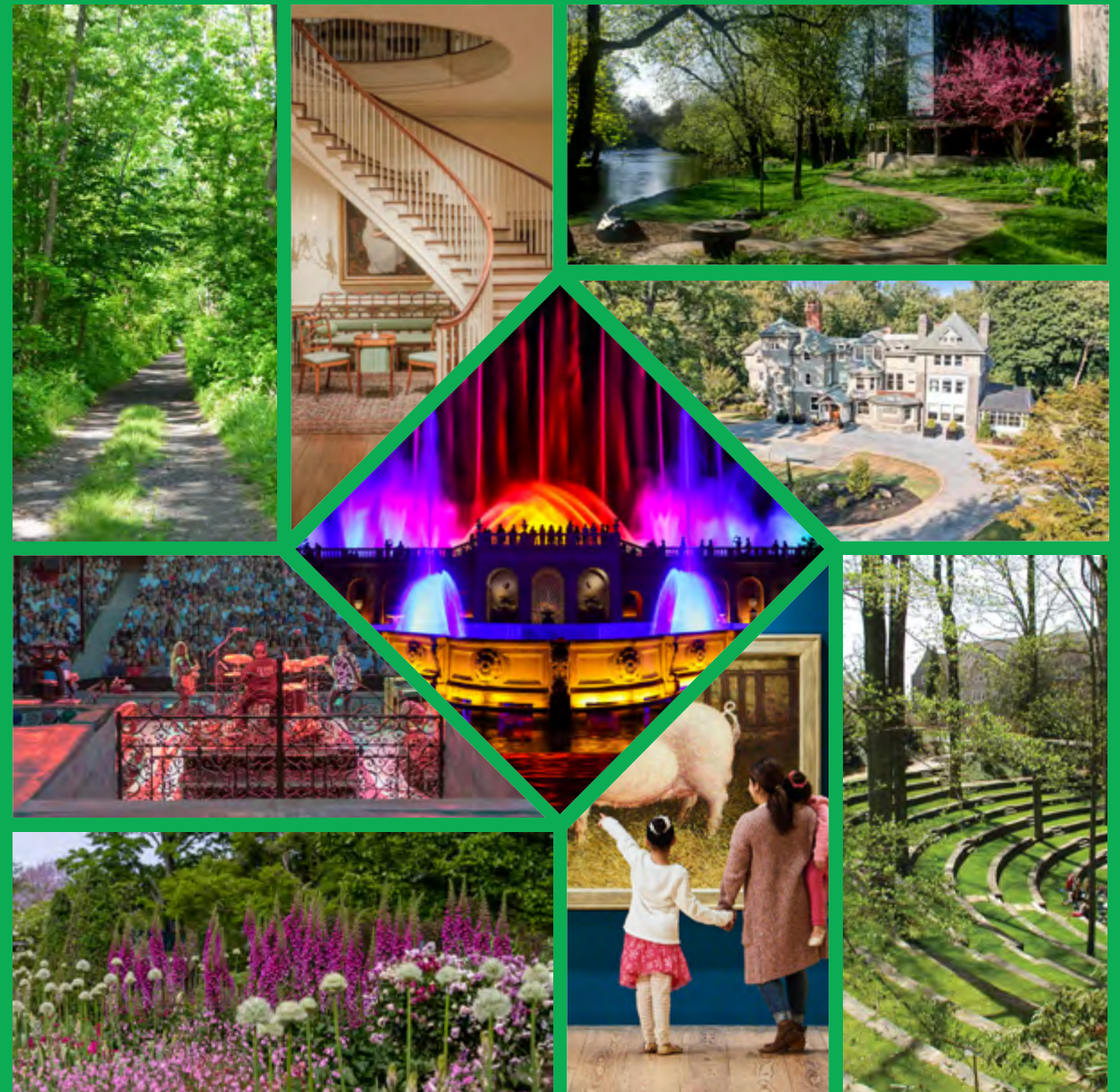


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\$2,850,000



Newlin Township

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This marvelous home is set on 16+ acres abutting the 1,282 acre ChesLen Preserve where you can walk or ride for miles. The 4 bedroom, 5.1 bath home features a chef's kitchen plus an impressive Living Room with a soaring ceiling featuring arched wooden beams. This summer, you will love the view from the deck and the pool. The farm also has a charming Guest House with 3 bedrooms and two baths. For the equestrian, there is a nine stall barn and several pastures, a newer tractor and machinery shed plus a pond. The farm is located in the sought-after Unionville-Chadds Ford School District and convenient to Wilmington and the Route 1 corridor. The property represents a significant value and ideal living opportunity.

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SOLD



Upper Uwchlan Township

Near March Creek State Park

This handsomely set 4 bedroom, 3.1 bath home enjoys protected views from the two-tiered rear deck and patio. The property has a two car attached garage plus a detached 2 car heated garage with lots of storage above. The Kitchen features high end appliances like Wolf plus ample quartz counters and the cabinets offer an abundance of storage. The luxurious primary bathroom features an oversize shower with stunning tile work. The dining room has attractive wainscoting and there is hardwood flooring throughout the main level. The family will love the finished lower level that includes a full Bathroom and an Office. Located in the sought-after Downingtown Schools and near March Creek State Park.

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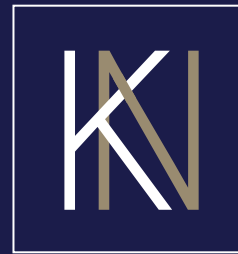


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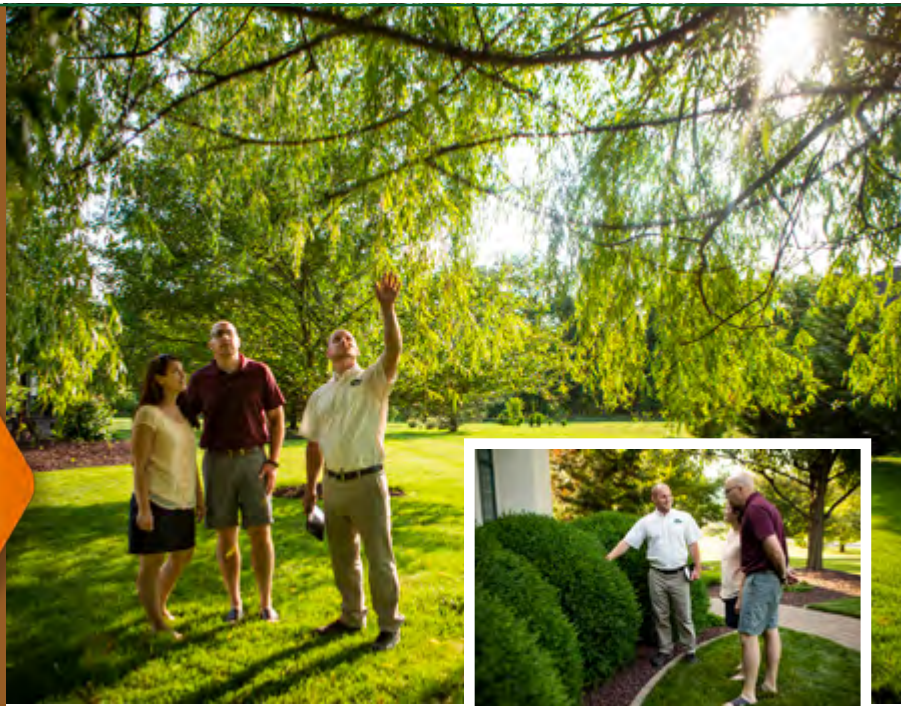


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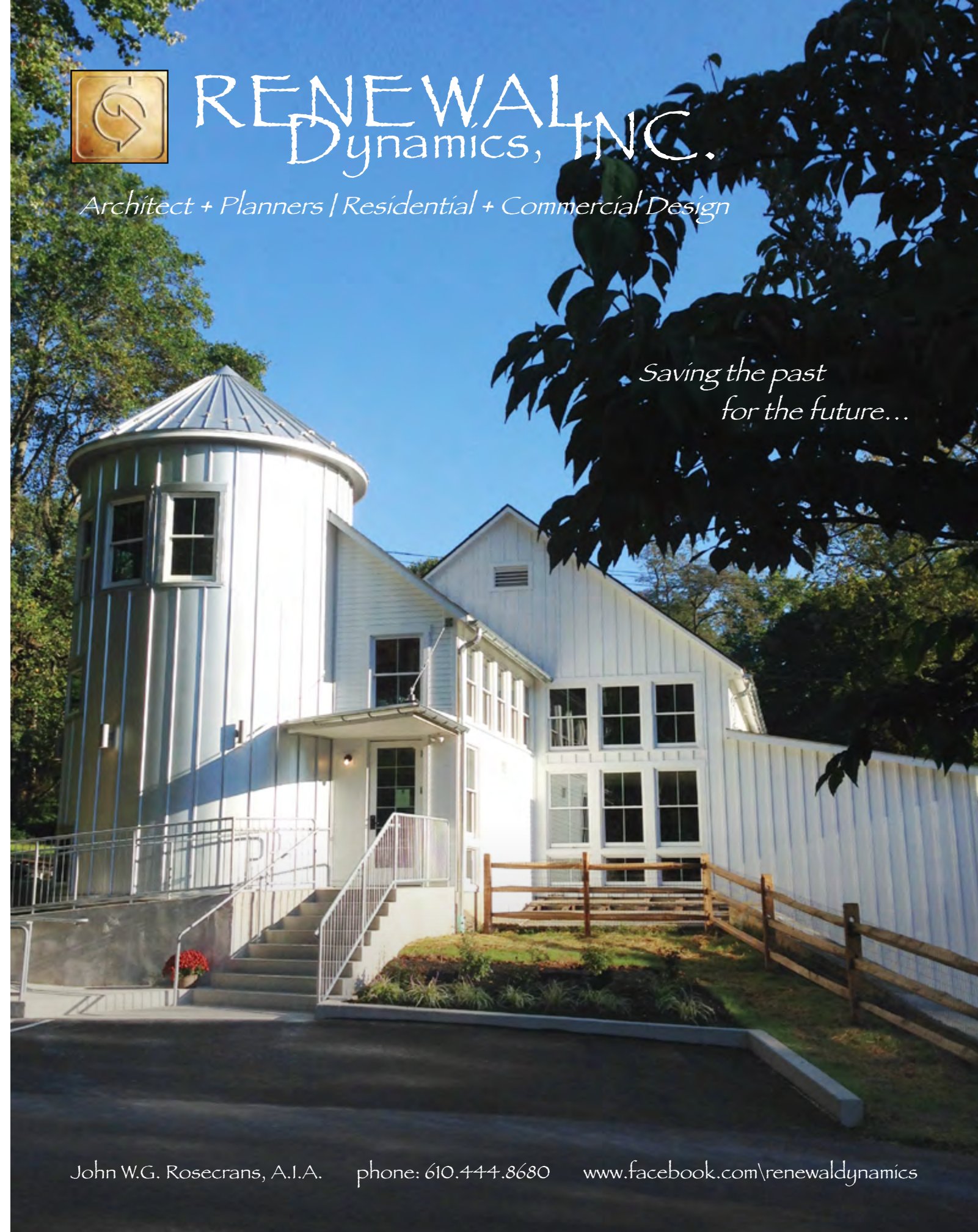
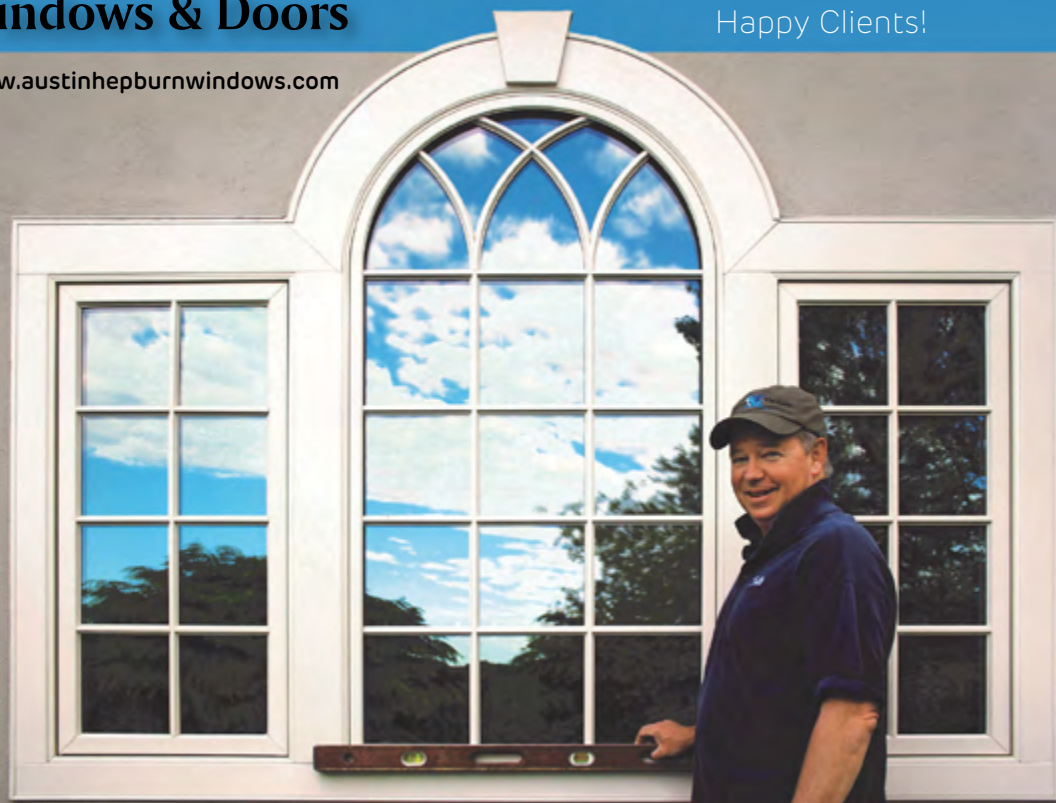


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Happy July! For the Fourth and more. Our July issue includes the annual Guidebook, where we're touring *County Lines* country and beyond and suggesting Family Fun and more in our Best Local Events coverage. Plus we've got what's happening at farmers markets.

But first, some local history. In Brandywine Stories, Malcolm Johnstone writes about "The Teenage Revolutionary" — that's Marquis de Lafayette and his connection to Chester County. For more recent history, we cover the upcoming 25th Blobfest anniversary in Phoenixville, July 12–14.

In our "Year-Round Guide to *County Lines* Country," we start with the "Big Three" — Longwood Gardens, Brandywine Museum of Art, and Winterthur Museum, Garden and Library. Then we explore hiking in Chester and Delaware Counties, touring mansions on the Main Line, and joining this summer's Town Tours & Village Walks. Marci Tomassone's got even more great places for outings — historic sites, parks, gardens and the like.

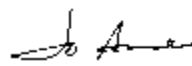
Also our "Fall Guide to the Arts" previews summer concerts and what to expect in the coming season. Mark your calendars!

Carol Metzker tours Brandywine Valley flower farms for summer fun and festivities in "I Went to a Garden Party." Meanwhile Shannon Montgomery has a different goal: cold beer. She found refreshing destinations in "Hoppy Trails: A Dozen of Our Favorite Local Beer Gardens." And Ed Malet shares his research in "Happy Hour in Downtown Wilmington." There's beer, wine, drinks and food at fantastic prices. Plus there's a small recap of some January issue Best of the Best restaurants and bars.

At home, Courtney H. Diener-Stokes visits a local farm raising grass-fed beef and heritage pork to share ideas to "Get Grilling with Wyebrook Farm." Learn about unique cuts of meat and tips for preparing them.

Finally, new residents should check out our "Newcomer's Guide," featuring local businesses, services, schools and more — to help to get settled. Welcome!

Thank you for reading our July issue.


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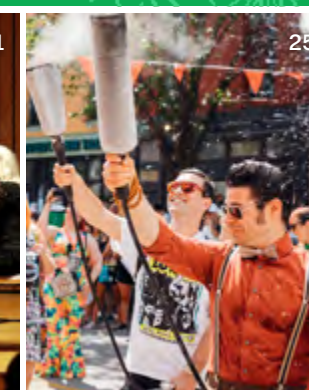


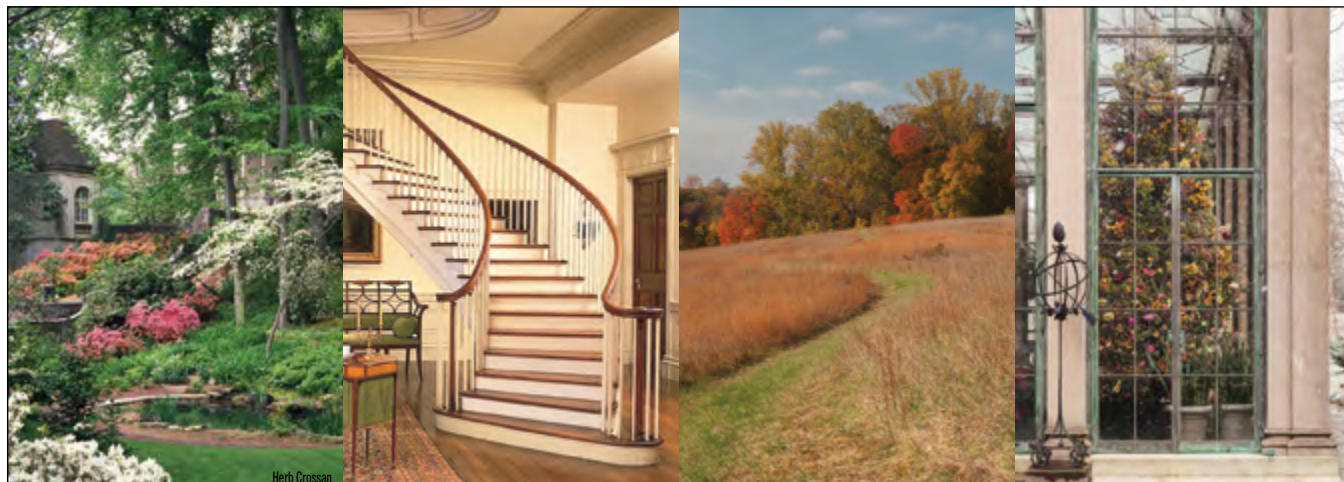
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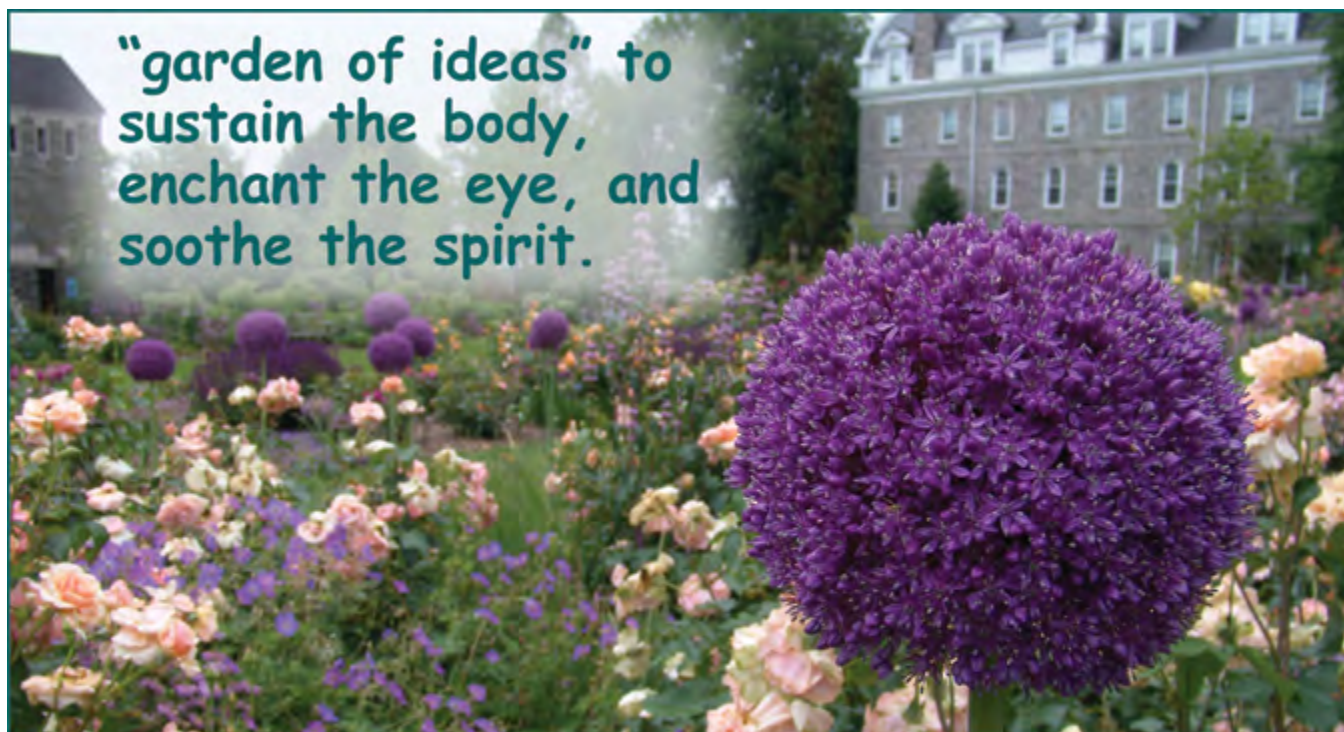
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Good to Know Just a few things we'd thought you'd like to know this month

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Progressive Friends Meeting, local Latino community, Longwood Gardens, equestrian tradition, mushrooms and Kennett native Bayard Taylor's literary career. Whew! 320 E. State St., Kennett Square. KennettLibrary.org, AlMoretti.com.

Shop On! Chester County shoppers have two new stores to check out. In downtown Kennett, **Shophe Lieu** offers a curated collection of vintage and antique home furnishings. And at the Marketplace in West-

town, **Design Life Kids** carries toys, fashion, furniture and accessories for kiddos from birth to 16, with an emphasis on small brands from around the world. 404 W. State St., Kennett Square. On Instagram @Shophe.Lieu. 1502 West Chester Pk. #3, West Chester. DesignLifeKids.com.



Art Hotel. Kennett Square has a brand-new boutique hotel: **Artelo**, an immersive art experience featuring original works from regional artists in each of its 14 rooms. A Square Roots Collective project, Artelo's profits benefit local organizations. On July 11, 6 to 8 p.m., tour the hotel, meet the artists and get a limited-edition print at the grand opening and gallery reception, then head to the after-party at The Creamery. 201 Birch St., Kennett Square. ArteloKSQ.com.

Local Story. Looking for an uplifting summer read? Check out **Chinatown Legacies** by Melody Wang, a student at Great Valley High School. The daughter of Chinese immigrants, Wang captures the essence of Philadelphia's Chinatown through her writing and photography. Her book highlights the heartwarming foods, sights and smells of Chinatown, as well the dreams and ambitions of its residents. Copies are available at *MeiLiteraryWorks.com*.



History Revisited. Step back in time and witness the daily routines and customs of early settlers at the **Jones Log Barn Living History Center**, now open for its third season. On July 24, join them for "Call Me Conotocarius" (\$20). This guest lecture by local historian James McKinley examines George Washington from the perspective of Native Americans, who called him Conotocarius or the "Town Destroyer." Open Sundays through October, 1 to 3 p.m. Free. 297 Adams Dr., Chesterbrook. TredyffrinHistory.org.



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July 11
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September 12

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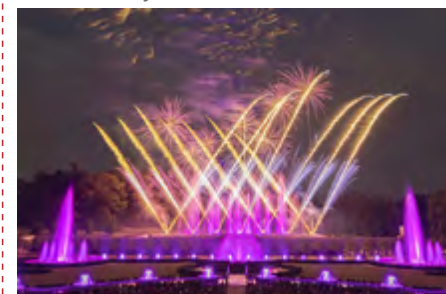
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July Picks *Our Picks for top events this month*

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July 3-October 13



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by Prince; **Aug. 10**, Get Back: The Beatles; **Sept. 1**, Someone Like You: Artists Who Inspired Adele; **Sept. 28**, Italian Spectacular; **Oct. 13**, Spark Your Imagination. Rt. 1, Kennett Square. Times and tickets, LongwoodGardens.org.

Ludwig's Corner Carnival

July 9-13

Along with the rides and midway, the weekend features live entertainment, the Ludwig's Corner Beer Garden, wine, cocktails & mocktails from Epicurean Garage and specialty drinks from Tito's Handmade Vodka. Proceeds from the Tito's drinks go directly to LCHSA. 1326 Pottstown Pk., Glenmoore. Tues.-Fri., 6 to 10 p.m.; Sat., 4 to 10 p.m. Donation for parking, \$5. LudwigsHorseShow.com.



Exton Community Day

July 13

A great family event with lots of kids activities, including a rock wall, zip line, petting zoo, pony rides and tunes with Marchwood Music. Try your hand at archery, corn hole, disc golf and the dunk tank. Purchase food from vendors, relax in the beer and wine garden, and enjoy a live concert at 6:30 p.m. with the Chatterband. Fireworks following the concert. Rain date, July 14. Exton Park, 132 Church Farm Ln., Exton. 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Free. WestWhiteland.org.



Lafayette Bicentennial Celebration Kickoff

July 20



This family outing is part of the 200th anniversary of Lafayette as the nation's guest and Chester County's 250th celebration. The historic family celebration features

Revolutionary War artifacts, honored guests and a preview of a movie on the Battle of Brandywine, activities for children, food trucks and vendors. [Thornbury Farm](http://ThornburyFarm.com), 1256 Thornbury Rd., West Chester. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lafayette200.org.

Rose Squared Art Shows

July 27-28

Plan to spend the day or the weekend on the Riverfront at this indoor event space featuring artists from across the country showcasing both fine art and fine craft, with works in apothecary, artisanal foods, ceramics, jewelry, wood, digital art, decorative and wearable fiber, furniture, glass, painting, 2D/3D mixed media and photography. [Chase Center on the Waterfront](http://ChaseCenter.com), 815 Justison St., Wilmington. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$12. RoseSquared.com.



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FAMILY FUN

THROUGH AUGUST
The Franklin Institute Presents The Art of the Brick. An exhibit by artist Nathan Sawaya is a critically acclaimed collection of inspiring artworks made exclusively from one of the most recognizable toys in the world: the LEGO brick. *Franklin Institute, 222 N. 20th St., Phila. 9:30 to 5. \$39-\$43. FI.edu.*

THROUGH OCTOBER 31
Brandywine Treasure Trail Passport. Gather your family or closest group of friends and plan a visit to the 12 inspiring attractions across Wilmington and the Brandywine Valley. With the Passport you can explore at your own pace or spread your visits across the entire spring, summer and fall. *For tickets, VisitWilmingtonDE.com/Passport.*

THROUGH NOVEMBER 3
First Sundays 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., Hockessin DE. 12:30 to 4:30. \$8-\$15. AuburnHeights.org.*

JULY 1-31
Where's Waldo July. Grab a passport at Wellington Square Bookshop then head out to find Waldo at participating businesses. Receive a prize after five stamps on your pass-



FIREWORKS AT A GLANCE

July 4 - Wawa Welcome America Celebration in Phila. Phila. Museum of Art, 2600 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy. *July4thPhilly.com.*

July 4, Narberth Fireworks. Community Park, between Windsor, N. Wynnewood & Haverford Aves. *NarberthFireworks.org.*

July 4, Pottstown Go Fourth! Festival. Memorial Park, 75 W. King St. *PottstownGoFourth.com.*

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

July 4, Upper Merion Township Fireworks. Heuser Park, 694 W. Beidler Rd., King of Prussia. *UMTownship.org.*

July 4, Wilmington's July 4th Freedom Celebration Fireworks. Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park on the Riverfront. *InWilmDE.com/Events.*

July 4, Lititz Fourth of July Fireworks. Lititz Springs Park, 24 Broad St. *Lititz4thOfJuly.com.*

July 5, Phoenixville Annual Fireworks. Friendship Field (Filmore St. & Franklin Ave.). Rain date, July 9. *Phoenixville.Online/Phoenixville-Fireworks.*

July 6, Clifton Heights. Clifton Heights Athletic Field, 212 N. Springfield Rd. *Facebook.com/Groups/CHJuly4thAssoc.*

July 13, Exton Park Community Day. 800 E. Swedesford Rd. 7 pm. *WestWhiteland.org.*

July 19, Malvern Fire Co. Fair. Malvern Mem. Grounds, Monument Ave. *MalvernFireCo.com.*

July 26, Kimberton Fair. 762 Pike Springs Rd., Phoenixville. *KimbertonFair.org.*

Fireworks displays usually happen at dusk, 9-9:30 pm. Check websites for more details.

port. Collect stamps from all participating businesses and enter the completed passport into a Waldo goodies raffle during the Where's Waldo party *July 31. 549 Wellington Sq., Exton. WellingtonSquareBooks.com.*

JULY 4
Pottstown GoFourth! Festival. The celebration will have a retro festival vibe beginning with the parade on High Street at 10 am followed by the Street Fest with music, restaurant fare, food trucks, beer gardens, artisans, a kids zone and vendors. *The Fireworks Party will kick off at 5 pm in Memorial Park, 75 W. King St.—fireworks at 9:30. PottstownGoFourth.com.*



JULY 4
Annual Good Neighbor Day in Downingtown. Start the day with the Run for Life (5K, 10K & 15K) and 5K Freedom Walk at 8 am. Then enjoy fabulous food, crafts, music, bike decorating and lots of other fun activities, all benefitting area emergency providers. Fireworks at dusk. *GoodNeighborDay.com.*

JULY 7-SEPTEMBER 22
Sundays
West Chester Railroad Summer Picnic Special. Enjoy a train ride from West Chester to Glen Mills and return on a warm summer afternoon. Pack a lunch to have during our stop at the Glen Mills train station picnic grove. *230 E. Market St., West Chester. Noon. \$25. WCRailroad.com.*

JULY 13
Concert and Movie Night in the Park. Free musical performances and Disney's *Migration* movie on the big screen under the summer stars. Food and refreshments available. Rain date, July 14. *Odoriso Park, 205 Church St., Wayne. Free, 6 pm. Radnor.com.*

ART, CRAFTS & ANTIQUES.....

JULY 19
Craft & Mercantile at River Station. A good time is guaranteed with a curated evening of local artisans, food and entertainment under the stars and twinkle lights. River Station, 200 River Station Blvd., Downingtown. 5 to 8:30. *GrowingRootsPartners.com.*



BOOKS.....
JULY 3-17
Wellington Square Bookshop. Classics Book Club: July 3, "Invisible Man" by Ralph Ellison, 2 pm. NonFiction Book Group: July 11, "In Order to Live" by Yeonmi Park, 7 pm. Fiction Book Group: July 16 & 17, "Hester" by Laurie R. King, Wed-Thurs, 2 pm, Thurs, 7 pm. 549 Wellington Sq., Exton. WellingtonSquareBooks.com.

JULY 10
Reads & Company Presents Krista and Becca Ritchie, authors of "Dishonestly Yours," their new adult romance at Bistro on Bridge, 212 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 7 pm. \$19. *ReadsAndCompany.com.*

JULY 16, 25
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THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29
Fridays & Sundays
Brandywine Polo. Spectators picnic and tailgate at the grounds. 232 Polo Rd., Toughkenamon. Friday Twilight Polo—gates open at 5; match at 5:30. Sun, gates open at 1:30; match at 3, \$15-\$20. Canceled for rain or extreme heat. 610-268-8692; *BrandywinePolo.com.*

FESTIVALS & PARADES.....
THROUGH JULY 7
Kutztown Folk Festival. The festival provides insight into the traditions of the Pennsylvania Dutch and their way of life. Children's

activities, great food and a large quilt sale and auction. Kutztown Fairgrounds, 225 N. White Oak St., Kutztown. Daily 9 to 6. *Kutztown-Festival.com.*



JULY 4
4th of July Celebration at Wilson Farm Park. Bring your lawn chairs and a picnic dinner and enjoy great music from Just For Fun DJ Joe Griffith. 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

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JULY 18-27

The Delaware State Fair. The fair's mission focuses on preserving the past, promoting the present and educating the future. You'll find plenty of live entertainment including performances by Rick Springfield, Ludicris and John Pardi, exhibits, bumper cars, a skating rink and more. 18500 S. DuPont Hwy., Harrington, DE. DelawareStateFair.com.

JULY 29-AUGUST 3

75th Annual Goshen Country Fair. An old-fashioned fair with agricultural exhibits, entertainment, games of chance, amusement rides and delicious food. Check out the dog show on Monday, the goat show on Wednesday, and the BBQ chicken dinner on Saturday. Benefits the Volunteer Goshen Fire Co. Gates open 6 pm, Mon to Fri; Sat at 5 with reduced tickets for rides until 7 pm. Fair Grounds, 1320 Park Ave., West Chester. GoshenCountryFair.org.



FOOD & BREWS

THROUGH AUGUST 28

Wednesdays
West Chester TAPS. Enjoy a borough-wide happy hour where you can unwind and relax with friends every Wednesday from 4 to 7 pm.



Participating locations have select \$5 beers, \$6 wines and \$7 cocktails, in addition to appetizer specials. Visit DowntownWestChester.com for locations.

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

Sundays
Brothers on the Brandywine Seasonal Beer Garden. Bring your own chair or inner tube to cool off in the river at Brandywine Outfitters. Enjoy live music and food trucks as you sip the flavors of craft beers. 2100 Strasburg Rd., Coatesville. 1 pm to dusk. BrothersKershner.com/Beer-Garden.

JULY 11-SEPTEMBER 19

Thursdays
Sculpture Garden Happy Hour at Delaware Art Museum. Summer series features live music, local brews, lawn games, wine, cocktails and food vendors. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy. N. Terrace Copeland, Sculpture Garden. 5 to 7:30 pm. Free. DelArt.org.

AUGUST 15

Summer Pop-up Biergartens at Historic Sugartown. BYO chairs and picnic blankets to enjoy live music, beverages from Locust Lane Craft Brewery, Manatawny Still Works and Chaddsford Winery and delicious foods from food trucks onsite. 260 Spring Valley Rd., Malvern. 5 to 8. \$10. HistoricSugartown.org.



GARDENS

THROUGH OCTOBER 27

Festival of Fountains at Longwood. Stroll through the gardens with brilliantly blooming annuals and perennials and discover 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.

Local Farm Markets

- Artisan Exchange**, 208 Carter Dr. West Chester. Sat, 10 to 1. ArtisanExchange.net.
- Berwyn Farmers Market**, 511 Old Lancaster Rd. Sun, 10 to 1. BerwynFarmersMarket.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.
- FarmerJawn Farmers Mkt.**, 1225 E. Street Rd., West Chester. Wed-Fri, 10 to 6; Sat-Sun, 9 to 3. FarmerJawn.co.
- Kennett Square Farmers Mkt.**, 600 S. Broad 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/NewtownSquareFoodandMakersMarket.
- Oxford Village Mkt.**, 193 Limestone Rd. Thurs, 8 to 6; Fri, 8 to 7; Sat, 8 to 5. DowntownOxfordPA.org.
- Phoenixville Farmers Market**, 200 Mill St. Sat, 9 to noon. PhoenixvilleFarmersMarket.org.
- Pottstown Farmers Mkt.**, 100 E. High St. Every other Sat starting May 11, 9-1. PottstownFarm.org.
- Royersford Farmers Market**, 2nd Ave. across from Victory Park. Sat, 9 to noon. RoyersfordFarmersMarket.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. Thurs-Fri, noon to 6; 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, 10 to 1. WestReadingFarmersMarket.com.
- Westtown Amish Market**, 1165 Wilmington Pk., West Chester. Thur, 9 to 6; Fri, 9 to 7; Sat, 8 to 4. WestChesterAmishMarket.com.

For more visit the Chester County Farm Guide online at ChesCoFarming.org.

MUSEUMS

THROUGH OCTOBER 13
Brandywine Museum of Art. *Through Sept. 15*, "Every Leaf & Twig: Andrew Wyeth's Botanical Imagination." *Through Oct. 13*, "In Shadows' Embrace: Prints by Peter Paone." 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. Wed-Mon, 9:30 to 4:30. \$8-\$20. Brandywine.org.

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

THROUGH AUGUST 11
Delaware County Summer Festival. This popular Delco tradition offers everything from Classical to Cajun, Motown to Broadway, Doo Wop to Rock & Pop. Visit website for a list of concerts. Rose Tree Park, Rt. 252 & Providence Rd., Upper Providence. Free. DelcoPA.gov/Departments/Parks/SummerFestival.html.



THROUGH OCTOBER

Thursdays
Concerts at King of Prussia Town Center. Enjoy live music on the green at King of Prussia Town Center. 155 Village Dr. (in front of Davio's), King of Prussia. 6 to 8 pm. Free. For a complete lineup visit KingOfPrussia-TownCenter.com.

JULY 3-31

Summer Concert Series at Anson B. Nixon Park. *July 3*, Mariachi Angeles de México; *July 10*, Rust: Neil Young tribute; *July 17*, Tommy Froelich Band; *July 24*, Tuesday Nite Band; *July 31*, The Bullets. Bands to be announced. Concerts through August 14. 405 N. Walnut St., Kennett Square. 6:30 pm. Free. AnsonBNixonPark.org.



JULY 5-SEPTEMBER 6

Downtown West Chester Summer Concert Series. *July 5*, Bullseye Daisy at Chester County Courthouse; Esha Nijoff Asser Band at Jack Loew Plaza at 44 West. *Aug. 2*, The Jimmy Mac Band at CC Courthouse; The Attic Dwellers at the Jack Loew Plaza at 44 West. *Sept. 6*, The Jonathan Ragonese Quartet at CC Courthouse; Grecia, Nielsands and Windish at Jack Loew Plaza at 44 West. 5:30 pm. Free. DowntownWestChester.com.

JULY 13-AUGUST 2

Bryn Mawr Twilight Concerts. *July 13*, Dar Williams; *July 14*, Trout Fishing in America; *July 20*, Hoots & Hellmouth; *July 27*, John Gorka; *Aug. 2*, Steve Forbert & The New Renditions. Concerts through Aug. 30. The Gazebo, 9 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr. 7 pm. For tickets, 610-864-4303; BrynMawrTwilightConcerts.com.



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The Keswick Theatre. *July 11*, A Celebration of The Allman Brothers Band: Friends of the Brothers; *July 12*, The Moody Blues' John Lodge; *July 13*, Justin Hayward & Christopher Cross; *July 19*, The No Apologies Comedy Tour with Tom Cotter, Tammy Pescatelli, Jim Florentine; *July 20*, Tusk: The World's #1 Fleetwood Mac Tribute; *July 26*, 10cc; *July 28*, Gary Owen & Friends; *July 31*, Il Divo; *Aug. 2*, The Oak Ridge Boys. Times and tickets, KeswickTheatre.com.



JULY 5-AUGUST 2

American Music Theatre. *July 5*, Top of the World: A Carpenters Tribute; *July 11*, WXPN Welcomes Amos Lee with special guest Mikaela Davis; *July 12*, Eaglemania: The World's Greatest Eagles Tribute Band; *July 13*, Terry Fator; *July 14*, Asia: The Heat of the Moment Tour; *July 19*, The Docksidiers; *July 20*, Tommy James & The Shondells with The Box Tops; *July 21*, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons; *July 25*, NEEDTOBREATHE; *Aug. 2*, The Greatest Love of All: Whitney Houston Tribute Starring Belinda Davids. 2425 Lincoln Hwy. E., Lancaster. Times and tickets, AMTShows.com.

JULY 7-AUGUST 4

Long's Park Summer Music Series. *July 7*, "A Night in Nashville" featuring Jeff Cohen, Brett Sheroky and The Close; *July 14*, Marc Broussard; *July 21*, Ramon Chicharron; *July 28*, Watkins Glen Tribute featuring 3 local tribute acts for The Band, Dead & Company and The Allman Brothers Band; *Aug. 4*, The Sensational Barnes Brothers Concerts through Aug. 18. Long's Park Amphitheater, Rt. 30 & Harrisburg Pk., Lancaster. 7:30 pm. LongsPark.org.



JULY 7-AUGUST 5

Upper Merion Concerts Under the Stars. *July 7*, Unforgettable Fire (U2 tribute); *July 16*, Keller Williams and The Hillbenders; *July 22*, Lisa Loeb; *July 28*, Tommy Conwell & the House Rockers; *Aug. 5*, Don McCloskey / Hoots & Hellmouth. Concerts through Sept. 15. Township Bldg. Park, 175 W. Valley Forge Rd., King of Prussia. 6 pm. Visit website for tickets. UMTownship.org.

JULY 7-AUGUST 18

West Goshen Summer Concert Series. *July 7*, A Capella Pops; *July 21*, The West Chester Jazz Orchestra; *Aug. 4*, Motown favorites with Blue Philly Magic; *Aug. 18*, The Sam Stinson Band. Guests are asked to bring a dry good donation for West Chester Food Cupboard. West Goshen Community Park, N. Five Points and Fern Hill Rds., West Chester. 6:30. Free. WestGoshen.org.

JULY 10

Brandywine River Museum of Art Concerts in the Courtyard. Swing and jazz music by Parlour Noir. 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. 7 pm. \$25. Brandywine.org.

JULY 11-AUGUST 1

Summer in the Park Concerts at Wilson Farm Park. *July 11*, Big Baby Band; *July 18*, Class of '84; *July 25*, Chico's Vibe; *Aug. 1*, School of Rock Main Line. Concerts through Sept. 5. Wilson Farm Park, 500 Lee Rd., Chesterbrook. 7 pm. Free. Tredyffrin.org/Departments/Parks.

JULY 13-27

Kennett Flash. *July 13*, Yesterday's Gone: A Tribute to Fleetwood Mac; *July 20*, Captain Dawg; *July 21*, New Summer Sounds: Hard Rock & Metal; *July 27*, Clapton America: A Tribute to Eric Clapton. 102 Sycamore Alley, Kennett Square. Times and tickets, KennettFlash.org.

JULY 16

Children's Concert in the Park. Enjoy music from special guests The Plants, meet Mama & Papa Bear from the Berenstain Bears and listen to Radnor Police Officers read your favorite childhood stories. Rain date, July 17. Clem Macrone Park, 810 Conestoga Rd., Bryn Mawr. 6 pm. Free. Radnor.com.

JULY 19

Willows Park Concert Blast. Relax on the hillside at this free concert featuring high-energy music, food and refreshments, kids activities and a fireworks display. Rain date July 20. The Willows Park & Mansion, 490 Darby Paoli Rd., Villanova. 6 pm. Radnor.com.

JULY 21

Chesco Pops Concert at Immaculata University. The Chesco Pops takes you on a musical journey through favorite scores filled with action and adventure. Alumnae Hall, Immaculata. 3 pm. \$25. ChescoPops.org.

JULY 28-AUGUST 25

Miller Park Summer Concert Series. *July 28*, The Big House Band; *Aug. 11*, Jess Zimmerman Band; *Aug. 25*, Chico's Vibe. Food trucks and 50/50 raffle at concerts. Albert C. Miller Memorial Park, 220 Miller Way, Exton. 6 pm. Free. WestWhiteland.org.

THEATER

THROUGH JULY 7

Off By One at People's Light. Multi-award winner David Strathairn stars in this poignant world premiere. 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Times and tickets, 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.



THROUGH JULY 21

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at Fulton Theatre. Step into a world of pure imagination! 12 N. Prince St., Lancaster. Times and tickets, 717-397-7425; TheFulton.org.



THROUGH AUGUST 10

Dutch Apple Theatre Presents The Sound of Music. Enjoy the timeless score in this classic. 510 Centerville Rd., Lancaster. Times and tickets, 717-898-1900; DutchApple.com.

THROUGH OCTOBER 28

Bird-in-Hand Stage. *Through Aug. 3*, *The Confession... An Amish Love Story.* *Through*

Oct. 19, Ryan & Friends: All Your Favorite Funny Stuff, a variety show. 2760 #A Old Philadelphia Pk., Bird-in-Hand. Times and tickets, 717-768-1568; Bird-In-Hand.com/Stage.

TOWNS, TALKS & TOURS

JULY 5

1st Fridays

Coatesville, 484-786-8896; 2ndCenturyAlliance.org. **Lancaster City**, 717-509-ARTS; VisitLancasterCity.com. **Oxford**, 610-998-9494; OxfordMainStreet.com; **Phoenixville**, 610-933-3253; PhoenixvilleFirst.org. **West Chester**, 610-738-3350; DowntownWestChester.com. **Wilmington Art Loop**, 302-576-2135; CityFestWilm.com.

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29

Open-Air Market in West Chester. 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.

THROUGH OCTOBER 31

Third Thursdays on State Street in Kennett Square. Enjoy outdoor dining, extended shopping hours, live music, children's activities, pop-up vendors and more. State Street is closed from Broad to Center Sts. from 5 to 10 pm. KennettCollaborative.org.



THROUGH OCTOBER 7

Phoenixville Inside Out. Dine outside or enjoy a drink with friends, explore the boutiques and retail stores or take in a show. Road closed on 100 and 200 blocks of Bridge St. from 4 pm Fri through 7 am Mon. Fri, 4 to 10; Sat-Sun, 7 am to 10 pm. PhoenixvilleFirst.org. ♦

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Eagleview Town Ctr., Exton.
Thurs., 3 to 6:30. GrowingRootsPartners.com.
Market theme days with recipe demo, live music, free yoga class, kids activities, pop-up vendors
August 1 – Tomato Fest
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FarmerJawn Farmers Market

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After School Story Time
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Burke Park, Roberts Rd. & S. Warren Ave.
Sat., 9 to 1. GrowingRootsPartners.com.
Market theme days with recipe demo, live music, free yoga class, kids activities, pop-up vendors
August 3 – Tomato Fest
August 31 – Pepper Palooza

Newtown Square Food & Makers Market

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
3625 Chapel Rd. Fri., 3 to 6.
Facebook.com/NewtownSquare-FoodAndMakersMarket.
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Pottstown Farmers Market

100 E. High St. Every other Sat. from May 11, 9 to 1. PottstownFarm.org.
July 20 – Christmas in July with Santa
Aug. 17 – National Honeybee Day

SIW Farmers Market

4317 S. Creek Rd., Chadds Ford.
Daily, 9 to 6. SIWVegetables.com.
Field to Fork Dinners: Check website for info

Thornbury Farm Market

1256 Thornbury Rd., West Chester.
Thurs.–Fri., noon to 6
Sat., 9 to 6; Sun., 11 to 5.
ThornburyFarmCSA.com.
July 20 – Lafayette Bicentennial Celebration
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THEATER SPOTLIGHT

Blobfest 25th Anniversary

JULY 12–14, COLONIAL THEATRE, PHOENIXVILLE

*Beware of the blob, it creeps.
And Leaps and glides and slides
Across the floor.
Right through the door*

*And all around the wall.
A splotch, a blotch
Be careful of the blob.
~ Title song by Burt Bacharach (really)*

FINALLY READY TO JOIN THE ICONIC “RUN out” experience that highlights every Blobfest celebration? The 25th anniversary plans three chances to reenact that memorable scene from the 1958 cult sci-fi classic, *The Blob*, in which moviegoers flee the Colonial Theatre — preferably in period costume. Be part of local history for a film that also marked a teen-aged Steve McQueen’s debut in this horror movie about an alien invasion, juvenile delinquents or the threat of communism (The Blob was red, after all).

And that’s just part of the three days of fun scheduled for mid-July. Friday’s **Blobfest Stage Show** (with live music and short film contest) and the first “run out” on July 12 launch the festivities, followed by the **Blob Ball** after-party featuring sock-hop hits, swing dancing and frozen drinks.

The fun continues on Saturday with the **Blobfest Street Fair**. Come at 11 a.m. for the **Fire Extinguisher Parade** (good way to fight The Blob), live music, DJs and kids activities, then visit 70+ vendors selling Blobfest merch and more. At 1 p.m., join the Blob-themed **Costume Contest** at Main and Bridge Streets and stroll the catwalk. The Colo-

nia Theatre will screen the 1958 original and Spanish-dubbed version of *The Blob* along with the 1988 remake throughout the day, with two more chances to join the “run out” reenactment.

Sunday, the final day, kicks off with the **7th Annual Blobest 5K, 10K and Half-Marathon**. The runs help support and celebrate the historic Colonial Theatre, a cultural and community hub in Phoenixville that shines in its film cameo. There’s a final screening of the 1958 film, *The Blob*, plus the 1972 sequel *Beware! The Blob*.

The Phoenixville community gets in the spirit with a **Façade Decorating Contest**, where storefronts, windows and entire buildings on Bridge Street and throughout the borough get bedecked and compete on creativity, showmanship and relationship to the movie.

Not enough? How about a **Sci-Fi & Horror Tattoo Contest**? Share your body art and celebrate the tattoo artist who inked it, so long as you’re at least 18 and the design is not NSFW (think PG).

Want more Blob nostalgia? Head for the Downingtown Diner, another location featured in the film. ♦

For more information, screening times and tickets, visit TheColonialTheatre.com/Blobfest.





The Teenage Revolutionary

MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE AND HIS CONNECTION TO CHESTER COUNTY

Malcolm Jonstone

IT WAS GREAT BRITAIN'S DUKE OF GLOUCESTER who, in 1775, first inspired the 18-year-old Marquis de Lafayette with stories about American freedom fighters at Lexington and Concord, three thousand miles away. Those first battles would soon evolve into the American War for Independence and inspire others across the Atlantic to topple their own governments.

Lafayette had good reason to join the American Revolution. For him, it was personal. When he was just two years old, his father was killed by the British during the Seven Years' War against France. When he grew into a young man, Lafayette felt fully justified to

avenge his father's death. He reasoned that if fighting the British Army also meant independence for the Americans, all the better.

Having inherited his family's fortune, Lafayette purchased a sailing ship to take him on the three-month journey across the Atlantic. First landing in South Carolina, he soon made his way to Philadelphia.

When the 19-year-old arrived, his self-confidence and proud demeanor convinced the Second Continental Congress — with the support of George Washington and Benjamin Franklin — to pass a resolution on July 31, 1777, that the services of Marquis de Lafayette “be accepted, and that, in consideration of his zeal, illustrious family and connections, he have the rank and commission of major-general of the United States.” Despite the impressive language, he was given no command. Still, not bad for a young foreigner with no combat experience who could barely speak English. But the action allowed Lafayette to defy both the British and French monarchies who were working hard to keep a fragile peace with each other.

This alliance with Lafayette became a political opportunity for Washington, who hoped to leverage the situation into political and military support from France. This would give the British another enemy — always a good tactic for depleting an adversary's resources. Eventually, France did become an ally, providing arms, ammunition, uniforms and even troops to the beleaguered Continental Army.

BATTLE OF BRANDYWINE

In southern Chester County, near the 1753 Birmingham Meeting House, a first line of defense of the American Army was established on the morning of September 11, 1777. The Battle of Brandywine — the largest single-day battle of the Revolution — would soon begin. The Meeting House itself was used as a hospital for wounded soldiers on both sides.

Lafayette joined the army troops and became a champion when he determined that despite the bravery of the outnumbered revolutionaries, the battle would be lost. He quickly mustered the American troops into a retreat but was wounded by a rifle bullet to his calf. Instead of seeking medical attention at the field hospital, the young soldier stayed with his comrades, successfully guiding them to safety.



The First Meeting of Washington and Lafayette, Currier & Ives, 1876



Lafayette Wounded, Charles Henry Jeens (1827-1879) depicts the Battle of Brandywine



Washington and Lafayette at Valley Forge, John Ward Dunsmore, c. 1907

Though this battle was lost, British forces had to face the fact that they would not be able to quell the revolution quickly. They shifted their forces to overrun Philadelphia, forcing the young government to move its capital to York, Pennsylvania. Meanwhile, George Washington's army made its way to Valley Forge, where it rested, recovered and trained during the harsh winter.

Once there, the friendship between Washington and Lafayette grew. The young Frenchman became the son George Washington never had. And the feeling was mutual. In 1779, Lafayette named his only son George Washington Lafayette.

Lafayette eventually commanded Continental Army troops, including at the decisive battle at Yorktown in 1781, the last major land battle.

THE RETURN OF LAFAYETTE

In 1824, at the invitation of President Monroe and Congress, Lafayette returned to the United States and visited 24 states in 14 months. As one of the last living survivors of the Revolution, he was met with adulation at every stop. In West Chester, Lafayette was given a royal welcome with several opportunities to feast with locals and share goodwill.

The high point of that visit is commemorated by what's considered the first marker to interpret a historical event in West Chester. Located on Lafayette Street near Walnut Street, the stone marker states: “From this spot July 26, 1825 Marquis de Lafayette reviewed the troops escorting him from a visit to the Brandywine Battlefield.”

It further indicates that it was “Erected by a member of The Society of Sons of the American Revolution.”

This early monument is part of a movement of patriotic organizations seeking to have Lafayette's name placed throughout America. Today, it's estimated that over 200 counties, cities, towns, parks and other places are named after Lafayette. For his part, Lafayette carried his connection to the United States to his grave — he was buried under soil from Bunker Hill.

It's no wonder the name of this Frenchman — also known as the Hero of Two Worlds for his role in the French Revolution and authorship of the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen — is known to American schoolchildren today. ♦

To learn more, attend the second Lafayette Celebration, July 29, 2024, 11 to 3, hosted at Thornbury Farm, part of the 200th anniversary of Lafayette's visit to the U.S. and part of Chester County's 250 celebration. See Revolutionary War artifacts, hear honored guests and preview a movie on the Battle of Brandywine, Lafayette and the necessity of preserving historic land. 1256 Thornbury Rd., West Chester. Lafayette200.org.

Malcolm Jonstone is the Community Engagement Officer for Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation for the Cultural Alliance of Chester County, an initiative of the Chester County Community Foundation. His column raises awareness of Chester County's rich heritage as we journey to 2026: the year the U.S. celebrates the 250th anniversary of our nation's independence.



Historic Sites

Many fields where the Battle of Brandywine was fought can still be seen throughout Chester County. A notable site is the Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art's Birmingham Hill Preserve, site of the first and second defensive lines of the Continental Army during the battle.

The Birmingham Hill Brandywine Battlefield Trail, located on Birmingham Road between Meetinghouse and Thornbury Roads, allows visitors to experience the “hallowed ground where Americans fought and died to establish our liberties and a new nation.”

Nearby is the Birmingham Lafayette Cemetery, a National Historic Landmark. Today, several monuments stand proudly at the entrance recognizing the Battle of Brandywine, Lafayette and other notable local figures.



Lafayette monument at Birmingham Lafayette Cemetery

I Went to a Garden Party

THERE'S MAGIC IN THE AIR ... AND FESTIVITIES AT LOCAL FLOWER FARMS.

Carol Metzker

THRRIVING BETWEEN ROWS OF CORN AND tomatoes, brilliant yellow sunflowers reach to the sky. Another sunny patch towers over rainbow zinnias, where swallowtails and sulphur butterflies vie with bees for the center of blossoms.

In the heat of summer, Hill Girt Farm is buzzing with activity — growing flowers as well as vegetables — to meet demand at SIW Vegetable farm stand and decorate tables at SIW's Field to Fork Dinners.

If you shop at the SIW farm stand early the week of a Field to Fork Dinner, you just might spy a renowned local chef in casual clothes tasting tomatoes or sampling squash behind the hanging baskets of flowers. The magic begins there as a menu emerges from what's freshest and ripened to perfection, and later becomes a multi-star meal. At the family-style event in the countryside barn, table companions become friends by the time stars dot the sky.

Back in 1982, H.G. Haskell began growing vegetables on the southern Chester County dairy farm bought by his grandfather, H.G. Haskell, Sr., in 1910. While it's best known today for its vast array of fruit and vegetables, the land also holds horses where cows once enjoyed the pasture, along with pretty cosmos, acres of peonies and sunflowers. The flowers show up at the market from spring to

fall to add to whichever seasonal produce shows up on your dinner plate or to make any meal a garden party.

At another farm that's a hop, skip and a jump from Daisy Point Road in northern Chester County, Clara pulls up in the farm's Gator utility vehicle with armloads of pink and white ranunculus and other spring stunners in prismatic color. Later in the growing season, the co-owner of Pasture Song Farm holds summery red and yellow sunflowers, and the Gator is loaded with mason jar bouquets of cosmos, dahlias and bouquet dill that looks like brilliant fireworks. She unloads and places them at a pretty little stand already festive with garlands of blazing yellow and orange marigolds and raspberry-red gomphrena (aka globe amaranth) waving in the breeze.

At the farm focused on sustainability that also provides the community with crops and meat, Clara started growing sunflowers, only to discover a growing passion for farming flowers. Now in addition to spring, summer and fall blooms — months after anemones, Icelandic poppies, tulips and purple, pink and blue lupines are gone — she offers winter wreaths of dried pink and blue larkspur, strawflowers, grasses and evergreen to make dark winter days brighter.

PHOTO CREDIT: CLAIRE ROSEN, WARWICK FURNACE FARM

While every hour among flowers is a happy hour, Pasture Song hosts literal Flower Happy Hour workshops for arranging seasonal delights. Throughout the region, it's just one of the farms to offer special events that are the stuff of petal-lovers' dreams.

GARDEN PARTIES NOT TO MISS

Here are a few of our favorite places from around the Brandywine Valley to spend time during the glorious days of summer. Check websites or call for dates and times for events. And please abide by the rules for each farm.

- In every direction, there's something wonderful.
- ✧ **SIW's Field to Fork Dinners, Chadds Ford.** Treat yourself to spectacular culinary adventures in the barn that's down a charming lane often bordered by seasonal flowers. Experience the finest produce and blooms you could hope to find on your table. Get dinner tickets early — the monthly meals sell out quickly. SIWVegetables.com
- ✧ **Pasture Song's Flower Happy Hours, Pottstown.** Tour the farm. Snack on locally sourced goodies. Fill a vase while filling your soul. Alongside other friendly folks, create a centerpiece so dazzling in color and floral shapes you'll wish it lasted forever. PastureSongFarm.com
- ✧ **Wildflower Farm's Midday Retreats, Malvern.** Rediscover your glow at a midday retreat with a walk through the colorful rows, what's-in-bloom chat, flower bar for creating arrangements and lunch from Malvern Buttery. Indulge in a special mini-retreat: flower and sound healing with blooms and crystal singing bowls in the barn that's floor-to-ceiling charm. All with intimate size groups. WildflowerFarmPA.square.site
- ✧ **Strawflower Farm's Cut Flower Painting Classes, Glen Mills.** Cut your own bouquet from an enticing array of blooms — veronica, celosia, pink baby's breath, bachelors' buttons and more. Then paint it under the guidance of professional art instructor Victoria Batter. Rain? No worries, gatherings are in the greenhouse with Ann the hen, Jack the turkey and alpacas on four acres of peace and pretty skies — as well as your bouquet and painting. StrawflowerFarm.net
- ✧ **Warwick Furnace Farm Bring-Your-Own Picnics and Contest, Glenmoore.** Just when you think combining food and flowers couldn't get better, owners and artists of a hill crowned with lavender overlooking an idyllic, renovated dairy barn created a contest for the most beautiful picnic food and presentation. Your lavender lemonade, charcuterie boards graced with edible petals, peony panna cotta, rustic baskets and elegant linens are just the beginning. WarwickFurnaceFarm.com
- ✧ **Mt. Airy Lavender Farm's Open Houses, Coatesville.** Bask in a lavender Adirondack chair in the center of a lavender field. Breathe in the heady aroma. Watch horses in the field or peek into the fairy-tale spring house. Plan a trip back for Sunday yoga. MtAiryLavender.com



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1. Warwick Furnace Farm
2. Sunflowers at Hill Girt Farm
3. Pasture Song Farm's flower stand
4. Wildflower Farm's Midday Retreat
5. Strawflower Farm's Cut Flower Painting Class



◀ Field of cosmos at Hope Hill Lavender Farm

ordered in advance from Farm and Garden Flowers in Coatesville or the local markets they supply. There's always something beautiful in season from hellebores to achillea, allium and specialty rudbeckia. FarmAndGardenFlowers.com. Or buy fresh bouquets from [Ethel's Back Yard](http://EthelsBackYard.com), now in West-town at the newly opened farm store (formerly Pete's Produce) with flowers grown on Farmer Jawn's land. Look for luxurious ruffled-petal Madame Butterfly snapdragons, lisianthus, anemones and Icelandic poppies with mint and herb greens. EthelsBackYard.com

✧ **The Farm at Oxford's Pick-Your-Own-Dahlias Days, Oxford.**

When the light is golden and the dahlias are glorious in shades of orange sherbet, vivid magenta, pale purple, deep red and sunny yellow, be ready to make a coveted appointment online. Time for cutting dahlias to take home, chatting with a friend, listening to the birds and photographing the red barn behind the field of big, fluffy blooms. Perhaps, make it a date. [The FarmAtOxford.com](http://TheFarmAtOxford.com)

✧ **Artful Gardens' Stroll by Appointment, Kennett Square.** Looking for some special moments for a party of two or even one? Call in advance to schedule a quiet place to visit, buy a bunch of blooms or meditate by a tranquil water lily. 610-955-1373

✧ **Create Your Own.** Make your yard, deck or tailgate the site of a grand occasion with DIY buckets or half-buckets

TAKE A DRIVE IN OCTOBER

For an enchanting experience after the midsummer lavender extravaganza and exquisite perennial garden have ended for the season, head to [Hope Hill Lavender Farm's Sound Bath](http://HopeHillLavenderFarm.com) in Pottsville for a sound bath of crystal singing bowls and chimes on the farm, October 26. Drive up the lane past cosmos in shades of pink with a backdrop of fall foliage. Pass the home of wild turkeys, donkeys and a miniature horse named Boone. Arrive at a barn and pavilion where the wind from the valley sings at the top of the hill. After the event, shop for culinary lavender, other food items and nicely curated crafts. Well worth the drive in pretty Pennsylvania. HopeHillLavenderFarm.com ♦

APPLEBROOK INN
Veterinary Center & Pet Resort

1691 W. Strasburg Rd | West Chester, PA 19382 | 610-692-7178 | applebrookinn.com



Here's a preview of the fall season at area theaters and performance venues as well as special concert events. Be sure to check websites for even more performances and updates.

THEATERS & VENUES WITH MUSIC, DANCE & THEATER PERFORMANCES

SUBURBAN PA COUNTIES

American Music Theatre

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

2425 Lincoln Hwy. E., Lancaster

AMTShows.com

* *Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, Kenny Rogers Band, Johnny Mathis*

Bird-in-Hand Stage

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

2760 Old Philadelphia Pk., Bird-in-Hand

Bird-in-Hand.com

* *The Confession, Ryan & Friends All-Star Comedy, Half Stitched, The Christmas Candy Caper*

Bucks County Ctr. for the Performing Arts

A professional theater providing quality productions and entertainment.

5694 Carversville Rd., Doylestown

BucksCountyCenterForThePerformingArts.org

* *Tony n' Tina's Wedding*

The Colonial Theatre/Point Entertainment

Independent and classic films, concerts and community events. Major performances booked by Point Entertainment.

227 Bridge St., Phoenixville

TheColonialTheatre.com; PointEntertainment.com

* *Tab Benoit & Anders Osborne with Mike Zito, The Aristocrats, Toad the Wet Sprocket, Phoenixville Film Festival*

Kennett Flash

An all-ages, stage-centered, café-style venue showcasing professional national, regional and local music, comedy, children's programs and more.

102 Sycamore Alley, Kennett Square

KennettFlash.org

* *Yesterday's Gone: A Tribute to Fleetwood Mac, Clapton America: A Tribute to Eric Clapton*

Keswick Theatre of Performing Arts

A 1,300-seat venue hosting well-known acts with state-of-the-art sound and light.

291 N. Keswick Ave., Glenside

KeswickTheatre.com

* *The Moody Blues' John Lodge, Justin Hayward & Christopher Cross, The Oak Ridge Boys*

Longwood Gardens Performing Arts

The arts at Longwood are continuing to be as inspiring and beautiful as the gardens.

1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square

LongwoodGardens.org

* *Michael Feinstein, Shawn Colvin & KT Tunstall, The Brandywiners, Ltd., present "Seussical"*

Neumann University, Meagher Theatre

Modern 300-seat theater hosting lectures, theater, cinema and concerts.

1 Neumann Dr., Aston. Neumann.edu

Sight & Sound Theatres

Faith-based live theater that's been described as "Christian Broadway."

300 Hartman Bridge Rd., Ronks

Sight-Sound.com

* *Daniel*

Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center

Theater, music, dance, comedy and film in the heart of West Chester.

226 N. High St., West Chester

UptownWestChester.org

* *Nimrod: A Tribute to Green Day, Classic Stones Live Tribute, Crazy Train: Ozzy Experience, The Frank White Experience: Notorious B.I.G. Tribute*

West Chester University—WCU Live!

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

Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall and

Madeleine Wing Adler Theatre, West Chester

WCUPA.edu/OCA/WCULive

DELAWARE

Christina Cultural Arts Center

705 N. Market St., Wilmington

CCACDE.org

The Grand Wilmington

Presenting more than 75 shows most seasons — from symphony orchestras and ballets to the latest rock and comedy stars, jazz, folk, family artists and more.

818 N. Market St., Wilmington

TheGrandWilmington.org

* *Kathleen Madigan: The Potluck Party, The New York Bee Gees: Ultimate Tribute to the Bee Gees, Suzanne Vega, Andy Falco & Travis Book play Jerry Garcia*

Market Street Music

Free Thursday Noontime Concerts as well as classical concerts in the evening.

1101 N. Market St., Wilmington

MarketStreetMusicDE.org



Kennett Symphony

Theatre N at Nemours

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

PHILADELPHIA

The Academy of Music

Opened in 1857, it's the oldest grand opera house in the country still used for its original purpose.

Broad & Locust Sts. EnsembleArtsPhilly.org
* *Funny Girl, Mamma Mia!, An Evening with Fran Lebowitz, Les Misérables, The Book of Mormon, Hamilton, An Evening with Ina Garten*

The Dell Music Center

This open-air amphitheater has 5,284 reserved seats and lawn seating for 600.
2400 Strawberry Mansion Dr.
TheDellMusicCenter.com

Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts

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

The Mann Center for Performing Arts

Located in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park, the Mann continues its tradition as the region's premier outdoor cultural arts center.
5201 Parkside Ave. MannCenter.org
* *Daryl Hall + Elvis Costello & The Imposters, Beck, New Kids On The Block: Magic Summer 2024*

The Met Philadelphia

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

NEW JERSEY

Freedom Mortgage Pavilion

Outdoor amphitheater/indoor theater complex located on the Camden Waterfront
1 Harbour Blvd., Camden. LiveNation.com
* *Dave Matthews Band, Earth, Wind & Fire and Chicago: Heart & Soul Tour, Foreigner & Styx with John Waite, Janet Jackson, Green Day*

EVENTS & SERIES

Musikfest, August 1-11

Eleven days of art, dance, comedy and music in many genres with a stellar lineup.
Bethlehem. Musikfest.org

Chester Cty. 94th Old Fiddlers Picnic August 10

Hundreds gather for music and memories.
Hibernia County Park, Wagontown
ChesCo.org/CCParks

Phoenixville Blues Festival, September 7

Free event featuring local and national acts.
Main St., Phoenixville. PvilleBlues.org

South Wayne PorchFest, September 7

Community celebration with live music on the porches of private homes in S. Wayne.
SouthWaynePorchFest.com

Paoli Blues / Main Line Music Festival September 24

Perfect for blues lovers and anyone who likes to eat, dance, shop and enjoy great music.
Wilson Farm Park, 500 Lee Rd., Wayne
PaoliBluesFest.com

Turks Head Music Festival, June 2025

Local bands, plus 90 artists, craftspeople and vendors.
Everhart Park, West Chester
TurksHeadFestival.com

Clifford Brown Jazz Festival, June 2025

Wilmington's tribute to a great man and his legacy is the largest multi-day, free, outdoor jazz festival on the East Coast.
Rodney Square, 1000 N. Market St.
Wilmington. CliffordBrownJazzFest.org

PERFORMANCE GROUPS / DANCE

SUBURBAN PA COUNTIES

Brandywine Ballet

Providing professional training and performance opportunities and entertaining audiences as a premier ballet organization.

Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall
700 S. High St., West Chester
BrandywineBallet.org

Chester County Ballet Company

A professional performance group at Chester County's oldest training school for dance.
321 S. High St., West Chester
HarrisonDanceStudios.com

DELAWARE

First State Ballet Theater

Delaware's professional ballet company presents full-length ballets and mixed-repertory programs.
818 N. Market St., Floor 3R, Wilmington
FirstStateBallet.com

PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia Ballet Association

A premier ballet company, receiving widespread critical acclaim for extraordinary performances of a diverse classical and contemporary repertoire.
300 S. Broad St. PhiladelphiaBallet.org

MUSIC

SUBURBAN PA COUNTIES

Brandywine Singers

A choral ensemble with a wide repertoire of music, partnering with other groups to present concerts.
TheBrandywineSingers.org

Chester County Choral Society

Led by a professional director and accompanist, performing diverse choral music.
P.O. Box 3466, West Chester
ChesCoChoral.org

Chesco Pops Orchestra

Comprised of 65 talented and dedicated musicians from around the county, performing pops, jazz and light-classic repertoire.
P.O. Box 2468, West Chester. ChescoPops.org
* *Concert performance of the musical, Chess*

Delaware County Symphony

This community orchestra performs at Neumann University.
Meagher Theatre, 1 Neumann Dr., Aston.
DCSMusic.org

Immaculata Symphony

From as far back as 1920, this orchestra has grown from a chamber-size group to a large ensemble.
1145 King Rd., Immaculata
ImmaculataSymphony.org

Kennett Symphony

Experience the unique thrill in witnessing the energy and passion of Music Director Michael Hall and the professional musicians recreating musical masterpieces. Purchase tickets through the website. Follow them on social media.
106 W. State St., Kennett Square
KennettSymphony.org
* *The Classics at Brantwyn, Masterworks at Uptown!, Reimagined Concert Experience at Mendenhall Inn, Holiday Brass Quintet at Chester County History Center*



Main Line Music Festival



Uptown! Knauer Performing Art Ctr.

Lancaster Symphony Orchestra

Entertaining and educating the south central PA community through live musical performances.
48 N. Christian St., Lancaster
LancasterSymphony.org

Opera Lancaster

Nonprofit group producing operas since 1952.
411 W. King St., Lancaster
OperaLancaster.com

Rose Tree Pops Orchestra

A community orchestra with performances ranging from classical to pops to Big Band.
P. O. Box 932, Media. RoseTreePops.org

Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley (TOSDV)

TOSDV owns, maintains and presents theater organ concerts and silent movies on a 3/24 Wur-litzer theater pipe organ in the Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville.
P.O. Box 2296, Sinking Spring. TOSDV.org

VoxAmaDeus

Musicians known for historical accuracy, frequently performing on authentic Baroque instruments.
P.O. Box 203, Gladwyne. VoxAmaDeus.org

DELAWARE

Brandywine Baroque

Chamber music on period instruments.
Barn at Flintwoods, 205 Center Meeting Rd., Wilmington. BrandywineBaroque.org

Delaware Symphony Orchestra

Performing classical and chamber concerts, Delaware's only professional symphony orchestra begins with its Classics Series and a return to Copeland Hall.
100 W. 10th St., Ste. 1003, Wilmington
DelawareSymphony.org

OperaDelaware

The only professional opera company in the state and the 11th oldest in the country.
4 S. Poplar St., Wilmington. OperaDE.org

Serafin Ensemble

Internationally acclaimed performing artists devoted to collaborative chamber music perfor-

mances of repertoire for up to eight players.
4101 Washington St., Wilmington
SerafinEnsemble.org

PHILADELPHIA

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Yannick Nézet-Séguin joined the illustrious group as the eighth music director of The Philadelphia Orchestra in over 116 years.
1 S. Broad St. PhilOrch.org
* *Opening Night with Yannick and Maria Dueñas*

PERFORMANCE GROUPS / SCHOOLS

Longwood Performing Arts

Classes from experienced faculty in a variety of dance styles.
633 W. Cypress St., Kennett Square
LongwoodPerformingArts.com

West Chester Studio for the Performing Arts

Teachers are experienced professional actors and provide a high-caliber performing arts education to students of all ages and abilities.
Held at Chester County History Center
226 N. High St., West Chester
WestChesterStudio.com

West Chester University Department of Theatre and Dance

Presenting classic, contemporary and new plays, musicals and dance produced by faculty, students and Philadelphia guest artists.
E.O. Bull Center for the Arts, 2 E. Rosedale Ave., West Chester. WCUPA.edu/TheatreDance

West Chester University Wells School of Music

As many as 300 student and faculty performances open to the public each year. Concerts include opera, jazz, symphony orchestra, percussion, wind ensemble, choral, vocal and other small and large ensemble recitals.
Swope Music Building and Performing Arts Ctr.
817 S. High St. WCUPA.edu/Music

DELAWARE

The Music School of Delaware

Performances include diverse musical styles and

feature expert faculty, regional artists, internationally acclaimed guests and students. There are over 75 public performances, events and workshops each year.
4101 Washington St., Wilmington
MusicSchoolOfDelaware.org

THEATER - PROFESSIONAL SUBURBAN PA COUNTIES

Bucks County Playhouse

Located on the site of a former grist mill on the banks of the Delaware River.
70 S. Main St., New Hope
BCPTheater.org
* *Last of the Red Hot Mamas, Grease*

Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre

The Dutch Apple provides top quality productions, award-winning food and exceptional service. The theatre seats 320 and is located in the heart of the Amish Country in southeastern Pennsylvania.
510 Centerville Rd., Lancaster. DutchApple.com
* *The Sound of Music, Jersey Boys, Hairspray, White Christmas*

Fulton Theatre Productions

A National Historic Landmark, considered the nation's oldest continuously operating theater.
12 N. Prince St., Lancaster. TheFulton.org
* *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical, Frozen: The Broadway Musical, Jesus Christ Superstar, Cats*

Hedgerow Theatre

Featuring classical productions, fun-filled farces and traditional tales for the whole family.
64 Rose Valley Rd., Media
HedgerowTheatre.org

Media Theatre

Producing five musicals annually, plus children's productions, the Media Theatre has been honored with numerous awards for its performances.
104 E. State St., Media. MediaTheatre.org
* *John D. Smitherman concert*

People's Light

One of Pennsylvania's largest professional theaters offers year-round programming, mixing contemporary plays, music theater, classics and world premieres. They also offer arts education for youth and adults.



Dave Matthews Band at Freedom Mortgage Pavilion

39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. PeoplesLight.org
* *Off By One, Somewhere Over the Border*

Theatre Horizon

A professional nonprofit theater company producing dramas, musicals and original works.
401 DeKalb St., Norristown. TheatreHorizon.org

DELAWARE

The Candlelight Theatre

Celebrating over 50 years of dining and entertainment, Delaware's first dinner theater offers musicals, comedies, comedy club and more.
2208 Millers Rd., Wilmington
CandlelightTheatreDelaware.org
* *The Fantasticks*

Delaware Theatre Company

On the Wilmington Riverfront.
200 Water St., Wilmington
DelawareTheatre.org
* *Kinky Boots, Every Brilliant Thing, Home for the Holidays in the 302*

The Playhouse on Rodney Square

Located in the Hotel du Pont, stars of stage and screen have graced the Victorian stage since 1913.
1007 N. Market St., Wilmington
ThePlayhouseDE.org
TheGrandWilmington.org
* *TINA: The Tina Turner Musical, Mean Girls, Dear Evan Hansen, Hadestown, The Cher Show*

PHILADELPHIA

Forrest Theatre

1114 Walnut St. Forrest-Theatre.com

Miller Theatre (formerly Merriam Theater)

250 S. Broad St. EnsembleArtsPhilly.org

Philadelphia Theatre Company

480 S. Broad St.
PhiladelphiaTheatreCompany.org

Walnut Street Theatre

825 Walnut St. WalnutStreetTheatre.org

Wilma Theater

265 S. Broad St. WilmaTheater.org

THEATER - COMMUNITY SUBURBAN PA COUNTIES

Barley Sheaf Players

Housed in the old Oddfellows Hall.
810 N. Whitford Rd., Lionville. BarleySheaf.org

Footlighters Theater

Since 1930, this group has continued to entertain Main Line audiences with each production.
58 Main Ave., Berwyn. FootlightersTheater.com
* *Beauty and the Beast, The Wedding Singer, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*

Forge Theatre

Year-round entertainment with six productions.
241 First Ave., Phoenixville. ForgeTheatre.org
* *Annie, It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*

The Players Club of Swarthmore

A community-based theater with main stage shows and smaller "Second Stage" productions.
614 Fairview Ave., Swarthmore
PCSTheater.org

SALT Performing Arts

Live community theater, workshops, dinner theater, summer camps and community outreach.
1645 Art School Rd., Chester Springs
SALTPA.com
* *The Wizard of Oz, Cabaret, Beauty and the Beast*

DELAWARE

The Brandywiners, Ltd.

The Brandywiners perform annually at Longwood Gardens.
P.O. Box 248, Montchanin. Brandywiners.org
* *"Seussical" at Longwood Gardens*

Delaware Children's Theatre

Popular theater productions that entertain and educate.
1014 Delaware Ave., Wilmington
DEChildrensTheatre.org

Wilmington Drama League

Hosting volunteer-produced performances, plus children's theater performances.
10 W. Lea Blvd., Wilmington
WilmingtonDramaLeague.org ♦

OUTDOOR CONCERTS

Pack a meal, a blanket and a chair and head out to one of the many parks, towns and boroughs in our area for some great music.

Through August 11

Delaware County Summer Festival
Rose Tree Park, Upper Providence. DelcoPA.gov/Departments/Parks/SummerFestival.html

Through August 18

West Goshen Park Summer Concert Series
West Chester. WestGoshen.org

Through August 18

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

Through August 22, Thursdays

Charlestown Park Summer Concerts
Malvern. Charlestown.PA.US/Newsletters.aspx

Through August 25

Summer Concerts at Anson B. Nixon Park
Kennett Square. AnsonBNixonPark.org

Through August 25

Miller Park Summer Concert Series
Exton. WestWhiteland.org

Through August 30

Bryn Mawr Twilight Concerts at the Gazebo
Bryn Mawr. BrynMawrTwilightConcerts.com

Through August

Music at Marshall
West Chester. MarshallSquarePark.org

Through August

Concerts in the Park
Everhart Park. West-Chester.com

Through September 5, Thursdays

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

Through September 7

Concerts in Eagleview
Eagleview. EagleviewTownCenter.com

Through September 15

Upper Merion Concerts Under the Stars
UM Township Building, King of Prussia.
UMTownship.org

Through September

Longwood Gardens Concerts
Kennett Square. LongwoodGardens.org

Through October 6, Fridays

Phoenixville Summer Concerts
Phoenixville. PhoenixvilleFirst.org

Through October 24

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

July 5-September 6

Summer Concert Series in West Chester
CC Courthouse and Jack Loew Plaza
DowntownWestChester.com

July 12, 20, August 10

July 12, Friday Night Lights
July 20, Aug. 10, Pints on the Preserve
ChesLen Preserve, Coatesville. NatLands.org

July 18, August 15

Summer Concert Series in Kimberton Park
2214 Kimberton Rd. EastPikeland.org

August 31

People's Festival—Annual Tribute to Bob
Marley, Tubman Garrett Riverfront Park
Wilmington. PeoplesFestival.com



We Perform. We have been producing quality symphonic music for 84 years as Chester County's only fully professional symphony. Our concert series offers innovative, first-class programming in an approachable environment creating excitement that is electric.



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We Enrich. We enrich the lives of our community through music. Our programs featuring classics and popular hits cater to people of all ages, from seasoned concert goers to the next generation of classical music lovers. With a reputation of refined and impassioned performances, Kennett Symphony has become an integral part of the artistic community.

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56TH ANNUAL

Pennsylvania Dutch FOLK FESTIVAL

Theme: Van Heem Grieg – Get From Home

Friday, August 9th, 12pm to 8pm
Saturday, August 10th, 10am to 6pm

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Happy Hour

in Downtown Wilmington

Edwin Malet

HAPPY HOURS ARE PLENTIFUL in downtown Wilmington. By the riverfront and theater district, around Trolley Square and Little Italy. We've identified some of the best, worth a visit this summer and beyond. Take a trip across the state line and unwind with a cold drink, tasty bites and good company.

Big Fish Grill



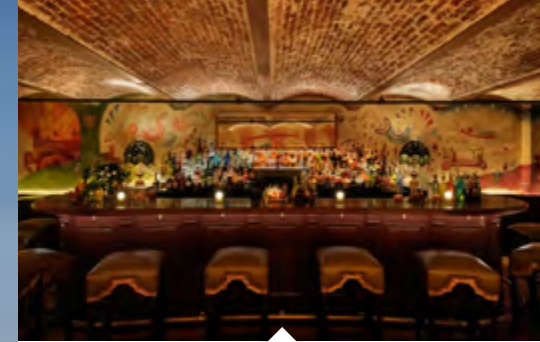
Iron Hill Brewery



Timothy's



Merchant Bar



The Quoin



Chelsea Tavern



Stitch House Brewery

ALONG THE RIVERFRONT

There are so many reasons to hang out by the Christina River this summer. Maybe you've hit a Blue Rocks game or visited the Kalmar Nyckel tall ship. Or you've worked up a thirst on a bicycle ride along the Markell Trail, through the Peterson Wildlife Refuge. One thing is certain: by 4 o'clock, you'll be thirsty and likely hungry as well. Lucky for you, there are several convenient options to satisfy you — and at a discount.

Try **Big Fish Grill**. For Happy Hour, 4 to 6 p.m. on weekdays, it offers draft beer, wine by the glass or a pineapple infusion martini for \$1 off regular prices. Its margaritas are \$9, and most cocktails are \$6. For \$10, you can have Buffalo shrimp, crispy fish sliders, Riverwalk wings or several other versions of finger food. [720 Justison St. BigFishRiverfront.com](http://720JustisonSt.BigFishRiverfront.com)

Right next door is a branch of **Iron Hill Brewery**, with Happy Hours on weekdays, 4 to 6. Draft beers are \$2 off. Wine and cocktails are \$7.50. A fried chicken sandwich is \$3.50, and fried zucchini sticks, spicy tuna nachos, hummus dip, chicken satay skewers and pimento cheese dip are \$7.50. [710 Justison St. IronHillBrewery.com](http://710JustisonSt.IronHillBrewery.com)

Another Happy Hour on the riverfront is at **Timothy's**. For \$3.50, you can get a Bud Light, Miller Lite or Yuengling. Craft beers are 50 cents off. And, mixed drinks are \$4.50. For appetizers, choose a chicken quesadilla, pizza, mac & cheese bites, Tuscan flatbread, boneless chicken wings or loaded fries for about \$9. [930 Justison St. MyTimothysRestaurants.com](http://930JustisonSt.MyTimothysRestaurants.com)

AROUND MARKET STREET

After work or before an evening at the theater, gather your crew at one of several Happy Hours on Market Street and nearby. It's only a

short walk from Riverwalk and near The Grand Opera House.

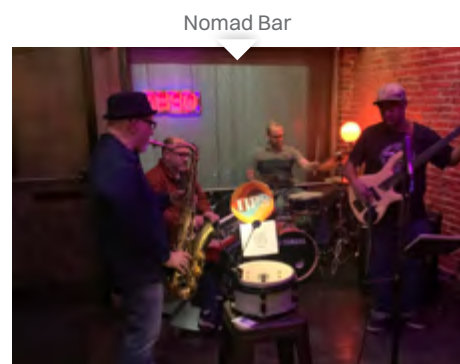
Merchant Bar offers its Happy Hour at the civilized hours of 5 to 7 p.m. Sip an old-fashioned, margarita or glass of wine for \$10 or a Mexican beer for \$5. For food, enjoy calamari, tuna crudo, guacamole or a taco-of-the-day for \$3 to \$10. [426 Market St. MerchantBar-Wilmington.com](http://426MarketSt.MerchantBar-Wilmington.com)

For an elevated Happy Hour in a hotel, **The Quoin** is an excellent choice, 4 to 6 p.m., Tuesday to Friday. Crispy octopus, tuna tartar, dry-aged sliders are \$12. Other plates cost less. Bartender's selections of beer, wine and cocktails are, respectively, \$6, \$8 and \$10. [519 N. Market St. TheQuoinHotel.com/Dining-Bar](http://519N.MarketSt.TheQuoinHotel.com/Dining-Bar)

A short distance away is the **Chelsea Tavern**, offering its Happy Hour on weekdays, 3 to 6 and late night at 11 to 1. Mixed drinks are \$5, house wines are \$6, and select craft beers are \$4. (Bonus: all the 33 craft beers are \$4 if there's a Phillies game on!) Choose a flight of any beers on tap for \$8, or a 16-ounce beer with a shot of Irish whiskey for \$9. A pizza will cost you \$10. [821 N. Market St. ChelseaTavern.com](http://821N.MarketSt.ChelseaTavern.com)

The **Stitch House Brewery** is also in the vicinity. Serving Happy Hour from 4 to 7, Monday through Friday, it offers draft beers or wine for \$5, five-beer flights for \$12 and house cocktails for \$12. [829 N. Market St. StitchHouseBrewery.com](http://829N.MarketSt.StitchHouseBrewery.com)

Two blocks off Market Street, **Nomad Bar** marks Happy Hour from 4 to 7, Wednesday to Friday. It's fairly crowded and noisy, but you can enjoy live jazz, blues or reggae, as well as 20 ounces of Guinness Imperial Stout for \$5. House wine and cocktails are \$4. Tito's cocktails are \$5. But you'll have to bring your own food. [905 N. Orange St. Facebook.com/WilmingtonJazz](http://905N.OrangeSt.Facebook.com/WilmingtonJazz)



Nomad Bar

Tonic Seafood & Steak



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Washington Street Ale House



Catherine Rooney's



More Fun In and Around Wilmington...



Trolley Square Oyster House



Dead Presidents



Santa Fe Mexican Grill

Trolley Tap House



Kelly's Logan House



Kid Shelleen's



Rocco Italian Grill



Not far, and near the Hotel du Pont, **Tonic Seafood & Steak** offers a large food menu for its Happy Hour, 3 to 6, Monday to Friday. First, it takes \$4 off its small plates, including mussels, short rib eggrolls, fried goat cheese and about 10 other dishes. Then, for drinks, it's \$2 off on Mondays for espresso martinis, on Wednesdays for glasses of wine, on Thursdays for rail drinks, on Fridays for draft beers. On Tuesdays, it serves infusion cocktails for \$10. 111 W. 11th St. TonicSNS.com

It's a three-block walk from there to **Washington Street Ale House**, with Happy Hour Monday through Saturday, 4 to 6. Sip \$8 specials, from honey ol' fashions to sangrias, or \$1 off a glass of wine or beer. Enjoy a plate of mussels, BBQ pork sliders, pickle lovers flatbread or nachos. For \$11, get a blackened chicken quesadilla, plus other bites from \$8 to \$12. 1206 Washington St. WSAleHouse.com

TROLLEY SQUARE

Trolley Square offers a cluster of Happy Hours. Stop in at **Catherine Rooney's** and next-door **Trolley Tap House** from 4 to 7 on weekdays. You'll get \$1 of all draft beers and \$2 off seasonal cocktails. For mixers, it's \$3 and \$4 for wine by the glass. 1616 Delaware Ave. CatherineRooneys.com, TrolleyTapHouse.com

If you'd like something more nourishing, a block away, try the **Trolley Square Oyster House** on Tuesday through Friday, from 4 to 6. In addition to oysters at a "buck a shuck," you can have burger sliders, fried calamari, popcorn shrimp tacos, mac & cheese, firecracker chicken wings, stuffed jalapeños or cheesesteak eggrolls for \$11 to \$14. That's in addition to \$1 off wine or beer and \$6 for rail drinks. 1707 Delaware Ave. TrolleySquareOysterHouse.com

Another nearby option is **Kelly's Logan House**. You'll get a Bud Light for \$3 and draft beers — Goose Island, Golden Road Mango Cart, Kona Big Wave — for \$4. Seltzer, White

Claws or bottles of Corona are \$4. Top it off with a shot of vodka or tequila for an extra \$4. House wine will run you \$5. For food, try flatbread pizza or Buffalo chicken spring roll for \$7. 1701 Delaware Ave. LoganHouse.com

In the neighborhood, but a couple blocks away, **Kid Shelleen's** will knock \$1 off your alcoholic beverages for Happy Hour, from 4 to 6 on weekdays. At the bar, get three wings for \$5. 1801 W. 14th St. HarrysHospitalityGroup.com/Kid-Shelleens

AROUND LITTLE ITALY

Dead Presidents offers the least expensive beer we found in downtown Wilmington: \$2.50 for a Miller Lite or Yuengling draft, weekdays, 4 to 6, and 3 to 6 on Fridays. It also has Fireballs for \$4 and Jameson shots for \$5. It doesn't offer Happy Hour food deals but has a host of all-day specials, like \$8 burgers on Mondays, \$9 flatbreads on Tuesdays and so on. 618 N. Union St. DeadPresidentsPub.com

If you like Italian food and sports, head to **Rocco Italian Grill** between 3 and 6 on weekdays, noon to 3 on Saturdays. It serves \$3 drafts, \$5 wines and various \$5 plates and daily specials. A great place to enjoy a ball game. 701 N. Union St. RoccoItalianGrill.com

Like many restaurants and bars, **Santa Fe Mexican Grill** emphasizes Mexican cuisine at its Happy Hour. For instance, it's got 18-ounce Modelo or Dos Equis drafts for \$3, an 18-ounce margarita for \$7 and a skinny margarita or pineapple diamond margarita for \$9. A glass of wine costs \$5. Its plates range from \$3 for queso blanco and chips, \$5 for cheese quesadillas, \$7 for guac-QUITOS, to \$9 for nachos. Add \$3 for chicken or beef to the quesadillas or nachos. 2000 Pennsylvania Ave. MexicanGrillWilmington.com ♦

**Note: Specials can change. Information was gathered at press time.*

THROUGH AUGUST 28

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.

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 8

Delaware Art Museum. *Through Sept. 1,* "Give Me My Flowers — Soft Petals: exploring the mother wound," photographs by Shakira Hunt. *Through Sept. 8,* "Suspended Spins: Dennis Beach." 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wed, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 8; Fri–Sun, 10 to 4. \$6–\$12, Sun, free. DelArt.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. 4101 Washington St. MusicSchoolOfDelaware.org.

THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Daniel S. Frawley Stadium. Home to the Wilmington Blue Rocks, the High A Affiliate of the Washington Nationals, who play 66 home games per year. The stadium also hosts concerts and various corporate and nonprofit events. 801 Shipyard Dr. FrawleyStadium.com.



THROUGH OCTOBER

Kalmar Nyckel, Tall Ship of Delaware. Find adventure and outdoor fun, maritime history and cultural events with annual community festivals. *July 13,* Captain Kidd's Pirate Adventure Day, noon to 4 pm; *Oct. 19,* Halloween Ghost Ship, noon to 4 pm. Copeland Maritime Center at the Kalmar Nyckel Shipyard, 1124 E. 7th St. KalmarNyckel.org.

THROUGH NOVEMBER

First Sundays

Auburn Heights Steamin' Days. Climb into an antique automobile, board one of the trains and experience what it was like to travel at the turn of the 20th century. Tour the magnificent 1897 mansion that was home to three generations of the Marshall family. 3000 Creek Rd., Yorklyn, DE. 12:30 to 4:30 pm. \$10–\$15. 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.

JULY 11, AUG. 8 & SEPT. 12

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.



JULY 13, AUGUST 2, SEPTEMBER 13

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. WVRR.com.

JULY 13–AUGUST 25

The Fantasticks at The Candlelight Theatre. A magical journey, part fairy tale, part fable and entirely enchanting. 2208 Millers Rd. Times and tickets, 302-475-2313; CandlelightTheatreDelaware.org.

JULY 25, AUGUST 29

Family Fun Night at Brandywine Zoo. The zoo offers special evening hours with a reduced admission fee of \$2. Enjoy \$1 hot dogs and \$1 soft drinks. Brandywine Park, 1001 N. Park Dr. 5 to 7. BrandywineZoo.org.

AUGUST 18–25

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.

AUGUST 24

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.



SEPTEMBER 7

Historic Odessa Brewfest.

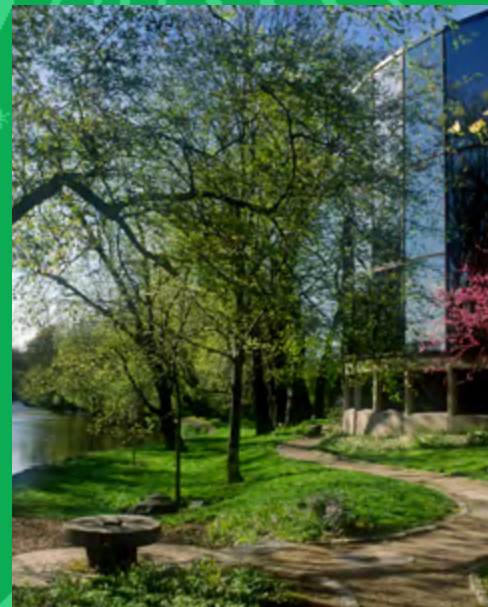
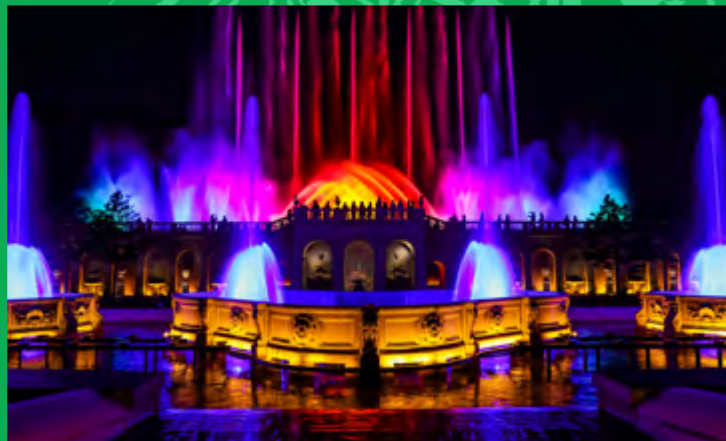
Enjoy 50 local, regional and national craft breweries, live music, gourmet food and artisan vendors. Benefits Historic Odessa Fdn. 202 Main St., Odessa, DE. OdessaBrewfest.com.

SEPTEMBER 7 & 8

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. ♦

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

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Start with the Big Three

There's no better way to appreciate the wonders of our area than by touring three world-class attractions: Longwood Gardens, Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library, and the Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art. Let's start there!



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LONGWOOD GARDENS

"Horticultural splendor at every turn" is one way to describe Longwood Gardens, a top destination both locally and nationally, on 1,100 acres and anchored by a magnificent four-acre conservatory. Its brilliant summer blooms, lush landscapes and stunning vistas add to a summer to remember with new garden spaces, the popular Fireworks & Fountains Shows, dazzling Illuminated Fountain Performances and fun performances under the stars (The Brandywiners present *Seussical*, July 24–27).

The Festival of Fountains (through October 27; timed tickets sell out quickly) is perhaps the biggest draw, featuring the dramatic Fireworks & Fountains Shows (see details in our Picks feature). Six spectacular shows with dazzling fireworks and fountains choreographed to music by The Beatles, Adele and Prince. The Illuminated Fountain Performances dance, soar and delight in the Main Fountain Garden

on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings with music from classic to pop.

Gather the family on Festival Fridays (July 12 is "You've Got a Friend in Me") for quality time set to music, fountains and more. Enjoy Circus Arts, Family Nature Strolls, Chimes Tower climbs and concerts and the Illuminated Fountain Performance, "To Infinity and Beyond" (check website for playlist from animated movie faves) and more. The August 16 program is "Come Together" for all things Beatles.

Wondering about the status of the massive Longwood Reimagined project? The opening of the 32,000-square-foot conservatory/glass

house on the 17-acre site is planned for November 22, 2024, featuring two weeks of festivities, so mark your calendar.

Longwood offers several dining options: full service at 1906 Restaurant, a la carte at the café (salads, mushroom soup) with indoor and outdoor tables, and a Beer Garden serving up pizza and pretzels with your brew. Plus there's a picnic area with grills and 70 tables outside the main part of the gardens for BYO folks. And tempting options are nearby in Chadds Ford and downtown Kennett Square.

Allow three to four hours for your tour. *Routes 1 & 52, Kennett Square. Longwood-Gardens.org*

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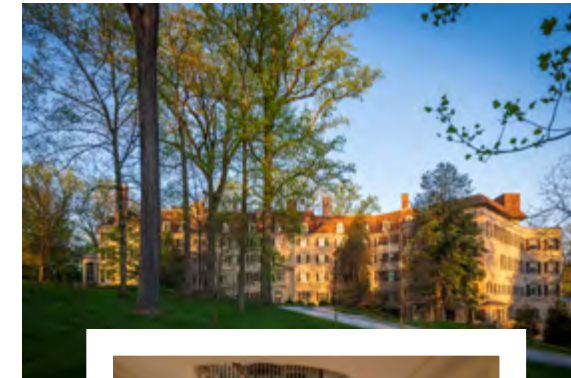
WINTERTHUR MUSEUM, GARDEN & LIBRARY

Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library is so much more than a 175-room former du Pont mansion holding over 90,000 objects in the country's finest collection of American decorative arts and material culture. And that's saying *quite a lot* about this gem in northern Delaware.

To tour the collections, first-timers may opt for a self-guided Introductory House Tour. Dive deeper with a Guided Gallery Walk to focus on a special exhibit, like "Transformations," showcasing contemporary art with 30 nationally recognized artists whose work draws inspiration from the historic collections of Winterthur. Or chose a Closer Look Tour in which guides share favorite objects, exhibit floors or rooms in the museum, making each tour unique. Scholars may want to visit the Library to view the rare books, manuscripts and archives there.

Tour the meticulously maintained 1,000-acre grounds at Winterthur, with 10 miles of roads and 25 miles of paths and walking trails. There's an Introductory Tram Tour, with 30-minute narration, starting at the Visitors Center. Or choose the Estate Tram Tour to see the dairy farm and landscape views. Getting in your steps is another way to enjoy the grounds and gardens, with both guided and self-guided options. Combine your walk with a picnic — BYO food or purchase at the Visitors Center — with a stop on Sycamore Hill or in the Enchanted Woods, a favorite kids' spot.

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BTW: Kiddos are welcome to visit spots such as the Touch-It Room and the Hands-on History Cart, both on Saturdays, and the three-acre Enchanted Woods with Acorn Tearoom, giant Birds Nest and more. Terrific Tuesdays offer demos, crafts and stories geared to the little ones.

And come for the events. Highlights in July include touring the Hydrangea Collection on July 3, Birding Walk on July 17, and the Artisan Market, July 19–21, showcasing quality local makers and crafters creating works in textiles, ceramics, glass, woodworking, antiques, gardening and more (reservations required). Each month offers both recurring tours and new topics, like the Art of Beekeeping on August 14. *5105 Kennett Pike, Winterthur, DE. Winterthur.org*



BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY & MUSEUM OF ART

The aptly named Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art preserves and presents elements of art and nature that highlight the extraordinary beauty of the Brandywine region in Pennsylvania and Delaware. The Conservancy focuses on conservation of land, water, natural and cultural resources of the Brandywine-Christina watershed, while the Museum of Art engages audiences through its collection of American art, showcasing artworks by the Wyeth family and other artists of the Brandywine region.

The Museum is housed in a converted 19th-century mill with a modern glass-and-steel addition providing three floors of intimate exhibit space along with an onsite cafe and gift shop. It's the perfect size for visitors to thoroughly enjoy both the galleries and the grounds along the Brandywine (more so when the current construction is completed).

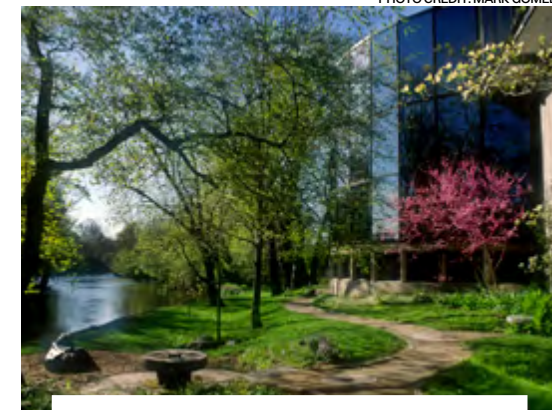
Although the popular "Jamie Wyeth: Unsettled" exhibition headed for other museums in mid-June (online tours are still available), this summer offers more art to enjoy. "Every Leaf & Twig: Andrew Wyeth's Botanical Imagination" includes 40 watercolors and drawings (many never before exhibited) on view through September 15, and a new exhibition opens June 30 called "Frank Stewart's Nexus: An American Photographer's Journey, 1960s to the Present." This 100-photo retrospective of Stewart's work centers on world cultures and Black life — including music, art, travel and dance. Long-term planners should note the October 12 opening for "The Crafted World of

Wharton Esherick," father of the studio furniture movement with a dedicated museum in Malvern.

Families will enjoy the Museum Explorers program (kids 3 to 10) on Thursday mornings, July 11 to August 1, to discover new treasures in art and nature on scavenger hunts through the galleries and campus followed by art projects. And grownups can join Concerts in the newly renovated Courtyard. On July 10, listen to traditional jazz and swing music by Parlour Noir from Mt. Airy and on August 23, an all-female mostly bluegrass trio called Wicked Sycamore, on guitar, mandolin and cello.

For those who can't be separated from their phone, the Museum has a new free app used by 400 other museums and cultural groups. Bloomberg Connects gives you info — audio and text — before, during and after your visit, with entries on planning your visit, highlights, new and past exhibitions, and acquisitions. We love it! *Route 1, Chadds Ford. BrandywineMuseum.org*

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Hike Through Chester and Delaware Counties

CHESLEN PRESERVE

Natural Lands has 20 nature preserves, wild-life refuges and public gardens in our region. All are worth a visit, especially ChesLen Preserve. At 1,282 acres, ChesLen is the largest privately owned nature preserve in Chester County. There you can explore over nine miles of hiking trails, traversing shady woodlands, flower-filled meadows, farm fields and stream valleys. Leashed dogs are welcome, and many trails are open to horseback riding.

The 2.8-mile Peter O. Hausmann Trail starts by the south parking lot and passes through open space, row crops, woodlands and wetlands, with several scenic overlooks. Kids will love Ollie Owl's NaturePlayGround near the Lenfest Center pavilion. Here youngsters can climb logs, build stick teepees, hunt for bugs and explore small streams.

ChesLen Preserve also hosts special events throughout the year, including the Friday Night Lights outdoor concert, July 12, and Pints on the Preserve, July 20. *Open Fri. to Wed., dawn to dusk. 1199 Cannery Rd., Coatesville. NatLands.org/ChesLen-Preserve*



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CHESTER VALLEY TRAIL

For running, jogging, dog-walking, biking, inline skating and, weather permitting, cross-country skiing, check out the Chester Valley Trail. This paved, ADA-accessible trail is currently 18.6 miles long, with 13.5 miles in Chester County, from Exton to Tredyffrin Township. In Montgomery County, a 3.8-mile extension opened last year that connects to the Schuylkill River Trail in Norristown. Another planned extension will add five miles west to Downingtown.

The trail generally follows the Chester Valley Railroad, a 19th-century rail corridor that once stretched 22 miles from Downingtown to Bridgeport. History buffs may know that parts of the trail coincide with movements by Washington's Continental Army and General Cornwallis's British troops following the Battle of Brandywine. This includes an area called "Battle of the Clouds," where an impending battle was canceled for torrential rain, near Phoenixville Pike and Swedesford Road.

Open daily, half-hour before sunrise to half-hour after sunset. Trailheads and parking at 101 E. Commerce Dr., Exton; 132 Church Farm Ln., Exton; 125 N. Phoenixville Pk., Malvern; 209 Conestoga Rd., Malvern; 1055 Westlakes Dr., Berwyn. Chesco.org/4643/Chester-Valley-Trail



OKEHOCKING PRESERVE

Willistown Township is home to several great hiking locations — including Willistown Conservation Trust's four nature preserves (see our May issue for details). Okehocking Preserve, owned and operated by Willistown Township, is no exception.

At this 180-acre preserve, you'll find diverse habitats, including meadows, uplands, Ridley Creek riparian areas and mature woods. There are over seven miles of mowed and wooded natural surface trails, much of which are open to leashed dogs as well as horseback riding. Hike to an 18th-century stone bank barn, find 140 bird species in the meadows surrounding Delchester Run, and find stunning views of the preserve from a lookout platform atop rolling hills. Plus, your pup can run wild in the leash-free field.

Wondering about the name? The preserve is part of a 500-acre land grant from William Penn to the Okehocking band of the Lenni Lenape tribe, the first Native American land grant in the colonies. *Open daily, dawn to dusk. 5316 West Chester Pk., Newtown Square. Willistown.PA.us*



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History buffs may come for the three-century-old working mill, but the outdoorsy among us know Newlin Grist Mill for its 160-acre park.

RIDLEY CREEK STATE PARK

Delco's only state park is a perfect place to take in the best nature has to offer. Encompassing over 2,600 acres of woodlands and meadows bisected by Ridley Creek, the park is home to many large, old-growth trees, some dating back to colonial times, and plenty of wildlife.

Hike over 17 miles of trails, with varying scenery and difficulty. Loop around the historic gardens and mansion on the mile-long, beginner-friendly Mansion Gardens Trail. Take in woodland views on the more challenging Blue Trail (2.3 miles), which loops around one of the park's 12 picnic areas. Or try to spot a great blue heron along the creek on the 1.7-mile Orange Trail.

The park also has a paved, 4.2-mile Multi-Use Trail for hiking, biking and horseback riding, which travels through the woods, by agricultural fields and next to the creek, offering great views and fishing opportunities. *Open daily, sunrise to sunset. 1023 Sycamore Mills Rd., Media. DNCR.PA.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/RidleyCreekStatePark*



NEWLIN GRIST MILL

History buffs may come for the three-century-old working mill, but the outdoorsy among us know Newlin Grist Mill for its 160-acre park. Its 8.5 miles of trails offer a unique blend of natural beauty, environmental diversity and cultural history.

Trails pass through diverse habitats, from upland grasslands to river-bottom wetlands. You'll find both native species and specimen trees, as well as a wide range of wildlife, including resident and migratory birds. Seasoned and beginner ornithologists alike enjoy free monthly Bird Walks led by naturalists from Wild Birds Unlimited — next one on July 27 at 8 a.m. Remember to bring your binoculars!

You'll also discover evidence of past industry, agriculture and transportation along the trails. The 1.6-mile Industrial Trail follows the Octorara Railroad, passing the Markham Station Visitors Center, railroad bridges and the site of a cannery and creamery. On the 0.9-mile Mill Race Trail, explore the dams, gates and races (canals) that deliver water to the mill's water wheel. *Grounds open daily, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. 219 S. Cheyney Rd., Glen Mills. NewlinGristMill.org*



THE SCOTT ARBORETUM OF SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

Swarthmore College's idyllic campus is more than just 19th-century stone buildings. It's also a 350-acre arboretum. A self-described "garden of ideas," Scott Arboretum displays over 4,000 of some of the best ornamental plants for Delaware Valley gardeners.

While you can spend hours strolling through the arboretum's gorgeous gardens and plant collections — the Hydrangea Collection is in bloom in summer — hikers will enjoy the trails of Crum Woods. Encompassing 220 acres of mostly forested land, the woods contain 3.5 miles of trails. Hike alongside the Crum Creek on the 1.7-mile Valley Walk and take a detour on Wister's Garden Walk. In springtime, take the Bartram Path past the outdoor amphitheater to the Rhododendron Collection.

For a longer hike, take the 2.2-mile Leiper-Smedley Trail, which connects the historic Leiper House & Park in Wallingford to Springfield's Smedley Park and passes through Crum Woods. *Open daily, dawn to dusk. 500 College Ave., Swarthmore. ScottArboretum.org. Swarthmore.edu/CrumWoods*



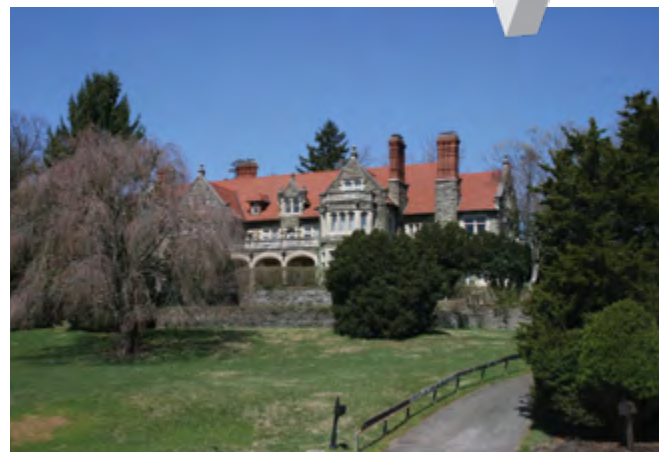
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Take a Driving Tour of Main Line Mansions

A favorite pastime of many locals is to ogle grand old estates of the Main Line. Alas, many have been demolished, lost except in local historical society libraries. But some are still standing. Some — Chanticleer in Villanova and Stoneleigh in Villanova — are perhaps even more famous for their public gardens. (Read about the gardens in last July's issue online, "Enjoy Nature on the Main Line.") This year, we suggest a driving tour of the Main Line, focusing on some of these "found" mansions that have not been lost to neglect or development. Our tour begins near Devon. From there, we head east, visiting Villanova, Bryn Mawr and Haverford.

GREY CRAIG

We begin at Grey Craig, designed in 1902 by noted architect William Price. It was a hunting lodge for James Patterson, whose family founded the Patterson Whiting Paper Company. No longer commanding 76 acres, Grey Craig is now surrounded by modern homes. But the main house, still stands and is a private residence. *680 Wetherby Dr., Devon*



ARDROSSAN

Perhaps the best-known Main Line mansion is Ardrossan, because of its connection to Helen Hope Scott (née Montgomery), who lived there and inspired the 1940 film *The Philadelphia Story*. A captivating socialite and equestrian, Hope entertained notables of society, government and the arts, and was a principle organizer of the Devon Horse Show as well as director of the U.S. Equestrian Team. She was considered the epitome of the Main Line high society.

The Georgian Revival mansion was designed by famed architect Horace Trumbauer in 1911, and its 750 acres were assembled by Col. Robert Montgomery Scott. The 50-room mansion is still standing, but the land has been subdivided and is being developed with luxury homes, though less grand than "the big house," which is attached to only 17 acres now. *807 Newtown Rd., Villanova*



THE WILLOWS

This 47.5-acre estate, now known as The Willows, was built in 1910 by renowned architect Charles Barton Keen. Originally called Rose Garland, the mansion was built for John Sinnott, a wealthy distillery owner. It was later purchased by Clarence Geist for his daughter Mary and her husband, Alfred Zantzing, Vice President of the Suburban Water Company, who lived there for over 30 years.

The Zantzingers deeded the property to Radnor Township in 1973. With views of water, meadows, woodland and gardens, it's now a public park. The mansion had fallen into disrepair, but renovation began in 2019 and is currently used for weddings, private parties, concerts, educational programs and similar purposes. *490 Darby-Paoli Rd., Villanova*



HILLTOP HOUSE

Our second stop is Hilltop House, located on 23 sunny south-sloping acres. Initially called Idlewild Farm, the mansion was built for chocolatier William Nelson Wilbur, son of the developer of those tasty Wilbur Buds. He sold in 1919, and the estate later went into foreclosure during the Depression.

During its next chapter, Hilltop House was owned by a Drexel University professor, whose wife was an heir to the Heublein Distillery fortune. Since 2005, the mansion has been used as an event space. The southern view, with walkways, benches, lawn and trees, remains spectacular. *570 Beaumont Rd., Devon*

DOLOBRAN

As you go east on Montgomery Avenue, you'll pass several notable buildings. There's Rathalla, built in 1891, now part of Rosemont College (1400 Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr). Farther east you'll see The Baldwin School (701 Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr), originally the Bryn Mawr Hotel, built in 1890 and designed by famed architect Frank Furness.

A few miles farther east, the Merion Cricket Club (325 Montgomery Ave., Haverford), also a Furness design, is located on land adjacent to Cheswold, the estate of Alexander Cassatt, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad and brother of Impressionist artist Mary Cassatt.

Turn left on Grays Lane and find Laurel Lane. Less than a quarter mile in is Dolobran, built in 1880. It's yet another Furness-designed mansion. Currently a private residence, the property, once 150 acres in all, belonged to shipping magnate Clement Griscom, who helmed a shipping conglomerate that owned, among other ships, *The Titanic*. *231 Laurel Ln., Haverford*



KNOLLBROOK, AKA CAMELOT

Back on Grays Lane, heading down the hill toward Mill Creek Rd., on the left you'll pass the high gates of Knollbrook, now renamed Camelot. Still a private residence, the mansion is set atop a hill on 13 acres.

Knollbrook was remodeled by architect William Woodburn Potter for J. Howard Pew, President of Sun Oil. Enlarged gradually to include neighboring estates — at Pew's death it reached 65 acres — the property was developed to include a pool, putting green, rock garden, fountain, bridges and greenhouse. It's one of several Main Line estates — Rocky Crest, Skylands, Glenmede, among others — once owned by the Pew family. *Grays Ln., Haverford*

Thirty Years of Town Walks — Success in Historic Preservation

Celebrating its 30th year, the Chester County Town Tours & Village Walks program is a free event featuring Chester County's cultural heritage through a series of lectures and evening strolls. You'll come away with an increased awareness of Chester County's rich heritage and historic landscape. Tours are from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.



July 11 – West Bradford — Highland Orchards

Highland Orchards has been a long-time staple in the West Bradford Township community since 1941. Visitors will be guided on wagons through 200 acres of orchards and farmland to learn about agribusiness and how it has enabled the preservation of land, structures and viewsheds. *Park: 1000 Marshallton Thorndale Rd., West Chester.*

July 18 – East Whiteland

Explore the Village of White Horse, mapped and settled since the early 18th century. Primarily an agricultural and limestone mining area in 1777, the Village became associated with the Battle of Brandywine, the Battle of the Clouds and Paoli, and was a prime military and supply center. *Park: 969 (Home of the Sparrow) or 967 (adapted barn) E. Swedesford Rd., Exton. Volunteers will direct you.*



East Whiteland

July 25 – Uwchlan

Tour the Baird House/Uwchlan Township Building and grounds. This property dates from 1735 with a log house that remains inside, existing alongside its other early additions. The grounds will be open for exploration and contain connecting ponds, outbuildings, log house replica, gardens and the Veterans' Memorial. *Park: 715 N. Ship Rd., Exton.*



Upper Uwchlan

August 1 – Tredyffrin

The tour will focus on the Baptist Church in the Great Valley, founded in 1711 by Welsh settlers. Visitors will tour the 1805 structure, as well as learn the stories of burial ground residents, including Rev. David Jones (d. 1820), chaplain to Gen. Anthony Wayne, and Rev. Leonard Fletcher (d. 1859), leader of the anti-slavery Chester County Wilberforce Society. *Park: 945 N. Valley Forge Rd., Devon.*

August 8 – North Coventry

Enjoy a village walk at Coventry Woods. Multiple programs will be offered and focus on the Lenape presence in Chester County, the early iron industry in northern Chester County, "Free Love Valley" and the Battleaxe Movement, and Hopewell Big Woods, Camp Fernbrook and today's Coventry Woods. *Park: 1954 St. Peter's Rd., Pottstown.*

August 15 – Historic Yellow Springs

In 2024 Yellow Springs celebrates the 50th anniversary of their founding organization and continuous participation in Town Tours and Village Walks. The program features costumed characters from over 30 years, focusing on the eras of history evident here and the continued promotion of preservation goals of the organization's founders. *Park: 1701 Art School Rd., Chester Springs. Follow signs to park at the Chester Springs Library. Doors open at 5:30.*



Historic Yellow Springs

More at ChesCo.org/TownTours

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Glen Mills

Newlin Grist Mill Park. Visit a restored 18th-century milling community with an active 1704 water-powered grist mill. Hiking, trout fishing weekends, picnicking and nature walks are all available. *Rt. 1 & Cheyney Rd. Newlin-GristMill.org.*

Glenmoore

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

Lebanon Valley

Lebanon Valley. Discover the many unique tastes of the Lebanon Valley. They are proud of their German and PA Dutch culture, featuring their savory claims to fame, Lebanon Bologna, craft beer, Opera Fudge, Shuey's Pretzels, whoopie pies, shoofly pie and more. Lebanon Bologna is 100% beef sausage made with special seasonings and hardwood smoked since 1902 by Seltzers Smokehouse Meats. The perfect addition to any charcuterie board. Why not try it for yourself? *VisitLebanonValley.com.*



Media

Visit Media. Everybody's Hometown! Media is Delaware County's hub of activity and cultural center. America's First Fair Trade Town features a unique blend of independently owned shops along with dozens of restaurants featuring cuisine from around the world. There's always something to do throughout the year in Media's historic State

Street District, including Dining Under the Stars every Wednesday from May through September. *VisitMediaPA.com.*



Newtown Square

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

Nottingham

Herr Foods, Inc. Factory tours show the real operation, with real workers and include secrets like how tortilla chips get their flavor. Tours end at the Snack Bar and Gift Shop. Reservations required. *To schedule: 800-284-7488; or reserve tickets online: Herrs.com.*

Oxford

The Village of Oxford. Celebrate its 250-plus-year history in a charming historic district. Try the Bridge Tour walking tour to enjoy shopping and refreshments in town. For tours, coupons, guides and more, visit *OxfordMainstreet.com.*

Perkiomenville

Goschenhoppen. One of the oldest continuously existing Pennsylvania German communities in America, preserving the folk culture of this area's earliest immigrant settlers, known as the Pennsylvania Dutch. Today, the Goschenhoppen Historians, Inc. maintain museums, a library and offer educational and seasonal events such as the *Annual Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Festival, Aug. 9 & 10, Fri., noon to 8 pm; Sat., 10 am to 6 pm. Henry Antes Plantation, 318 Colonial Rd. Goschenhoppen.org.*



DELAWARE

New Castle

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

Odessa

Historic Houses of Odessa. An outstanding collection of period household furnishings, fine and decorative arts. Five distinctive properties are unique examples of the architectural heritage of Colonial Delaware and tell of Odessa's role in the Underground Railroad. Be sure to visit on September 9 for the 11th Annual Historic Odessa Brewfest with craft beer, live music, great food, vendors and more. *OdessaBrewfest.com, HistoricOdessa.org.*

Wilmington

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

Amusement Parks, Zoos
& Family Fun

PENNSYLVANIA

Downingtown

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

Downingtown Rock Gym. This rock gym is for people of all ages and abilities. Beginners learn the basics and more experienced climbers test their skills in advanced climbing lessons. *462 Acorn Ln. DowningtownRockGym.com.*

Urban Air Trampoline & Adventure Park. From the obstacle course, balance beams, tubes, the runway tumble track and slam dunk zone and on and on. Great place on a rainy day or for a birthday party. *981 E. Lancaster Ave. UrbanAir.com.*

Exton

Round 1. Fun for the entire family at this state-of-the-art entertainment arena. Mom and Dad can

enjoy Happy Hour specials while kids try bowling and arcade games. *Exton Square Mall, 172 Exton Square Pkwy. Round1USA.com.*

Glen Mills

Oasis Family Fun Center. Safe, clean fun for the entire family at this indoor facility. *35 Lacru Ave. OasisFamilyFun.com.*

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

Mortonville

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

Norristown

Elmwood Park Zoo. The mission of the Elmwood Park Zoo is to foster an appreciation for wildlife and the environment that will inspire active participation in conservation. The zoo currently maintains a collection of over 100 species that hail from all over the globe. *1661 Harding Blvd. ElmwoodParkZoo.org.*

Oaks

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

West Chester

Northbrook Canoe Company. Cool off along the beautiful Brandywine River with a self-guided canoe, kayak or tubing trip. Continue your fun with your favorite summer foods. Reservations required. *Open daily, through Oct.; first trip at 9 am, last one at 4 pm. NorthbrookCanoe.com.*

Treehouse World. A place to explore the newest and coolest treehouses around, to challenge yourself with their unique high adventure programs and a place to have a ton of fun. Take the Aerial Zipline Adventure Course. Reservations required. *1442 Phoenixville Pk. TreehouseWorld.com.*

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

DELAWARE

Wilmington

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



Tatnall Playground/One Love Park. The park was named Tatnall Street Playground in 1907, and renamed in 2014 to honor singer-songwriter Bob Marley's time in Delaware after his hit 1977 song with The Wailers, "One Love/People Get Ready." *2316 N. Tatnall St. VisitWilmingtonDE.com*

Selected Nature Centers, Parks
and Public Gardens

PENNSYLVANIA

Audubon

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

Chestnut Hill/Philadelphia

Morris Arboretum. The official arboretum of PA. On its 92 public acres, thousands of rare plants (many of Philadelphia's oldest, rarest, largest trees) are set in a Victorian garden. Award-winning rose garden, English landscape park, loggia and hidden grotto, Japanese gardens and swan pond. Special events. Advance tickets required. *100 E. Northwestern Ave. MorrisArboretum.org.*

Coatesville

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

Devon

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

Media

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

Newtown Square

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

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

Willistown's Okehocking Preserve. See "Day Trips & Outings."

Nottingham

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

Phoenixville

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

Pottstown

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

return overlooking multiple ponds. *1368 Prizer Rd. Welkinweir.org.*

Swarthmore

Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College. “A garden of garden of ideas” to sustain the body, enchant the eye and soothe the spirit, it’s the college campus, covering 110 diverse acres. The arboretum cultivates a variety of plants that create some of the region’s most intimate, authentic and accessible horticultural experiences. *500 College Ave. ScottArboretum.org.*



Wayne

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

West Chester

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

DELAWARE

Hockessin

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

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

Historic Sites

PENNSYLVANIA

Birdsboro

Daniel Boone Homestead. Daniel Boone was born here in 1734 in a log house built between

1730–1779. Other buildings include a PA bank barn, blacksmith shop, sawmill, log house and visitors center. *400 Daniel Boone Rd. DanielBooneHomestead.org.*

Broomall

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

Chadds Ford

Barns-Brinton House. Blacksmith William Barns foresaw the need for a tavern on “ye Great Road to Nottingham.” So, in 1714, he built the spacious brick building that was to become a tavern. *630 Baltimore Pk. ChaddsFordHistory.org.*

John Chads House. Built around 1725 and owned by John Chads from 1729 until his death in 1760. He operated a ferry across Brandywine Creek. The location became known as Chad’s ford. *1736 Creek Rd. ChaddsFordHistory.org.*

Chester Springs

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

Historic Yellow Springs. Originally named by Native Americans for the iron-rich “yellow” spring water, this scenic village became the principal hospital for the Continental Army during the Valley Forge encampment and an 18th-century mineral water spa. Site of art, crafts and antique shows. *Art School & Pikeland Rds. YellowSprings.org.*

Ephrata

Ephrata Cloister. William Penn’s colony of Pennsylvania was the first to offer freedom from religious persecution, and historic Ephrata Cloister is a wonderful example of this religious toleration. Explore Ephrata’s unique architecture, music and artwork. Historic Ephrata Cloister is now a Blue Star Museum, providing free admission to currently serving U.S. military personnel and their families this summer. *632 W. Main St. EphrataCloister.org.*

Geigertown

Joanna Furnace. Hay Creek Valley Historical Assn. supports local heritage and provides a living experience of Berks County’s agricultural and technological past by demonstrating early American crafts and trades. The Hay Creek Festival, Oct. 12 & 13, features Early American crafts, antique toys, home crafts, food and olde tyme music. *Rt. 10. HayCreek.org.*

Lancaster

Rock Ford Plantation. 18th-century Georgian-style home of Revolutionary War hero General Edward Hand. The estate includes the mansion, barn and Kauffman Museum of decorative arts. *881 Rockford Rd. RockFordPlantation.org.*

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

Malvern

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

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

Pottstown

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

Schwenksville

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

Trappe

Historic Trappe. There are three historic properties open for tours: The Center for Pennsylvania German Studies, The Henry Muhlen-



berg House and The Speaker’s House. Historic Trappe is also the owner of the Muhlenberg parsonage, built in 1745 and currently undergoing architectural investigations in preparation for restoration. Don’t miss the Bedminster Traditional Artisan Show, Aug. 17 & 18 at Perkiomen Valley Middle School, 100 Kagey Rd, Collegeville. *HistoricTrappePA.org.*

Wayne

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

Willow Street

Hans Herr House. Oldest house in Lancaster County and oldest Mennonite meeting house in America, built in 1719. *1849 Hans Herr Dr. HansHerr.org.*

Worcester

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

Museums

PENNSYLVANIA

Chadds Ford

Brandywine River Museum of Art. See “Day Trips & Outings.”

Christian Sanderson Museum. A private, nonprofit enterprise located in the historic village of Chadds Ford, exhibiting the eclectic collection of historical relics, artifacts and memorabilia acquired by Christian Sanderson over a period of more than 75 years. *1755 Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. SandersonMuseum.org.*

Coatesville

Lukens National Historic District Museums. Industrial history and architectural heritage are woven together so you can “Discover the Past, Explore the Future.” Three mansions — Rebecca Lukens House (c. 1739), Terracina (1850-51) and Graystone Mansion (1889) — plus the National Iron and Steel Heritage Museum are the highlights when you visit. A Science Museum in an Historical Setting. *50 S. First Ave. Coatesville. SteelMuseum.org.*

West Chester

Chester County History Center. Their mission is to inspire, inform and build community

identity by preserving and sharing the remarkable story of Chester County and its people. *225 N. High St. MyCCHC.org.*

DELAWARE

Wilmington

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

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

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

Delaware History Museum. Originally a Woolworth’s Department Store (1940), the building has been transformed into the Delaware History Museum and the Jane and Littleton Mitchell Center for African American Heritage. *504 N. Market St. DEHistory.org.*

Delaware Museum of Nature & Science. Explore nature and science with hands-on activities and interactive experiences. Visit website for exhibits. *DelMNS.org.*

Hagley Museum & Library. The former industrial site of the original black powder works of the DuPont Company, founded in 1802 and powered by the natural resources that surrounded it. Check website for events. *200 Hagley Creek Rd. Hagley.org.*

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

Winterthur Museum & Gardens. See “Day Trips & Outings.”

Yorklyn

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

Special Interest Museums

PENNSYLVANIA

Boyertown

Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles. Featuring vehicles of all types: gasoline, electric and horse-drawn, including carriages, wagons and sleighs. You’ll see “high wheelers” and “safety bicycles,” vehicle builder’s tools and local historic roadside architecture. *85 S. Walnut St. BoyertownMuseum.org.*

Columbia

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

Lancaster

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

Malvern

The Wharton Esherick Museum. Home and studio of renowned artist and sculptor Wharton Esherick, who inspired the Studio Furniture movement. A National Historic Landmark for Architecture, housing 50 years of work. Tours by reservation only. Reservations required. *1520 Horseshoe Trail. WhartonEsherickMuseum.org.*

Strasburg

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

West Chester

The American Helicopter Museum & Education Center. The center’s mission is to preserve rotary-wing aviation history, educate society on helicopters and their missions and inspire future generations through an active schedule of public educational programs, exhibitions, events, air shows, workshops and publications. *1220 American Blvd. AmericanHelicopterMuseum.org.*

The Antique Ice Tool Museum. Follow history from the harvest to the delivery of ice and learn about the rise and eventual decline of an industry that had a profound effect on the way we live. This one-of-a-kind museum is dedicated to the preservation of the natural ice trade and houses the largest private collection of antique ice tools and memorabilia. *825 Scummelltown Rd. AntiqueIceToolMuseum.org.* ♦

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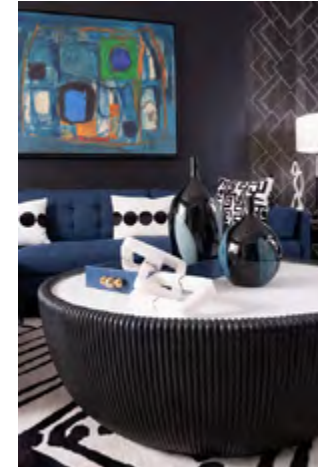
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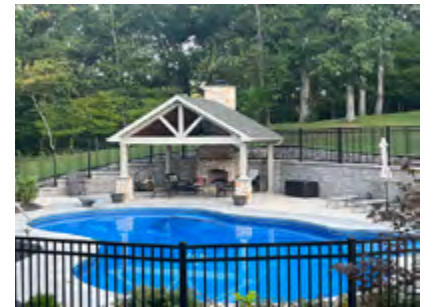
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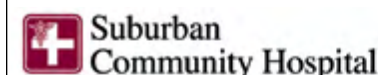
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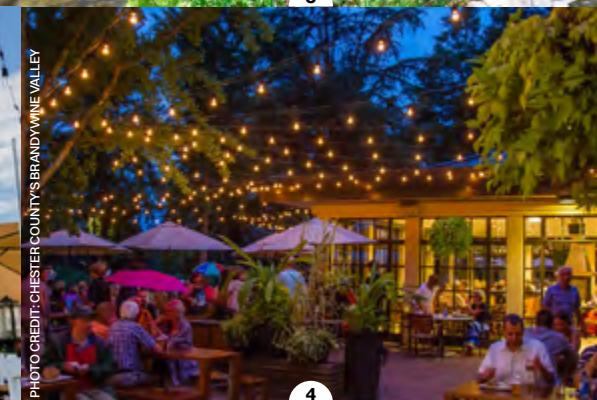
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1. Suburban Restaurant & Beer Garden
2. Levante Beer Garden at Highland Orchards
3. Brothers on the Brandywine Beer Garden
4. The Stables Kitchen & Beer Garden
5. The Beer Garden at Longwood Gardens

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Join us on a boozy tour of a dozen local beer gardens, plus a few pop-ups planned for the summer.

AROUND CHESTER COUNTY

We start our brew tour in West Chester — a hub of beer in all kinds of locations. In addition to their Carter Street taproom, the [Levante Beer Garden](#) returns to Highland Orchards on Saturdays, 11 to 6, and Sundays, 11 to 5. At this kid- and dog-friendly spot, enjoy a wide selection of craft beer from the Levante Tap Trailer, plus a variety of single-can “crack ’ems.” Pair your drink with food from the orchard’s deli, rotating food trucks (including PA Boys BBQ, Turk’s Head Sauce and Philly Hots) or pack a picnic. Special events are scheduled throughout the season, including live music, local vendors and activities. Pick up a four-pack of cans on

your way out to keep the party going. *1000 Marshallton-Thorndale Rd., West Chester. [LevanteBrewing.com](#)*

Enjoy a cold drink and waterfront views at the [Brothers on the Brandywine Beer Garden](#). On Sundays through October, 1 p.m. to dusk, join Brothers Kershner Brewing Co. at Coatesville’s Brandywine Outfitters for craft beer, wine, hard cider and seltzer on the West Branch of the Brandywine. There’s live music and rotating food trucks every week, plus special events — select vendors, music festivals, holiday celebrations and more. BYO chair or, better yet, an inner tube to cool off in the river! *2100 Strasburg Rd., Coatesville. [BrothersKershner.com/Beer-Garden](#)*

In Exton’s Eagleview Town Center, [Suburban Restaurant & Beer Garden](#) promises a farm-focused beer garden experience. Sip craft beer from Suburban Brewing Co. and other local breweries, plus craft cocktails and wine, under umbrellas and string lights — or, when the weather gets cool, around the fire pit. Pair your drink with a delicious meal focused on local, sustainable agriculture, including summer chicken schnitzel, spicy dandan noodles, pulled pork sandwich with guava BBQ sauce and tuna poke bowl. *570 Wellington Sq., Exton. [SuburbanBG.com](#)*

In nearby Chester Springs, visit [The Stables Kitchen & Beer Garden](#), which Take Flight Restaurant Group (Bloom Southern Kitchen and other ventures) opened last summer in a converted barn. Choose from two indoor dining rooms, two bars or outdoor seating for 450, with designated family-friendly and over-21 areas (thank you!). Sample classic and seasonal pies from their custom-built Nepelese pizza oven, plus handhelds and sharables (order their popular truffle fries). Choose from 20 beers on their rotating draft list, plus cans, wine, hard seltzer and kombucha, house cocktails and more. Come for weekly live music, Taco & Trivia Tuesdays, and Thursday keg drops featuring new beers from sought-after breweries. *160 Park Rd., Chester Springs. [TheStablesBeerGarden.com](#)*

KENNETT AND WILMINGTON

Moving south, [The Creamery of Kennett Square](#) is a great place to hang all summer long. Head to the rustic, converted 1902 Eastern Condensed Milk Company building for a robust selection of craft beers on tap and in cans, plus wine, cocktails, hard seltzer and kombucha. Hungry? Order from their in-house menu, featuring local, seasonal ingredients, or get something from a visiting food truck. The Creamery is a frequent host to live music and events — including a Plantology on Tap event hosted by Longwood Gardens on July 18 — and an official Pub Partner of the Philadelphia Union, showing all this season’s games, hosting the Union at events and giving away tickets. *401 Birch St., Kennett Square. [KennettCreamery.com](#)*

While in Kennett Square’s [Longwood Gardens](#) this summer — you know you’ll go for the fountains and fireworks — leave time for

a stop at its beer garden in an idyllic setting. Longwood’s beer garden features local brews, including signature beers developed in partnership with Victory Brewing Company, as well as wine and canned cocktails, plus pizza and sandwiches from the grill. Enjoy live music most Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through October, weather permitting, ranging from bluegrass to classic rock to Caribbean steel pan. *1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. [LongwoodGardens.org/Dine/Beer-Garden](#)*

Make your way to the First State and find yourself at Wilmington’s [Constitution Yards](#). Built from upcycled old rail cars, this seasonal beer garden along the Christina riverfront has a changing selection of craft beer, wine and specialty cocktails. Nosh on classic American fare at picnic tables on the deck or chill out in Adirondack chairs on the sand. Come for live music on weekends, sports on the big screen, axe-throwing and special events. Dogs are always welcome, and on July 23, Constitution Yards hosts an adoption event for the Humane Animal Partners of Delaware, with \$1 from every special Tito’s cocktail sold benefiting the rescue. Come pet a cute pup and drink for a good cause! *308 Justison St., Wilmington. [ConstitutionYards.com](#)*

DELAWARE COUNTY

Our neighbor to the east has some excellent beer gardens to try this summer. For a European biergarten experience, check out Thornton’s popular [Bierhaul Farmhouse](#). Located in a 17th-century fieldstone house and the adjacent spacious outdoor patio, Bierhaul offers two dozen rotating drafts, with an emphasis on

Pop-Up Beer Gardens

Thirsty for more? Mark your calendars for these pop-up beer gardens.

Summer Pop-Up Beer Garden Series at Uptown! Kanuer Performing Arts Center: This summer, Uptown hosts vibrant pop-up beer gardens on the front lawn to complement their shows. Enjoy craft beer, live music, food trucks, art and lawn games, plus more drinks inside at Mac's Foxhole Bar. Be sure to stick around for the show! Join them July 12 at 4:30 p.m. and July 28 at 2 p.m., with more dates in August. Free. 260 N. High St., West Chester. UptownWestChester.com/Summer-Pop-Up-Beer-Gardens

Pints on the Preserve at ChesLen Preserve: On July 20, 2 to 8:30 p.m., East Branch Brewing Company will be pouring suds at the Lenfest Center pavilion. Pack a picnic or purchase snacks (cash only), bring chairs to enjoy breathtaking views on the Lenfest Center's back deck or covered pavilion, or hike the preserve's nearly 14 miles of trails. Free, registration requested. 1199 Cannery Rd., Coatesville. NatLands.org/PintsOnThePreserve

Third Thursdays at Nemours Estate: Visit the stunning, Versailles-inspired gardens on July 18 and August 15, 4 to 8 p.m., for discounted admission, live music, rotating food trucks and, of course, beer and wine. Picnics and chairs are permitted, but no outside alcohol. Adults, \$12. Kids (ages 6-16), \$5. Under 6, free. 1600 Rockland Rd., Wilmington. NemoursEstate.org

Summer Pop-Up Biergarten at Historic Sugartown: BYO chairs and picnic blankets to this dog-friendly event on August 15, 5 to 8 p.m. Enjoy live music from Shake Down and drinks from Locust Lane Craft Brewery, Manatawny Still Works and Chaddsford Winery, plus food truck bites. Fun bonus: watch a paper marbling demo by the Sugartown bookbinders. Adults, \$10, \$15 at the door. Under 18, free. 273 Boot Rd., Malvern. HistoricSugartown.org

European brews, and plenty more beer in bottles and cans. There's also wine by the bottle and glass, seltzers and canned cocktails, plus a selection of specialty cocktails. Accompany your drink with their modern American fare — smash burgers, lobster grilled cheese, Rueben cheesesteaks and more. Craving more? Check out Bierhaul Townhouse, their newly opened indoor beer garden in downtown West Chester. 341 Thornton Rd., Thornton. Bierhaul.com

Last summer, the folks at Tired Hands Brewing Company opened not just a beer garden, but a 15-acre hophead heaven. On Route 3 in Newtown Square, **Tired Hands Beer Park** houses a beer garden adorned with colorful sail shades and picnic tables, a brand-new food trailer, disc golf, kids zone and plenty of trails. There's also, of course, lots of Tired Hands brews to drink at the park or to-go. Check social media for live music and Makers Market info. 4901 West Chester Pk., Newtown Square. TiredHands.com

Next, head to Everybody's Hometown for **Pinocchio's Beer Garden To-Go**. Media's oldest restaurant offers a whopping 1,000 specialty beers — 200 from craft and international brewers — with new brews arriving daily. Mix and match six-packs or fill up a growler or crowler from 25 rotating drafts. On summer Wednesday and Friday nights, head out the patio,

where friendly faces pour brews from the Pinocchio's beer truck. 131 E. Baltimore Ave., Media. PinBeer.com.

Have some farm-fresh fun at the **Ship Bottom Beer Garden** at Linvilla Orchards. Friday to Sunday, order brews from New Jersey's Ship Bottom Brewery — including their Linvilla Orchards hard cider — from their groovy beer van while enjoying everything the orchard has to offer. While you're there, order a wood-fired pizza from the Linvilla Grill and play a round of cornhole or jumbo Connect 4. Later in the season, warm up around the fire pit or patio heaters. Don't forget some extra canned beers to-go ... as a souvenir. 137 W. Knowlton Rd., Media. Linvilla.com

ONE MORE IN MONTCO

Just across the county line in Montco, Pottstown's **Iron Gate Biergarten** is a dog-friendly spot with major industrial vibes. Open from March to November, this open-air beer garden has a fully Pennsylvania-sourced beer and spirits list, including Tröegs, Yuengling and Frecon Ciders. Order free delivery from one of Iron Gate's rotating partner restaurants and food trucks. Check socials for drink specials, live music, trivia nights and more. 230 E. High St., Pottstown. On Instagram @IronGateBiergarten

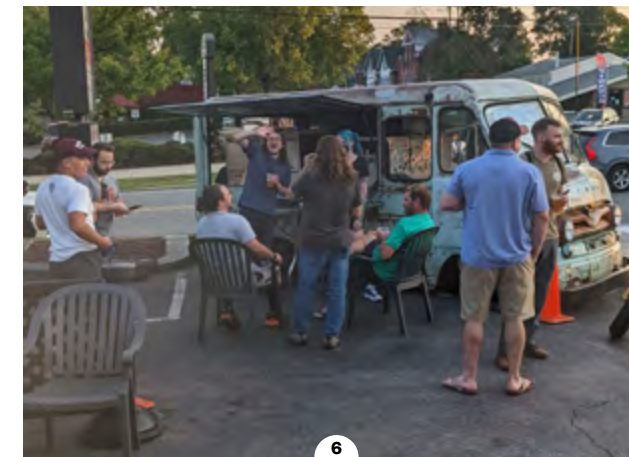


Constitution Yards



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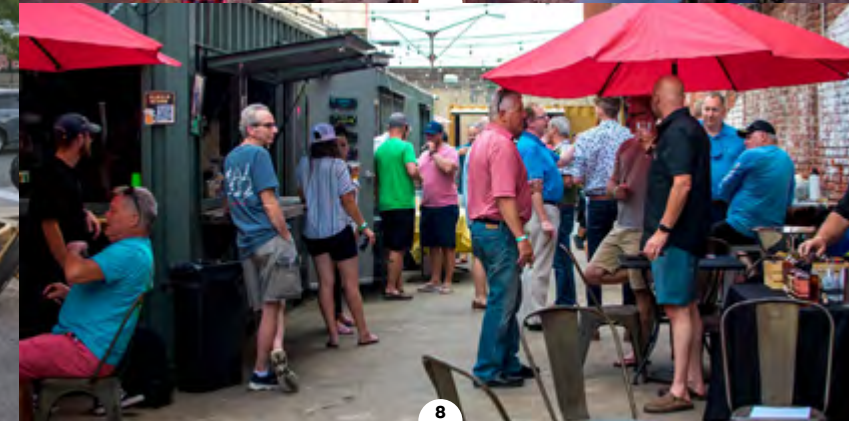
Each of these beer gardens provides a unique mix of atmosphere, community and, of course, exceptional brews. Whether you're a craft beer connoisseur or simply looking for a spot to unwind with friends, these local venues offer something for everyone. So, gather your friends, raise a glass (or can or plastic cup) and toast to sunny afternoons, starry nights and summer memories. Cheers! ♦



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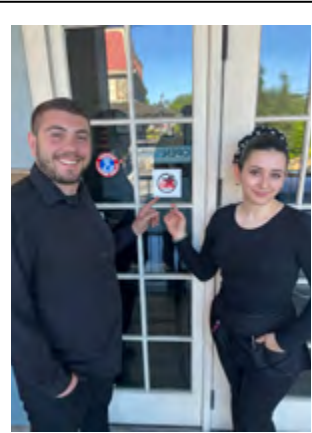
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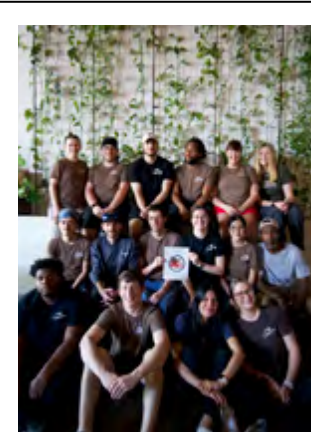
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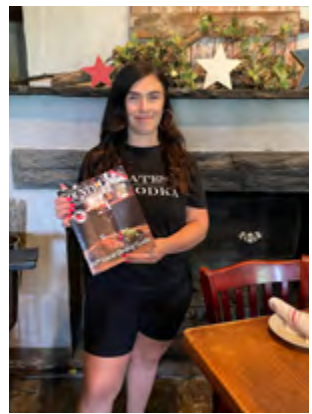
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Food News A few of our favorite things to share this month about local food and drink

So much has been happening at local eateries, drinkeries and food producers in our area, quick bullet points seem the best way to bring you up to speed. In no particular order, here's some food news for July.

Cheers for Beer & Wine

- Ubiquitous **Iron Hill Brewing** won two gold medals — for 30 E. Stout Street and Philly Chili — at the World Beer Cup, besting over 2,000 breweries and 10,000 entries. WorldBeerCup.org
- More kudos for Iron Hill: *Food & Wine* included **Iron Hill** and West Chester's **Levante Brewing** among the 30 best craft breweries to visit in PA. Levante got a shoutout for its Cloudy & Cumbersome and Going Guava. FoodAndWine.com
- In PA Wine rankings, the **Inn at Grace Winery** in Glen Mills was awarded Best White for its 2023 pinot gris — and ranked among the top 10 PA wines — in this year's PA Wine Association's Sommelier Judgement blind tasting competition. GraceWinery.com



Fab Food

- Unionville's **Farm at Doe Run** had two cheeses — Hickory on the Hill and Creamery Collection Batch #17 — on the 15 Highest Quality Cheeses in America list. InsiderMonkey.com
- The *Philadelphia Inquirer* recognized West Chester's **Jaco Juice & Taco Bar** as having one of the breakfast tacos worth waking up for. JacoJuiceAndTaco.com
- Ranked #4 on the list of Mashed's "Best Mushroom Dishes in America," (according to customers) is **Portobello's of Kennett Square's** roasted mushroom soup (of course it's from Kennett). Mashed.com

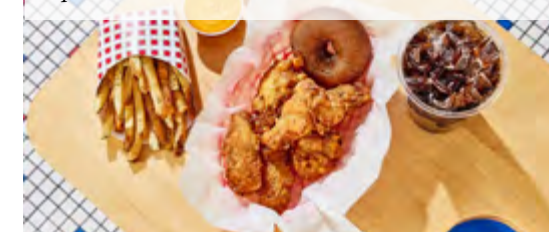


Openings & More

- For exclusive imbibing, upscale 9 Prime opened members-only **Johnny O's Speakeasy** in the basement of West Chester's historic First National Bank. A special key fob grants entry for 150 members (for now) to enjoy small bites and high-end spirits. JohnnyOsWestChester.com
- Phoenixville added another beer source on Bridge Street when **Twelve78 Brewing** opened in May, after three years of planning. It's BYOFood, with food trucks and DoorDash. Twelve78Brewing.com
- West Chester's Lorenzo's Steaks & Hoagies is opening a pizza place at 316 E. Gay St., called **Pizza316**, to bring the family recipe back to West Chester. Because we need more pizza in the borough! [On Instagram @PizzaToRemember](https://www.instagram.com/PizzaToRemember)
- Planning a PA-wide and national expansion, **Federal Donuts & Chicken** will open a location in Radnor, for those who don't want to preorder at Artisan Exchange in West Chester. FederalDonuts.com
- Get reviews of **1,000 local cheesesteak shops** from Swarthmore resident Jim Pappas, with rating up to 100. Cheesy Life video ratings are on YouTube, and there's a spreadsheet! [On YouTube @PhiladelphiaCheesesteakAdv4883](https://www.youtube.com/@PhiladelphiaCheesesteakAdv4883)



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Get Grilling with Wyebrook Farm

TRY UNIQUE CUTS AND EXPERT TIPS TO ENLIVEN YOUR OUTDOOR COOKING

Courtney H. Diener-Stokes

WITH THE SHIFT OF SEASONS IN JUNE turning our attention to everything outdoors, it's time to get excited about new possibilities for cooking on our grills. While a juicy NY strip, flavorful ribeye or tender filet will no doubt anchor many plates, this summer is a prime opportunity to give lesser-known cuts of meat a chance for a spot on your grill.

Try new cuts of meat this season, ones you're more likely to find at local, whole-animal butchers. Velvety merlot, robust top cap and rich picanha offer new culinary experiences. "I love picanha because when you cut into the fat cap, it makes each bite taste really juicy," said Jeff Dill, co-owner of **Wyebrook Farm**, along with his brother-in-law, Scott Simpson.

Dill usually prefers a minimalist approach when cooking their pasture-raised beef and pork, opting for only salt and pepper as seasonings so he doesn't mask the authentic flavor. He's also learned the importance of having a good digital meat thermometer on hand to avoid overcooking the meat. And Dill is fortunate to get pro cooking tips from Wyebrook's onsite butchers, Alexi Alejandro and John Clay.

Perhaps you've heard of Wyebrook Farm, nestled in the agricultural haven of Honey Brook. The farm's 200 acres are home to about 150 Black Angus and Simmental-cross cattle grazing on pasture

plus about 40 heritage Berkshire-cross pigs foraging in their wooded lot, all tended to by Ryan Bostdorf, Wyebrook's farm manager. The 18th-century farm came to prominence in 2010 when Dean Carlson restored and established it as a sustainable farm, later adding a destination farm-to-table restaurant to showcase the meat.

It was in 2020 when Dill, an Eastern University professor with a background in sociology, merged his interests in sustainable farming with Simpson, who had experience farming and managing cattle and who knew Carlson. So, when Carlson decided to sell the farm after 10 years of building Wyebrook and its cattle and pig stock, he looked for owners who'd carry on with his herds and continue sustainable farming practices. It was a successful match with the new co-owners' mission: "To serve our community with clean, nourishing meat, raised right."

Today, Simpson focuses on the farming operations at Wyebrook, while Dill handles the business side. The team takes great pride in their regenerative agriculture and on-farm butchering and processing. And they're grateful for Carlson's ongoing support. "We're inheritors of the land stewarding, and we continue to do what's good for the land, the livestock and the local community," said Simpson.

Read on for recipes to tempt your taste buds to venture into new territory this summer!



Wyebrook Farm co-owners, Jeff Dill, left, and Scott Simpson, right



The barn at Wyebrook Farm is where onsite butchering currently takes place



Ryan Bostdorf, Wyebrook's farm manager

Grilled Top Cap Steak with Chimichurri

This is a thin cut of steak that cooks fast on the grill. It pairs well with chimichurri sauce, which is easy to make and adds a bright and beautiful taste to the table. This versatile sauce can also be used as a marinade for basting meat.

Serves 4 to 6



For the steak:

- 1, 2-lb. top cap steak
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Garlic powder and Worcestershire sauce, optional

For the chimichurri:

- ½ C. fresh, flat-leaf parsley, roughly chopped
- 3 to 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 to 2 small red chili peppers, finely chopped, seeds removed
- ½ C. extra virgin olive oil
- 2 T. red wine vinegar
- ¾ tsp. dried oregano
- ½ to 1 tsp. salt and pepper (to taste)

Preparing the steak:

Salt and pepper both sides of the steak, adding a sprinkle of garlic powder and a splash of Worcestershire sauce, if desired.

Place on the grill over high heat and cook to medium rare (130°–135°), testing with a digital thermometer. Once cooked, remove from heat and let rest for about five to 10 minutes (the meat will continue cooking as it rests).

Slice thin for serving with the sauce.

Preparing the chimichurri:

Using a mortar and pestle, grind (or finely chop) the parsley, garlic and peppers.

Place in a bowl and add oil, vinegar and oregano. Stir to combine. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Let sit for at least 10 minutes (ideally a few hours) to enhance the flavor of the sauce. (It can be made a day ahead and refrigerated for up to 24 hours).

Place slices of meat on a serving platter and drizzle with chimichurri sauce. Refrigerate leftovers in an airtight container for up to three days.

Perfect Picks for Summer Grilling



Why not try grilling new cuts of meat to liven up your summer meals? Most of these cuts are easier to track down at local, whole-animal butcher shops, but some can be found at your local grocery store.

Merlot: A lean cut with a finer grain, merlot steak is best cooked fast and over high heat. With just two of these cuts per animal, it's hard to come by. Best served rare or medium-rare to avoid the meat drying out.

Picanha: A traditional Argentinian cut that's very tender and has a flavorful fat cap. Cook fat side down to render it and crisp it up.

Skirt: An easy-to-find, flavorful cut. Though on the tough side, it's great for grilling. Toss with a marinade (like chimichurri) before leaving for work. When you return, it's ready for a fast and easy meal. Great for tacos.

Top Cap: A naturally larger cut that's great for when you have guests or when planning for leftovers.

Top Sirloin: An easy-to-find and affordable cut that's versatile and foolproof for the novice griller.

Seasonal Merlot Steak Salad

Merlot steak, named for its smooth, velvety mouth-feel, is the star of this lean meal. Lauren Van Dyk, Wyebrook operations manager, says she loves the endless possibilities the growing season offers for this salad. Take advantage of what's fresh and on hand.

Serves 2 to 4

- 1 lb. merlot steak
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Garlic powder, to taste
- 6 C. arugula, mixed greens and spinach, torn or roughly chopped
- ½ C. dried cranberries or cherries
- ¼ C. pepitas
- ½ C. sliced almonds, toasted walnuts or pecans
- 1 medium red onion, thinly sliced (pickled red onions are even better)
- ½ C. produce of choice (roasted broccoli, slivered green beans, roasted beets, diced apple or pear)
- ½ C. goat cheese, crumbled
- Salad dressing of choice (balsamic drizzle, vinaigrette or blue cheese recommended)

Place steak on the counter for about 30 minutes to lose the chill from your refrigerator. Liberally season both sides of the steak with salt, pepper and garlic.

Place on the grill over high heat or pan-sear in a cast iron skillet. Cook to medium rare (130-135°), about four to five minutes per side, testing with a digital thermometer.



Once cooked, remove from heat and let rest for about five to 10 minutes (the meat will continue cooking as it rests while you assemble the salad). Slice the steak against the grain into thin strips for the salad.

Add greens to your favorite salad bowl and toss in remaining ingredients.

Drizzle salad with dressing of your choice. Place steak strips on top of the salad.

Refrigerate leftovers in an airtight container for up to one day.

All-Purpose Pork BBQ Sauce

Here's a great go-to barbecue sauce created by barbecue expert Susie Bulloch, founder of Hey Grill Hey, a website specializing in barbecue and grilling. This all-purpose sauce combines just the right amount of heat and sweet. Pairs well with pork ribs and shoulder, preferably from heritage pigs since they tend to have more fat, making the meat more tender and moist. Also pairs perfectly with chicken.

Makes 8 cups

- 1 C. ketchup
- ¼ C. brown sugar
- ¼ C. apple cider vinegar
- 2 T. molasses
- 2 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. smoked paprika
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. onion powder
- 1 tsp. black pepper
- ½ tsp. ground chipotle pepper

In a medium saucepan, add all ingredients and stir to combine.

Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, and bring to a boil. Simmer for 15 minutes on low heat. Remove from the burner to allow sauce to cool.

Refrigerate any leftover sauce in an airtight Mason jar for up to two weeks.

Grilled Bratwurst with Couscous and Mixed Vegetables

Bratwurst, a traditional German-style pork sausage, is excellent for grilling and a real people-pleaser. Play with the mix of vegetables based on your taste and what's in season. Pairs well with a local craft brew.

Serves 4



- 4 bratwurst links
- 1 C. uncooked pearl couscous
- 4 C. mixed vegetables, sliced (such as bell peppers, onions, mushrooms)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Olive oil or butter, to taste

Cook couscous according to package instructions (can use beef or chicken stock in place of water to add more flavor). Set aside.

Slice vegetables and place in a foil packet with a little olive oil or a few pats of butter or in a grill basket. Place on the grill halfway through cooking the sausage. Cook until tender or tender-crisp (about 8 to 10 minutes). Once cooked, salt and pepper to taste.

Grill bratwurst slowly over indirect, medium-low heat to avoid splitting the casing and losing valuable juices. Rotate the brats while cooking to brown all sides. Use a digital meat thermometer to test for doneness (160°), about three to four minutes per side.

Place a bed of couscous on each plate, layer with mixed vegetables and top with one whole link per person. Salt and pepper to taste.

Refrigerate leftovers in an airtight container for up to three days.

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Note: Many grass-fed cattle are not 100% limited to grazing. For example, the Wyebrook herd is 90% grass-fed plus 10% fed spent brewer's grain from East Branch Brewing Company in Downingtown. That brewing byproduct is said to enhance the flavor of the meat.

Finding Grass-Fed Beef

You don't have to look far to find responsibly raised meat that's better for you and the environment.

Wyebrook Farm, Honey Brook

Wyebrook Farm offers grass-fed beef online for delivery or pickup at the farm or at the Downingtown and Malvern farmers markets. As a whole-animal butcher, they have a full range of cuts of beef and pork, along with bacon, pork sausage and many types of ground beef. Their ground beef is featured in burgers at Station Taproom in Downingtown. WyebrookFarm.com.

Canter Hill Farm, Malvern

Founded in 2008, Canter Hill is committed to pasture-raised, antibiotic-free and chemical-free chicken, beef, turkey, lamb, heritage pork and duck. Find their products at their farm on Fridays from 12 to 4 p.m. or at the Bryn Mawr and Chestnut Hill farmers markets. CanterHillFarm.org.

Buck Run Farm, Coatesville

Established in 1984, Buck Run Farm specializes in 100% grass-fed beef from their herd of Angus/Angus-South Poll cross cattle. Their beef is sold at their farm and many other locations, including Red Dog Market in Warwick Township, Talula's Table in Kennett Square and Vollmecke Orchards & CSA in Coatesville. BuckRunFarm.com.

Why Not Farm, Glenmoore

The beef raised at Why Not Farm is grass-fed, grass-finished and free range. They offer Texas Longhorn, known for being very low in saturated fats, and Scottish Highland, a beefier meat with natural marbling. Find Why Not's beef, along with other products, at the small store on their farm. WhyNotFarm.com.

Tallow-Fried Potatoes

Potatoes in any form make a perfect side dish for steak. These are fried on a cast iron skillet using tallow, a high-quality fat rendered from pasture-raised beef that has a high smoke point. Readily available from local farms and butcher shops, tallow makes a great replacement for butter, olive oil or other cooking oils. It has a very mild flavor, so it doesn't stand out in dishes.

Serves 4 as a side dish



- 4 medium to large gold potatoes, medium-sliced
- 1 T. rendered beef tallow, plus more as needed when cooking
- Salt and pepper to taste

Melt tallow on low heat in a cast iron skillet or frying pan on the stove. Once tallow is melted, place potato slices on the skillet without overlapping and turn heat up to medium/medium-high.

Flip the potatoes when golden brown and cook both sides evenly. Add more tallow if needed

Salt and pepper to taste.

Refrigerate leftovers in an airtight container for up to three days. ♦

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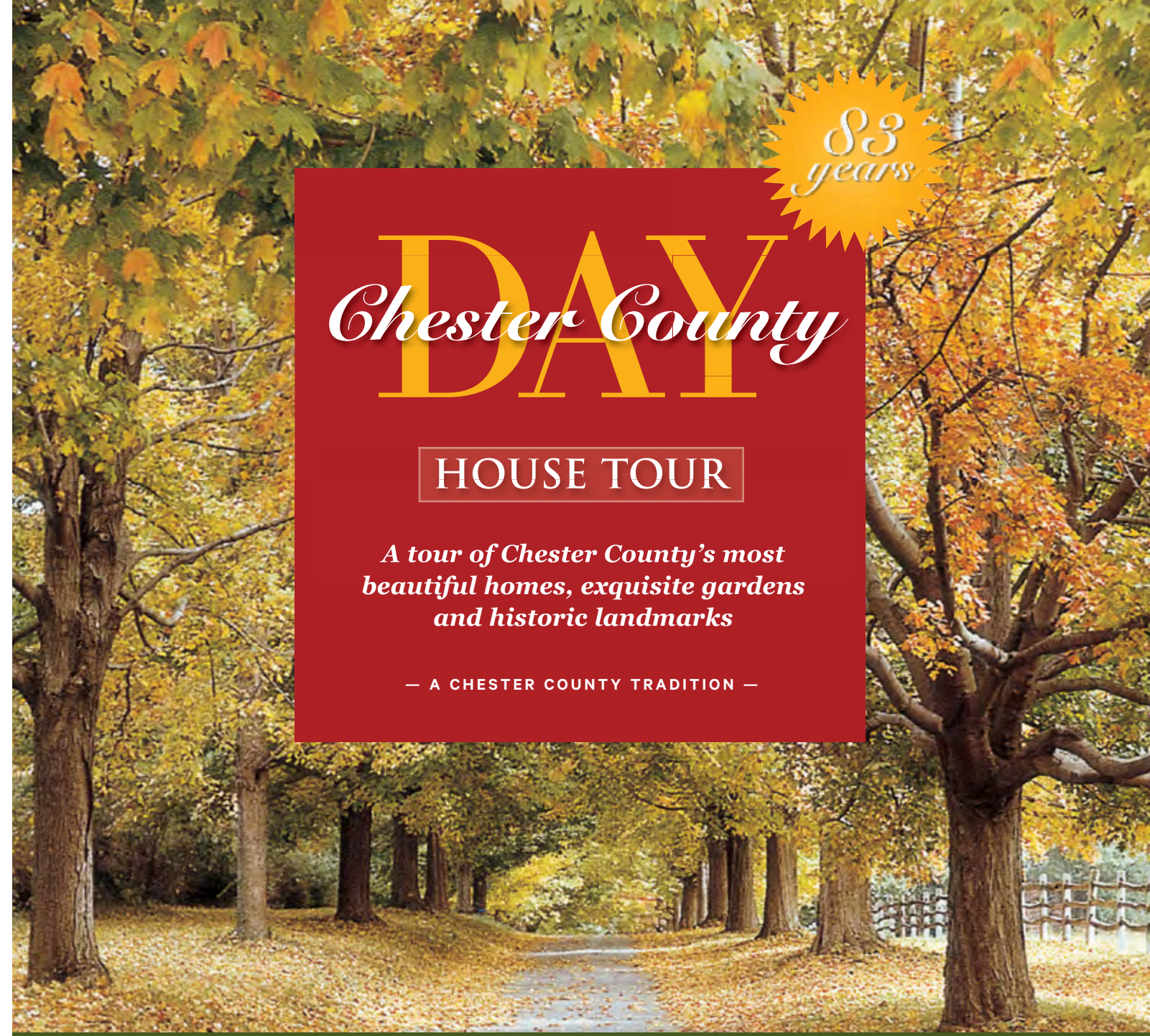
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