is On the National Register of Historic

well worth a long weekend, which is perfect because there's also a wide selection of unique lodging options - from high-end camping to charming B&Bs and even a castle. The stuff that dreams are made of. Properties, 123-year-old Belhurst Castle in Geneva has a dramatic past of opulence, excess and booze. Stay in one of the 11 elegant guest rooms or three cottages that surround the main house. Set between Cayuga and Seneca Lakes, the Inn at Gothic Eves in Trumansburg offers eight rooms expertly decked out and all appropriately named after wines.

Looking for something a little different? Firelight Comps in Ithaca offers a one-ofa-kind glamping experience. While you're technically outside, the comforts abound (no air mattresses here). Plus, you have access to a fully-equipped bathhouse, beverage station and complimentary breakfast to start your day.

So, ready to book your trip? Here are a few tips. The wine trails are just a guide. Each is self-navigated and the best way to go is to hire a transportation company, of which there are plenty. From Seneca Lake Kayak and Winery Tours to Above the Glen Limo and Wine Adventures, a guick search turns up dozens of options. Your professional driver provides a worry-free day and can be an invaluable resource with insider info.

Also remember summer is the region's busiest season. Expect lots of visitors but, on the upside, extended hours. Most wineries are open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week. Just be prepared to take things slow and enjoy the view. For more on planning your Finger Lakes visit, go to FingerLakesWineCountry.com.



**Firelight** Camps

# Welcome to County Lines Country



How lucky we are to live in the Brandywine Valley! Although we sometimes take the world-class attractions and lush countryside for granted, after putting together this Annual Guide, we're again gobsmacked by the wonders so close to home. From fascinating light installations at Longwood Gardens, to a collection of eclectic local museums, to photography challenges, farmstays and the second-largest shopping mall in the country, *County Lines* Country has it all.

HADY MAPLE

This summer and beyond, we hope you'll discover something new, see your favorite places with new eyes, and rejoice is all there is around us.

# 💡 Day Trips and Outings

# **Day Trips & Outings**

E CONTINUE TO BE BIG FANS OF STAYCATIONS either as a primary summer getaway or to add to the fun by building in weekend adventures, but close to home. When you have so many world-class attractions within an easy drive, why not make the most of that?

And as always, we start with the trio of top attractions.

# **Start with the Big Three**

#### Longwood Gardens

The top local tourist destination should be a must-see for area residents as well. This gem of a horticultural garden, founded in 1906 by Pierre du Pont, holds a broad array of wonders in its 1,100 acres.

From the classic Conservatory, to the magical Flower Garden Walk and Idea Garden, to the always-entertaining Illuminated Fountains, there are countess reasons to visit. Even low-key attractions like the increasingly popular 86-acre Meadow Garden have garnered fans for these naturalistic, emotionally appealing open spaces.

Yet for many, this year's highlight is the new exhibition, "Light: Installations" by Bruce Munro, June 30 through October 30. "Light" features eight works in both indoor and outdoor locations throughout the Gardens chosen by Munro to showcase his immersive, largescale, light-based installations. Highlights include Field of Light, featuring 18,000 illuminated stemmed orbs lit by fiber optics along the Large Lake landscape and 1,000 white flamingos with continually changing hues in the pear-shaped basin in Ramandu's Table.

Make time for a stop at the Beer Garden, featuring music from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and pouring Victory Beer and Longwood seasonal brews made with ingredients from the gardens.

Other faves: Performances of the Illuminated Fountains at 9:15 p.m. and of the 62-bell, five-octave Carillon at 2 p.m. on Sundays. *Routes 1 & 52, Kennett Square. LongwoodGardens.org.* 





## Brandywine River Museum of Art

In addition to housing a distinguished collection of 19th- and 20th-century American art — including a treasure trove of works by generations of Wyeths — the 15-acre campus of the Brandywine River Museum of Art and Brandywine Conservancy is home to a Wildflower and Native Plant Garden and a river trail along the flood plain of the Brandywine.

If you're already familiar with the works by N.C., Andrew and Jamie Wyeth in the collection, visit two special summer exhibitions.

On view until August 31, "Gatecrashers: The Rise of Self-Taught Artists in America" examines how, after World War I, artists without formal training "crashed the gates" of major museums in the U.S., diversifying the art world across lines of race, ethnicity, class, ability and gender. See 50 works by celebrated painters such as Horace Pippin, Anna Mary Robertson "Grandma" Moses and John Kane, plus 15 lesser-known artists.

"Dawoud Bey: Night Coming Tenderly, Black" includes 10 photographs from Bey's acclaimed 2017 series that imagines the flight of enslaved African Americans in the mid-19th century traveling along the last part of an Underground Railroad network. Considered one of the most important photographers working today, Dawoud Bey (b. 1953) is recognized for his compelling, large-scale portraits and street photographs.

Stop by the on-site Millstone Café for seasonally inspired "grab and go" options and the Museum Shop for Brandywine exclusives. *Route 1, Chadds Ford. BrandywineMuseum.org.* 





Doriani, Flag Day

#### Winterthur Museum, Gardens & Library

Winterthur may be best known for its world-class collection of American decorative arts, housed in the elegant former du Pont Manion. This collection includes grand formal rooms of priceless antique furniture along with niche treasures, such as 500 ornate soup tureens, collected by John T. Dorrance, Jr., chair of Cambell Soup Company.

Exhibits have included costumes from the TV series "Downton Abbey," jewels from "The Crown," and this summer, "Jacqueline Kennedy and H. F. du Pont: From Winterthur to the White House," through January 2023. The current exhibit tells of the partnership that transformed the White House from a public residence into a museum. Kennedy walking tours, favorite dishes and offerings in the museum store are part of the program.

One of our favorite parts of the 1,000 preserved acres are the gardens, said to be du Pont's first love. Winterthur's naturalistic gardens are a masterpiece of color and design. Explore the gardens on foot or on a 30-minute narrated tram ride. Pick up a Garden Map or Trail Map or download them for a self-guided tour.

A special treat is the three-acre Enchanted Woods. Designed to look as though it were created by fairies, this gem is covered by majestic oak trees and has several play areas to climb in, on and over, including a Faerie Cottage with a thatched roof, a giant Bird's Nest, and an Acorn Tearoom for make-believe tea parties. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur, DE. Winterthur.org.

# **Explore Chester and Delaware Counties**

You may have been to the Chester County History Center and the Brandywine River Museum of Art, but there are more museums in our area to explore. Here are some smaller, more eccentric museums that call Chester and Delaware Counties home.

## **American Helicopter Museum & Education Center**

Check out West Chester's American Helicopter Museum, named the best science museum for kids by Philadelphia Magazine. Learn about the history of rotary-wing aviation as you view more than 35 civilian and military helicopters, autogiros and convertaplanes. Climb aboard a real helicopter, operate the controls and even go for a ride — check the website for flight dates.

The museum hosts events throughout the year, including the summer Family-Fest, a week-long Girls in Science and Technology program and plenty of workshops. Coming up this month is a drone workshop for kids ages 8 to 14. Learn the science of drone flight, the different parts of drones and fly a drone on several missions! Open Thurs.-Sat., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun, noon to 5 p.m. 1220 American Blvd., West Chester. AmericanHelicopter.Museum.



## **Antique Ice Tool Museum**



At the turn of the 20th century, the ice industry was one of the most important in the nation, a billion-dollar business employing 160,000 Americans. In the industry's heyday, ice was the second-largest export of the U.S., with 40 million tons harvested each winter.

Visit the Antique Ice Tool Museum in West Chester to follow in the footsteps of the iceman and discover the fascinating history of the natural ice trade. The completely renovated 1834 stone bank barn is home to thousands of ice harvesting tools, a collection of antique ice boxes and ten restored ice delivery vehicles - four horse-drawn ice delivery buggies and six ice delivery trucks, ranging from 1919 to 1934. Now that's cool! Open by appointment Mon.-Fri., guided tours starting 9 a.m. on Sat. Closed Nov. through March. 825 Sconnelltown Rd., West Chester. AntiqueIceToolMuseum.org.

## National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum

Did you know Coatesville played a major role in the history of the iron and steelmaking industry? The National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum there is dedicated to preserving the region's iron and steel history and its relationship to the region and nation beyond.

The museum is housed in a 35,000-squarefoot historic structure that was part of the Coatesville steelmaking complex. Explore exhibits about Rebecca Lukens (the entrepreneur who transformed the mill into a successful ironmaking operation), important innovations in iron and steelmaking, and famed products made with Lukens steel, including the Space Needle, Veteran's Stadium and the USS Nautilus, the world's first nuclear-powered submarine.

Before you leave, be sure to check out the steelworker's memorial, featuring one of the tridents from the World Trade Center. Museum open Thurs.-Sat., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Grounds open daily, sunrise to sunset. 50 S. 1st Ave., Coatesville. SteelMuseum.org.



#### Christian C. Sanderson Museum



## Pennsylvania Veterans Museum

If you've been to Media's State Street, you've probably walked right past the Pennsylvania Veterans Museum without even realizing it.

In the basement of the historic Media Amory, better known as the local Trader Joe's, this small-but-mighty museum aims to tell the stories of America's conflicts through the eyes of those who served in them. Check out the life-size diorama of D-Day and Band of Brothers memorabilia, see a life-size soldier in action in the Korean War exhibit, listen to the stories of paratroopers and try on a parachute backpack.

Then enter the Ruptured Duck Theater to watch short documentary films produced by the museum. Open Fri.-Sun., noon to 5 p.m. Media Armory, 12 E. State St., Media. PAVeteransMusuem.org.



### **Sports Legends of Delaware County Museum**

Sports fans will love this museum dedicated to Delaware County's professional athletes. Located in the Radnor Township Building, the museum consists of seven galleries spread over three floors.

bronze medalist Mary Ellen Clark.

The latest addition to the collection is a model of the Coast Guard cutter. Emlen Tunnell, named after Radnor native, World War II hero and the first African American to be inducted to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Be sure to check out the bronze statue of Tunnell outside the building, too! Open Mon .- Fri., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Weekend tours by appointment. Radnor Township Municipal Building, 301 Iven Ave., Malvern. DelcoSportsMuseum.org.

Over more than 75 years, Christian Sanderson collected thousands of historical relics, artifacts and memorabilia of both local and national significance. Visit his 19th-century home in Chadds Ford to get a glimpse of our history through one man's life and his collection.

Admire original paintings and sketches by N.C. Wyeth, a friend of Sanderson's. Read letters to Sanderson from Civil War soldiers. Look at photographs of General Washington's Revolutionary War Headquarters. See real cannonballs from the Battle of Brandywine and autographs from several presidents and historical figures.

Through its unique collection, the Sanderson Museum brings new life to the people and stories of American history. Open March-Nov., Sat. & Sun., noon to 4 p.m. 1755 Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. SandersonMuseum.org.



Check out the Mickey Vernon Gallery, named after MLB first baseman and lifelong Delco resident, for all things baseball. Then visit the Wide World of Women's Sports gallery, dedicated to two-time Olympic swimming champion Jane Barkman and Olympic diving

# **Discover Delaware**

We're sharing a driving tour, photo contest, birders' paradise plus luxurious accommodations in the Diamond State. Check Delaware trivia for the source of that nickname.



### **Brandywine Valley National Scenic Highway**

Running from West Chester, PA to Wilmington, DE, Scenic Route 52 offers a 20-some-mile road trip with two dozen points of interest through the southern Brandywine Valley. Called the Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway (part of the national system), the PA section was granted that designation in 2021 by the U.S. Department of Transportation. (The official scenic byway spans two states and forms a figure eight, up to Route 162 and along part of Route 100, Creek Road.)

Three centuries of history are encompassed within the Byway, from our nation's settling and early development through the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, including the struggle for freedom along the Underground Railroad, to the creation of world-class cultural institutions by families who settled in what's now called Chateau Country.

Drive south into Delaware through areas of protected views to charming Centreville village with boutiques, unique shops (there's a flyfishing store), legendary wine shop (Collier's) and local watering hole, Buckley's Tavern. Narrow, twisting Creek Road traces the Brandywine River beneath tulip trees and oaks, as wildflowers, not billboards, line roadsides.

Museums are also part of the scenery in the DuPont Historic Corridor. Pass Winterthur and the Delaware Museum of Nature & Science on Route 52, plus Hagley Museum and Nemours Mansion and Gardens nearby.

A drive through leafy Wilmington suburbs, past the Delaware Art Museum, terminates at Rodney Square in downtown Wilmington, an urban hub marked by the historic Hotel Du Pont, Free Library and Federal Courthouse. DelawareGreenways.org; BrandywineValleyByway.org.

### Delaware Discoveries Trail

Looking for the perfect Insta-worthy outing? Try a new, one-of-a-kind experience in Delaware and explore 13 unique interactive pieces of street artwork throughout the state. Plus, you can win a prize by submitting your photos taken with any four of the 13 artworks. Strike a pose and send your photos to #DelawareDiscoveries.

Check the online map for locations - from the Chase Center on the Wilmington Riverfront to Mispillion River Brewing in Milford to Firefly Music Festival South in Selbyville. You'll find directions, descriptions of the artwork and fun things to do at each spot.

Take a road trip to check out art that's off the beaten path, discover local dining and enjoy outdoor fun. For example, at spot #2, an underwater sea adventure awaits. The artwork you're looking for is on the Lewes terminal, site of spectacular sunset views and delicious dining. While you're there, take a 90-minute scenic ride on the Cape May-Lewes Ferry across the bay.

You might just win the prize of a DIY paint pour kit designed specifically for the trail by the Developing Artist Collaboration group, Dirty Hands. After being inspired on the trail, you can use this simple at-home art kit to make your own piece of art. Don't worry, no skill required. DelawareDiscoveries.com.



### **Bombay Hook National Wildlife** Refuge

Calling all birders and those who will take a road trip to see one of Travel & Leisure's "Most Beautiful Places." For a trifecta of fun, it also has one of Delaware Discoveries' artworks at the entrance pavilion (look for the giant, colorful wings).

Bombay Hook protects one of the region's largest surviving tidal marshes, which provides excellent habitat for wildlife. Established in 1937 as part of a chain of migratory bird refuges from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico - known as the Atlantic Flyway - it's located on the Delaware Bay, to the east of Smyrna.

Birders of all levels of experience may spot bald eagles, snowy egrets, great blue herons and many more species on their life lists at this designated Globally Important Bird Area. Visitors can hike five miles of prepared trails, take photos of all kinds of wildlife, and take a 12-mile self-driving tour through the Refuge's 16,000 acres. 2591 Whitehall Neck Rd., Symrna, DE. FWS.gov.

**Historic Hotel Du Pont** 



11th & Market Sts., Wilmington. HotelDuPont.com.



End your journey in the lap of luxury at the iconic Hotel Du Pont. Opened in 1913 in the heart of downtown Wilmington, this 12-story Italian Renaissance landmark has 217 rooms and suites to call home — at

least for a weekend.

Theater fans are in the same building as the Playhouse on Rodney Square, which just concluded performances of "Fiddler on the Roof," and are within walking distance of the 1817 Grand Opera House, featuring over 100 shows a year, including in July.

Food fans can enjoy the on-site Le Cavelier, helmed by acclaimed local chef Tyler Akin, who's created an upscale brasserie in the renovated Green Room. Another treat is Bardea, an innovative Italian restaurant from James Beard semi-finalist Chef Antimo DeMeo.

And for something new, the Hotel offers several Featured Experiences to add to your Delaware memories. Get a before-hours tour of Hagley Museum (first du Pont family home in the U.S.), train with Wilmington Olympian Anthuran Maybank,

or indulge in spa time at an on-site location for Currie Salon and Spa. And savor your time in Delaware.

# **Loving Lancaster County**

It's close, it's got history and the arts, there are plenty of great things to eat and drink. So why not plan an excursion to neighboring Lancaster County this summer ... or fall? Maybe even stay on a farm.

### Farmstays

Where to stay during a getaway to Lancaster County? Of course there are several of the mainstream vacation spots - a Marriott, Hilton, Double Tree.

But why not try a farmstay and get in the spirit of the place? Several working farms will let your family spend one or several days grooming horses, chasing goats, milking cows, feeding chickens and gathering eggs. Or if you prefer, just take in the idyllic farm life from a rocking chair on the veranda.

Here are a few: Rocky Acres Farm Bed & Breakfast, Landyshade Farm House, Verdant View Farm Bed & Breakfast, Beacon Hollow Farm Amish Guest House, Eby Farm Bed & Breakfast, and Country Vistas Bed & Breakfast.

But there are many others. Try one out! Get your hands dirty! See DiscoverLancaster.com.





#### Music and Theater

Enjoy another side of Lancaster County by exploring the arts. The Fulton Theatre in downtown Lancaster City was built in 1852 and was once dubbed "The Grand Old Lady of Prince Street." But business soured until 1995, when it reopened with a performance of Stephen Sondheim's "Company," and it has been going strong since. This summer it will feature "Jersey Boys" through August 7.

Operated by the Prather family, the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre is 35 years old and has produced practically all the major hits of Broadway -- "Oklahoma!," "Guys and Dolls," "Fiddler on the Roof" and more, usually six to eight plays a year. This July it features "The Little Mermaid." And treat yourself to a buffet as well!

American Music Theatre specializes in classic acts. For example, Dion — ves, he's still alive — is performing on July 8. Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons - also still performing - on July 29. AMT also hosts tribute shows - Patsy Cline on July 10 and Led Zeppelin on July 22. See the website for the complete lineup. AMTShows.com. For something different, Sight & Sound Theater in Ronks brings

the Bible to life. See "David" live on stage through 2022.

In Paradise, the Magic & Wonder Theater is featuring "Mystery," a magic show, and "Jukebox Jive," a music variety show, through October 29. It also serves appetizers and desserts.



Lancaster is also known for beer. In the

early 1800s, it accounted for 7% of all the

beer brewed in the U.S. - over 200 thou-

sand barrels annually. There were brew-

ers in the county before the 1700s. Today

When prohibition began in 1919, pro-

duction was stifled ... somewhat. After 1933, breweries reopened but suffered at the hand of the mass-production brew-

eries. In 1956, the last Lancaster brewery

Then in 1987, Stoudt's Brewing, headed

by Carol Stoudt, the first female brewer

since Prohibition, became a pioneer in the

craft brewing world (sadly, Carol retired in

2020). Other early craft breweries includ-

ed Lancaster Brewing in 1995, followed

by Tröegs Independent Brewing in 1997.

Since then, the craft brewing industry has

Some labels to sample are Artifice Ales &

Mead, Black Forest Brewery, Bube's Brew-

ery, Our Town Brewery, Wacker Brewing

Company, Columbia Kettle Works, Mad

Chef Craft Brewing, Springhouse Brew-

ing Company, Isaac's Brewhouse, Stoudt's

Or visit one of Lancaster County's tap-

rooms. For example, the British-style pub,

Bulls Head Public House in Lititz Springs

was named the best beer bar in the country

Brewing Co. and Hunger-N-Thirst.

A Beer

there are more than 30.

turned off its taps.

grown immensely.

by USA Today!

#### Essen und Essen

You gotta eat, and Lancaster is the land of the smorgasbord. When you think of eating here, give up on calorie-counting. Dutch comfort food won't lend itself to a starch, meats, pie, cream. All in quantity. All you can eat. There are several buffets that will test your belt loops. Miller's Restaurant & Smorgasbord in Paradise has been welcoming guests since 1929 and may be the most popular.



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Shady Maple Smorgasbord in East Earl is well known and is the largest. And you can do your grocery shopping at the same time!

"Come Hungry. Eat Hearty. Go Home Happy." That's Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant & Smorgasbord's motto. Visit the Bird-in-Hand Stage while you're there.

#### At the Ballpark

All that beer would go great with a hot dog and a baseball game. The Lancaster Barnstormers are a minor league baseball team, playing in the Atlantic League in Clipper Magazine Stadium. The stadium, which can seat 7,500, sports a Kids Play Area, with a carousel and inflatables, and fireworks on Saturday nighs.

The Barnstormers have a full schedule in July. Their last championship was in 2014. Home games begin with the Staten Island Ferry Hawks on July 1 and 2. Then they play the York Revolution - a heated rivalry, with the Revolution winning seven seasons and the Barnstormers winning six - the Wild Health Genomes, High Point Rockers, the Charleston Dirty Birds and the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs. The season continues through October to extend the fun.



**On the Main Line & Beyond** 

A visit to the Main Line requires some imagination. Once the land of elegant mansions, it devolved in the second half of the 20th century into a land of too many subdivisions. And in too many instances, the original estate was torn down, converted into a museum or public garden, or turned into the centerpiece on a tract of mini-mansions. Yet many lovely neighborhoods exist, mainly north of Montgomery Avenue. Our short tour of the Main Line begins to the east, where Montgomery County borders Philadelphia at what's aptly called City Line Avenue, west to Paoli and with a final stop at King of Prussia and Valley Forge National Park.

### **City Line**

Marked as U.S. 1, City Line Avenue is the division between Philadelphia and its northwest suburbs. Here you'll find St. Joseph's University, one of the better Catholic colleges in the nation.

To the west is the Barnes Arboretum, on the former estate of Dr. Albert Barnes. Only 12 acres, it has over 2,500 types of woody and herbaceous plants and is used as a teaching facility. Until 2012, the Barnes Collection, one of the world's finest collections of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist art, was moved to its current location in Philadelphia.

Another landmark, St. Charles Borromeo, was a

huge seminary, the oldest in the Philadelphia region, at the intersection of City Line and Lancaster Avenues. In 2019 the property was sold to Main Line Health, which owns nearby Lankenau Hospital. It plans to build a mix of medical, residential and other spaces there.





#### East Main Line: Merion, Narberth & Ardmore

Narberth is known as the Heart of the Main Line. This charming throwback to small-town America hosts a July 4th celebration that attracts thousands. In September, it has a Music & Arts Festival, in October, a Witches festival, in December, a Dickens festival and more throughout the year.

In nearby Merion, many Main Liners brunch at Hymie's, where bagels, latkes, knishes, corned beef, pastrami, brisket and many Jewish specialties are served. Its rival, Murray's, is a block away.

If you're not in the mood for a Yiddish feast, head for Ardmore, where many restaurants, often with an international menu, have recently opened. Buena Vista serves Mexican food, at Autana it's Venezuelan, Bam Bam Kitchen has Korean, Nam Phuong Bistro offers Vietnamese, and Positano Ristorante is known for Southern Italian. Frankly, though, the burgers at Ripplewood Whiskey & Craft — American — are among the best we've had.

You'll find Tired Hands Brewing Co. produces outstanding beers and makes a great stop before or after the Ardmore Music Hall, featuring live music virtually every night. In July, that's anything from a rock group to a Ukrainian folk quartet.

#### College Towns

Heading west on Lancaster Avenue, you'll come to three college towns: Haverford, Bryn Mawr and Villanova, along with several prestigious prep schools — the Haverford School, Baldwin Academy, Shipley School, Agnes Irwin School and Academy of Notre Dame.



### Vayne to Paoli

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You're just in time! The Wharton Esherick Museum in Paoli is celebrating its 50th anniversary. The Museum includes thousands of objects from the life of Esherick, an artist and craftsman working primarily in wood. Through August, the Museum's "Home as Self" exhibit explores the meaning, creation and form of self-portraiture.

Serving ice cream since 1945, Handel's Ice Cream is worth a stop. All its flavors — more than 100 ice creams, sherbets and ices — are made fresh daily. Try the Graham Central Station.

Named because its vendors were mostly from Lancaster, the Lancaster County Farmers Market has been located in Wayne for over 70 years. The indoor market has about 25 merchants offering everything from fresh produce to pretzels to flowers.



Also worth a stop is the Merion Cricket Club in Haverford. Founded in 1865 and designed by architect Frank Furness, the exclusive club has hosted championships in lawn tennis and golf, and its members have competed in cricket and squash.

The Bryn Mawr Film Institute features classic films, sometimes several in a day. At the start of July, you can screen "Rebecca." Later in the month, there's "The Clock," "Vertigo," "Blue Velvet" and "Roman Holiday," all classics. The BMFI conducts seminars on the films as well.

Tucked behind the Ludington Library is the Bryn Mawr Gazebo, which features weekend evening performances of Blair Bodine, the Jimmy Vivino Band and John Gorka. In August, hear Livingston Taylor.

Farther west, Villanova University covers 260 acres, marked by twin spires overlooking Lancaster Avenue. It has over 7,000 undergraduates and over 11,000 total students. Though best known for its basketball team, it ranks 49th among the nation's universities.

#### King of Prussia and Valley Forge

King of Prussia may be known mainly for its shopping mall, the second largest in the U.S. and home to national department stores (Neiman Marcus, Bloomingdales) plus international designers (Gucci, Cartier, Hermes). Spend a day there, but watch your totals! Your credit card may be crying.

For a completely different vibe, Valley Forge National Historical Park is nearby. Over five square miles, the park is the perfect spot for jogging, riding bicycles over miles of paved and unpaved trails, picnicking and visiting Revolutionary soldier's huts (reconstructed). Visit the National Memorial Arch, which commemorates the arrival and sacrifices of the Continental Army.

When you've had enough history, try skydiving — safely, indoors, simulated — at Ifly. Just the way to finish your tour of the Main Line and beyond.



# **More in Maryland**

Looking for more trips that are less than a tank of gas away? Then head south and discover what's happening in Maryland.

#### **Cecil County**

Set between Philadelphia and Baltimore on I-95, Cecil County offers vibrant small towns, 200 miles of waterfront, foodie destinations and scenic countryside perfect for adventures and memory making.

Experience fabulous dishes with a Chesapeake Bay flair at award-winning local restaurants. Try local beer and wine, baked goods, homemade ice cream on the farm, coffee shops, farm stands, milkshake masterpieces, an old-fashioned candy store and more.

Hike or bike 100 miles of scenic trails at State Parks and Town Parks, great for nature lovers and bird watchers. Book a tour-boat ride, cast a fishing line, rent a boat or explore waterways on a kayak or stand-up paddle board. Make furry friends at Plumpton Park Zoo, enjoy fun at the orchard or camp under the stars. At the end of the day, catch a beautiful sunset as it bursts across the horizon.

Explore unique historic downtowns. Hear the echo-o-o of your voice in a covered bridge, or step





back in time at Mt. Harmon Plantation & Nature Preserve at Worlds End. Walk a trail out to 1833 Turkey Point Lighthouse to experience the magnificent view from a cliff overlooking the headwaters of Chesapeake Bay. SeeCecil.org.

#### **Prince George's County**

Prince George's County offers much more than a convenient place to stay when visiting Washington, D.C. (although it's just a Metro ride from the Capital).

Thrill seekers will head for the Six Flags America theme park where seven world-class rollercoasters, kid's favorite character rides, games, shows and the Hurricane Harbor waterpark make everyone feel like a kid again.

Another highlight is the National Harbor area along the Potomac River. This vibrant waterfront district features great places to dine, shop and have fun. Popular activities include motorboat rentals, kayaking, water taxis and boating. Stellar hotels, entertainment and one of the best casinos on the East Coast are located here. And Tanger Outlet's 88 stores offer plenty of retail therapy.

Sports fans will enjoy playing golf at Topgolf — a fun space great for groups to show off their best swing. Or catch a Bowie Baysox baseball game at Prince George's Stadium. They play the Richmond Flying Squirrels on July 1.

For a more laid-back experience, tour the Legacy Wine Trail featuring several family-owned vineyards. Cool breezes from the Patuxent and Chesapeake Rivers combine with sandy soil to impart a special terroir to wines grown in an area once know for tobacco. The lush countryside is also ideal for horseback riding and horse-drawn carriage tours.

More, including the hip area of Hyattsville featuring the Gateway Arts District, at ExperiencePrinceGeorges.com.

### Annapolis in Anne Arundel County

Accolades abound for Annapolis, Maryland state capital and home list of "Most Charming Cities in the USA." Wander around the lively to the U.S. Naval Academy. Named for Princess Anne (later Queen) harbor where you can catch a sunset sail or a memorable meal of fresh in 1695, this "museum without walls" is brimming with history at evseafood. Think oysters, blue crabs, and Old Bay seasoning. ery turn. Visit the Museum of Historic Annapolis, just steps from the Catch the low-key Annapolis Trolley Tours, come for the July 4th parade & fireworks, wander through South County and sip and stroll through a vineyard, or head to the top shopping destination in the state The winding, brick-paved streets filled with unique boutiques and - Arundel Mills, with 225 outlet retailers, a Live! Casino and much more. Learn more at VisitAnnapolis.org.

mouth of the Chesapeake Bay, for stories of revolutionaries, visionaries and champions of liberty. one-of-a-kind restaurants earned Annapolis a feature on Travel Mag's



# **Town Tours & Village Walks**

Join an array of free summer strolls through historic neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and sites. These tours are created to inform, entertain and increase awareness of Chester County's rich heritage and historic landscape, dating back to its founding in 1682 by William Penn. Tours run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

July 7 – Willistown Township c. 1704: Acres of Ouakers. Native Americans and Conservationists.

Founded in 1704, Willistown Township hosts a 13-mile long coach bus tour beginning at the oldest active foxhunt, Radnor Hunt. The tour continues through Whitehorse Village, Okehocking Preserve, Historic Sugartown, the 1860 Bartram Covered Bridge and more. Radnor Hunt, 826 Providence Rd., Malvern.

July 12 - Rebecca Lukens: Founding Mother of Iron and Steel in Coatesville Join the tour of the life and times of Rebecca Lukens, America's first female industrialist. National Iron and Steel Heritage Museum, 50 S. 1st Ave., Coatesville.

#### July 28 - Jones Log Barn c. 1777: Tredyffrin Township.

This tour ties French and American history together, where French Generals Lafayette and Duportail served George Washington's headquarters staff during the Valley Forge encamp ment (1777-1778). 151 Library Ln., Malvern.

August 4 - Celebrating 300 Years of the Springs at Historic Yellow Springs, c. 1744.

With 300 years of history, this site has evolved over time from Lenape Indian Villages, a health spa, a Revolutionary War Hospital, artists' hub and more. 1701 Art School Rd., Chester Springs.

August 11 – Malvern Borough c. 1899: From Crossroads to Powerhouse. Join the Malvern Historical Commission on this 19th-century tour of their founders' church and graveyard. 146 Channing Ave., Malvern.

August 18 - The Village of Marshallton c. 1836: Humphry Marshall. Join the West Bradford Historical Commission and learn about Humphry Marshall (1722-1801), the namesake and one of the founding fathers of the village. 1282 W. Strasburg Rd., West Chester.

More at ChesCoPlanning.org

church and graveyard

#### More Great Places for Outings

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See also: Historic Sites

#### **Chadds Ford**

Penns Woods Winery. Enjoy award-winning PA-grown wine, local beers and cheeses at this family (and dog) friendly vineyard oasis. Live music every weekend, wine tastings and vineyard tours. Offering a wide variety of classes all year long including yoga, candle making, painting, vegetable canning and more. Open daily. 124 Beaver Valley Rd. Follow them @pennswoodswine on Instagram and Facebook. PennsWoodsWinerv.com



#### **Glen Mills**

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

#### Glenmoore

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

#### King of Prussia

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

#### Lebanon Valley

Lebanon Valley. Nestled in the hills between Hershey and Lancaster, Lebanon Valley awaits your visit. Where wide open spaces are just a way of life. Where they have a distinctive blend of nature at its finest, art under the trees and history come to life. Lebanon Valley is the road less trav-



eled and sometimes, that's just what you're looking for. VisitLebanonValley.com.

#### Media

Visit Media. Everybody's Hometown! Here you'll find a unique blend of independently owned shops along with dozens of restaurants featuring cuisine from around the world. The Delaware County seat, Media is the life and heart of the region. There's always something to do throughout the year in Media's historic State Street District, including Dining Under the Stars every Wednesday from May through September. Visit-MediaPA.com.



#### **Newtown Square**

Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation. See the recreation of a 112-acre working 18th-century farm with farmers and guides in period garb, Belgian horses, Red Devon milking cows, Dominique chickens and two large pigs. 3900 N. Sandy Flash Dr., Newtown Square. ColonialPlantation.org.

#### Nottingham

Herr Foods, Inc. Celebrating 75 years! USA Today's 2016 Readers' Choice #1 Best Factory Tour - beating Hershey's Chocolate World, at #4! Factory tours show the real operation, with real workers and include secrets like how tortilla chips get their flavor. Tours end at the Snack Bar and Gift Shop. Reservations required. To schedule: 800-284-7488; or reserve tickets online: Herrs.com.

#### Oxford

The Village of Oxford. Celebrate its 250-plusyear history in a charming historic district. Try the Bridge Tour walking tour to enjoy shopping and refreshments in town. The Annual Connective Art & Music Festival is returning in 2022. For tours, coupons, guides and more, visit DowntownOxfordPA.org.

#### Perkiomenville

Goschenhoppen. One of the oldest continuously existing Pennsylvania German communities in America preserving the folk culture of this area's earliest immigrant settlers, known as the Pennsylvania Dutch. Today, the Goschenhoppen



Historians, Inc. maintain museums, a library and offer educational and seasonal events such as the 54th Annual Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Festival, Aug. 12–13, Fri., noon to 8 pm; Sat., 10 am to 6 pm. Henry Antes Plantation, 318 Colonial Rd. Goschenhoppen.org.

#### Pottstown

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

### DELAWARE

#### New Castle

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

#### Odessa

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

#### Wilmington

Delaware Park Casino. Offering live thoroughbred racing through November 5, slot machines, table games, poker, sports betting, free live entertainment and many dining choices, including the new 1937 Brewing Co. with housemade craft beers and gastropub food. 777 Delaware Park Blvd. DelawarePark.com.



## Art Studios PENNSYLVANIA

Aston

Aston Mills Arts. Heron Crest Studios and Heron Studios are now one collection of 30 artist studios as Aston Mills Arts. The studios are work spaces for professional fine artists. However, they have semi-annual open houses and events. Visit Sunday, October 9, noon to 4 pm, or in mid-November for their Annual Art Show and Sale. More info on AstonMillsArts.com and social media.



#### Amusement Parks, Zoos & Family Fun

## PENNSYLVANIA

#### **Bird-In-Hand**

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

#### **Chester Springs**

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

# BoulderFallsMiniGolf.com.

people of all ages and abilities. Beginners learn the basics and more experienced climbers test their skills in advanced climbing lessons. 462 Acorn Ln. DowningtownRockGym.com.

#### Urban Air Trampoline & Adventure Park.

the runway tumble track and slam dunk zone and on and on. Great place on a rainy day or for a birthday party. 981 E. Lancaster Ave. Urban-Air-TrampolinePark.com.

#### Exton

Round 1. Fun for the entire family at this state-ofthe-art entertainment arena. Mom and Dad can enjoy Happy Hour specials while kids try bowling and arcade games. Exton Square Mall, 172 Exton Square Pkwy. Round-1USA.com.

#### **Glen Mills**

Oasis Family Fun Center. Safe, clean fun for the entire family. 35 Lacrue Ave. OasisFamilyFun.com.

Sky Zone Trampoline Park. Literally bounce off the walls of this indoor trampoline park. 10 Conchester Rd. SkyZone.com/GlenMills.



#### Downingtown

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

Downingtown Rock Gym. This Rock Gym is for

From the obstacle course, balance beams, tubes,

#### Malvern

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

#### Mortonville

Brandywine Outfitters. Enjoy a scenic canoe or kayak trip with the whole family down the Brandywine River. If you're looking for a whole weekend of fun, grab your sleeping bag and pitch a tent on the 26-acre private park in the heart of Chester County. 2096 Strasburg Rd. CanoePA.net.

#### Oaks

Arnold's Family Fun Center. An action-packed day riding go-karts and other rides. Try both laser tag attractions, Blacklight Mini Golf and bowling. Not only will the kids have fun, but parents can enjoy Arnold's Bistro & Bar while they play. 2200 West Dr. ArnoldsFFC.com.

#### West Chester

Northbrook Canoe Company. Cool off along the beautiful Brandywine River with a self-guided canoe, kayak or tubing trip. Continue your fun with your favorite summer foods. Reservations required. No walk-ins at this time. Open daily, through Oct.; first trip at 9 am, last one at 4 pm. NorthbrookCanoe.com.

Treehouse World. A place to explore the newest and coolest treehouses around, to challenge your-

self with their unique high adventure programs and a place to have a ton of fun. Take the Aerial Zipline Adventure Course. Reservations required. 1442 Phoenixville Pk. TreehouseWorld.com.

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

## DELAWARE

#### Wilmington

Brandywine Zoo. Located along the Brandywine River in beautiful Brandywine Park, the zoo features animals from the tropical and temperate areas of North and South America, Asia and Africa. The animals range from more common species to the highly endangered, and all enjoy natural settings and welcome your visit to the zoo. 1001 North . Park Dr. BrandywineZoo.org.



#### MARYLAND **Rising Sun**

Plumpton Park Zoo. Home to over 180 animals, some taken in from owners who could no longer keep them. The zoo gives them their forever home, providing expert veterinary care. From an African crested porcupine, to black backed jackals to a white Bengal tiger, zebras, American alligators and so many more. Plan a day at this zoo. 1416 Telegraph Rd. PlumptonParkZoo.org.

#### Selected Nature Centers, Parks and Public Gardens

## **PENNSYLVANIA**

#### Audubon

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

#### Chestnut Hill/Philadelphia

Morris Arboretum. The official arboretum of PA. On its 92 public acres, thousands of rare plants (many of Philadelphia's oldest, rarest, largest trees)

are set in a Victorian garden. Award-winning rose garden, English landscape park, loggia and hidden grotto, Japanese gardens and swan pond. Special events. Advance tickets required. 100 E. Northwestern Ave. Morris-Arboretum.org.

#### Coatesville

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

#### Devon

Jenkins Arboretum. A 46-acre arboretum that emphasizes azaleas, rhododendrons and plants of local woodlands, including groundcovers and colorful wildflowers that bloom over a long season. From seed propagation workshops to story time in the Children's Garden, yoga practice to beekeeping demonstrations, there's always something new to learn, create or experience at Jenkins. 631 Berwyn Baptist Rd. JenkinsArboretum.org.

#### Media

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

#### **Newtown Square**

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

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

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

#### Nottinaham

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

#### Phoenixville

Black Rock Sanctuary. Consisting of 119 acres of wetlands, woodlands and meadows, Black Rock Sanctuary is dedicated to wildlife habitat and public use. The sky over Black Rock is a flyway, or air highway, for birds that migrate up

and down the East Coast. 953 Black Rock Rd. ChesCo.org/1745/Black-Rock-Sanctuary.

#### Pottstown

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

#### Swarthmore

Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College. "A garden of suggestions," it's the college campus, covering 110 diverse acres. 500 College Ave. Scott-Arboretum.org.

#### Wayne

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

#### West Chester

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

#### DELAWARE Hockessin

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

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

#### Smyrna

Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge. See "Day Trips & Outings."

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

#### **Historic Sites**

### **PENNSYLVANIA**

#### Birdsboro

Daniel Boone Homestead, Daniel Boone was born here in 1734 in a log house built between 1730-1779. Other buildings include a PA bank

barn, blacksmith shop, sawmill, log house and visitors center. 400 Daniel Boone Rd. Daniel-BooneHomestead.org.

#### Broomal

Thomas Massey House. One of the oldest English Quaker homes in PA, built in 1696. Lawrence & Springhouse Rds. ThomasMasseyHouse.org.

#### Chadds Ford

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

#### Chester Springs

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

Historic Yellow Springs. Originally named by Native Americans for the iron-rich "yellow" spring water, this scenic village became the principal hospital for the Continental Army during the Valley

Forge encampment and an 18th-century mineral water spa. Site of art, crafts and antique shows. Art School & Pikeland Rds. YellowSprings.org.

#### Ephrata

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

#### Geigertown

Joanna Furnace. Hay Creek Valley Historical Assn. supports local heritage and provides a living experience of Berks County's agricultural and technological past by demonstrating early American crafts and trades. The Hay Creek Festival, Sept. 10-12, features Early American crafts, antique toys, home crafts, children's hands-on activities, food and olde tyme music. Rt. 10. HayCreek.org.

#### Lancaster

881 Rockford Rd. RockFordPlantation.org.





Rock Ford Plantation. 18th-century Georgianstyle home of Revolutionary War hero General Edward Hand. The estate includes the mansion, barn and Kauffman Museum of decorative arts.

Wheatland, LancasterHistory.org. Wheatland, the James Buchanan House, is a Federal-style house outside Lancaster City. It was formerly owned by the 15th President of the United States, James Buchanan. The house was constructed in 1828 by William Jenkins, a local lawyer. 1120 Marietta Ave. LancasterHistory.org.

#### Malvern

Historic Sugartown, Historic Sugartown provides a window on rural 19th-century life, with several preserved buildings, including a c. 1880 General Store, Carriage Museum featuring Chester County carriages and sleighs, Bank Barn and Book Bindery. Take a bookbinding or scarf marbling workshop, or come for one of the Weekend Guided Tours. Parking at 273 Boot Rd. HistoricSugartown.org.

Paoli Battlefield. On the night of September 20, 1777, British troops attacked Anthony Wayne's Pennsylvanians at this spot. This was one of the bloodiest battles of the Revolutionary War and was also called the Paoli Massacre. Visit the spot where America's First Battle Cry of "Remember Paoli" was born and see the second-oldest revolutionary war monument in the United States. Monument & Wayne Aves. PBPFInc.org.

#### Morrisville

Pennsbury Manor. William Penn's beautiful country plantation on the Delaware River, rebuilt to look as it did in 1700. Jacobean-style furnish-

# **More Great Places for Outings**

ings include 17th-century antiques. 400 Pennsbury Memorial Rd. PennsburyManor.org.

#### Pottstown

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

#### **Schwenksville**

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

#### Wayne

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

#### Willow Street

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

#### Worcester

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

## Museums PENNSYLVANIA

## Chadds Ford

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

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

#### Coatesville

Lukens National Historic District Museums. See "Day Trips & Outings."

#### West Chester

Chester County History Center. Their mission is to inspire, inform and build community identity by preserving and sharing the remarkable story of Chester County and its people. 225 N. High St. MyCCHC.org.

#### DELAWARE

Wilmington Delaware Art Museum. Galleries featuring pre-Raphaelite art, Brandywine school illustrators and nine-acre sculpture garden. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy. DelArt.org

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

Delaware Children's Museum. The big yellow building along the Riverfront focuses on science, math and technology and engages children in playful learning. 550 Justison St. Delaware-ChildrensMuseum.org.

Delaware History Museum. (Temporarily closed—check website for reopening). Originally a Woolworth's Department Store (1940), the building has been transformed into the Delaware History Museum and the Jane and Littleton Mitchell Center for African American Heritage. 504 N. Market St. DEHistory.org.

Delaware Museum of Nature & Science, Just reopened. Travel through Delaware and around the world to discover dynamic and diverse ecosystems. Go back in time to the Cretaceous and meet dinosaurs and other prehistoric creatures. Explore nature and science with hands-on activities and interactive experiences. Visit website for exhibits. DelMNH.org

Hagley Museum & Library. Outside areas only open. The former industrial site of the original



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#### Be sure to check our monthly events column for events happening at these sites all year. Visit CountyLinesMagazine.com.

black powder works of the DuPont Company, founded in 1802 and powered by the natural resources that surrounded it. Check website for events. 200 Hagley Creek Rd. Hagley.org.

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

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

#### Yorklyn

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

#### **Special Interest Museums**

## PENNSYLVANIA

#### **Boyertown**

Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles Featuring vehicles of all types: gasoline, electric and horse-drawn, including carriages, wagons

and sleighs. You'll see "high wheelers" and "safety bicycles," vehicle builder's tools and local historic roadside architecture, 85 S. Walnut St. Bovertown-Museum.org.

#### Columbia

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

#### Lancaster

Landis Valley Museum. Whether you come for the animals, to learn about early Pennsylvania German life, or to stroll the grounds and get an up-close look at the largest collection of Pennsylvania German artifacts in the United States, there is something for everyone to enjoy. 2451 Kissel Hill Rd. LandisValleyMuseum.org.

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

#### Malvern



The Wharton Esherick Museum. Home and studio of renowned artist and sculptor Wharton

Esherick, who inspired the Studio furniture movement. A National Historic Landmark for Architecture, housing 50 years of work. Tours by reservation only. Reservations required. 1520 Horseshoe Trail. WhartonEsherickMuseum.org.



#### Strasbura

The National Toy Train Museum. Railroad Museum of PA. Strasburg Rail Road. Visit NTTMuseum.org; RRMuseumPA.org; Strasburg -Railroad.com

#### West Chester

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

The Antique Ice Tool Museum. See "Day Trips & Outings." 🔶



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NEWCOMERS

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#### ARCHITECTS. BUILDERS. HOME IMPROVEMENT - - - -

#### **B&D BUILDERS IN PARADISE** BAndDBuilders.com

B&D Builders is a full-service custom builder with more than 20 years experience in bringing grand projects to life. Their team of

skilled designers and craftsmen have brought creativity and attention to detail to hundreds of projects, including equestrian facilities, bank barns, event venues, luxury homes, commercial properties and more.



#### KING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC IN NEW HOLLAND

KingBarns.com See their ad on page 27

King Construction Company is a recognized leader in the quality design and craftsmanship for barns, arenas, garages and accessory structures. King Construction works



with their clients in all aspects of the design process to provide an exceptional building experience.

#### PREMIUM POWER SERVICES IN KENNETT SQUARE PremiumPowerServices.com <a>[]</a> See their ad on page 64

Premium Power Services is committed to providing their clients the resources necessary to ensure a safe and reliable power system. Their diverse capabilities allow them to offer turnkey solutions to minimize cost and ensure positive results. Their hands-on field experience

enables them to provide efficient and cost-effective power system solutions. Providing residential and commercial generator sales, service and installation since 2004. Rental equipment, electrical equipment testing, maintenance, design/ build services and propane services.



#### SHELLER OIL IN WEST CHESTER ShellerOil.com See their ad on page 71

Sheller Oil is a familyowned and -operated heating, oil and full HVAC service provider, serving the Chester County area for 60 vears. Sheller offers a wide array of heating and cooling options to meet customers' unique needs and budgets, from



advanced high-efficiency systems to simple energy-saving devices. Sheller provides full service through sale, installation, maintenance and repairs, with a company culture built upon doing the right thing.

#### PETER ZIMMERMAN ARCHITECTS IN BERWYN PZArchitects.com See their ad on page 27

Peter Zimmerman Architects is a fullservice residential design firm. PZA designs houses that are enjoyed from generation to generation. Their talented team creates custom solutions to suit their clients' needs

and lifestyle, while

also seamlessly integrating with the surrounding environment. They take pride in their attention to detail and personalized approach for each project.

#### ----- FINANCE ------

#### **KEY FINANCIAL, INC. IN WEST CHESTER** KeyFinancialInc.com See their ad on page 3

As a member of the West Chester community, Key Financial has been providing planning and wealth management for over 35 years. As

one of the Top 100 Advisors in America, their award-winning team has helped thousands of people raise their families, live the lives they planned for and retire in comfort-with better peace of mind.



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#### CHESTER COUNTY HOSPITAL IN WEST CHESTER ChesterCountyHospital.org See their ad on page 6

---- HEALTHCARE -----

Chester County Hospital's expansion is 250,000 square feet of the most innovative environment for treatment and recovery in

the county. It features the comprehensive Penn Heart and Vascular Center, 15 new, state-of-the-art operating suites, an innovative orthopaedics pod, breakthrough therapies at the Abramson Cancer Center, nationally recognized maternity care, an expanded and



renovated Emergency Department and so much more, all provided with the compassionate care you can always count on from Chester County Hospital.

#### KENNETT CENTER FOR ADVANCED DENTISTRY KennettSmiles.com See their ad on page 72

Providing quality care for each patient, this premier dental office in

Chester County offers patients comprehensive restorative, cosmetic and general and family dentistry services. Dr. Peter Patellis and the rest of the team are committed to helping patients enjoy a healthy smile for a lifetime. The Kennett Square office also participates in multiple



community events, including leading food and toy drives each year to benefit the Kennett Food Cupboard and Toys for Tots charities.

#### SUBURBAN FAMILY MEDICINE AT NORRISTOWN SuburbanHosp.org See their ad on page 9

Suburban Medical Group is affiliated with Suburban Community Hospital and offers area residents an exceptional selection of primary care physicians. Board certified in family medicine and director of Suburban Family Medicine Residency program, Jessica Mayer, DO provides compassionate care for patients of all ages. And, if your summer plans include travel, be sure to schedule an appointment to discuss ways to avoid mosquito-borne illnesses and obtain preventative medications for those.



NEWCOMERS GUIDE

#### SV DENTAL IN PAOLI SVDental.com See their ad on page 19

Dr. Theresa Smith and husband Dr. Carlos Vila are dedicated dentists serving families in the Paoli area for over 25 years. Skilled providers of general and cosmetic dental care, they specialize in implants, Invisalign and cosmetic veneers. Their patients are all ages, experiencing dentistry with personal, compassionate and affordable care.



#### - - - HOME FURNISHINGS, DESIGN & DECOR - - -

#### BALL & BALL IN EXTON BallAndBall.com <sup>[]</sup> See their ad on page 81

Since 1932, Ball and Ball has been a family-owned business located in Chester County. They make reproductions of 17th- and 18th-century lighting, fireplace accessories, door and furniture hardware, as well as custom work. They ship all over the country. Visit their showroom in Exton or their website.



#### BOYLE'S FLOOR & WINDOW DESIGNS IN WEST CHESTER BoylesFlooring.com See their ad on page 64

If you're looking for carpet, hardwood and refinishing, tile, luxury vinyl or window treatments, be sure to call Boyle's, "Where Personal Service Makes the Difference." They offer free in-home design consultation with showrooms in West



Chester and Broomall. Financing is available.

#### CHERRY ACRES IN LITITZ CherryAcres.com See their ad on page 23

Cherry Acres offers handcrafted kiln-dried wood products from unfinished slabs, resin and lacquer finished table tops and other unique furniture. They also carry reclaimed barnwood furniture with select lumber from old buildings, a great variety of iron table bases and a lovely selection of home decor items including imported pottery, iron products, vintage lighting and much more.



# DAYTON LOCK COMPANY IN WAYNE DaytonLock.com See their ad on page 72

Dayton Lock Company is a retail store and full-service locksmith business, with a showroom located on Lancaster Avenue in Wayne. For new homeowners, they can rekey your door locks to ensure no one from the past has a copy of your key. In business since 1975, they sell decorative and security hardware, including door

locks, safes, knobs, knockers, cabinet knobs, mailboxes and more. They represent many manufacturers, including Baldwin, Schlage, Top Knobs, Emtek and Rocky Mountain.

#### HERITAGE DESIGN INTERIORS, INC. IN NEW HOLLAND

HeritageDesignInteriors.com 🖉 See their ad on page 67

Specializing in window treatments, home decor and design, Heritage Design Interiors will turn your new house into your home. They will take care of all the details, from measuring to installing your new window treatments—blinds, shades, shutters, sheers, panels and valances. Stop by their retail home decor boutique.



#### KURTZ COLLECTION IN WILMINGTON & GLEN MILLS KurtzCollection.com See their ad on page 4

Kurtz Collection began in Wilmington, Delaware more than 40 years ago as a purveyor of antique, vintage and highend reproduction rugs. Since then, they've grown to include a full furniture showroom with contemporary and vintage home decor items, hand-knotted artisan rugs and personalized interior design services. Their second location in Glen Mills features all of the fun accessories and gift items that finish a room and add personality to your home.



#### MADSEN KITCHEN & BATH IN BROOMALL MadsenInc.com See their ad on page 68

Madsen is a full service, licensed and insured design firm specializing in residential kitchen and bathroom remodeling as well as home entertainment centers,

libraries, home offices and

laundry centers. Their

expert staff of designers,

contractors and project



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## PICKLEBALL MANIA IS IN FULL SWING

#### Elizabeth Hughes

ITH NEARLY 5 MILLION PLAYERS IN THE United States, the pickleball craze is clearly sweeping the country. People are watching pros play on ESPN and subscribing to Pickleball Magazine, published bimonthly by the USA Pickleball Association. Even celebrities like Leonardo DiCaprio and the Kardashians are playing this new paddle sport.

Take a look around your neighborhood and you'll see that pickleball mania has spread to County Lines country. Pickleball courts are cropping up in parks, sports centers and many local YMCAs.

Wondering what the hype is about? You're not alone — we were surprised how popular it's become. Read on to learn more about pickleball and why it's the latest fitness rage.

#### PICKLEBALL - REALLY?

So what is pickleball, exactly? "It's a combination of tennis, ping pong and badminton," explains Tim Irwin, certified pickleball in-



structor at the Greater Brandywine YMCA. "The simplest way I can explain it is that it's like playing ping pong, but you're standing on the table.'

Pickleball is played with a solid wooden paddle (think bigger, squared-off ping pong paddle) and a hollow wiffleball (lighter and a little larger than a tennis ball) on a badminton-sized court. It can be played singles or doubles with games typically going to 11 points in around 15 to 25 minutes. Tennis shoes work, though tennis whites are not required.

Pickleball was invented in 1965 by three fathers on Bainbridge Island, off the coast of Seattle. Their children were bored with their usual summertime games and activities, so the dads came up with the hybrid game of pickleball. The sport soon spread across Washington, and by 1990 was played in all 50 states.

Wondering about the strange name? There are a few stories floating around, but the most common explanation is that the game was named after one of the founding families' dogs, called Pickles.

#### PICKLEBALL - WHY?

Players are drawn to pickleball because it's fun and easy to become relatively proficient. "It takes about half an hour to learn," Irwin says. It's also a great way to socialize and make new friends, as Irwin can attest.

Irwin's first experience with pickleball was as a middle school PE teacher. Pickleball was part of the curriculum, but he loathed teaching it. After Irwin retired, he heard about a pickleball group that plays three days a week at United Sports Center in Downingtown. He just had to see it to believe it.

When he arrived at the Sports Center one weekday morning, he was shocked by what he saw: around 60 people playing pickleball and having a great time doing it.

Irwin bumped into an acquaintance who roped him into playing a match with her. "After two and a half hours, I was sold," Irwin recalls. "I had so much fun. It's such a blast because if you win, you play against the person you just played with and get a new partner, so you make friends right away."

Hooked on pickleball, Irwin decided to become a certified instructor. When the West Chester YMCA opened its first pickleball courts,

# It's Fun to Play at the YMCA

Ready to give pickleball a try? Your local YMCA is a great place to start. Here are some branches with programs.

#### Greater Brandywine YMCA

For more information, visit YMCAGBW.org

Brandywine YMCA. 295 Hurley Rd., Coatesville

Jennersville YMCA. 880 W. Baltimore Pk., West Grove

Kennett Area YMCA. 101 Race St., Kennett Square Lionville Community YMCA.

100 Devon Dr., Exton

Oscar Lasko YMCA. 1 E. Chestnut St., West Chester

Upper Main Line YMCA. 1416 Berwyn-Paoli Rd., Berwyn West Chester Area YMCA. 605 Airport Rd., West Chester

#### YMCA of Greater Philadelphia

For more information, visit PhilaYMCA.org

Haverford Area YMCA. 891 N. Eagle Rd., Havertown

Phoenixville YMCA. 400 E. Pothouse Rd. Phoenixville

Rocky Run YMCA. 1299 W. Baltimore Pk., Media

#### YMCA of Delaware

For more information, visit YMCADE.org

Brandywine YMCA. 3 Mount Lebanon Rd., Wilmington

Western Family YMCA. 2600 Capital Trail, Newark

Upper Main Line YMCA in Berwyn will host the Phila. Open, Aug. 25-28.

he started teaching there. The pickleball program was a major hit - the Greater Brandywine YMCA now has nearly 1,100 active pickleball players across their seven locations and over 40 courts.

"We offer something for everyone, from novice players to someone who's been competing for years, through a variety of indoor and outdoor options including a pickleball league, club, introductory classes and lessons, tournaments and open play for all ages," says Jackie Canan, a senior director with the Greater Brandywine YMCA. "We're very proud that we've expanded our offerings to meet the needs of our community."

#### NOT YOUR GRANDMOTHER'S PICKLEBALL

Once thought of as a sport strictly for seniors, pickleball's reputation is rapidly changing. The USA Pickleball Association reports that the average age of pickleball players is getting younger — it was 38.1 in 2021, a decrease of nearly three years from 2020. And the fastest-growing demographic is players younger than 24!

Pickleball appeals to so many people because it's a blast for players of all ages and skill levels. Easy to learn and fun for beginners, pickleball is still engaging at the advanced level. "It becomes a highly intellectual game," Irwin says. "It's like a chess match — it has so much to do with thinking two or three shots ahead."

Irwin encourages anyone who's interested to start playing. "Pickleball is a gift," he says. "Anyone who embraces it will add at least five years to their life." **♦** 



#### More Places to Play

Pickleball courts are cropping up all over our area — at local parks, sports centers and more that have embraced the pickleball craze.

422 SportsPlex. 1400 Industrial Hwy., Pottstown. The422SportsPlex.com

Berwyn Squash & Fitness Club. 625 Cassatt Rd., Berwyn. BerwynSquash.com

Brandywine Youth Club. 42 S. Thornton Rd., Glen Mills. BrandywineYouthClub.com

D-FIT. 4905 Mermaid Blvd., Wilmington. DelSwimFit.com

Delcastle Tennis Center. 710 McKennans Church Rd., Wilmington. DelcastleTennisCenter.com

East Brandywine Community Park. 440 Dilworth Rd., Downingtown

East Goshen Township Park. 1661 Paoli Pk., West Chester

Ellis Athletic Center. Ellis Preserve, 3819 West Chester Pk., Newtown Square. EllisAthleticCenter.com

Ellis Woods Park. 855 Ellis Woods Rd., Pottstown

Folk Memorial Park. 98 Welsh Tract Rd., Newark, DE

Fraim Center for Active Adults. 669 Union St., Wilmington. FraimCenter.org

Friendship Park. 107 Bearhill Rd., Paoli

Garnet Valley High School. 552 Smithbridge Rd., Glen Mills

George Wilson Center and Park. 303 New London Rd., Newark, DE

Gulph Mills Tennis Club. 610 S. Henderson Rd., King of Prussia. GulphMillsTennis.com

Manavon Park. 50 Tyson St., Phoenixville

Next Level Indoor Sports. 500 Senn Dr., Chester Springs. NextLevelIndoorSports.com

Swarthmore Recreation Association. Strath Haven Middle School, 200 S. Providence Rd., Wallingford SwarthmoreRecreation.org/Pickleball

United Sports Training Center. 1426 Marshallton-Thorndale Rd., Downingtown. UnitedSports.net

Wallingford Swim and Racquet Club. 501 S. Providence Rd., Wallingford. WSARC.org

# Athletes Graduate from Independent Schools to College

## A LARGE GROUP OF STUDENT ATHLETES ARE HEADED TO DIVISION 1

#### Edwin Malet

T FIELDS, GYMS AND POOLS, WE WATCH our kids play. But are they just playing? Or are they competing? Not so much to win, but for spots in good colleges?

Parents wonder, can my child go pro? Can he or she at least land a position at a Division 1 college? Maybe score a scholarship? It's not unheard of.

#### BASKETBALL

Dereck Lively graduated from Westtown School this year and is headed for Duke University, possibly for the NBA afterwards. Westtown has been turning out pro players recently — Cam Reddish, Mo Bamba. And, Lively is over 7 feet tall, after all.

Yet, basketball may not be only for giants. Westtown's Jameel Brown is only 6'3". Quin Berger is just 6'2". Brown has signed

# Many sports offer a path to college admission, if not to riches as a pro athlete. Several of our independent schools are providing entry to that path.

on with Penn State; Berger with St. Joe's University. That may not be outside the range of possibility for your child.

Plus Westtown's basketball prowess seems to be rubbing off on its girls' teams. This year, the girls team won the PAISSA title. Meliah Van-Otoo, at 5'4", will play for Loyola University next year, while 6'0" Kaylene Smikle will play for Rutgers. Clearly, Westtown is a school to watch.

Hill School also had a basketball star, Gabe Moss. He's 6'8" and headed for University of Delaware.

At Notre Dame de Namur, Maeve McErlane, 5'10", a McDonald's All-American, will join DePaul University.

#### FOOTBALL

Malvern Prep or The Haverford School may be a strong pick if your son dreams of a football career. Malvern Prep is particularly successful at developing skills for football. Eight of its graduates landed admissions to D1 programs. Two, quarterback Jack Capaldi and Jayln Evans, are headed for Fordham. Max Bowman, its 6'6" offensive tackle, is headed for Harvard. And Jake Reid is going to the Naval Academy as a kicker.

Haverford graduated two football players. This fall, Isaiah Boyd, a defensive lineman, will join Tulane, while Finn Bonner, its kicker, will join the Naval Academy.

#### FIELD HOCKEY

Many sports offer a path to college admission, if not to riches as a pro athlete. And several of our independent schools are providing entry to that path.

Villa Maria Academy, for instance, has an outstanding field hockey program and is sending five of its girls to D1 institutions. Caroline O'Brien heads for Wake Forest and Lindsey Roberts for Ohio State.



Episcopal Academy is also excellent in field hockey. Two of its girls, Gianna Cilluffo and Macy Szukics, ranked #9 nationally, are headed for Columbia and Duke University, respectively. Mia Garber will play for Boston College.

Four from Notre Dame de Namur were recruited to great D1 teams. Evelyn O'Neill is headed to Villanova, Emma Steel to Lehigh University, Madison Frank to Georgetown and Caroline Doyle is destined for St. Louis University.

Hill School contributed six of their players — Madison Orsi, Hayley Gable, Rease Coleman, Emma Gray, Sophia Coan and Nicole Moran — to D1 schools. Orsi played with the USA Indoor Field Hockey World Cup Team and next year will join University of Virginia. Coleman is going to Cornell, Gray to Eastern Michigan, Gable to Kent State, Coan to Xavier University and Moran to Bucknell.

#### LACROSSE

Agnes Irwin was strong in lacrosse, with eight players headed for D1 schools. Marissa White is going to North Carolina, Colby Macaione and Cate Parsells are both going to Georgetown, while Sydney and Carly Wilson will both head for University of Florida. Katherine Ernst and Jackie Heinerichs will go to Vanderbilt and Drexel, respectively. Dartmouth has landed Jordan Healy.

Other schools have also contributed to lineups at D1 colleges. From the Boldwin School, Clara Page will go to UC Berkeley and Josie Stockett, her teammate, will head to George Mason. Episcopal's Bella Piselli will be playing for Villanova.

On the boys' side, five of Haverford's graduates have signed to play D1 lacrosse in college. Teddy Malone at Harvard, Chuck Cacciutti at UPenn, Will Costin at Penn State, Pat Gillin at Delaware and Avi Mehl at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Eight graduates from Malvern Prep are continuing with lacrosse. Adam Blind will join Harvard's team, Jack Cascadden is headed for Cornell, Henry Caponetti for Georgetown and Tayden Bultman for University of North Carolina.

Will Schaller of Hill School was designated an All-American. Next year, he'll play for Maryland. And Westtown is also making a mark, with three of its athletes graduating to D1 schools.

#### CREW

Six athletes from the Haverford School signed at D1 schools for crew. Wyatt Johnson and Jake Brewington will attend UPenn, John Benson is going to Notre Dame, Steve Walker to Davidson, Jack Payne to Colgate and Will Morris to Georgetown.

From Malvern Prep's rowing team, Chase Reardon declared for Brown and Matt Miller for Loyola. Jace White of the Hill School also will row for Columbia University next year.

On the girls' side, Ryan Murphy from Baldwin will join UPenn's team. Mia Durante from Villa Maria is going to Duquesne. From Agnes Irwin, USC recruited Chloe Saulnier and Cornell got Julia van der Swan.

#### WRESTLING

For years Malvern Prep's team has been at the top of high school wrestling. From the class of 2022, five will join other alums: Andrew Connolly at UPenn, Caden Rogers at Lehigh, Colton Deery at Maryland, Ryan Aquliani at Kent State, and Nicholas Feldman at Ohio State.

#### TRACK AND FIELD

Friend's Central School has had a strong girls' track team for years. Micah Trusty was its leader this year. Among other accomplishments, Trusty finished first in the 800-meter run at the Nike Indoor Nationals and will attend Villanova University in the fall.

Tatnall School's Nicolas Pizarro has consistently won the 800-meter and 1600-meter run. His 800m time was 1:52.57 at the DIAA Meet of Champions. Next year he'll run for UPenn.

At Archmere Academy, Simi Edeki will go to University of Chicago. Winner of the DIAA Indoor Track Award, she is also the Class Co-Valedictorian, a National Merit Scholar and a Semifinalist in the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program.

Bishop Shanahan's mid-distance runner Carlyn Segrave-Daly will go to Saint Joe's. Caroline Bell of Villa Maria, another mid-distance runner, will go to Marist College.

Marcel Stewart will run track and cross country at Marist College. He graduated from Wilmington Friends School, where he specialized in long-distance. Max Leffler also ran long-distance at WFS and next year will run for Lehigh.

In the field events, Pat Donaher of the Haverford School will put shot for Bucknell. He finished first at the PAISSA Championship with a throw of 55'7".

#### SWIMMING AND DIVING

Like track, swimming and diving are primarily individual sports. On the women's side, Anye Mostek from Baldwin will join Harvard's swim team. She set records for Baldwin in the 100-meter freestyle. Agnes Irwin's Reilly Brennan is headed to Colgate for swimming.

Notre Dame's swim team graduated two of its stars: Natalie Stuart to Richmond and Ashley Kolessar to UCLA. At Villa Maria, two are graduating to D1 pools. Hannah King will swim for Bryant University and Morgan Kelly will dive for Towson U. Kiersten Dagg of the Hill School will swim for William and Mary next year.

On the men's side, Malvern Prep placed John Romano at Penn State in water polo, Nick Harris at University of Texas for diving, and Kevin Cary at Seton Hall for both swimming and diving.

Many athletes in other sports - baseball, softball, volleyball, beach volleyball, tennis, squash, hockey, soccer, rugby, golf and cheer — have also earned admission to D1 programs at fine schools. Because of space limitations, we cannot include them here, and instead listed them on our website, CountyLinesMagazine.com.

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Elverson's Brandywine Branch Distillers makes and bottles Revivalist Gins and Resurgent Whiskeys at a spirits company founded by brothers Don and Scott Avellino. The pair creates small-batch craft spirits found in stores throughout the Northeastern U.S. They features botanical gins, homemade whiskey and vodka, plus ready-todrink cocktails like Lavender Lemonade, Peachy Palmer and Cranberry Cosmo. The distillery building is home to Brandywine Bistro & Bar, so pair your drinks with a meal. RevitalistSpirits.com

Malvern locals Rich Buoni and Joe Amoroso pooled decades of industry experience to create Pennsylvania Distilling Company, where they never blend or redistill third party spirits. Instead, they use all natural ingredients from local PA farms to make spirits from scratch for a fresh grainto-glass experience. Visit for tasting flights and bottle sales. From 11 to 4, Monday to Friday, there's takeout bottle sales. PennDistilling.com

The name Spring House Spirits comes from the trickling springs on the farm where the spirits are homemade in a Coatesville milk house. They're constantly crafting something new, like bourbon barrel-aged maple syrup, Saint Malachi rum, Filmore Rides whiskey and local ingredients in their first-ever whiskey. Check their full selection of bourbon, rum and whiskey on their website, or taste their spirits at Suburban Brewing Company in Honeybrook. SpringHouseSpirits.com

Founded in 2016 in Kennett Square, West Branch Distilling Company prides themselves on their superior flavor in a grain-to-glass experience. The distillery, located in a 120-year-old red brick building, is used for manufacturing, private tours, parties, tastings and more. Buy one of

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

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with meat and veggies. Another family-run business is coming to town — a new boutique winery and tasting room. From Maryland's Eastern Shore, Casa Carmen will offer vermouth and wine paired with charcuterie boards and other tasty snacks. CrazyDeliCrepesCafe.com CasaCarmenWines.com.

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Lunch on Lincoln. Check out the new eatery at the Coatesville Cultural Society's former location. Part of the town's revitalization, Bistro on Lincoln is currently serving a limited New American lunch menu. Try the marinated Bulgarian feta, Waldorf salad or smoked salmon and smashed avocado. Plans are to serve dinner with classic cocktails and an eclectic mix of local and international beer and wine. Stay tuned. 143 E. Lincoln Hwy., Coatesville. BistroOnLincoln.com.

Wine All Week. Wine lovers are heading to Southern Chester County's Paradocx Vineyard for special events this summer. Visit the restaurant on Taco TWOsdays for \$2 tacos and \$2 off glasses of wine and beer, or stop by their tasting room on Wine Wednesdays for wine by the glass or bottle, and in slushies and flights. On weekends, there's live music on Fridays and Sunday brunch. 1833 Flint Hill Rd., Landenberg. Paradocx.com.



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