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Bittersweet Drive | Pocopson Township

Set on 7.3 exceedingly private acres in Pocopson Township, sits this spectacular, Tudor style home featuring a wonderful main level Primary Suite with “His” and “Her” bathrooms, Walk-in Closets, a private Office, and a large Bedroom. The home boasts 5 Bedrooms, 8.3 Bathrooms plus a four room guest/in-law suite easily accessed by way of the home’s three level elevator. The main level Living Room, Dining Room, incredible Kitchen, and stellar Family Room must be seen to be appreciated! All of the Bedrooms enjoy En-Suite Bathrooms. The Lower Level features an amazing Wine Cellar, Theater, Game Room and second Family Room. This fabulous property is located with easy access to Wilmington plus set in the nationally ranked Unionville-Chadds Ford School District!
\$3,750,000



Kennett Square

Cedarcroft may be the most famous home in the tri-state area! Constructed in 1860 by legendary Bayard Taylor, Cedarcroft’s visitors included Ralph Waldo Emerson and Horace Greeley. The property’s late owner took great pains to ensure the significant architectural features of the home were well maintained. The Living Room, Library, and Dining Room all feature 13’ ceilings, stunning wood flooring, incredible moldings, and fireplaces. Upon entry, you are greeted by a stately staircase that ascends to the second level. Upstairs is a Primary Suite with a fireplace, private bath, and large closet/dressing area. There is another large bedroom with a fireplace and five additional bedrooms, some of which could easily have walls removed to make larger spaces. Additional restoration is required.
\$1,045,000

NEW LISTING



Unionville Horse Farm

This 20 acre farm abuts the 1282 acre ChesLen Preserve and is set in the sought-after Unionville-Chadds Ford School District. The main house has a newer standing seam metal roof, high-end Marvin windows throughout, and a geothermal heating/cooling system. Equestrians will love the uniquely designed seven stall barn and numerous pastures. There is additional living space for a tenant or family member. The newer 36’ x 53’ Morton metal building can house tractors and horse trailers. There is also an “All Farm” Kohler industrial generator. The farm enjoys low taxes! The property needs some TLC but any money invested will be handsomely returned in the future. The property has a deed restriction precluding subdivision, but could still benefit from a Conservation or Agricultural Easement.
\$1,750,000



NEW LISTING



Valley Township

There is a lot of house here for the money! Privately set on 2.3 acres off a quiet country road and along a stream sits this 3 or 4 Bedroom, 2.1 Bath home. The home is surrounded by a series of decks that offer plenty of space to relax outside with nature and entertain friends and family. You will love the Main Level with lots of space, great Kitchen, and a large Great Room with a fireplace. Upstairs is a large Primary Suite with ample closet space, a wonderful bathroom, and a Sitting Room that could be Bedroom 4. On the Lower Level is a spacious Office, Laundry, large storage area, a Garage, and a large finished work room that could be a perfect game room. The current owners have lovingly cared for this property which has been very well maintained.
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from the EDITOR

June is fun time — in nearby towns and cities, in your backyard or gardens, with a book or glass of wine, at a barbecue. Let *County Lines* be your guide.

Out come dining tables, umbrellas, planters and partitions. It's time for another Open Air Market in West Chester. Learn more in Cara Corridoni's "Strolling Through Summer on West Chester's Gay Street."

Find reasons to visit Wilmington this summer and learn a little history in Ed Malet's "Wilmington's Riverfront" — from Native American hunting grounds to Swedish fur-trading colony to 20th-century shipbuilding powerhouse to today's assortment of restaurants, museums and other amusements.

Interested in armchair summer travel? In "Read Your Way Through the UK," Shelley Laurence of Main Point Books recommends a grand tour.

Or stay at home, so long as your backyard is summer-ready. Shannon Montgomery's "Beautiful Backyards" has inspiration for your outdoor oasis. Pools, decks, patios, gardens, outdoor kitchens, lighting. Plus an Outdoor Oasis Resource Guide.

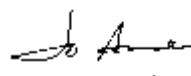
Breathe deeply, says Carol Metzker. "Everything's Coming Up Roses ..." and lavender, peonies, dahlias and zinnias. She's taking in the sensory spectacle of Chester County's flower farms where you can PIY (pick it yourself). And in "Native Plants for Resilient Gardens," Stephanie Kuniholm of Jenkins Arboretum advises about creating beautiful, tough, stress-free gardens. Birds, insects and wildlife will thrive in this landscape!

Marci Tomassone's "Summer Dining Guide" highlights great restaurants in *County Lines* country. Look for the Best of the Best stars, plus some photos in our "Best of the Best Photo Recap."

Still hungry? Brandywine Table's Courtney Diener-Stokes writes "Barbecue at Home with Michael Falcone," and shares specialty sauces: white Korean BBQ sauce, bourbon BBQ sauce, BBQ glaze. Pair that with Jessica Roberts' "Wine Pairings for Picnics, Pools and Barbecues." A perfect part of summer.

And as always, we have the Best Local Events and plenty of Family Fun.

Thank you for reading.


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A New Chapter. Congratulations to **Main Point Books**, a women-owned independent bookstore celebrating its 10th anniversary. To mark the milestone, they've expanded into the lower level of their Wayne storefront, adding nearly 2,000 square feet of space for children's and young adult inventory, a 50-person event space, additional displays and seating. Stop by to support local business and stock up for summer reading. *116 N. Wayne Ave., Wayne. MainPointBooks.com.*



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Making a Difference. Want to join an organization with a proven track record of accomplishments? The **Women's Auxiliary to Chester County Hospital** has been supporting our community hospital since 1893. Their latest project is fundraising for a new Breast Health Center at the Abramson Cancer Center in West Chester. The Women's Auxiliary is a great way to give back to our community, meet like-minded women, contribute to a worthy cause and make new friends. *CCHWomensAuxiliary@gmail.com.*

Celebrate History. Nominations are open for the 12th annual **West Chester Preservation Awards**. Presented by the West Chester Downtown Foundation, the awards



Chester Preservation Legacy Award for outstanding contributions to historic preservation. Nominations close June 10. *WCDF.org.*

program raises awareness and appreciation of West Chester's significant historic character. Nominations are accepted in three categories: Bricks and Mortar Awards for construction projects, Preservation Service Awards for educational and advocacy projects, and the West

Spring Styles. Refresh your look and your home with help from two new stores in downtown West Chester. **Pomp**, open on West Gay Street, offers home décor with an emphasis on hand-made, small-batch and ethically sourced goods. And **Bobbles & Lace** will be a high-fashion boutique opening soon on North High Street, in the former Jane Chalfant space next to Mayday Coffee & Shop. Follow them on Instagram *[@BobblesAndLaceWestChester](https://www.instagram.com/BobblesAndLaceWestChester/); [@Pomp_West_Chester](https://www.instagram.com/Pomp_West_Chester/).*



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Kennett Summerfest Wine & Spirits Festival and Kennett Blooms

June 10-12

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On Saturday, enjoy Summerfest, celebrating exceptional local wineries and distilleries, bringing them together with wine, cheese and live music in a festival atmosphere. From Fri. through Sun., Kennett Blooms: Floral Flash installations feature 7 large-scale installations in locations throughout Kennett celebrating the multi-sensory beauty of flowers and the creative talents of local floral designers. *100 block of S. Broad St., Kennett Square. Summerfest check-in at Work2gether Building (120 E. State St). 3 to 7 p.m. Tickets \$65; Farm & Vine Lunch, \$150. KennettSummerfest.com.*

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Guest Bartender Night Benefits Breast Health Center

June 21



The Women's Auxiliary to Chester County Hospital invites you to enjoy a pint drawn by Elvis, or former 6ABC reporter Cathy Gandolfo, or Chester County Commissioner Josh Maxwell, or president of CC Hospital Michael Duncan or former Eagles football coach Dick Vermeil! No entrance fee, just make a donation and participate in the drawings. *Locust Lane Brewery, 50 Three Tun Rd., Malvern. 610-738-2725 or email CCHWomensAuxiliary@gmail.com.*

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Surrey's Premier Garden Party

June 14

Enjoy cocktails and a light supper as you stroll among the "Best of the Blooms," a friendly floral competition featuring leading florists and designers. The party benefits Surrey's work in our area as well as their groundbreaking programming for older adults in our community. *Meadowbrook Estate, 1010 Spring Mill Rd., Villanova. 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. \$150. SurreyServices.org.*



Chester County Balloon Festival

June 16-17

Balloons from all over the country are highlighted, along with a Special Shaped Balloon Rodeo, untethered and tethered balloon rides and a walk-thru balloon. In addition, you'll enjoy a beer garden, live music, great food, crafts, kid zone and more. The festival benefits the Boy Scouts Troop 52, Chester County Hero Fund, local police, fire and fire police plus EMS. *Willowdale Steeplechase, 101 E. Street Rd., Kennett Square. \$10-\$20. Visit website for hours. CCBalloonFest.com.*

Annual Pottstown Rumble

June 23-25

Premier grass doubles volleyball tournament, attracting nationally ranked pros, amateurs and even kids. Over 5,000 players compete for amazing prizes in what many consider the toughest volleyball tournament in the country. For spectators, there's a great selection of food options, a beer tent and vendors. including sponsors with cool swag, volley gear and volleyballs. *Main field at Memorial Park, 75 W. King St., Pottstown. \$10; children under 12, free. For hours and directions, PottstownRumble.com.*



best Local Events

FAMILY FUN

THROUGH AUGUST

Disney 100 — The Exhibition. Created for the 100-year celebration of The Walt Disney Company, the world premiere exhibition features rarely seen original artworks and artifacts, costumes, props and memorabilia. *Franklin Institute, 222 N. 20th St., Philadelphia. Daily 9:30 to 5. \$25. FI.edu.*

JUNE 3 The Great American Backyard Campout. Bring your camping gear, set up under the stars and enjoy a night outside with your family. Activities include camp cooking and fire making demonstrations, fishing, ceremonial campfire program, s'mores and more. Must be accompanied by parent/guardian. *Willows Park, 490 Darby-Paoli Rd., Villanova. Free. Radnor.com/Campout to register.*

JUNE 3 Strawberry Festival at Linvilla Orchards. Celebrate the peak of the local strawberry season by coming out to pick your own from the fields at Linvilla. Rain date, June 4. *137 W. Knowlton Rd., Media. Begins at 8 am. Linvilla.com.*

JUNE 3 Historic Newtown Square Day. A community celebration with demonstrations, Revolutionary War and Native American reenactors, art, tours of historic sites, sheep shearing, music, children's activities. *Square Tavern, Rt. 252 & Goshen Rd., Newtown Square. 10 to noon. Free. 610-975-0290; HistoricNewtownSquare.org.*



JUNE 4

155th Annual Malvern Memorial Day Parade. The Upper Main Line Memorial Association sponsors this event that begins on King St. at the fire station and ends at Memorial Park on Monument Ave. *MalvernMemorialParade.com.*

JUNE 6

Family Fun Night. Come out and enjoy an early summer evening with the family with face painting, games, food trucks and more. *New Garden Park, 8936 Gap Newport Pk., Landenberg. 6 to 8 pm. Free. NewGarden.org.*

JUNE 10

Strawberry Harvest Celebration at Highland Orchards. Pick at your leisure and enjoy food trucks, local crafters, beer, wine and spirits, the playground, picnic area and feeding the goats. *1000 Marshallton-Thorndale Rd., West Chester. 11 to 4. HighlandOrchards.net.*



JUNE 17

Ryerss Farm Family Fun Day. Fun for the whole family with pony rides, hay rides, a



moon bounce, crafts, games and prizes. Rain date, June 18. *Ryerss Farm for Aged Equines, 1710 Ridge Rd., Pottstown. Noon to 4 pm. Donation options on website, RyerssFarm.org.*

JULY 4

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



JULY 4

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

JULY 8

Concert & Movie Night in the Park. Enjoy musical performances, food, refreshments, prizes and a movie on the big screen under the stars. Bring your own lawn chair or picnic blanket. Movie to be announced closer to date. Rain date, July 15. *Odorisio Park, 418 Fairview Rd., Wayne. 6 pm. Free. Radnor.com.*

ART, CRAFTS & ANTIQUES.....

JUNE 2-4

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



JUNE 24 & 25

PA Guild of Craftsmen Fine Craft Fair. Over 100 artisans offer contemporary fine crafts including jewelry, functional and decorative pottery, men's and women's wearables and upscale home furnishings. Savor the many options from the food truck court. Ludwig's Corner Horse Show Grounds, Glenmoore. Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, 10 to 4. \$5. PACrafts.org.

BOOKS.....

JUNE 1-22

Wellington Square Bookshop. June 1,

NonFiction Book Group: *Five Days in November* by Clint Hill and Lisa McCubbin, 7 pm. **June 1, Classics Book Club:** *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens, 2 pm. **June 21 & 22, Fiction Book Group:** *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid, Wed & Thurs, 2 pm, Thurs, 7 pm. 549 Wellington Sq., Exton. WellingtonSquareBooks.com.

JUNE 20

Main Point Book Club. Fiction Book Group: *True Biz* by Sara Novic by Laird Hunt, 3:30 pm. 116 N. Wayne Ave., Wayne. MainPointBooks.com.

CAR SHOWS.....

JUNE 3

Ales & Petals—Cars & Motorcycles of England Car Show. Enjoy food, live music, craft beers and tour this large British motoring show with over 250 classic British cars and motorcycles that is also a nationally sanctioned Jaguar Concours d'Elegance. On the grounds of Historic Hope Lodge, 553 Bethlehem Pk., Ft. Washington. 10 to 4. \$5-\$10. Historic-Hope-Lodge.org/Ales-Petals-Car-Show.

JUNE 23-24

2023 Philadelphia Concours d'Elegance. Cool Cars for Kids, Inc. presents a showcase

of classic and historic automobiles. This year's feature marque is Porsche. Proceeds support the Rare Diagnoses Center at Children's Hospital of Phila. Preview Gala Fri, cocktails, dinner, concours preview and auction, 6 pm, \$150. Simeone Automotive Museum, 6825-31 Norwitch Dr., Philadelphia. Sat, 10 to 3, \$25, student or children under 13, free. CoolCarsForKids.org.



EQUESTRIAN.....

THROUGH JUNE 4

Devon Horse Show & Country Fair. See Olympic-caliber riders, junior classes and Lead Line or come for the fun outside the ring at North America's oldest and largest outdoor multi-breed horse show. Visit the Country Fair's midway attractions and boutiques. Benefits Bryn Mawr Hospital. 23 Dorset Rd., Devon. DevonHorseShow.net.

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THROUGH SEPTEMBER
Fridays & Sundays
Brandywine Polo. Spectators picnic and tailgate at the grounds. 232 Polo Rd., Toughkenamon. Friday Twilight Polo—gates open at 5; match at 5:30. Sun, gates open at 1:30; match at 3, \$15–\$20. Cancelled for rain or extreme heat. 610-268-8692; BrandywinePolo.com.



FESTIVALS & PARADES.....
JUNE 3
Delaware County Pride Parade. The inaugural Pride Parade will run along State Street for 1 mile and loop around Media. Enjoy a variety of activities including music, dancing, vendors and more. 104 E. State St., Media. Noon to 1:30. UDTJ.org/Events/DelcoPrideParade.
JUNE 23–25

Celtic Fling and Highland Games. Enjoy traditional pipe bands, Celtic rock bands and everything in between. Savor delicious Celtic cuisine, fresh brewed ales, wines, ciders and more. Mount Hope Estate & Winery, 2775 Lebanon Rd., Manheim. Fri. night kick-off concert, gates open at 5; \$29.95; Sat–Sun, gates open at 11 am, \$13.95–\$31.95. PARenFaire.com.



FOOD & BREWS
JUNE 3
Willistown Conservation Trust Barns & BBQ. Take a glimpse into some of Chester Coun-

ty's iconic barns. Two ticket levels: the morning tour, 9 to 1, and Barns & BBQ, starts at 2, both featuring the tour with Barns & BBQ attendees ending the evening with a cocktail hour, three-course meal and live music. Benefits the Trust's conservation works. 925 Providence Rd., Newtown Square. WCTrust.org.



JUNE 4–9
Restaurant Week Supports the Red, White & Blue on the Culinary Coast. Diners can enjoy either menu discounts or prix-fixe menus at restaurants in Rehoboth Beach, Dewey Beach, Lewes and Coastal Delaware. Benefits military and first responders. For more information and a list of participating restaurants, visit Beach-Fun.com/Restaurant-Week.html.



JUNE 6, 20, SEPT. 12, OCT. 3
Food Truck Tuesdays in King of Prussia. You can enjoy live music, games, giveaways and delicious food during your lunch hour. Visit website for a complete lineup and directions to food trucks. VisitKOP.com/FTT.

JUNE 10
Brewfest at Mount Hope. Fill your sampling glass with beers from a variety of breweries while shopping with various merchants and enjoying delicious Brewfest foods. Mt. Hope Estate & Winery, 2775 Lebanon Rd., Manheim. Two sessions available: 11 to 3 or 4:30 to 8:30. \$59.95. PARenFaire.com.

JUNE 15, JULY 27, AUGUST 24
2023 Summer Pop-up Biergartens at Historic Sugartown. BYO chairs and

Local Farm Markets

Artisan Exchange, 208 Carter Dr. Unit 13 B, West Chester. Sat, 10 to 1. ArtisanExchange.net.
***Berwyn Farmers Market,** 573 E. Lancaster Ave. in Handel's parking lot. Sun, 10 to 1. CulinaryHarvest.com.
Bryn Mawr Farmers Market, Lancaster Ave. Bryn Mawr train station lot. Sat, 9 to 1. FarmToCityMarkets.com.
Market at Coverdale Farm Preserve, 543 Way Rd., Greenville, DE. Fri, 2 to 7; Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, 11 to 3. DelNature.org.
Downingtown Farmers Market, Kerr Park, Log House Field, 28 E. Pennsylvania Ave. Sat, 9 to 1. GrowingRootsPartners.com.
Eagleview Farmers Mkt., Eagleview Town Ctr., 570 Wellington Sq., Exton. Thurs, 3 to 6:30. GrowingRootsPartners.com.
Kennett Square Farmers Mkt., 401 Birch St. Fri, 3 to 6. KSQFarmersMarket.com.
Lancaster County Farmers Mkt., 389 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne. Wed, Fri & Sat, 6 to 4. LancasterCountyFarmersMarket.com.
Malvern Farmers Market, Burke Park, 26 S. Warren Ave. Sat, 9 to 1. 484-753-6363; GrowingRootsPartners.com.
Media Farmers Market, Edgemont St. between Front & State Sts. Sun, 10 to 1. FarmToCityMarkets.com.
New Garden Growers Market, 8934 Gap Newport Pk., Landenberg. Sat, 9 to noon. Facebook.com/NewGardenGrowersMarket.
Newtown Square Farmers Mkt., 3625 Chapel Rd. Fri, 3 to 6. Facebook.com/NewtownSquareFarmersMarket.
Phoenixville Farmers Market, 200 Mill St. Sat, 9 to noon; seniors, 9–9:30. PhoenixvilleFarmersMarket.org.
Pottstown Farmers Mkt., 100 E. High St. Every other Sat starting May 14, 9–1. PottstownFarm.org.
Rodney Square Farmers Market, 10th & N. Market St., Wilmington. Wed, 10 to 2. 302-425-0196.
***Royersford Farmers Market,** 2nd Ave. across from Victory Park. Sat, 9 to noon. RoyersfordRecreation.com.
Swarthmore Farmers Market, 121 Park Ave., next to Swarthmore Borough Hall Sat, 9 to noon. SwarthmoreFarmersMarket.org.
Thornbury Farmers Mkt. & CSA, 1256 Thornbury Rd., West Chester. Sat, 9 to 6; Sun, 11 to 5. ThornburyFarmCSA.com.
Thornton Farmers Mkt., 330 Glen Mills Rd. Sat, 10 to 1. Facebook.com/ThorntonFarmersMarket.
West Chester Growers Mkt., Chestnut & Church Sts. Sat, 9 to 1. WestChesterGrowersMarket.com.
West Reading Farmers Mkt., 598 Penn Ave. Sun, 9 to 1. GrowingRootsPartners.com.
Westtown Amish Market, 1165 Wilmington Pk., West Chester. Thur, 9 to 6; Fri, 9 to 7; Sat, 8 to 4. WestChesterAmishMarket.com.
** New Markets*

picnic blankets. Locust Lane Craft Brewery and Chaddsford Winery offer beverages, and food trucks will be cooking up some delicious food. Music will be provided by Shake Down. 260 Spring Valley Rd., Malvern. 5 to 8. \$10; under 18, free. HistoricSugartown.org.



JUNE 17
Brews at the Battlefield. Enjoy the beautiful outdoor setting at Brandywine Battlefield's historic Gideon Gilpin Homestead, listening to music, enjoying beer samples from various local and regional breweries and food. Benefits the Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates. 1491 Baltimore Pk., Chadds Ford. 5 to 8 pm. \$15–\$40. BrandywineBattlefield.org.

FUNDRAISERS
See also: Food & Brews and Outdoor Activities

JUNE 10
Great Chefs Event for Alex's Lemonade Stand. Taste delectable food and bid on fabulous auction items. More than 30 superstar chefs from across the country come together and serve their signature tasting dishes. Join the movement to end pediatric cancer. Urban Outfitters Headquarters, Bldg. 543, 5000 S. Broad St., Phila. 1 to 4 pm. \$225. AlexsLemonade.org.


JUNE 17
Thorncroft's 38th Annual Victory Gallop. As Thorncroft's premier fundraising event, the Victory Gallop presents an unforgettable black tie evening for the benefit of the Farm. The Victory Gallop welcomes guests for dinner, dancing and silent auction. The Gold Ballroom at the Hotel du Pont, 42 W. 11th St., Wilmington. 6 to 10 pm. Tickets start at \$500. Thorncroft.org.



JUNE 17
Kennett On Top. The Rotary Club of Kennett Square proudly hosts a party ... no speeches, no program, just fun on top of the roof of the Kennett Square Parking Garage. Enjoy great food, live music, beer, wine and a signature cocktail. Live music will get you dancing. Proceeds benefit the local community. 100 E. Linden St., Kennett Square. 5 to 9 pm. \$100. KennettSquareRotary.org.






JUNE 17
Habitat For Humanity Hops for Homes Beer Festival. Brewers will be pouring beer, cider and, new this year, wine. Come out and enjoy live music, food, games, vendors and a




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GARDENS
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 24
Festival of Fountains at Longwood. Stroll through the gardens with brilliantly blooming annuals and perennials and discover a starlit getaway with the Illuminated Fountain Performances and live music in the beer garden. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Thurs–Sat, 9:15 pm. \$18–\$25. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.



JUNE 2
Moonlight & Roses at Morris Arboretum. Dining and dancing under the stars, surrounded by the beauty of roses in bloom. The annual fundraiser supports the Arboretum's mission. 100 E. Northwestern Ave., Philadelphia. For info and to purchase tickets, Morris-ArboretumGala.org.

JUNE 2
Natural Lands Stardust! Celebration. Celebrate the gift of open space at this annual summer celebration and fundraiser with an evening of cocktails, supper and merriment under the stars. Bryn Coed Preserve, 1869 Flint Rd., Chester Springs. 6:30 to 9:30. Tickets start at \$200. NatLands.org.



JUNE 3
Garden Day at White Horse Village. The senior living community showcases the talents of resident gardeners. Self-guided tours, 10:30, complimentary lunch at noon, registration required. 535 Gradyville Rd., Newtown Square. Free. Rain date, June 4. WhiteHorseVillage.org.

MUSEUMS
THROUGH JULY 13
Brandywine River Museum of Art. "Home Places: Andrew Wyeth and the Architecture of Chadds Ford." 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. Wed–Mon, 10 to 4. \$6–\$18. Brandywine.org.

THROUGH JULY 16
Delaware Art Museum. "Our Red Planet" an exhibition by Anna Bogatin Ott. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 8; Fri–Sun, 10 to 4. \$6–\$12, Sun, free. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
JUNE 1-24
Point Entertainment Presents at The Colonial Theatre. *June 1*, Leonid & Friends and the music of Chicago; *June 8*, Bruce Cockburn with Dar Williams; *June 16*, The Legendary Wailers featuring Junior Marvin; *June 24*, Mantecore: The Tribute to Emerson Lake & Palmer. 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. Times and tickets, TheColonialTheatre.com.



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

JUNE 1-OCTOBER 26
Thursdays
Live Music at King of Prussia Town Center. *June 1*, Joe Miralles; *June 8*, Topaz; *June 15*, Joe Miralles; *June 22*, Katelyn Christine; *June 29*,

Town Tours & Village Walks



A series of free summer strolls through historic neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and sites to learn about significant founders of these places or institutions and explore what they are today. This year's program is "Our Agricultural Heritage."

Here's the lineup for June. Tours take place on Thursday evenings through September and start at 5:30. For more information or to register visit ChesCoPlanning.org.

June 8 – kickoff event "From Colonial Farms to Neighborhoods and Agri-Businesses" at the West Chester United Methodist Church, 129 S. High St. 5 to 7:30 pm. The presentation is followed by walking tours.

June 15 – Westtown Township tour at the Westtown School will explore the agricultural history of Westtown Township's longest operating school.



June 22 – Thornbury Township tour at the Thornbury Farm & CSA – featuring a historic farm that has been in production since 1709 and was central to the Battle of Brandywine.

June 29 – Paoli Battlefield tour, the site of a row crop farm before, during and after the Revolutionary War (until 1998).

One Hotmess Duo; *July 6*, Tim Williams Band. Concerts continue through Oct. 26. 155 Village Dr. (in front of Davio's), King of Prussia. 6 to 8 pm. KingOfPrussia-TownCenter.com.

JUNE 2-29
Kennett Flash. *June 2*, Solar Federation: Performing the Music of Rush; *June 3*, SONiA; *June 4*, 2023 New Summer Sounds Series; *June 16*, Last Laugh Showcase: Chris Turner; *June 17*, Singer-Songwriter Showcase; *June 29*, Bella's Bartok band with special guests Strays+Misfits. 102 Sycamore Alley, Kennett Square. Times and tickets, 484-732-8295; KennettFlash.org.

JUNE 2-JULY 5
Longwood Gardens Summer Performance Series. *June 2 & 3*, The Savoy Company, see Theater; *June 7*, Watchhouse; *June 14*, Melody Gardot; *June 18*, Jesse & Joy; *June 20-24*, International Organ Competition; *June 25*, Kennett Symphony; *June 28*, Rodrigo y Gabriela—In Between Thoughts ... A New World Tour; *July 5*, Straight No Chaser: The Yacht Rock Tour. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Times and tickets, LongwoodGardens.org.



JUNE 3-JULY 8
Bryn Mawr Twilight Concerts. *June 3*, Lucy Kaplansky with Cabin Dogs; *June 4*, Stephen Kellogg; *June 11*, Steve Forbert and The New Renditions; *June 16*, Merion Concert Band (free); *June 25*, Stephen Kellogg; *July 8*, Liz Longley with Jesse Rubin. Concerts through Sept. 8. Bryn Mawr Gazebo, 9 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr. 7 pm. \$15. 610-864-4303; BrynMawrTwilightConcerts.com.

JUNE 4-AUGUST
Long's Park Summer Music Series. *June 4*, Jay Ungar & Molly Mason's Swingology; *June 11*, Las Cafeteras; *June 18*, Kandace Springs Trio; *June 25*, Poba Chubby's "Jimi Hendrix Tribute;" *July 2*, The U.S. Army Band, "Pershing's Own;" *June 3*, Lucy Kaplansky with Cabin Dogs; Long's Park Amphitheater, Rt. 30 & Harrisburg Pk., Lancaster. 7:30 pm. LongsPark.org.

JUNE 9-JULY 2
American Music Theatre. *June 9*, Top Of The World: A Carpenters Tribute; *June 10*, Leonid & Friends: The World's Greatest Chicago Tribute; *June 11*, Brothers Of The Heart: For-

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tune, Isaacs, Walker, Rogers; **June 16**, House of Cheer: The Level Up Tour 2023; **June 17**, Happy Together Tour 2023; **June 24**; Christopher Cross & Justin Hayward with guest Mike Dawes; **June 25**; Brian Regan; **July 2**, Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. 2425 Lincoln Hwy. E., Lancaster. Times and tickets, AMTShows.com.

JUNE 10
7th Annual Wayne Music Festival. Enjoy a wide range of musical genres and artists from all over the country. The Wayne Music Festival highlights local and regional acts, as well as over 75 local restaurants and vendors. Downtown Wayne. 2 to 11 pm. Free. WayneMusicFestival.com.



JUNE 10, JULY 8
Media Arts Council Presents Jasper Street Jams. Fun for the entire family with national and local bands, food trucks and beer by 2SP. **June 10**, North Of NOLA Gulf Coast Music Festival; **July 8**, Blues Festival. 11 E. State St., Media. 11 am to 6 pm. \$15; 12 and under. free. MediaArtsCouncil.org.

JUNE 11, 25
Miller Park Summer Concert Series. **June 11**, Slippery Band; **June 25**, Basic Cable. Concerts through Aug. 20. Food trucks and 50/50 raffle at concerts. Albert C. Miller Memorial Park, 220 Miller Way, Exton. 6 pm. Free. WestWhiteland.org.

JUNE 11–AUGUST 20
Sundays
West Goshen Summer Concert Series. Lineup hasn't been finalized but check their website for up-to-date info. Guests are asked to bring a dry good item for West Chester Food Cupboard. West Goshen Community Park, N. Five Points and Fern Hill Rds., West Chester. In the event of rain, concerts at Stetson Middle School Auditorium, 1060 Wilmington Pk. Concerts continue through Aug. 20. 6:30. Free. WestGoshen.org.

JUNE 15–JULY 27
Summer in the Park Concerts at Wilson Farm Park. **June 15**, Almost There; **June 22**, Tim Williams Band; **June 29**, Wonderland;

July 13, Pop Shop; **July 20**, Chico's Vibe; **July 27**, Jess Zimmerman Band. Wilson Farm Park, 500 Lee Rd., Chesterbrook. 7 pm. Free. Tredyffrin.org/Departments/Parks.

JUNE 4–JULY 7
Upper Merion Concerts Under the Stars. **June 4**, Joan Osborne; **June 17**, Strand of Oaks; **June 24**, Madison Cunningham; **June 27**, Christone "Kingfish" Ingram; **July 1**, free Independence Day Weekend Celebration with Craig Bickhardt Friends & Family; **July 7**, Unforgettable Fire (U2 tribute). Concerts through Sept. 16. Concerts, 6 pm, beer garden opens, 5., food trucks onsite. Township Bldg. Park, 175 W. Valley Forge Rd., King of Prussia. UMTownship.org.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.....
JUNE 3
Main Line Animal Rescue's Annual Tails & Trails 5K Run/2K Walk. The day will be filled with fun, food, music, drinks and pups. Run or walk at your own pace while supporting the mission to save animal lives. Ready. Set. Rescue! 1149 Pike Springs Rd., Chester Springs. 7:30 am to noon. \$10–\$40. PSPCA.org.



JUNE 6
Community Volunteers in Medicine Golf Classic. Join CVIM and its partners for a day of golf along with breakfast, lunch, dinner, open bar, auction and giveaways. Supports the region's largest free healthcare center for families without health insurance. Applebrook Golf Club, 100 Line Rd., Malvern. Learn more at CVIM.org.

JUNE 11
21st Annual French Creek Iron Tour. Rides for all levels—from beginners to accomplished cyclists—with courses from 11 to 100 miles. Benefits French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust. Start at Kimberton Fire Company Fairgrounds, 762 Pike Springs Rd., Phoenixville. Registration begins at 6:45 am. \$60. IronTour.org.



Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, the date on which enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, finally received the news they were free. There are events throughout Chester County to mark this holiday. The Cultural Alliance of Chester County has a webpage dedicated to those events. Visit CultureChesCo.org/Juneteenth.

June
Coatesville Juneteenth Celebration
The planning committee is working on these events.
• Juneteenth Quilt Messaging at the library and throughout the school district.
• Lantern walk and main celebration at *Abdala Park, 851 Olive St.*
Check the website closer to June event for complete details.

June 11–18
Voices Underground Presents
June 16—Fashioning Freedom: An Evening Honoring Juneteenth at *Longwood Gardens*, 6:30.
June 17—"I Matter Poetry Slam," 10 am, followed by lunch at noon, the Kennett Community Gospel Choir at 1 and Freedom Walk to Friends Meeting House at 1:45. *Anson B. Nixon Park, 405 N. Walnut Rd., Kennett Square*
June 18—Kennett Underground Railroad Bus Tour, 1 pm. *CCCVB at Longwood, 200 Greenwood Rd., Kennett Square.*
June 19—Journey to Freedom Open Mic, 3 pm. *Kennett Flash, 102 Sycamore Alley, Kennett Square.*
Freedom's Dinner Table, 6 pm. *Lincoln University, 1570 Baltimore Pk., Lincoln University.*
For details visit VUProject.org/Juneteenth.

June 18
Phoenixville Juneteenth Celebration
Activities to engage the community and shed light on the importance of African American history with reenactors, music, art, dance, drummers, street theater, magic, soul food and storytelling. 2 to 6 pm. *200 block of Bridge St.*
June 14–19
Juneteenth Celebration in West Chester
West Chester Juneteenth Planning Partners are working diligently to create an exciting and robust line up of events, including family activities, focused on journeying towards freedom. Check the website closer to June event for complete details.

JUNE 16
Media 5-Mile Race. Benefits community outreach and donates proceeds to nonprofits that serve the area. Kids' Free Fun Runs start at 6 pm, Barrall Park and Field, State & Edgemont Sts. Main race starts at 7 pm, State St. and Veterans Square. \$40. Media5MileRace.com.



JUNE 17–23
Schuylkill River Sojourn. The annual 112-mi. guided canoe/kayak trip begins in Schuylkill Haven and ends at Philadelphia's Boathouse Row. Participants paddle 14–18 miles per day. Register for one day, any amount of individual days or the entire week. Meals, camping arrangements and shuttle service included. \$100–\$695. SchuylkillRiver.org/Sojourn.aspx.

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THEATER.....
THROUGH JUNE 11
Million Dollar Quartet at Media Theatre. The extraordinary twist of fate that brought Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley together at Sun Records in Memphis for what would be one of the greatest jam sessions ever. 104 E. State St., Media. Times and tickets, 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

THROUGH JUNE 24
Elvis: A Musical Revolution at Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre. This official Elvis Presley bio-musical takes a closer look at the rock star and cultural icon whose impact shaped the history of music. 510 Centerville Rd., Lancaster. Times and tickets, 717-898-1900; DutchApple.com.

THROUGH JUNE 25
The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 at The Candlelight Theatre. Murder and mayhem. 2208 Millers Rd., Wilmington. Times and tickets, 302-475-2313; CandlelightTheatre-Delaware.org.

THROUGH OCTOBER 28
Bird-in-Hand Stage. *Through July 27*, *Dear Solider Boy*, musical comedy set in the heart of Amish Country. *Through Oct. 28*, *Ryan &*

Friends: Never Speechless, a multimedia variety show with comedy routine and song parodies. 2760 #A Old Philadelphia Pk., Bird-in-Hand. Times and tickets, 717-768-1568; Bird-In-Hand.com/Stage.

JUNE 2 & 3
The Savoy Company presents Pirates of Penzance at Longwood Gardens. A rollicking pirate tale that pokes fun at many things Victorian: the nouveau riche, the army, the police, marriage and one's own sense of duty. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Times and tickets, LongwoodGardens.org.



JUNE 15–JULY 16
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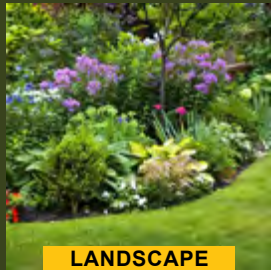
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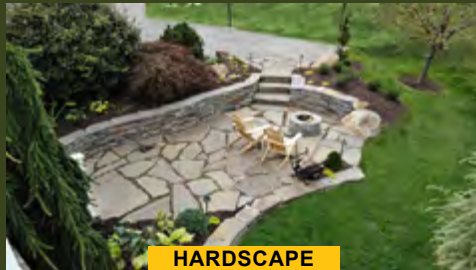
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12 N. Prince St., Lancaster. Times and tickets, 717-397-7425; TheFulton.org.

JUNE 17-JULY 13

Lettie at People's Light. A family tries to mend amid harsh realities in this "airtight new masterpiece." 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Times and tickets, 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

TOWNS, TALKS & TOURS.....

JUNE 2, 10, 15

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

Second Saturday Virtual Arts Stroll: **June 10**, Media, MediaArtsCouncil.org.

Third Thursday Malvern Stroll: **June 15**, MalvernBusiness.com.

THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Wednesdays

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

THROUGH OCTOBER 19

Third Thursdays on State Street in Kennett Square. Enjoy outdoor dining, extended shopping hours, live music, children's activities, pop-up vendors and more. The 100 blocks of E. and W. State St., in addition the 100 blocks of N. and S. Union St., will be closed to traffic from 5 to 10 pm. KennettCollaborative.org.

THROUGH OCTOBER 9

Phoenixville Inside Out. Dine outside or enjoy a drink with friends, explore the boutiques and retail stores or take in a show. 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 be closed during the road closure. PhoenixvilleFirst.org. ♦

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Shelley Laurence, Main Point Books

DR. SEUSS SAID IT BEST. "OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL go." Summer is a time for travel, but for some of us, that trip may be limited to a week at the Jersey shore.

Fear not! It's easy (and cheaper) to open a book and immerse yourself in another time, place and culture.

So read on! Next stop, the UK.

Let's start in the English countryside. *Unsettled Ground* by Claire Fuller lays out a complex relationship between a mother and her twin children. They live together in isolation in a rural cottage, growing everything they need to survive. But when the twins are 51 years old, their mother dies. How will the siblings cope with being left behind by the modern world?

Fancy a jaunt to London? Let the city's oldest police detectives take you on a tour of the town's odd buildings, odder characters and dubious gossip in *Bryant & May: Peculiar London* by Christopher Fowler. Yes, the cops are fictional, but the places are real. You'll have tons of fun running all over the city with these lovable characters and their entertaining buddies.

Kate MacDougall offers up another light look at London, this time with some four-footed friends. In *London's Number One Dog-Walking Agency: A Memoir*, MacDougall details her work as a dog walker for London's moneyed, dog-loving elite. It's a sweet love letter to London, dogs and growing up.

Thinking about drinking your way across the UK? You can start in the comfort of your own living room with *Whiskey, a Tasting Course* by Eddie Ludlow. Ludlow, the founder of The Whisky Lounge (note: there's no "e" in whisky in the UK and a few other spots), the largest provider of whiskey events in the UK, guides you through a series of at-home tastings. You'll learn about the different malts, grains and blended whiskies and find your favorite whiskey

style. Because, let's face it: the best — and most enjoyable — way to learn about whiskey is by drinking it.

The British Isles are known for some amazing places to golf, and local author Tom Coyne knows them all. In *A Course Called Scotland*, Coyne takes you to more than 100 legendary courses in the birthplace of golf and shares history and insights into the game. By the way, Coyne sometimes organizes golf outings to play the courses. What a great IRL trip that would be!

We'll stay in Scotland for a story of queer love and working-class families. *Young Mungo* is the second novel from Douglas Stuart, the Booker Prize-winning author of *Shuggie Bain*. Mungo and his friend James live in a housing estate in Glasgow and should be sworn enemies because of religious differences. Against all odds, they fall in love and are happy together, until Mungo's mother sends him on a fishing trip to a remote loch with two strange men. Will he and James still have a future? You'll have to travel along to find out.

Let's not forget Ireland (though not technically in the UK). *We Don't Know Ourselves* by Fintan O'Toole offers an insightful look at the wrenching transformations that dragged his countrymen into the modern world. From his perch in a working-class family in Dublin, O'Toole watched as scandal brought down the all-mighty Catholic Church and the Troubles in Northern Ireland led most Irish to reject violent nationalism. O'Toole, an essayist and critic, calls this inventive narrative "a personal history of modern Ireland." However you want to describe it, this book is a great read.

Want to try out food from across the pond? Check out *The British Cookbook*, featuring more than 550 authentic, home cooking recipes from all over the UK. Author and food historian Ben Merivis takes us on a mouth-watering culinary tour, revealing food as diverse as the landscape itself. The *Philadelphia Inquirer* gives this collection two thumbs up, saying, "Ready for a culinary tour of



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Want to include the kids? How about reading *A Bear Called Paddington* as a family? Michael Bond began chronicling the comedic misadventures of this lovable bear in 1958. Today, Paddington is a major movie star loved by children around the world.

If you're ready to plan your trip, you'll want to take Rick Steves along. His guidebook, *Great Britain 2023*, is invaluable. (I know. I've taken him along on every trip I've made to Europe.) This volume covers England, Wales and Scotland as it offers strategic advice

on how to get the most out of your time and money, with rankings of his must-see favorites and hidden gems. Steve's humorous and candid insights will help you beat the crowds, skip the lines and avoid tourist traps. Gotta love that!

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IDEAS TO INSPIRE YOUR OUTDOOR OASIS

Shannon Montgomery

SUMMER IS COMING UP, AND IT'S TIME TO get your backyard ready! Whether you're dreaming of a major renovation or planning a smaller project, there are so many ways you can elevate your outdoor space. Here are ideas to inspire you to create your very own outdoor oasis.

THE PLEASURE OF POOLS

Nothing says “outdoor oasis” quite like a pool. So, what to do to get the most out of yours?

This year, pools are all about nature-inspired designs that incorporate natural materials into your pool area, including stone and wood elements. This trend also makes use of popular water features — picture a secluded rock grotto underneath a waterfall. Add greenery for an especially natural look.

Another major trend is the infinity pool. Vanishing-edge pools have been popular for years, but pool designers are doing more with multi-tiered pools. These pools use infinity edges so each level of the pool flows seamlessly into the next. This technique can also be used for elevated spas that spill over into the pool. For homes with a

view, put an infinity edge behind a swim-up bar (another trending pool feature), so you can sip your drink overlooking a scenic vista.

Consider adding a tanning ledge to your pool. Known as a Baja shelf, this feature is a shallow ledge, just a few inches deep, where you can sunbathe while staying cool in the water. It's a great place to play with kids or pets who aren't ready to go all the way into the pool. And it's perfect for simply relaxing with a cold drink.

Finally, try experimenting with a unique pool color. Because it absorbs most other colors, pool water tends to look blue, which is reinforced by a blue, white or gray pool finish. Turn your water a tropical green by using a green, brown or tan finish. Or go for a less natural, more modern look with a striking black pool. Or create the effect with colored LEDs (learn more in the Outdoor Lighting section).



Incorporate rock elements in your pool design for a more natural look and feel



Consider building a multi-level deck or patio to create separate entertaining spaces

DECKS AND PATIO SPACES

Take your deck or patio to the next level — literally — with a multi-level design. Besides giving your outdoor space a unique look and feel, multiple levels can create separate areas for different activities. For relaxing, add built-in seating or a fireplace. For dining and entertaining, build an outdoor kitchen or bar.

Outdoor kitchens, a popular feature for outdoor entertaining, can be as large or small as you like, plus customized to your needs. They can include built-in grills, refrigerators, sinks, storage or a pizza oven to cook wood-fired pies al fresco.

Consider adding a garden to your deck or patio. Grow fruits and veggies right outside your kitchen with permanent raised beds, planter boxes or vertical planters — which come with the added benefit of increased privacy. Fragrant fruit trees, insect-repelling herbs, vine-ripe tomatoes — what's not to love?

When it comes to building decks, sustainability is all the rage. Choose eco-friendly materials like composite decking (made from recycled plastic and wood fibers), bamboo or reclaimed wood. These materials look great, plus they're low-maintenance, long-lasting and have a reduced environmental impact.



Cook and dine al fresco with an outdoor kitchen that's fully customized to your needs.

LUSH YET SUSTAINABLE GARDENS

As with decks, eco-friendly gardens are increasingly popular — and necessary! Consider adding native and drought-tolerant plants to your garden for low maintenance. Pollinator-friendly plants are trending as well. Not only do they add a pop of color to your garden, but they attract birds, bees and butterflies. Some avid gardeners are removing turf lawns altogether, replacing them with clover or native wildflowers.

When planning your sustainable garden, get recommendations from the experts. Recent articles in *County Lines* from Willistown Conservation Trust and Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens are a great place to start. Find them online at CountyLinesMagazine.com.

Another gardening trend is edible landscapes. The idea here is to create an attractive garden that provides food as well. Don't confine your edible plants to one spot in your garden. Instead, plant herbs, vegetables and berry bushes all around your yard.

Finally, expect to see a more maximalist garden aesthetic this year, incorporating bold colors, volume and texture. Don't be afraid to mix and match! The goal is a less structured, more organic design. "Meadowscaping" is rising in popularity, incorporating soft ornamental grasses, wildflowers growing free and meandering stone pathways to emulate the feel of a natural meadow in your oasis. ♦



Use stylish lanterns to illuminate garden pathways at night



Maximalist gardens combine bold colors and plant varieties in a free-flowing design

Outdoor Lighting

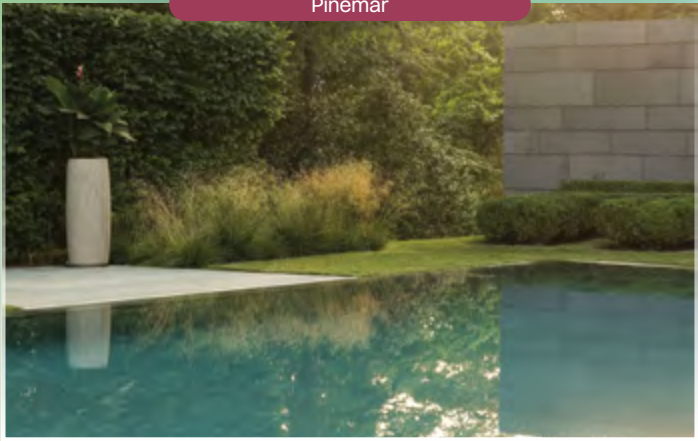
Get creative with your outdoor lighting. Put lights in and around your pool. Use uplighting to accent certain plants, garden statues and water features. Illuminate your deck at night with lights on the underside of railings. Place lanterns along pathways, for safety and aesthetics. Hang string lights for a warm ambiance.

Today, LED lights are the top choice — they're brighter and more energy-efficient than incandescents. Plus they can be customized, so you can adjust the color and intensity to suit the mood. Similarly, solar-powered lights are a sustainable, cost-effective option. They collect the sun's energy during the day, then turn on automatically at night.

And consider investing in a smart lighting system that allows you to control all your outdoor lighting from your phone or smart home device (Amazon's Alexa or Google Home).



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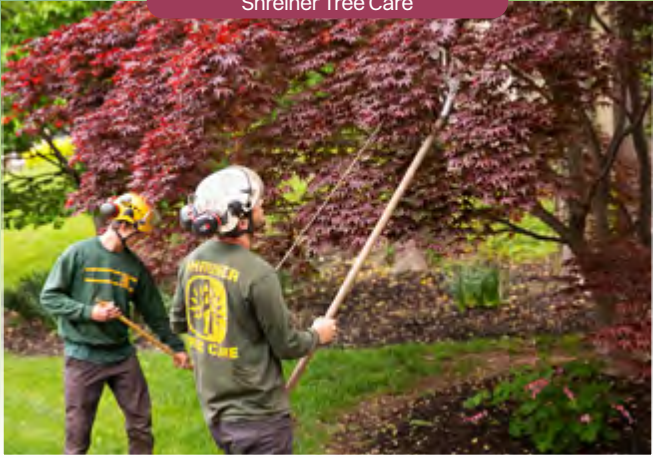
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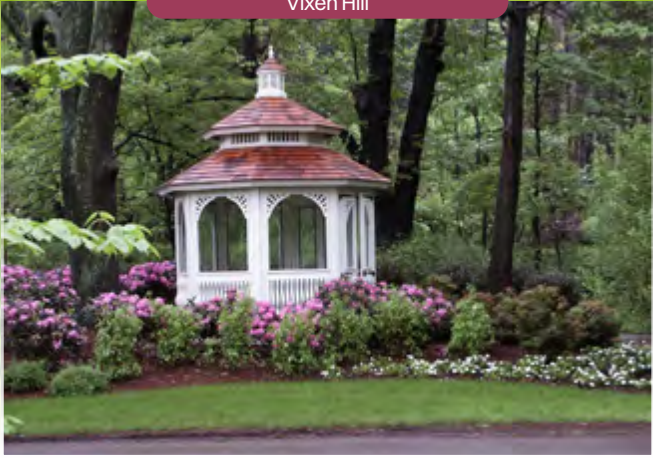
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Local Experts Share Ideas on How to Transform Your Outdoor Space.



Eleanor's Peonies

Everything's Coming Up Roses ... Lavender, Peonies and Dahlias

Carol Metzker

IT'S LATE ON A JUNE AFTERNOON when the air finally turns cool. Purple-gray clouds roll in. The sky seems to melt into the silvery lavender blooms below, waving in the wind. Bumblebees and yellow sulphur butterflies go about their business, while longhorn cows in the valley glance up for a moment before lowering their heads to continue grazing.

I wonder if they know they're part of a scene that's as beautiful as any on Earth?

LAVENDER FIELDS

Munstead Hollow Lavender, owned by the Abdala family for two decades, began growing lavender in recent years. Products from the fields debuted in 2022 — bunches of dried Grosso lavender known for filling long-lasting bouquets and Provence buds sought after for sweet fragrance and culinary properties. Munstead lavender, grown for fine quality oil and future products, also lends its name to the farm.

Munstead Hollow is one of many flower farms that make the Brandywine Valley an extraordinary place. Our region boasts both working farms — closed to the public, such as Munstead, that provide flowers and floral goods — and destinations that welcome guests for visits or special events.

Check whether advance reservations or appointments are required. In most cases the land is home to farmers' families and their animals, as well as to the blooms. Please respect their boundaries and privacy, as well as rules about what, when and where to cut, to keep plants thriving.

OOH, PICK ME!

It's sunset's golden hour at **Strawflower Farm** in Glen Mills. Goldfinches flit among sunflowers. Swallowtails and monarchs feed at a rainbow of zinnias while aiding pollination. A young couple snips dahlias at one edge of the gardens, while a family gathers strawflowers and ageratum in the hoop house.

The farm has a dazzling array of flowers that look as beautiful after drying as they do the day they're cut. Take in the red strawflowers, magenta globe amaranth, silvery blue eryngium, dark purple Hidcote lavender, yellow statice, pink baby's breath and others. Grounds and hoop houses — where tall Veronica, blue bachelor's buttons and sought-after Nigella grow — also produce strawflower and Nigella seeds for local True Love Seeds.

A few years ago, Strawflower Farm owner Linda Clark took some extra bouquets from her home garden in Media to a community potluck, where she met an octogenarian who was giving away seedlings. Clark's stop at his farm — intended only for picking up strawflower seedlings — turned into a visit to rows of all the flowers she dreamed of growing, sights of solar panels and a conversation that resulted in the purchase of the farm when the farmer retired.

Within a few years, Clark, her partner David and their small band of animals were creatively sustaining the farm and inviting people to book appointments online to pick flowers.

BIG THINGS FROM LITTLE PACKAGES

Kristin Wisnewski greets me on her patio alongside a beautiful table: a fruit and cheese board adorned with her blue bachelor's buttons and borage blossoms; a mason jar holding daisy-like feverfew, magenta zinnias and lavender bee balm; and a portrait of her grandparents.



Cheeseboard at Walnut Hill Flower Farm



Strawflower at Strawflower Farm



Walnut Hill Flowers

Turkey in the Straw ...
Flowers

As the sun rises, farmer Linda and her companion Jack are found among rows, gathering a breakfast of flowers and berries — probably the largest, juiciest blackberries Pennsylvania has ever seen. Jack gobbles a few, then heads off to the purple lisianthus, leaving Linda behind to finish the rest of the morning’s picking. What a turkey! Really.

Jack is a friendly ornamental royal palm turkey, with red waddle and blue trim around his eyes, who struts his black-tipped white fan while wandering Strawflower Farm’s hoop house. More than a pretty face, he snorts hello to farm visitors and scratches the ground to unearth turmeric bulbs during harvest season.

He’s not the only critter there. Percie the goat, Scout the cat and others make their home at Strawflower Farm. Linda’s love of animals is legendary. Last summer she put Magic, their young alpaca, into the back seat of her car to travel to another farm for a playdate with another young alpaca.

Flowers take the spotlight in fields, but farm animals are also superstars for gifts and help. Rare Indio Gigantes — colorful three-to-four-foot tall chickens residing at Munstead Hollow — lay pink, tan or speckled eggs. Farmer Julia Bull’s video of dog Ranger helping her spread compost at Hickory Groves Gardens went viral on Instagram. At Walnut Hill, tabby cat Gilbert follows Kristin to the flowers and hunts voles. Cookie the hen comes to her clicking sounds to eat grubs discovered near the plants. Strawflower Farm’s goats and alpaca also provide wool that ends up in soft, beautiful scarves.

Sometimes animals are simply the best company and entertainment. Boone the rescue miniature horse and his donkey pals provide photo ops for social media fans of Hope Hill Lavender Farm. Jetson the St. Bernard trots among peonies, then keeps Eleanor company near the fan in the shed on scorching summer days.

Flora and fauna — the perfect match!



Jack in lisianthus at Strawflower Farm



Jetson on the tractor at Eleanor’s Peonies

Walnut Hill Flower Farm, now under the loving care of Kristin and her family, was once the home and property where her grandparents planted a fig tree that still supplies fruit for family and friends, and where a large blue hydrangea provides blooms for bouquets. The hill of butter-

cups and violets where Kristin once walked with her grandmother now holds rows of pom pom craspedia, forget-me-nots, frosted explosion grass and more. All sprout from seeds started in the basement by Kristin when she’s not teaching or tending her children and animals. Visitors can or-



Munstead Hollow Lavender



Strawflower Farm

der bouquets, subscriptions or designs for small weddings.

Nearby, turn onto a seemingly unassuming lane in Glen Mills and be dazzled. The perfume in the air is as arresting as the view of brilliant red, pink, coral, magenta, yellow and white peonies. What started as Eleanor Tickner’s small garden “ran amok,” she says, growing into **Eleanor’s Peonies**. This

happy accident delights peony lovers who want to spend time strolling rows of glorious flowers, choosing stems for a custom bunch or buying a bouquet from the cooler. Thanks to Eleanor’s passion for educating, guests also take home a slice of her vast knowledge about peony anatomy and division.

Breathe deeply. The season has arrived. ♦

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Native Plants for Resilient Gardens

THE BEST PICKS FOR CHANGING WEATHER CONDITIONS

Stephanie Kuniholm, Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens

FOR EVERY HOME GARDENER, WATER COULD be your worst enemy or your best friend, depending on the day. Too much water can wreak havoc in the garden, yet there’s no garden without it!

With the increase in extreme weather events, summers are getting hotter, rainstorms are heavier and droughts linger longer, even in our area. Given these increasingly extreme conditions, you may wonder how to maximize your garden’s resiliency while minimizing your work there and your use of limited resources.

Thoughtfully selected native plants are the secret to creating a beautiful, tough, stress-free garden. This summer, spend time evaluating and exploring the options and then plan to establish your garden this fall to ensure a durable landscape to enjoy for many years with minimal effort, worry or drain on natural resources.

EVALUATE

Before you hit your local garden center, spend time evaluating your garden. How does the sun hit this space throughout the day? Where does water pool and flow during rainstorms? Is your soil mostly clay, sand, silt, loam or some combination? Are there areas with added stresses of road salt, foot traffic or dog walkers?

While evaluating your landscape, make notes on light and soil conditions, space constraints and special considerations. You don’t

need to be a climatologist or a soil scientist to gather useful information.

Getting to know your site while embracing your most curious self will set you up for success in building a resilient garden. In your quest to find “the right plant for the right place,” it’s important to know what conditions are at play before finding the right plant.

EXPLORE

Now that you understand the environmental conditions of your garden, it’s time to research and ask the experts. Use your “field” notes to search online or in the library for plants that are both native to our region and will thrive within your garden’s unique set of growing conditions. There are many search tools online to help with this process.

When you identify a plant that might thrive in your garden, dig deeper (pun intended) and research its native habitat and range. In building a resilient garden in Pennsylvania, it’s helpful to look for native plants with our state as the northernmost reach of their natural range.

For example, if a plant is found growing naturally in wild areas from Florida up to Pennsylvania, you can feel confident it can survive in much warmer climates than what we typically experience in the mid-Atlantic. On the other hand, if Pennsylvania is the south-

ernmost part of a plant’s natural range, the plant may suffer when we see increasingly high temperatures or drought in the future.

While doing your research, consider the pollinators and wildlife that interact with the plants you’re planning for your garden. Plants form the foundation of the food network and can make or break the health and survival of many other species. Knowing your site and researching it will help you navigate the options and make decisions maximizing the ecological value of your limited space, resulting in more impactful plant choices.

Ideally, spend time researching your selections this summer, then shop and plant in the fall. Armed with your well-researched wish list of plants (see sidebar for suggestions), visit your local garden center or native plant nursery to shop. One option is Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens’ retail nursery, open every day, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and specializing in native plants. Plus, there are other native plant nurseries in the region as well as online.

ESTABLISH

Once you buy your plants, the next step is getting them in the ground. While many people think of spring as the best planting season, savvy gardeners know the ideal time to plant perennials, trees and shrubs is in the fall.

Without the pressure of hot summer days, plants established in fall can focus energy on sending out roots, rather than growing leaves or flowers. In southeastern Pennsylvania, fall typically welcomes increased rainfall, ensuring new plants get a good supply of moisture and saving you the labor of watering. When the following year comes, new plants will be much better equipped to handle the heat and dryness of summer.

Yet even the sturdiest plants need some investment on your part to help them get established. Commit to watering perennial plants diligently in the first season of growth, and trees and shrubs for the first three years. After the plants are established, they should be able to handle some extremes in weather without too much additional help. Remember to water deeply to encourage deep roots.

Help retain moisture by mulching, but remember that too much of a good thing can be very harmful to your plants. Unnecessarily thick layers of mulch can smother plants, cause rot and provide a cozy place for pests to hide, especially when heaped up against the base of a plant. Shredded leaves spread several inches deep in your garden is best, helping the soil retain moisture and adding critical organic material to your soil as the leaves break down.

Resilient Native Plants

Some of our most resilient native plants are adaptable to a wide variety of conditions. It’s becoming typical in Pennsylvania to see long periods of drought followed by intense flooding and rainfall, making it important to select plants that can handle inconsistent conditions. While there are many plants to choose from, here are tried and true options that are widely available and easy to grow.

Adaptable perennials such as **mountain mint** (*Pycnanthemum muticum*), **anise hyssop** (*Agastache foeniculum*), and **wild bergamot** (*Monarda fistulosa*) are tough but beautiful. Each offers fragrant foliage and long-lasting blooms that attract pollinators.

For a resilient shrub or tree choice, look for **red twig dogwood** (*Cornus sericea*), **St. John’s wort** (*Hypericum* spp.) or **serviceberry** (*Amelanchier laevis*). Red twig dogwood can survive a wide variety of moisture conditions and won’t be phased by fall flooding. St. John’s wort is similarly able to withstand dry heat followed by heavy rainfall and sports cheery yellow flowers throughout the summer. Serviceberry is an underutilized, resilient tree with graceful white blooms in spring followed by deep red, edible berries in fall. This small deciduous tree can withstand tough and variable conditions, offering all season beauty with very little maintenance or pests.

ENJOY

After putting in the work of evaluating, exploring and establishing, it’s time to enjoy your resilient garden. Thoughtfully selected, well-established native plants will help your garden weather droughts, storms and other changes in climate.

Not only will you enjoy your garden, but the birds, insects and wildlife in your neighborhood will thrive in your landscape as well! ♦

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Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens is a 48-acre public garden showcasing native flora of the eastern United States and a world-class collection of rhododendrons and azaleas. The gardens are open every day of the year, and admission is always free. Plan your visit by visiting Jenkins online at JenkinsArboretum.org.



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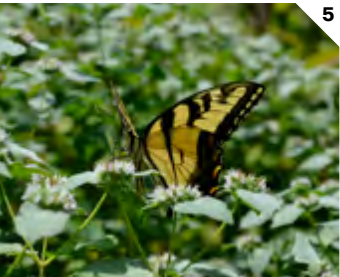
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| 1. Monarch on ironweed | 4. Native wildflowers at Jenkins |
| 2. Bumblebee on <i>Monarda fistulosa</i> | 5. <i>Pycnanthemum muticum</i> with tiger swallowtail |
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Strolling Through Summer on West Chester's Gay Street



THE OPEN AIR MARKET KEEPS THE FUN OUTSIDE.

Cara Corridoni

EACH FRIDAY FROM MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER, concrete barriers are set up and traffic is detoured. Cars are once again prohibited from driving down one of the Borough's main thoroughfares.

Out come the dining tables of all varieties, plus umbrellas, planters and partitions. It's goodbye to vehicle exhaust and thumping basses, and hello to tantalizing aromas and leisurely conversations as visitors enjoy a world-class meal and families gather at the 44 West Plaza, ice cream cones in hand.

West Chester first closed down its popular Gay Street corridor in the summer of 2020, a quick reaction made to help the town's renowned dining scene as the grip of the pandemic tightened. Even rushed and roughly defined, the concept was an immediate success. In the years that followed, businesses and community leaders have worked to fine-tune the design and are now looking to develop a permanent plan.

The Borough of West Chester hired consultants to work on ways to replace concrete barriers with permanent fixtures, add greater accessibility and have street activities spread out along the street, but the

changes are still at least a season away. In the meantime, welcome the 2023 seasonal menus, displays of merchandise and lilting laughter as another season of the Borough's outdoor party gets underway.

SET THE SCENE

As you head to Gay Street this summer, you'll find the Borough air alive with music, especially in the evenings. On the street's west end, Stove & Tap and Saloon 151 promise live entertainment from Friday through Sunday. Bar Avalon and The Social have similar plans on the street's east end.

The musical fervor picks up a notch on First Fridays each month, when the Downtown Business District hosts its Summer Concert Series. Live performances are expected from Chester County favorites, soul infusion band CayaSol and rockers Onyx & Honey. Find performances on the historic Courthouse steps on the first Fridays of June, July and August. And look for fun extras like complimentary face painting and free metered parking.

A Gay Street fixture since 1929, Taylor's Music Store is planning to take it a beat further, bringing the people to the music. In

addition to providing a stage for established and up-and-coming musicians, the longtime music shop hopes to create an interactive experience.

They'll be setting up drum and ukulele circles on select Saturday afternoons this summer. During the performances, instruments will be arranged in a circle on the street, and the sessions will be led by instructors from the school. But anyone — regardless of ability — is welcome to join, using extra instruments available for those who want to jam. Check Taylor's social media accounts for information about dates and times.

Come down on Saturday mornings for a different type of transformative experience. Follow the soothing sounds of ambient music to the front of the Gay Street Post Office building, where you'll find local yogis setting up their mats for a possibly (depending on the weather) hot yoga session. Every other Saturday, Deanna Stissi of Triple-Threat Fitness will host an all-levels yoga class in the street. Classes begin at 9 a.m. No registration needed, just bring a mat and \$5 cash.

RETAIL THERAPY

Now that you've left the stress of the week behind, it's time to take advantage of some therapeutic shopping. As you wander down the trafficless street, pause to thumb through racks of the season's latest fashions. Always on trend, Blink has a stock of strappy tanks and flirty slip dresses. Floral prints in all shapes and sizes are popular at Green Eyed Lady and Kaly. Keep walking and you'll find Tish Boutique continuing to straddle the line between tailored and casual. With plenty of tie-dye, denim and linen, your day-to-night beach wardrobe awaits on a rack.

Just across the street is Tish Kids. Opened last fall, it takes its first shot at summer styling with a selection of bathing suits from imaginative kidswear designer Molo and a collection of comfy coverups for your little one. On select Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. during the summer, Tish Kids will host a story hour. Register through their Instagram if your kiddo is interested.

Not sure what look you're going for? Squeeze in a trip to newcomer Bobbles and Lace. A block off Gay on North High Street, the shop is a modern clothing store that promises customers a complete retail experience. "What sets us apart is our styling. Every client who walks in will be styled head to toe, whether they leave with one piece or a whole wardrobe," says owner Crystal Gambardella.

While you're on High Street, stop in at Mayday, West Chester's newest cafe. Soak in the West Coast vibes, browse a collection of gift items you won't find elsewhere, and refuel your lazy afternoon with one of their specialty coffees. Sample different roasts at their pour-over station or take my recommendation and try the housemade iced honey-lavender latte.

TAKING IT ALL IN

Summer in West Chester just wouldn't be the same without plates piled high with your seasonal favorites. And this year promises to be



Stove & Tap



Saloon 151



Blink



Bar Avalon



Greystone Oyster Bar



The Social

as delicious as ever as chefs introduce the new while embracing trends that bring classics back to the dining forefront.

Maybe it's the continuing stress of the grown-up world, but the National Restaurant Association found comfort food will be a big dining trend this year. Luckily there are countless ways to get the warm and fuzzies while dining in West Chester, but perhaps none better than to embrace a simpler time with a perfectly cooked Avalon Burger from West Chester staple Bar Avalon. Topped with bacon and cheddar and served with a heaping side of truffle fries, this plate's arrival chases away every care in the world.

Summer wouldn't be summer without a little seafood. To find yours, turn off Gay Street onto Church Street, stroll past the fountains of 44 West Plaza, and swing into Greystone Oyster Bar. Grab a seat at the bar and order the jumbo shrimp cocktail, served with their signature cocktail sauce in a martini glass. The mid-century classic delivers the thrill of nostalgia with the sophistication of a James Bond movie.

Looking for seafood comfort of a modern kind? The Social's New Orleans BBQ Shrimp is sauteed in Cajun butter and served over goat cheese grits. So decadent it will have you wishing you were from the South.

Sundays aren't scary when you're out in downtown West Chester. Wind down the weekend with Saloon 151's popular all-you-can-eat crab legs, available summer Sundays from 3 to 9 p.m. While you're there, pop next door and check out their new tequila bar. Expect the same focus on tequila that they brought to whiskey.

Looking for something new and refreshing? Head to Teca for a glass of on-trend orange wine — an interesting wine that has nothing to do with oranges. Instead, it's a white wine made by leaving the grape skins and seeds in contact with the juice to give the wine a deep orange hue. Earlier this year, Teca began stocking wine from the Italian winery Gravner, a pioneer of the orange wine movement.

Equally refreshing if you're observing dry-June is the freshly made organic lavender lemonade from La Tartine. While you're there, sample homemade Mediterranean classics such as falafel and baba ghanouj.

IT'S BEEN AN ABSOLUTE TREAT

As your time on Gay Street begins to wind down, you've got to add that cherry on top. Whether your tastes veer toward the new and novel or cool and classic, West Chester has a place for you.

Start with the newly opened Eden Sweet House on West Gay Street, where the front case is full of homemade Asian-influenced goodies. I sampled an egg tart, featuring a sweet creamy filling inside a light, slightly crisp shell. Or choose a Japanese soy milk cream cake with strawberries, French puffs in original, chocolate or matcha, or a variety of thinly layered mille crepe cakes. All goodies are made on site by owner Steven Tso and his wife.

From the Far East, head farther east on Gay Street and grab a refreshing scoop of that Italian iced classic at the always fabulous D'Ascenzo's Gelato. The nationally recognized gelateria is celebrating 19 years on Gay Street with 24 daily rotating flavors served among overflowing window boxes and awnings reminiscent of a charming Italian village. Choose from classics like butter cookie and mint chip and seasonal favorites like lemon basil.

Now that you've satisfied your craving, don't forget your furry companion. Stop in at Salty PAWS, where lactose-free ice cream is made with your pup in mind. Their treats come in canine-friendly flavors like maple bacon and peanut butter and are made using dog-safe ingredients. On Gay Street, dining is dog-friendly and so is dessert.

The four closed blocks of Gay Street offer you variety — from fine dining to retail thrills to outdoor concerts and hours of people-watching. So, grab a seat and enjoy the sweetness of a mid-summer treat as the sun slowly dips behind the horizon and the air cools to a temperature that makes you just want to pause and enjoy it all for a while longer.

For more on what's happening, visit DowntownWestChester.com. ♦



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West Chester Events

Chester County History Center THROUGH JULY 1

"Seventeen Men"—an exhibit featuring the men of the U.S. Colored Troops and their role in the Union Army during the Civil War. 225 N. High St. Tues–Sat, \$5–\$8. MyCCHC.org.

Open-Air Market in West Chester THROUGH OCTOBER 29

Gay Street is closed to vehicles Friday morning through Monday morning. Restaurants and retail line the street, for strolling, eating, exploring the town. DowntownWestChester.com.



West Chester TAPS

Memorial Day through Labor Day
Wednesdays

Enjoy a borough-wide happy hour to unwind with friends every Wednesday, 4 to 7 pm. Participating locations offer select \$4 beers, \$5 wines and \$6 cocktails plus half-price appetizers. DowntownWestChester.com for locations.

First Fridays

JUNE 2, JULY 7, AUGUST 4

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

Uptown! at Knauer Performing Arts Center

JUNE 2—INTO SEPTEMBER

June 2, Kiss The Sky: Jimi Hendrix Tribute; *June 7*, One Alternative; *June 9*, Better Than Bacon; *June 10*, Sharp Dance Company; *June 12*, Grease sing-along and costume contest; *June 24*, Green River—Creedence Clearwater Revival Tribute; *July 21*, 615 Collective. 226 N. High St. Tickets and times, UptownWestChester.org.

Turk's Head Music Festival

JUNE 4

Two stages feature seven local bands performing, plus 90 artists, craftspeople and vendors with booths in Everhart Park. 100 S. Brandywine St. Noon to 7 pm. Rain date, June 11. Free. TurksHeadFestival.com.

2023 Town Tours & Village Walks

JUNE 8—AUGUST 17

This year, "Our Agricultural Heritage" will kick

off on Thursday, June 8, at the United Methodist Church, 129 S. High St. 5 to 7:30 pm. Tours continue on Thursday evenings. ChesCo.org/Planning/TownTours.

Summer Solstice Music Festival JUNE 10

A family-friendly music festival supporting live local music and celebrating the start of summer. Benefits and held at Brandywine Red Clay Alliance, 1760 Unionville Wawaset Rd. 2 to 10 pm. \$25–\$75. WayKool.com.

Music at Marshall

JUNE 16, JULY 6, 27, AUGUST 17

Picnic concerts in Marshall Square Park. Food trucks open at 5 pm. Music at 6:30. *June 15*, Sin Brothers; *July 6*, Slingshot; *July 27*, Butterfoot; *Aug. 17*, Chico's Vibe. Check website for weather updates. 200 E. Marshall St. 6:30. Free. MarshallSquarePark.org.

Fête de la Musique World Music Day JUNE 21

Showcasing local musical talent. Stroll through town and listen to musicians as they perform on street corners, sidewalks, plazas and more. 11 am to 9 pm. Free. DowntownWestChester.com.



Concerts in the Park

JUNE 22, JULY 20, AUGUST 4

Bring a chair or blanket and kick back to enjoy live music. Bands TBD. Food trucks on site. *June 22*, Hoopes Park, 700 Hoopes Park Ln.; *July 20*, Everhart Park, 100 S. Brandywine St.; *Aug. 4*, John O. Green Park, S. Matlack & E. Miner Sts. 6:30 pm. West-Chester.com.

Family Fest at The American Helicopter Museum

JUNE 24

Family and fun with helicopter rides, classic car and motorcycle show, food trucks, inflatable games, static aircraft displays, music and more. 1220 American Blvd. 10 to 5. \$20; under 5, free. AmericanHelicopter.Museum.

Touch A Truck Day – Night Out Against Crime

AUGUST 1

Emergency responders are on hand (ambulance,

fire trucks, police cars) as well as games, rides, food trucks, face painting and more. West-Chester.com.

Movie in the Park AUGUST 11

Bring your blanket, chairs and picnic to Bayard Rustin Park for a family movie (TBD). 401 E. Gay St. Movie starts at dusk. West-Chester.com.

SHINE in the VINES SEPTEMBER DATE TBD

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

21st Up On The Roof SEPTEMBER 16

A fundraiser benefiting the West Chester Downtown Foundation. Enjoy food by Limoncello and John Serock Catering. Desserts by some of West Chester's favorites. Complimentary beer, wine and the always-popular Rooftop Martini. Rooftop, Chestnut Street Garage, 14 E. Chestnut St. 5:30 pm. DowntownWestChester.com.

42nd Annual Chester County Restaurant Festival

SEPTEMBER 17

Local vendors and restaurants take over downtown West Chester, serving up delicious, gourmet, ethnic and unique favorites. Plus a Beer and Wine Garden. West-Chester.com.

WCU Family Weekend Meets Homecoming 2023

SEPTEMBER 29—OCTOBER 1

West Chester University hosts families, alumni, students, faculty, staff and community members for a weekend of programs, athletic events, school spirit and lots of fun. Visit WCUPA.edu.

82nd Chester County Day House Tour

OCTOBER 7

Longest running house tour in the country, organized by the Women's Auxiliary to Chester County Hospital, showcases the history, architecture, art, landscape and antiques that exemplify fine Chester County living. Tickets on sale this summer. ChesterCountyDay.com.

Rotary Club of West Chester Chili Cook-Off

OCTOBER DATE TBD

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

WILMINGTON'S RIVERFRONT:

From Landing at the Rocks
to Lounging on the Riverwalk

A LITTLE HISTORY BEFORE WE GET TO THIS YEAR'S SUMMER FUN

Edwin Malet

IN THE MID-20TH CENTURY, WILMINGTON'S riverfront was an industrial powerhouse, a center for shipbuilding, serving the chemical, railroad and steel businesses that had become Wilmington's industrial backbone. By the late 20th century, that had all but disappeared. Instead, the core of the economy has been replaced by museums, restaurants, a baseball stadium and other amusements.

Some four centuries ago, however, none of the 21st-century conditions could have been anticipated. What would become the city of Wilmington was then home to the Lenape tribe, periodically raided by the more war-like Minquas, who gave their name to the river on which the Lenape lived — Minquaskill.

Only in 1638 did two Swedish ships arrive, the river was renamed the Christina, and the surrounding settlement became New Sweden, before ultimately becoming Wilmington.

Wilmington Riverwalk

NEW SWEDEN

From your history books, you may recall the name Peter Minuit. In 1624, on behalf of the Dutch West India Company, Minuit closed a major real estate deal, paying 60 guilders of wampum for an island today called Manhattan. By 1631, having been recalled and dismissed, he took his talents elsewhere — to Sweden — and made a deal with that government to establish a colony on the Delaware River.

In 1638, the New Sweden Company, as it was called, bought 67 miles of waterfront, built a fort (named Christina after Sweden's 12-year-old queen) and sought its fortune in the tobacco and fur trades. (A model of Fort Christina is at the New Castle County building at 800 N. French Street.) The settlers established good trade relations with the local tribes. Several hundred settlers built houses in the Delaware River valley over the next 40 years or so.

Yet the colony lacked the continued backing of its investors. And after some altercations — first with the Dutch and then the English — in 1681, what had been New Sweden became part of a land grant to the Englishman William Penn. In 1739, it was chartered as Wilmington, named after the Earl of Wilmington.

KALMAR NYCKEL, THE ROCKS AND THE COPELAND MARITIME CENTER

When Minuit's expedition arrived in 1638, it came on two ships — the Kalmar Nyckel and the Fogel Grip — and moored at a location known as the Rocks, a formation that served as a natural loading dock. You can visit both of these. Well, one and a replica.

Today the Rocks is located near the Kalmar Nyckel Shipyard at the Copeland Maritime Center at 1124 E. 7th Street. It's marked by a beautiful statue of the tall ship, dedicated by the people of Sweden in 1938. The Copeland Maritime Center features a host of exhibits, including a 3D animation of the conversion of the original Kalmar Nyckel, the ship's arrival at the Rocks, models of over 70 ships, and Wilmington's role as a center of shipbuilding and railroads through World War II.

Unfortunately, since 1652 the actual Kalmar Nyckel has been somewhere at the bottom of the North Sea off the east coast of Scotland, near Buchan Ness. It was sunk in the first engagement of the Anglo-Dutch War. That's the sad news.

The happy news is that, since 1997, you can sail on a full-scale replica of the Kalmar Nyckel, also known as the "Tall Ship of Delaware." For example, you can take a 90-minute cruise on the Christina River during the last week of June and first week of July for \$40.

OLD SWEDES CHURCH

While you're in the neighborhood of the Copeland Maritime Center, visit Old Swedes Church at 606 N. Church Street, about a quarter mile away. The Church was built in 1698, but the cemetery — and its 15,000 or so gravesites — dates back to the initial

Kalmar Nyckel



Old Swedes Church



Jack Markell Trail



Constitution Yards



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Wilmington Blue Rocks



Delaware Children's Museum



Riverfront Summer Concert Series



Banks Seafood Kitchen

settlement of New Sweden. The oldest legible gravestone is ascribed to William Vandever and marked 1718.

Old Swedes Church welcomes visitors during the entire month of June. It offers a tour focused on the architecture and architectural evolution of the church, as well as of the nearby Hendrickson House. Built by farmer Andrew Hendrickson and his wife Brigitta Morton, the Hendrickson House is the oldest surviving Swedish-American home in the United States. The house was originally built in 1690 in Ridley, Pennsylvania but was moved to the current site and restored in 1958.

RUSSELL PETERSON WILDLIFE REFUGE

At the southwest end of the Riverwalk, at 1400 Delmarva Lane, you'll find the DuPont Environmental Education Center, located in Russell Peterson Wildlife Refuge. Located on the Christina River, the Refuge is 212 acres of freshwater tidal marsh, home to bald eagles, ducks, herons, beavers, dragonflies, otters, painted turtles, snakes and more. The staff offers tours by canoe or kayak. If you're free, join them on *June 3* and *23* or throughout the summer.

If you prefer to tour by foot or wheels, the Refuge offers access to the newly completed Jack Markell Trail, a combination boardwalk/asphalt trail running 5.5 miles from Wilmington to New Castle. Together with the connecting Riverwalk and New Castle's Battery Park Trail, the ride end-to-end is about 10 scenic miles. You can rent bicycles at the DuPont Center.

CONSTITUTION YARDS

Constitution Yards is essentially a playground — an adult sandbox, right off the Riverwalk — at 308 Justison Street. You can throw axes, play corn hole, swat a badminton birdie or bowl a bocce ball. Life-size Jenga and Connect 4 are also available. Have a snack, beer or frozen cocktail while you're lounging there. It's a great place to relax!

There are special events all month. A different live band — WTF, Alice, Bad Avenue, Bad Hombres, Jukebox Trio — appears almost every Friday and Saturday night. *June 3* is "Kickback Country Night," Tuesdays are for "Yappy Hour," and "High Noon Pool Party" is in the afternoon on *June 24*. Plus there's more fun throughout the summer. The music — and fun — doesn't stop!

BASEBALL AT FRAWLEY STADIUM

Starting back in April and continuing through September, you can enjoy minor league baseball at Frawley Stadium at the southern end of Riverwalk. In *June*, from the 13th to the 18th and the 20th to the 25th, the Blue Rocks will battle teams from the Jersey Shore and Aberdeen, Maryland. For \$17, you'll have one of the best seats in the house!

MUSEUMS

The Delaware Children's Museum, at 550 Justison Street (open Wednesday to Sunday), may be planned for kids, but adults enjoy it

as well. One of the exhibits features a hollowed out, crawlable trunk of a sycamore tree. Another allows kids to interact with a car, boat or train. The kiddos can don a hard hat and draw up blueprints, while their parents dream of them becoming architects, engineers or

Take a short walk from the Riverfront to The Delaware Contemporary, a museum focused on work by local, regional, national and international artists. Located at 200 Madison Street, it has no permanent collection but includes seven galleries and 26 studios, where it presents more than 24 exhibitions annually.

Slated for *June 11* at The Contemporary, a day of art-based activities and performances — indoors and outdoors, including vendors, food trucks and refreshments — will be offered at the 4th Annual West Street Art Festival. The Children's Museum, the Delaware Blue Coats and local artists will contribute to the fun.

MUSIC

On *June 22*, from 6 to 8 p.m., enjoy Art + Music of Cadence at The Contemporary. Hear original music and covers by an emerging local talent. Cadence's performance playlist includes classic alternative rock favorites, contemporary indie rock and original compositions.

Those are not the only performances. Each Thursday in July and August (beginning *July 8*), from 7 to 8:30 p.m., the Riverfront Summer Concert Series is held at Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park, 80 Rosa Parks Drive, overlooking the Christina River. The performers have yet to be announced, but the lineup is designed to encompass many modern forms: blues, folk, pop, alternative, hip hop ... One thing is certain — the concerts are free!

RESTAURANTS

You won't go hungry while at the Riverwalk, given the wide variety of choices. For seafood, try Banks Seafood Kitchen, which has garnered a long list of awards. Other options include Big Fish Grill at 720 Justison Street or Docklands at 110 S. West Street, both specialize in maritime treats.

For Mexican fare, Del Pez at 400 Justison Street is a good bet. And for a bit of Asia, the Ubon Thai Kitchen & Bar, 936 Justison Street, is an excellent choice.

A visit to Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant is always good, both here on the Riverwalk or at its other area locations (West Chester, Media, Phoenixville, etc.). Farther south on Riverwalk, Timothy's is another great place to grab a burger, wings or pizza.

If you're looking for lots of options, try the Riverfront Market, at 3 S. Orange Street, which is like a food court.

Yes, Wilmington's riverfront has come a long way in four centuries — from a Native American stream, to the mercantile hopes of Swedish, Dutch and English investors, to the heart of a great industrial city, to today's urban playground of museums, naturalists, ballparks, concerts and restaurants. Enjoy it all!

For more, go to VisitWilmingtonDE.com. ♦



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More Fun In and Around WILMINGTON...

THROUGH JUNE 21

Spring Tours at Historic Odessa Foundation. Tours include a guided walk through the heart of Odessa, including the Foundation's five main properties, outbuildings, gardens and grounds. Tues–Sat, 10 to 4:30; Sun, 1 to 4:30. HistoricOdessa.org

THROUGH AUGUST

Kalmar Nyckel, Tall Ship of Delaware. Find adventure and outdoor fun, maritime history and cultural events with annual community festivals. *July 8*, Captain Kidd's Pirate Adventure Day, noon to 4 pm; *Aug. 12*, Underground Railroad Superhero Fun Day, noon to 4 pm. Copeland Maritime Center at the Kalmar Nyckel Shipyard, 1124 E. 7th St. KalmarNyckel.org.

THROUGH SEPTEMBER

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



THROUGH SEPTEMBER

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

THROUGH OCTOBER 31

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

THROUGH DECEMBER

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

JUNE 1–20

At The Grand in Wilmington. *June 1*, Sara Evans: Copy That Tour; *June 9*, Morris Day and the Time; *June 10*, Pat Metheny Side-Eye; *June 16*, Iris DeMent with special guest Ana Egge; *June 20*, Ben Folds: What Matters Most Tour. 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. Times and tickets, TheGrandWilmington.org.

JUNE 2

The Ladybug Music Festival. A celebration of women in music with a 100% female-fronted lineup, giving platforms to women in all areas of music event production. Venues located along Lower Market St. Times and tickets, TheLadyBugFestival.com.



JUNE 4–NOVEMBER 5

First Sunday each month Steamin' Days at Auburn Heights. Climb into an antique automobile or board one of the trains and experience what it was like to travel at the turn of the 20th century. Tour the 1897 mansion that was home to three generations of the Marshall family. 3000 Creek Rd., Yorklyn, DE. 12:30 to 4:30 pm. \$8–\$12. AuburnHeights.org.

JUNE 7–AUGUST 30

Wednesdays

Summer Nights at Hagley Museum & Library. Bring a picnic to enjoy at the picnic pavilion on Workers' Hill or at a table along the Brandywine. Dogfish Head craft beer and Woodside Farm Creamery ice cream are available for purchase. 200 Hagley Creek Rd. 5 to 8 pm. \$5. Hagley.org.

JUNE 11–18

St. Anthony's Italian Festival. Italian-American festival featuring great food, entertainment and cultural activities, games, rides and more. Benefits St. Anthony of Padua Grade School. 901 N. DuPont St. Visit website for hours and admission, SAPDE.org.

JUNE 21–25

Clifford Brown Jazz Festival. A large, free jazz festival hosting world-class and Grammy-winning musicians. Rodney Square, N. Market and E. 10th Sts. CliffordBrownJazzFest.org.



JUNE 22, JULY 20, AUG. 17 & SEPT. 21

Sip & Stroll at Brandywine Zoo. Go a little wild at the family-friendly event. You'll sip, stroll and learn while enjoying beer and touring the zoo after hours. Fun animal encounters and activities for all ages. Limited number of tickets. Beer sold separately. Brandywine Park, 1001 N. Park Dr. 5 to 7. BrandywineZoo.org.

JUNE 24

Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Festival. Bring your chairs and blankets to relax outdoors at beautiful Rockwood Park as you browse the shops of the Cottage Maker Market, listen to live local music, get food and enjoy local ice cream and other sweet treats. Rockwood Park & Museum, 4651 Washington St. Extension. 1 to 9:30 pm. NewCastleDE.gov.



AUGUST DATE TBD

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

AUGUST 4, SEPTEMBER 15

Wilmington & Western Railroad — Brews on Board. Local craft brews are served aboard the train for your tasting pleasure on a leisurely 2-hour round-trip through the Red Clay Valley. Must be 21. WWRR.com.



AUGUST 20–27

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

SEPTEMBER 9

Historic Odessa Brewfest. Enjoy 50 local, regional and national craft breweries, live music, gourmet food and artisan vendors. Benefits Historic Odessa Fdn. 202 Main St., Odessa, DE. VIP, noon to 6, \$75; general adm., 2 to 6, \$60. 302-378-4119; OdessaBrewfest.com.

SEPTEMBER 9–10

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

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 610.827.9002; BirchrunvilleStoreCafe.com

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 484.770.8631; AnticaPA.com

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 484.359.4144; BloomSouthernKitchen.com

Epicurean Garage
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 610.615.5189; EpicureanGarage.com

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 499 E. Uwchlan Ave.
 610.524.3112; LimoncelloCS.com

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★ **King's Tavern**
 313 W. Kings Hwy.
 484.786.8120; KingsTavern.net

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 484.784.5483; TheRecordCoatesville.com

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 138 Lancaster Ave.
 610.590.4782; AmisTrattoria.com

Pizzeria Vetri
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 484.207.6663; PizzeriaVetri.com

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104 W. State St.
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108 E. State St. 610.925.4984
PortabellosOfKennettSquare.com

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696 Unionville Rd.
610.444.5600; SovanaBistro.com

★ **Talula's Table**

102 W. State St.
610.444.8255; TalulasTable.com

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127 E. State St. 484.731.4176;
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610.727.5253; BombaTacos.com

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39 Conestoga Rd. 610.647.1631;
FarmhousePeoplesLight.com

General Warren
9 Old Lancaster Rd.
610.296.3637; GeneralWarren.com

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

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

★ **Toninos Pizza & Pasta Co.**
235 Lancaster Ave. 610.240.9566
ToninosPizzaAndPasta.com
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★ **Ariano Restaurant & Bar**
114 S. Olive St.
610.892.6944; Ariano.net

★ **Azie Media**
217 W. State St.
610.566.4750; Azie-Restaurant.com

★ **Brick & Brew (also in Malvern)**
26 W. State St.
484.443.8441; BrickNBrewPub.com

★ **Desert Rose**
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484.444.2526; SterlingPig.com

★ **Tom's Dim Sum and Dim Sum Mania**
610.566.6688; TomsDimSum.com
610.557.8757; DimSumMania.com

★ **Shere-E-Punjab**
210 W. State St.
610.891.0400; Shere-E-Punjab.com

★ **The Towne House**
177 Veterans Sq.
484.445.2041; TheTowneHousePA.com

★ **Two Fourteen**
214 W. State St. 724.904.9139;
TwoFourteenRestaurant.com

Newtown Square

Firepoint Grill
3739 West Chester Pk.
484.428.3093; FirepointGrill.com

P.J. Whelihan's (also in Malvern & West Chester)
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610.848.4100; PJsPub.com

Teca (also in West Chester)
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Cedar Hollow Inn

★ **Bistro on Bridge**
212 Bridge St.
610.935.7141; BistroOnBridge.com

★ **Great American Pub (also in Wayne)**
148 Bridge St. 610.917.3333;
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484.924.8423; IIGranaioPA2.com

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484.302.5714; SedonaTaphouse.com

★ **Rivertown Taps**
226 Bridge St.
RivertownTaps.com

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

★ **Tai Me Up**
301 Bridge St.
484.302.5141; TaiMeUp.com

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2949 Lincoln Hwy.
610.389.7179; HarrysHotDogs.com
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★ **Tavola Restaurant + Bar**
400 W. Sproul Rd.
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★ **A Taste of Britain**
Eagle Village Shops, 503 Lancaster Ave.
610.971.0390; ATOBritain.com

★ **At The Table BYOB**
11 Louella Ct.
610.964.9700; AtTheTableBYOB.com

★ **Autograph Brasserie**
503 W. Lancaster Ave.
610.964.2588; AutographBrasserie.com

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

★ **The Blue Elephant**
110 N. Wayne Ave.
BlueElephantBar.com

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

★ **DanDan**
214 Sugartown Rd.
484.580.8558; DanDanRestaurant.com

★ **DiBruno Brothers — Bar Alimentari**
385 W. Lancaster Ave.
484.581.7888; DiBruno.com

★ **Great American Pub**
4 West Ave.; 610.964.9535
TheGreatAmericanPub.com



Santino's

★ **Rosalie**
139 E. Lancaster Ave.
610.977.0600; RosalieWayne.com

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

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

West Chester

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★ **Andiario**
106 W. Gay St.
484.887.0919; Andiario.com

★ **Bar Avalon**
116 E. Gay St.
610.436.4100; AvalonRestaurant.net

★ **Four Dogs Tavern**
1300 W. Strasburg Rd.
610.692.4367; TheFourDogsTavern.com

★ **Greystone Oyster Bar**
7 N. Church St. 610.241.3369;
GreystoneOysterBarWC.com

★ **Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant**
3 W. Gay St.
610.738.9600; IronHillBrewery.com

★ **Kildare's Pub**
18 W. Gay St.
610.431.0770; KildaresPubWC.com

★ **Limoncello**
9 N. Walnut St.
610.436.6230; LimoncelloWC.com

★ **Mae's West Chester**
39 W. Gay St.
484.887.0062; MaesWC.com

★ **Market Street Grill**
6 W. Market St.
610.429.5328; TheMarketStreetGrill.com



Ludwig's Grill & Oyster Bar

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★ **Más on the Roof**
102 E. Market St.
610.918.6280; MasMexicali.com

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★ **Mercato Italian Ristorante & Bar**
33 W. Market St.
610.701.6326; Mercato33.com

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484.760.6100; PietrosPrime.com

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★ **Roots Café**
133 E. Gay St.
610.455.0100; RootsCafeWC.com

★ **Saloon 151 Whiskey Bar & Grill**
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610.701.8489; Saloon151.com

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44 W. Gay St.
610.738.5104; SedonaTaphouse.com

The Social
117 E. Gay St.
610.738.3948; TheSocialWC.com

★ **The Original Spence Cafe**
131 N. High St.
610.918.1272; Spence.Cafe

Sterling Pig Public House
113 W. Market St.
484.999.8026; SterlingPig.com

Stove & Tap
158 W. Gay St.
484.999.0922; StoveAndTap.com

★ **Teca**
38 E. Gay St.
610.738.8244; TecaWC.com

West Marlborough

★ **The Whip Tavern**
1383 N. Chatham Rd.
610.383.0600; TheWhipTavern.com

Northern Delaware

Banks' Seafood Kitchen
101 S. Market St., Wilmington
302.777.1500; BanksSeafoodKitchen.com

★ **Buckley's Tavern**
5812 Kennett Pk., Centreville
302.656.9776; BuckleysTavern.com

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

DE.CO
Hotel DuPont, 111 W. 10th St., Wilmington
302.300.4955; DECOWilmington.com

La Fia
421 N. Market St., Wilmington
302.543.4474; LaFiaWilmington.com

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

Makers Alley
804 Orange St., Wilmington
302.482.1299; MakersAlleyDE.com

Wilma's
900 N. Market St., Wilmington
302.400.7766; GoodTimeWilmas.com
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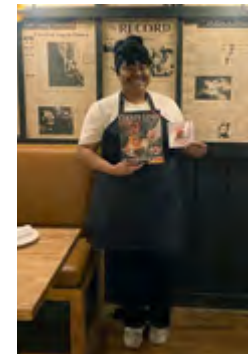
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SUMMER SIPPING SUGGESTIONS

Jessica Roberts



SUMMER! IT'S FINALLY TIME TO BE OUTSIDE, and what better way to enjoy the season than with a refreshing glass of wine!

Fortunately, there are many options on the market to choose from to enjoy your sipping in all kinds of settings. The only downside is the difficulty narrowing down your choices. But, here's a start to help you pair with summer fun.

NO GLASS ALLOWED

Beach, concert and pool party ventures often require special packaging for your drinks — meaning anything but glass. And there are options. The can craze isn't new, but it's a trend that has continued for good reason. Improvements in manufacturing mean you no longer have to fear the taste of aluminum in canned wine and spirits. Win-win.

That leads us to a strong candidate for your unofficial go-to house wine to grab: **House Wine** canned wine is a great choice for many of your summer needs. The sparkling brut bubbles and sparkling brut rosé bubbles (\$6.19/can) are both top picks for the season.

Accessibility is one reason to pick up these products, but their ease of pairing with any food is another. Sparkling wines are food-friendly wines because of the natural palate cleanse you get from the bubbles. Enjoy these wines knowing each can is gluten free, environmentally friendly and well placed on *Wine Spectator's* "highly rated" list.

FOOD-FRIENDLY BUBBLES

While canned wine is growing in popularity, it might not be what you need. Many cans hold one- to two-glasses servings, which is great for a single person. But what do you do if you need to serve a whole party? With bigger parties — both guests and food choices — you may want to bring something flexible.

For example, have you also noticed charcuterie boards are everywhere and especially at picnics and barbecues? The boards may seem like too much on your plate to pair with one single wine. But there are options for this, too.

With the idea of sparkling canned wines still in your head, think of the many other sparkling wines to sip. The idea is the same — sparkling wine works as an excellent palate cleanser between bites. So, for a crowd, think about serving **La Marca Prosecco** (\$18.69). This wine comes in many sizes, ranging from 375mL to 1.5L, and its crisp taste will make it the star of the show. There aren't many bubbles out there that will beat the popularity and sophisticated flavor profile of this wine.

If you're looking to switch things up, reach for a sparkling Lambrusco. The sweetness will help offset any spice you may have on your board while also offering a unique flavor profile. **Riunite** (\$8.39) is a tried-and-true choice, but if you want something special, reach for a bottle of **Alfredo Bertolani Dolce Fiore Lambrusco** (\$12.99).

WINES FOR A BARBECUE

A typical barbecue meal may offer many different types of food. One of the most difficult to pair with is any grilled vegetable dish. Look no further than a grüner veltliner from Austria. Check your local wine shop for the **Auer BIO Gruner Veltliner** (\$19.99). Not only does it stand up to roasted asparagus, it's also organically farmed and vegan.

For lighter fare, such as chicken and fish, select a lighter wine. Sauvignon blanc is a safe choice because of the acidity and fruit in the wine. Try a New Zealand sauv blanc for this pairing, such as **Kim Crawford** (\$16.79) or **Babich** (\$14.99), both from Marlborough and sustainably farmed.

A lighter red, such as a pinot noir, would pair nicely with grilled food. For classic barbecue food, like pork-based dishes, pinot noir and gamay shine. Willamette Valley, Oregon is currently producing some of the best pinots on the market and should find a spot on your table. **Erath** (\$22.89) is a reasonably priced option, but you can elevate your game with a bottle of **Solena Estate Grande Cuvée Pinot Noir** (\$29.99) with a 92-point score from *Wine Spectator*.

Fuller bodied reds pair well with big red meats. Burgers and sangiovese are a perfect match, so search the Italian section of your wine shop for a nice Chianti classico. **Il Molino di Grace Chianti Classico 2019** (\$18.99) is 100% sangiovese and one of the best Chiantis around.

If you prefer oak, try a reserva level wine that undergoes a little more aging. **Canonica a Cerreto Chianti Classico Riserva 2015** (\$22.89) is rated 94 points from James Suckling. This red is well-priced and a choice your guests are sure to savor and ask for refills!

Cabernets and steak are another classic pair. The tannin in a robust cab will cut through the silky fat in a steak while holding up to the seasoning, depth and complexity of the meat. Treat yourself to a luxury wine, such as **Austin Hope Cabernet Sauvignon** from Paso Robles California (\$64.99). Napa is usually the first pick of many wine buyers, but consider sampling what Austin Hope has to offer. This wine is robust enough to stand up to any heavy meat you serve and garners home-run ratings year after year.

If you're looking for something with a little more fruit but a substantial amount of body, try the **Seghesio Family Vineyards Zinfandel 2020** (\$21.99) from Sonoma County. Zins are usually the no brainer for any barbecue-style meal, but Seghesio works well with any sweet rubs on your grill.

With this short guide, your summer parties should be as smooth as the butter you slather on your corn. As always, if you have further questions, stop into your local wine shop to ask for more help.

Please be safe and drink responsibly. Cheers! ♦

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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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Best Bennies. A hearty congrats to West Chester’s **Market Street Grill**, which Yelp declared the “Top Eggs Benedict” in Pennsylvania. The best Benny in each state was determined by Yelp reviews — Market Street Grill is rated 4.5 stars with nearly 300 reviews. They have six different types of eggs Benedict, including classic, “The Lew” with marinated flank steak and asparagus, and “The Mainline” with sliced avocado on cornbread. Be sure to order some next time you go! 6 W. Market St., West Chester. TheMarketStreetGrill.com.



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New Beginnings. Get farm-fresh produce from **FarmerJawn Agriculture**, taking over after beloved Pete’s Produce closed last year. Founder Christa Barfield has leased 123 acres of land from the Westtown School with a mission to increase access to organic food for marginalized communities. Barfield farms half the land to stock the 3,000-square-foot farm market on Street Road. The remainder will become a farming incubator, comprised of small cooperative farms run by Black farmers. 1225 E. Street Rd., West Chester. FarmerJawnPhilly.com.

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Egg-cellent Rolls. Need something unique to serve at your next gathering? **Madi’s on a Roll** storefront opened in Exton, serving a variety of specialty egg rolls. Owner Madi McShane’s twist on the Chinese restaurant staple has garnered many fans at local farmers markets. The new store offers 15 to 20 varieties of frozen egg rolls, both savory and sweet. Popular flavors include cheesesteak, Buffalo chicken, apple pie and French toast. 290 E. Lincoln Hwy., Exton. MadisOnARoll.com.



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State Street Eats. Just in time for the outdoor dining season, there’s a new restaurant in downtown Kennett Square. **Sweet Amelia’s** — named after owners Karessa and Zack Hathaway’s young daughter — is an upscale, casual eatery offering New American sharable plates and drinks. Menu highlights include spring lamb rack with red lentil hummus, carrot triangoli, chuck eye steak and tandoori-spiced tofu with potato vindaloo. 102 State St., Kennett Square. SweetAmeliasKSQ.com.



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Main Line Market. The minds behind online marketplace Culinary Harvest have a new venture. The **Berwyn Farmers Market** is open Sundays, 10 to 1, at Bronze Plaza (in front of Handel’s Ice Cream) through October. The open air market hosts over two dozen rotating food producers and artisans each week, including Stonyrun Farms, Manatawny Still Works and Bamba Soap, as well as live music and other events. 511 Old Lancaster Rd., Berwyn. CulinaryHarvest.com.



Barbecue at Home with Michael Falcone

TRY SOME UNIQUE SAUCES ON THE GRILL

Courtney H. Diener-Stokes

I'VE FOLLOWED MICHAEL FALCONE'S CULINARY path ever since I dined at his first restaurant, Funky Lil' Kitchen in Pottstown, about 15 years ago. His innovative and daring approach to cuisine inspired me.

It was a pleasure to reconnect recently with Falcone to hear his story since closing FLK a decade ago and learn about his plans for the future. And since we're focusing on outdoor grilling, I asked what he's cooking at home this summer for his wife Tonda and daughter Rio.

Falcone's latest food venture began five years ago when he met food entrepreneur David Backhus in Yellow Springs, where Falcone had his Heart Food Truck. An exchange of phone numbers led to a friendship that became a partnership.

The timing was perfect. Falcone was ready to move on from the food truck he started after closing FLK, and Backhus planned to open Oori, a seasonal Korean-inspired restaurant in Pottstown. Backhus knew Falcone's history with FLK and needed guidance.

In 2019 Falcone partnered with Backhus in Take Flight Restaurant Group, where he also serves as corporate chef. Since then, the duo

has taken the local culinary scene by storm. "David has a great vision and wants to put it to good use," Falcone says. "I'm fortunate to be along for the ride."

After launching Oori in South Coventry in 2019, they opened Bloom Southern Kitchen in Eagle a year later. In 2021 they started Collective Coffee, a coffee roastery, also in Chester County. Then in April 2023, they added Collective Coffee & Bakery in Ludwig's Village. (The group also owns Morgantown Coffee

House in Elverson, which Backhus started before their partnership.)

Their latest acquisition is The Stables: Kitchen & Beer Garden in Eagle, reopening early this summer after renovations. "It will be a casual, fun hangout but with elevated food and service," Falcone says. "Bring your family."

Plans also include expanding Bloom to the third floor for a members-only speakeasy. Falcone says the vibe of the lounge will be "dark and chill." Intended to be a late-night, after-dinner destination, the speakeasy will have a menu featuring light food and cheese boards plus a full range of bourbons and specialty cocktails.

With all he has on his plate, Falcone enjoys downtime with his family, especially when it comes to summertime meals at home centered around the grill. He shared some of his favorite barbecue recipes that, not surprisingly, venture into new or less-traveled territory. They're likely to inspire you to leave your comfort zone as they've done for me. Read on!



Michael Falcone, left, and David Backhus



Michael Falcone prepping asparagus



Oori in South Coventry

Grilled Wings with Korean White BBQ Sauce

This white barbecue sauce was inspired by the Southern white barbecue sauce used at Bloom on its burgers. At Oori some Korean ingredients are incorporated into the same base of mayonnaise and vinegar. The sauce is used on top of the bun buns, and it's one of the wing sauce options on the fried wings. This recipe is a home version you can make on the grill. Pair with a green salad dressed with the leftover white barbecue sauce.

Serves 4



- 4 C. mayonnaise
- ½ C. mirin (rice wine)
- 1 C. rice vinegar
- 1 T. wasabi
- 1 T. gochugaru flakes (chili pepper flakes)
- 1 T. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 tsp. black pepper
- 1 C. scallions, sliced
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 4 dz. chicken wings (about 4 lbs.)
- 1 T. white and black sesame seeds

Puree all ingredients in a blender except scallions, chicken, salt, pepper and sesame seeds.

Add scallions and pulse until incorporated to create white barbecue sauce.

Sprinkle salt and pepper on wings before spacing them out directly on grill grates.

Cook on low, moving the wings between direct and indirect heat. Flip every three minutes to prevent burning. Cook approximately 15 minutes, until chicken reaches an internal temperature of 165°.

Place cooked wings in a large bowl, add white barbecue sauce and toss to coat thoroughly.

Place wings on a platter and sprinkle with sesame seeds. Serve immediately.

Refrigerate leftovers in a sealed container for up to two days.

Origins of White BBQ Sauce

White barbecue sauce has roots in Decatur, Alabama, where Robert Gibson is credited with inventing it in 1925. Before being offered at his restaurant, Big Bob Gibson Bar-B-Q, it was first featured on hickory-smoked chicken and pork he'd serve to his family during backyard barbecues.

Centered on four ingredients — mayonnaise, vinegar, salt and pepper — the sauce is both peppery and tangy. In addition to poultry and pork, the all-purpose sauce pairs well with seafood, wild game, green salad, potato salad and coleslaw.

If you want to try Gibson's original recipe before you make Falcone's Korean White BBQ Sauce variation, you can order it through the restaurant's website, where they sell a variety of their sauces and rubs: BigBobGibson.com.

Spicy Bourbon BBQ Shrimp and Grits with Asparagus

At Bloom red bourbon barbecue sauce is featured on the shrimp and grits dish. This sauce is house-made using Creole seasoning and bourbon. No marinade time is needed for these skewered shrimp that are quick to cook. Pair with grilled asparagus.

Serves 4 (makes 8 shrimp skewers)



- 1 tsp. oil (of choice)
- 2 garlic cloves, sliced
- 1 small onion, diced
- 3 large tomatoes, peeled and diced
- 2 oz. bourbon
- ½ C. apple cider vinegar
- ½ C. brown sugar
- ½ can chipotle peppers, pureed
- 2 tsp. kosher salt
- 3 lbs. medium shrimp, raw and thawed

Place oil in a saucepan on medium heat. Add garlic and onion. Caramelize onions until light brown.

Add tomatoes and cook for another 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add bourbon, stir to combine and cook off alcohol, approximately two minutes.

Add apple cider vinegar, brown sugar and chipotle puree. Stir to combine, cooking another 10 minutes to thicken. Add salt, stir to combine.

Take the saucepan off the burner to cool. Once cool, puree in a blender until smooth.

Add six shrimp to each skewer. Place skewers directly on the grill grates over medium high heat. Baste the top of the shrimp with barbecue sauce and let sit for one minute before turning over to cook. While cooking, baste the opposite side. Continue cooking and basting for two minutes per side until cooked through.

Refrigerate leftovers in a sealed container for up to two days.

Grilled Carrots with BBQ Glaze

Carrots are a favorite on the grill. They can be the main feature of any vegetarian dish. Their sweetness helps offset the spiciness of a red barbecue sauce. Since there's sugar in them, the carrots will caramelize and get grill marks on them. If you buy organically grown carrots at the farmers market, leave the skin on (but peel them if store bought). Once cooked, you can top the carrots with freshly toasted granola with almonds and raisins to add an earthiness and a crunch.

Serves 4

8 medium carrots, washed and peeled (unpeeled if organic)

Spicy red barbecue sauce (store bought is fine)

1 C. lightly sweetened granola with almonds and raisins (store bought is fine)



Guide to BBQ Sauces

Beyond white BBQ sauce, classic tomato-based sauce and one featuring bourbon, there are so many other unique sauces to explore over a summertime of grilling. All these sauces pair well with chicken, pork, ribs and tofu steak. Start with a basic barbecue sauce (red or white) and add these ingredients to create your own variations.

Carolina Mustard BBQ Sauce

Yellow mustard sets the tone for this thick and tangy sauce of the South that also features apple cider vinegar and brown sugar, which adds a subtle sweetness.

Caribbean Guava BBQ Sauce

This BBQ sauce has a tropical fruitiness featuring guava paste, dark rum and fresh ginger root.

Habanero BBQ Sauce

Habanero pepper, dry mustard and brown sugar are a few of the main ingredients in this sweet, tangy and spicy sauce.

Blueberry BBQ Sauce

Both sweet and tangy, blueberries are the standout ingredient along with molasses and cinnamon.

Apple-Maple BBQ Sauce

Applesauce, maple syrup and nutmeg are some ingredients that add just the right amount of sweet and spice to this sauce.



Fill a medium pot with water. Add carrots, bring to a boil and simmer until a fork test indicates they're firm but tender, about 15 to 20 minutes.

Drain water from carrots and pat dry. Cut in half lengthwise.

Evenly space the carrots directly on a grill grate, with the flat side down over direct, medium high heat.

Baste the top side of the carrots with barbecue sauce. Let sit for a minute before flipping and cooking for two to three minutes. Baste the opposite side and flip to cook for another two to three minutes.

Place carrots on a serving platter.

Option: toast granola on a baking sheet until golden brown in a 300° oven. Remove from the oven and cool. Sprinkle over carrots.

Refrigerate leftovers in a sealed container for up to two days.

Grilled Chicken with Yogurt Marinade

Yogurt makes a great marinade for chicken thighs or breasts. The cultures in the yogurt help break down the muscle fiber in the meat. When you cook it off, the milk fat in the yogurt caramelizes on the grill, so you'll get char marks on your meat. Fage yogurt is a good option because it's tart, but not overly. It's also a thicker yogurt, so it sticks to the chicken better. The chicken gets nice and tender and smoky on the grill. Pair with grilled vegetables.

Serves 4



- 8 oz. plain yogurt
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. onion powder
- 2 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 tsp. black pepper
- 12 chicken thighs or 4 large boneless breasts

Combine all ingredients in a bowl (except for the chicken) and stir to blend. Add marinade to a plastic, sealable food storage bag. Then add chicken to the bag.

Toss chicken in the marinade to coat completely and lay the bag of chicken flat on a shelf in the refrigerator for four to six hours.

Space chicken out on the grill and cook over medium high heat until cooked through and lightly charred, reaching an internal temperature of 165°.

Refrigerate leftovers in a sealed container for up to two days. ♦

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