

FAMILY FUN

THROUGH NOVEMBER 2

First Sundays

Steamin' Days at Marshall Steam Museum. 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. \$10–\$15. AuburnHeights.org.*

SEPTEMBER 6

Historic Sugartown Bee Day. Celebrate National Honey Month with Historic Sugartown and the Chester County Beekeepers Association. A fun, educational and family-friendly event all about our vital pollinators. *Carriage Museum at Historic Sugartown, 273 Boot Rd., Malvern. 10 to 1. \$5. HistoricSugartown.org.*



SEPTEMBER 7, 14, 21, 28

West Chester Railroad Picnic Special Train Ride. Enjoy a relaxing 90-minute train ride from West Chester to Glen Mills and return. Pack a lunch to have at the Glen Mills station picnic grove, the 1880s station building or the Red Brick Winery. *Trains depart 230 E. Market St., West Chester. Noon. \$25. WCRailroad.com.*

SEPTEMBER 13 & 14

Battle at Chadds Ford—Historic



Chadds Ford Days. Take a historical journey back to September 11, 1777, when the British army engaged Washington's troops at Chad's Ford. Two timed skirmishes and a firing demo will take place each day with reenactors and demonstrators. Live music, food and beverages available. *1736 Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, 10 to 4. \$5–\$10. ChaddsFordHistory.org.*

SEPTEMBER 20

Fall Festival at Newlin Grist Mill. Featuring a variety of historic skills and trades demonstrations, archaeological excavations and activities, hayrides and hands-on activities for kids of all ages. Visit the vendors of handcrafted goods in the Colonial Market and enjoy locally made beer, wine and food vendors at the Tavern. *219 S. Cheyney Rd., Glen Mills. 10 to 4. Free. NewlinGristMill.org.*

SEPTEMBER 20

Paoli Battlefield Heritage Day. Enjoy the American Military Timeline and see how the soldiers dressed and what they carried into battle. Stop by the food trucks and beer tent and enjoy face painting for the kids and many other crafters and vendors. *1st & Wayne Aves., Malvern. 11 to 4. \$10. PBPFIInc.org.*

SEPTEMBER 23

Butterfly Festival at Colonial Gardens. Wander through the gardens, visit local artisans and learn about these amazing pollinators. Make a reservation to release a butterfly during one of the mass releases. *745 Schuylkill Rd., Phoenixville, 9 to 5. Free. ColonialGardensPA.com/Butterfly-Festival.*



SEPTEMBER 27

Charlestown Day. Food trucks, bounce house, face painting, balloon animals, vendors, live music and kids activities throughout the day. *Charlestown Township Park, 100 Academic Way, Phoenixville. 11 to 3. Free. Charlestown.PA.US/Parks.aspx.*

OCTOBER 3

Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center Presents Puppy Pals Live.

Puppy Pals is a family-fun, action-packed show where adopted and rescued dogs perform spectacular stunts—full of surprises and laugh-out-loud canine comedy. *226 N. High St., West Chester. 7 pm. \$30–\$35. UptownWestChester.org.*

OCTOBER 4

Truck & Tractor Day at Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library. Get up close to trucks and tractors, suit up in firefighter gear, take a hayride and milk a mechanical cow. *5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur, DE. 10 to 4. \$6–\$20. Winterthur.org.*

OCTOBER 4

The Lights Festival at Plantation Field.

Enjoy food, live music, dancing, play areas and games for all ages and the sight of the sky lit with thousands of lanterns. *1547 W. Doe Run Rd., Kennett Square. 4 pm. \$36–\$60. TheLightsFest.com.*

OCTOBER 5

Downingtown Fall Fest. Street festival featuring food and craft vendors, Victory Brewing Beer Garden and live entertainment. *Green St. & E. Pennsylvania Ave. 11 to 4. Rain or shine. DowningtownFallFest.com.*

OCTOBER 5

Westtown Day 2025. The annual community day features live music, food trucks, petting zoo, historical reenactors, bounce castle, inflatable axe throwing, emergency vehicle touch-a-truck and more. *Oakbourne Park, 1014 S. Concord Rd., West Chester. 11 to 3. Free. WesttownPA.org.*



OCTOBER 5

Radnor Fall Harvest & Great Pumpkin Patch.

Spend the day enjoying fall-themed activities including tractor rides, pumpkin picking, mechanical bull, balloon twisters, food, entertainment and more. Rain date, Oct. 12. *The Willows Park, 490 Darby Paoli Rd., Villanova. 11 to 4. Free. Radnor.com.*