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Welcome to the spring issue of IN Great Valley magazine!

Although summer is several months away, many parents have summer camp registration on their calendars now.

Today's summer camps are so much more than making crafts and telling stories by the campfire. Many camps focus on creating amazing summer memories as well as learning valuable skills. And depending on the activity, your child may be using math, science, history, writing and geography skills without even realizing it.

With more than 8,000 summer camps in the United States, helping your children choose how they will spend their summer break can be an exhausting process. In this issue, our special section on summer camps offers tips on how to choose a summer camp as well as a listing of camps in the area. We hope this is a useful tool in helping you choose the perfect camp for your child.

Happy spring!

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# CTE: INDUSTRY PARTNERS

## It takes two: How education and industry need to partner together to prepare students for the twenty-first century workplace

The conversation about the relationship between education and industry has taken center stage as educators seek to better prepare students for life after school. Economic changes and technological advancements present a challenge as corporations struggle to find qualified graduates to meet these growing needs. In 2015, the IBM Institute for Business Value surveyed more than 900 leaders from both the educational and business sectors. The survey found that 57% of industry and academic leaders agree that collaboration is necessary to effectively deliver higher education to students, while 56% believe collaboration is necessary during curriculum development.

It seems clear that both educational institutions and private industrial sectors agree that more collaboration needs to occur. If 56% of educational

and business experts believe this collaboration must begin with curriculum, then it is imperative that such collaboration begin before college. The Technical College High School (TCHS) Pickering campus, of Chester County, offers a model of what this collaboration between education and industry should look like in the twenty-first century.

### The Importance of Industry Expert Instructors and Occupational Advisory Committees

In order to develop curriculum that helps set students up for success after school, having staff who understands a particular industry or skill is vital. The instructors at TCHS Pickering, in conjunction with occupational advisory committees (OAC), provide the industry expertise necessary to prepare students to meet the demands of industry.

### It's All About the Experience

The key to successful curriculum in the twenty-first century is that it must be hands-on. Having industry experience through internships, co-ops and job shadowing offers students and employers the opportunity to learn from each other and determine if this relationship might result in a job placement. TCHS Pickering utilizes these opportunities to give students the skills and knowledge that industry requires before entering the workforce.

### Incorporating College Credits is Key to Success

The cornerstone to a successful relationship between a secondary institution and industry partners is the incorporation of college credits into the curriculum. TCHS Pickering has developed a curriculum which brings in collegiate partners, allowing students to leave TCHS Pickering with the technical skills, educational foundation and the head start necessary for them to succeed in both college and the workforce.

### Synchronizing with Partners to Create a Well-Rounded Student

The key to any successful relationship is synchronization between partners. In the case of TCHS Pickering, this synchronization occurs between a student's sending school, TCHS Pickering and industry partners. TCHS Pickering complements the academic education the student is receiving from their sending school while simultaneously offering personalized opportunities to succeed in their individual post-secondary goals.

### A Model of Success

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# LOOP IN THE

WHAT'S NEWS IN GREAT VALLEY BY PETER URSCHELER



The Director of Chester County's Department of Emergency Services, Robert J. Kagel (left), introduces Smart911 to the Chester County Commissioners and attendees at the Jan. 31 Sunshine Meeting. Commissioners (l to r): Terence Farrell, Chair Michelle Kichline, and Kathi Cozzone.

## CHESTER COUNTY INTRODUCES SMART911

Chester County's Director of the Department of Emergency Services, Robert J. Kagel, introduced Smart911, a new emergency preparedness program, during the Jan. 31 Chester County Commissioners' Sunshine Meeting. Smart911 is a free service that allows individuals and families to create a safety profile online that provides key information to Chester County's 9-1-1 Center. Chester County is the first county in southeastern Pennsylvania to provide this service.

Safety profiles can be created at [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com). Residents can customize their profile and share any information they want the 9-1-1 call taker and response teams to have in the event of an emergency. The information is seen only when the resident dials 9-1-1 and it is automatically displayed to the 9-1-1 call taker, allowing him or her to send the right response team to the right location with the right information.

## CENTER FOR FAMILIES ANNOUNCES PARENT SERIES

The Center for Families at Malvern has announced a series of meetings geared toward parents of children who may be struggling with substance use and related disorders or mental health and emotional challenges. The meetings are offered free of charge, although some ask for a small donation to cover the cost of printed materials. The Center for Families at Malvern provides a safe haven for parents and teens to find strength and hope through peer support, education and clinical counseling for

mental health issues that affect families in the area. For more information, visit [www.centerforfams.com](http://www.centerforfams.com) or call 610.228.0670.



DUANE ERDMANN

## ORCHID EXTRAVAGANZA AT LONGWOOD GARDENS Through March 31

Don't let the winter blues get you down! Visit the show-stopping and diverse display of orchids on view now through March 31 in the warmth of Longwood Gardens' fully enclosed, 4-acre conservatory. As one of the first plant collections at Longwood, orchids have held a place of distinction at the gardens since 1922. Longwood's horticulturists celebrate the beauty and variety of orchids with an artful display that includes a towering 12-ft. archway made up of pink Phalaenopsis orchids, giant orbs of orchids hanging over the fern floor, a spectacular purple and white orchid curtain, and more than 200 Vanda hanging from the ceiling in the Silver Garden. If you visit in March, you may get to see the rare sky-blue poppies in bloom. To plan your visit, or for more information, go to [www.longwoodgardens.org](http://www.longwoodgardens.org).



## DOGWOOD FESTIVAL April 22 and May 15-21

This Phoenixville favorite has a long and storied history as part of the community. With its historical roots dating back to the 1940s, this annual event celebrates spring, the Phoenixville community and those who serve in our Armed Services. The 2017 Dogwood

Festival kicks off with the Dogwood Queen Scholarship Program, which highlights some of the community's most talented high school juniors. The showcase takes place on Saturday, April 22, at Barclay Elementary School Auditorium.

On May 15-21, the Dogwood Festival transforms Reeves Park nightly with entertainment, rides, food, vendors and various community organizations. There is truly something for everyone. Wristband nights will be Monday and Wednesday. On Saturday, May 21, the Dogwood Parade takes to the streets of Historic Downtown with 100+ entries including bands, floats, dance troops, classic cars and even a steam Calliope. The Dogwood Parade is the second largest of Chester County. Whether this is your 70th Dogwood or your first, you won't want to miss out on the annual tradition hosted by the Phoenixville Jaycees and the Phoenixville Jaycees Foundation. For times and more information, visit [www.PhoenixvilleJaycees.org](http://www.PhoenixvilleJaycees.org).



## CHESTER COUNTY NAMED SEMIFINALIST IN HARVARD'S 2017 INNOVATIONS IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AWARDS COMPETITION

The Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, recognized Chester County's Women's Reentry Assessment and Programming (WRAP) initiative as a Semifinalist in this year's Innovations in American Government Awards competition. The WRAP initiative will compete for a chance at the \$100,000 grand prize in Cambridge this spring.

Chester County's WRAP initiative was launched to meet the needs of women who have been incarcerated, struggling for basic survival, or lacking in skills to transition back into family life. Because of WRAP, arrest rates

for women for new criminal charges have decreased by 61 percent, and technical violations of community supervision have decreased by 72 percent.

CARRIE WHITE



## WELKINWEIR SUMMER PROGRAM OPEN HOUSE

March 12

Interested families may visit Green Valleys Watershed Association's camp facilities, walk the grounds and talk with the education coordinator from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Registration forms will also be available at the facility to register your child for camp. Contact Dawn White at 610.469.8646 or [dwhite@greenvalleys.org](mailto:dwhite@greenvalleys.org) for more information. Green Valleys Watershed Association is located at Welkinweir, 1368 Prizer Road, one mile west of Route 100, in East Nantmeal Township.



## JENNIFER STURMAN OF MAGIC MEMORIES WINS SMARTCEO'S EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AWARD

SmartCEO magazine has recognized Jennifer Sturman of Magic Memories as one of the top 35 executives in the Philadelphia area through its 2017 Executive Management Awards. The Executive Management Awards program recognizes the leadership and accomplishments of Philadelphia's management all-stars—the CFOs, CIOs/CTOs, COOs and other C-suite executives leading the region's top companies. Winners are recognized for their creative management vision, leadership philosophy, innovative strategy and undeniable work ethic. Sturman is the Chief Operating Officer of Magic Memories Child Development Centers headquartered in Phoenixville.

## BEEF AND BEER SUPPORTING THE PHOENIXVILLE SENIOR CENTER

March 25

Join in the annual Beef and Beer fundraiser that benefits the Phoenixville Senior Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the event runs from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Kimberton Fire Company Covered Bridge Room. Come and enjoy an evening filled with silent auctions, raffles, wine pull and entertainment. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased through the senior center. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. Please visit the Phoenixville Senior Center or call 610.935.1515 for more information.

## BONNETS AND BOWS

April 2

The Soroptimist of Phoenixville annual fashion show will be held at Rivercrest Golf Club & Preserve in Phoenixville. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., lunch is at noon and the show will begin at 12:45 p.m. Proceeds from the event go toward helping women and girls locally, in both Chester and Montgomery counties and beyond, through educational, social and economic empowerment. This year's show will feature a Best Hat Contest and participants are asked to bring hotel toiletries and shoe cast-offs. Tickets are required. For more information or to make reservations, contact Betty Thierry at 610.209.6048 or email [holland1142@comcast.net](mailto:holland1142@comcast.net).

## THE SATURDAY CLUB SHUFFLE 5K AND KIDS RACE

April 1

The Saturday Club Shuffle 5K and Kids Race is a fundraising event for The Saturday Club, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization of volunteer women. The Saturday Club serves and supports causes that aid and benefit women,

children and families in the Greater Philadelphia region. A half-mile kids race will kick off the morning followed by the 5K. The course runs through downtown Wayne, starting and ending at The Saturday Club, 117 W. Wayne Avenue. After the race, refreshments and family-friendly activities will be available for all participants, including those who come to cheer on the racers. All kids race participants will receive their own t-shirt and ribbon. Age group and overall awards given for the 5K. For more information or to sign up, go to [www.saturdayclubshuffle.org](http://www.saturdayclubshuffle.org).

## WHEELS OF WAYNE

April 30

Cruise on in for the 5th Annual Car & Motorcycle Show in downtown Wayne, presented by Radnor Township Recreation and Community Programming in cooperation with the Wayne Business Association. Bring the whole family to see the antique, classic and custom cars and motorcycles on North Wayne and West avenues along with entertainment, food, prizes and more from 1 to 4 p.m. Participate in the pulled pork and pizza contests to help determine the best of the best. The event is free. Vendor and sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, call 610.688.5600 or visit [www.radnor.com/WOW](http://www.radnor.com/WOW). ■



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Malocclusion affects some 74% of American adults. If you have malocclusion, it may affect your periodontal health, because it is difficult to remove plaque when teeth are not aligned. Periodontal disease can begin as gum redness or bleeding while brushing your teeth or using dental floss, and you may notice halitosis, or bad breath. If not treated, gum inflammation can become worse, leading to soft tissue damage, receding gums, the formation of pockets between teeth and gums, bone loss, and eventually tooth loss.

Types of malocclusion include: crowding, spacing, deep bite, cross bite, excessive overjet, edge-to-edge bite and open bite. Although each type is different, they present a variety of potential issues.

When teeth are crowded, plaque with harmful bacteria can attach to the tooth surface down to the bottom of the pocket. Plaque can be difficult to remove from crowded areas because it is difficult to brush and floss there. Bacteria can cause gum tissue surrounding the tooth to degrade, and, if not treated, will result in bone loss.

In addition to serious complications of your teeth and gums, malocclusion may present a risk to overall health. Severe periodontal



infection, if untreated, may increase the risk for atherosclerosis-induced conditions such as coronary heart disease and stroke, complications of diabetes, adverse pregnancy outcomes, and respiratory disease.

This causes systemic problems to develop and progress to potentially devastating results:

1. Bacteria forms a film underneath the gums, particularly where teeth are misaligned. Gum pockets form, further trapping bacteria and debris.
2. Bacteria inflames the gum tissues and kills gum tissue cells, and can invade connective tissue and blood vessels.
3. Your immune system creates white blood cells and proteins to fight the inflammation.
4. The combination of bacteria, toxins, white blood cells, and acute-phase proteins damages the cells that line your coronary arteries, resulting in plaque and leading to hardening in the arteries.

Straight teeth are not only beautiful teeth; they are actually healthier teeth. Straight, properly aligned teeth can help you avoid the negative effects of periodontal disease. Straight teeth lead to healthier gums since it's easier to brush and floss. Properly positioned teeth can help gums "fit" more tightly around them, which may lead to better periodontal health.

Straight teeth also improve hygiene, which reduces the chances of plaque retention, tooth decay, and periodontal disease. Properly aligned teeth also reduce the risk of expensive procedures required to repair the effects of abnormal force, such as tooth chipping, breaking, or wear, and can be less stressful on the supporting jawbone.

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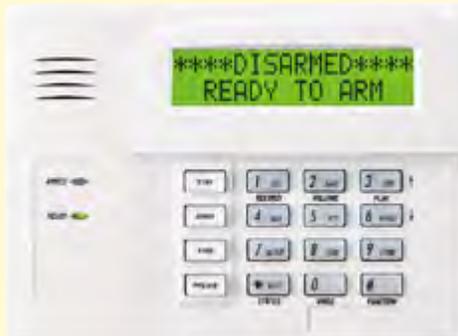


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## Smart House Home Improvement

Advances in smart home technology make it easy to transform any house into a smart home.

With the aid of modern technology, it's now possible to convert virtually any ordinary house into a smart home filled with features that make daily tasks more convenient. These technologies allow for greener living, customization of your living space to personal tastes and the peace of mind that you can control key home systems with your smartphone.

Converting to a smart home may seem like an intimidating task at first, but if you break the process into manageable steps you'll find it's not so hard to choose and install the best smart devices for your home and lifestyle. You can begin turning your house into a smart home by following these three simple steps:

### 1. Set a budget.

All of the technology and gadgetry that comprise today's smart homes were once viewed as luxury, reserved for the rich and famous and those whose lives played out on the big screen. What once seemed impractical for the average homeowner is now quite attainable. When you consider that some smart devices such as light bulbs have a life span of up to 25 years, you may end up saving money, too. How much money you'll ultimately spend to create your smart home depends on numerous factors—the size of your home, number of systems and appliances you wish to automate, and the level of integration you desire.

Assuming your home is already wired for a high-performance broadband connection, you can get into the smart home game for under \$100 with a thermostat that you can manage remotely. On the other hand, adding smart-home technology throughout the whole house will likely cost in the thousands.

Pay attention to the levels of integration various products offer. Purchasing products from brands that partner with many other smart-home device makers will help ensure the products you add in the future will work with those you install now. Selecting highly integrated products will save you time during the installation process, help you avoid unnecessary expenses down the road and improve your overall smart-home experience.

### 2. Brainstorm ideas for each room.

Once you're past the nuts and bolts of practical considerations, it's time to start imagining. The key about designing the perfect smart home is to remember that the very essence of smart devices is their ability to make your life more convenient. Choosing the products and how you connect them is all about your lifestyle—there's more than just one way to build your smart home.

Go room to room and think about the activities that occur in each space. Consider which of these can become easier or more enjoyable with the support of smart technology. The living room, where you most likely have entertainment and audio equipment, offers plenty of obvious benefits, but also look at the kitchen, for example. Did you forget to start the dishwasher on your way out the door? Initiating a wash cycle remotely will let you come home to clean dishes.

### 3. Prioritize what you install.

When it's time to begin the actual transition to a smart home, it's a good idea to start with the most important products first. For most homeowners, those are the devices that you use every day.

Opening and closing the garage door is so much a part of your daily routine that it is often hard to remember if you closed it on the way out. Products such as the Chamberlain MyQ Garage upgrade kit, or Chamberlain garage door openers with built-in MyQ technology, put peace of mind in the palm of your hand. This technology allows you to control and check the status of your garage door from anywhere, at any time, so you know if your garage was left open or if it's being opened while you're not home. The innovative technology works with numerous smart-device brands and their devices, such as NEST thermostats and Xfinity home security products.

With the all-important lead-in to your home covered, you can turn your attention to devices that help manage your home's operation and efficiency. Thermostats that auto-adjust to designated climate settings are a popular option for many homeowners because they bring immediate returns in reducing your overall energy usage. Irrigation systems and power management products are also wise investments when it comes to optimizing your home's use of natural resources.

Crossing the threshold to a smart home may feel like a big step, but once you get settled and experience the convenience and control, you'll likely find yourself exploring ways to incorporate smart technology every place you can.

## Smart Devices for Every Room

The number of devices that can be integrated into a smart home is growing at an accelerated rate, but not all are complex gadgets and gizmos. Some of the simpler options for every room in your home include:

**Living Room Outlet Adapters**—walk into your home late at night and flip on the lights, the TV or both without searching in the dark for a switch or remote. After your smart outlet adapter is plugged into the wall, appliances can be plugged into the adapter and controlled from a smartphone.

**Bedroom**—Adding motorized drapes to your bedroom allows for an easy way to adjust lighting and privacy without leaving the comfort of your bed. Properly adjusting drapes, which is easy to do with

smartphone control, can also help manage energy consumption by regulating solar heat.

**Kitchen**—Wake up to your favorite morning beverage without drowsily scooping and pouring. A smart coffee maker can make the right amount of coffee at just the right time through simple settings on your smartphone.

**Family Room**—Cue the movie setting with dimmed lights, blinds lowered and the TV powered on. Hosting a party? Count on your custom entertaining setup with lighting in all your guest-friendly rooms, lively music playing on your whole-home sound system and a lower temperature to keep things cool as the party heats up.

## Bathroom Upgrades for Style

Makeover ideas to spruce up a small bathroom or plan a full renovation.

Home upgrades are all about adding comfort, convenience and beauty, and the bathroom is no exception. It may be the smallest room in the house, but these ideas for enhancing the most functional features of your bathroom are sure to make a big impact.

Whether your goal is a spa-like oasis or simply bringing a new level of sophistication to this all-important room in your house, there are a few key areas to focus your attention.

**Sink:** More than just a bowl for capturing water when you wash or brush, the sink can actually be a statement piece within your bathroom. More traditional options range from decorative self-rimming to sleek undermount styles, while vessels in all shapes, sizes and materials lend an artistic flair. Wall-mounted sinks reflect a trend toward floating vanities and today's pedestals are anything but boring.

**Toilet:** Keeping a sparkling clean bathroom is now easier with the new American Standard ActiClean self-cleaning toilet, which also offers stylish design and affordability. The ActiClean combines the power of revolutionary VorMax flushing technology with a fully integrated self-cleaning system, eliminating the need for in-bowl or in-tank cleaning solutions. A convenient flip-up door on the tank's top houses the control panel for the cleaning system, which is activated at the user's touch for a one-minute Quick Clean or 10-minute

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and without jets, freestanding or integrated into the architecture—the possibilities are nearly endless. Keep access in mind when you choose your style; don't select a tub so deep it's difficult to climb in and out, and remember practical considerations like bathing children.

**Floor:** Because it offers broad aesthetic appeal and it's relatively easy to keep clean, tile flooring is a top choice for bathrooms. Not only can you add style with the color and texture of the tile, you can take your flooring to even greater levels with special patterns and designs. Another flooring enhancement—

heated coils that run below the surface to keep cool tile warm and cozy when it's cold outside.

**Storage:** While aesthetic appeal is important, a bathroom without sufficient storage space is truly lacking in function. Be sure your design includes a place to keep essentials like towels and personal grooming items. Whether your storage space blends in or stands out is entirely up to you; some vanities actually look more like stylish furniture, and open shelving is a popular choice for a modern space.

With the wide range of options available, it's easy to create a bathroom that delivers the perfect combination of style and function.

## Smart, Stylish Designs for Outdoor Kitchens

Kitchens are moving outside and are expected to be a top design trend in 2017.

An outdoor kitchen can greatly improve the value of a home, and it brings family and friends together. Whether it's having your neighbors for a weekend barbecue or a big family gathering, everyone loves being outside.

Big or small, the basic principles of outdoor kitchen design remain the same. Get started by understanding these basics:

**Get the right heat**—It all starts with the grill, which is the centerpiece of the outdoor kitchen. Russ Faulk, chief designer and head of product for Kalamazoo Outdoor Gourmet, suggests basing your selection on the cook you aspire to be, not the kind you are now. Remember that there are no uniform depths,

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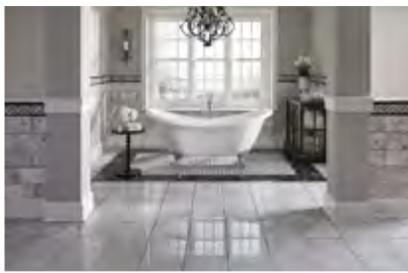
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Maxwell would know his staff, since he spent months traveling across the country to recruit some of the most talented associates to join his team when he opened the Devon location of Floor & Decor in late 2016.

As a specialty retailer, Floor & Decor's goal is always to offer the most styles and the widest selection of hard-surface flooring of any retailer in the United States, if not the world. To that end, it currently offers over 70 styles of ceramic, over 80 styles of porcelain, over 15 styles of marble, nearly 20 styles of granite, over 35 styles of travertine, over 40 styles of wall tile, over 35 styles of glass mosaics, over 50 styles of laminate, over 40 styles of hardwood, over 10 styles of bamboo, over 80 styles of tumblestone and over 300 styles of decorative stone, not to mention moldings, accessories, tools, vessel sinks, vanities, kitchen cabinets, medallions, etc. All of this and all the wares are organized, priced, and easy to find and see.

In addition to carrying many well-known brands of flooring, installation materials and

tools, Floor & Decor carries a variety of top-quality, proprietary brands. The team can help with installation through Floor & Decor's professional partner, coordinate delivery, and even provide specialized financing options. Along with catering to all of your hard-surface flooring needs, the team at Floor & Decor also provides a variety of unique services including:

- **Free Design Services** – Clients can schedule a free design consultation where an experienced designer will work one-on-one with you to help you find the inspiration and great products to bring your project to life. Whether it's a new floor in your living room, bedroom, kitchen or bathroom, or adding some pizzazz to a wall with decorative wall tiles or wood, the Floor & Decor designers can show you the latest styles and find the right products to enhance your room.
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"If you've never installed flooring or tile before, we even offer classes to help you complete your project like a professional," says Maxwell. "If you can't come to a class, our associates can give you expert guidance to make sure you get great results on your projects."

Be sure to check out Floor & Decor's large in-stock selection at the new showroom conveniently located at 176 W. Swedesford Road in Devon, across from the Barnes & Noble. In addition to providing a great shopping experience, Floor & Decor is also actively seeking individuals to join its expanding team. For more information or to view the large selection online, go to [www.flooranddecor.com](http://www.flooranddecor.com) or call 610.232.4848.

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heights or widths when it comes to grills, so future upgrades can be a challenge.

More homeowners are also expanding their cooking capabilities with specialized products offering different types of heat. Smokers, pizza ovens and charcoal or wood-fired grills are options to keep in mind as they can enhance the outdoor cooking experience.

**Assess the space**—Think about how you envision the relationship between your indoor and outdoor kitchens. If they are relatively close together, an outdoor kitchen can utilize the indoor kitchen's capabilities, such as prep space and storage. Conversely, a fully independent outdoor kitchen with refrigeration, warming cabinets and cabinetry is more self-reliant, but will require more space and connections for gas, water and electricity.

**In the zone**—You'll get the most out of your outdoor kitchen when you have different functional zones designated. Plot out where you will position four key zones, wet, cold, hot and dry, to make prepping, cooking, serving and cleaning much easier.

The cold zone should be next to the wet zone. This will simplify moving food from the refrigerator (cold zone) to the sink (wet zone) to wash and get ready for grilling in the hot zone.

Also plan for uninterrupted counter space or landing areas for placing platters and utensils while cooking. Grills should have at least 24 inches to one side and 12 inches to the other. Sinks should have 18 inches on both sides for room to wash food or place dirty dishes.

Be sure to dedicate enough space for each zone and think about the relationships among them for cooking and serving activities.

**Left outside**—Being outdoors means your refrigeration and cabinetry will need to be equipped to handle the elements.

When considering refrigeration for an outdoor kitchen, Faulk stresses food-safe rated options. With these products, meats won't go bad and drinks will stay cold, even when it's above 95 degrees outside.

Cabinetry should be equipped to handle rain and protect the items inside. Weather-tight cabinets have seamless rain gutters around the door and drawer openings to help divert water.

By incorporating the right design principles, an outdoor kitchen can be the place where you and your guests enjoy delicious meals for years to come.

## 9 Steps to a Better Backyard

Follow these simple steps for building your dream escape—right in your own backyard.

**Enlist an expert.** Much like you might consult an interior designer, deck contractors can help make your dream outdoor space become a reality. Unless you plan to build the deck yourself, the first item on your to-do list should be hiring a contractor. When researching contractors, look for someone who specializes in decks—conduct interviews, review portfolios and gather references.



Photo courtesy of Kalamazoo Outdoor Gourmet.

**Make low-maintenance a high priority.** Everyone wants to spend time outdoors, but no one wants to spend that time sanding, staining or replacing worn-out wooden deck boards. For enduring beauty with minimal upkeep, consider high-performance composite decking that resists fading, staining, scratching and mold—and won't rot, warp, crack or splinter.

**Factor in function.** Plan your outdoor space to align with how you'll use it, whether that will be for relaxing, entertaining, dining alfresco, etc. Consider all-weather cabinetry and outdoor storage for added convenience. Additionally, think about factors such as views, sun/shade and entryways that will have an impact on your design layout.

**Frame your space.** While railings provide a necessary safety function, they also serve an aesthetic role by creating a decorative frame for an outdoor space and defining the setting's style.

**Forego the folding chairs.** Make your backyard more comfortable with inviting furniture pieces. Mix and match a variety of weather-resistant outdoor pieces—from benches and Adirondack chairs to cozy couches with colorful cushions—to provide multiple seating options and create a welcoming atmosphere.

**Heat things up.** One of the hottest trends in outdoor living is incorporating warming features into outdoor spaces. Create physical and ambient warmth with candles, tiki torches, lanterns and firepits.

**Let there be light.** Lighting is another effective way to add warmth, ambiance and safety to an outdoor space. Designed for easy installation, outdoor lighting provides sophisticated silhouettes for enhancing decks, railings and landscapes.

**Go high-tech.** With the increasing popularity of home automation, it's only natural that this trend should migrate outdoors. There is now a wealth of electronics and entertainment systems designed specifically for outdoor use, and available at all budget levels.

**Create a unique space.** Just like you would for interior rooms, infuse your personality into the design of your outdoor space. Choose colors and patterns that reflect your style and customize with personal touches, such as pillows, throw blankets, art, tableware and plants. Switch accessories seasonally to keep your space fresh and fun. ■



# Naturescapes

As you look out the windows at Naturescapes, you're aware of a feeling of tranquility. There is a certain peace that overcomes you, as you see beautiful plants and birds (lots of birds) interacting with one another. In the distance, you hear the faint sounds of water and wind chimes. As a light breeze blows through, the plants sway gracefully and the rustle creates a symphony conducted by nature. In the late spring, summer and fall, many butterflies add to the mix. To think – we are only a hundred feet from busy Darby Paoli Road, and yet it feels worlds away. This is no accident – it is the artistic expression of Naturescapes' team, headed by founder John Fridy.

John isn't what you'd consider a traditional landscape designer; he began his career as a clinical psychologist. "I was trained in clinical psychology," he recalls, "but I didn't find it to be very rewarding. I had a love of nature, and I wanted to help people come into closer communion with it. After extensive course work at Temple's Ambler campus, Penn State and various arboreta including Tyler and Morris, plus classes at Longwood Gardens, I have the knowledge to put together appealing plant communities that also benefit the environment. My original profession taught me to ask good questions and how to listen; it helps me to better understand my clients' individual needs and wants, and deliver an exceptional product."

For over 40 years, John and a small, specialized team have worked to bring clients well-designed, high-quality gardens, which increase in value and beauty over time. Naturescapes' gardens work to balance clients' needs with those of the environment. Many of the beautiful gardens require little maintenance and are focused on being environmentally sensitive. The gardens also require less water.

"Our emphasis is on naturalistic design," John explains. "We focus on using native plants as much as possible. Native species require less

maintenance and are better for the local environment. We think a lot about every element we incorporate into the garden: layers, color, timing of blooms, habitat value, etc. We want there to always be something of interest no matter what the season, so that your garden can be enjoyed year round."

As a client, you can expect to see John at your jobsite. In addition to being the designer, he is part of the labor force that will bring your vision to life. The team at Naturescapes will handle and install every aspect of your garden, which can range in size from a small patio to whole property design.

## Working with the Naturescapes team is simple:

- Book a complimentary initial site consultation. You'll discuss the project, your vision, and John will assess any of your natural landscape design issues.
- Receive a proposal kit. This kit includes a detailed narrative outlining the design of your project along with pictures of plants and elements to be used as well as a price breakdown.
- Begin the project. Once the proposal is approved, the Naturescapes team will begin acquiring the elements to bring your garden to life, install them, and then you'll have your own beautifully designed paradise.

For John and the team at Naturescapes, their work is so much more than landscaping. "At the end of the day, I want our clients to have a tranquil place to come home to," John says, "or a lovely place to wake up to. We also want to help heal the planet one garden at a time." For more information or to book your complimentary consultation, call 610.640.0164 or visit [www.naturescapes-pa.com](http://www.naturescapes-pa.com).

# SUMMER CAMPS

## A guide to your child's perfect summer.

By Peter Urscheler

**W**ith summer right around the corner, many families are starting to think about how their kids will spend those beautiful lazy, or in many cases not-so-lazy, days of summer. With more than 8,000 summer camps in the United States and countless other summer activity programs, helping your children choose how they will spend their time off can be an exhausting process. But fear not. We've compiled a list of just some of the camps in and around the area that will meet each child's needs and interests.

### ACADEMIC

*Campers focus on academic-related activities, helping them to explore a specific subject of interest, get a head start for the next grade level or review the previous year's course work.*

#### Benchmark School

Type: Academic  
Location: Media  
Age: Grades 1 to 6  
(610) 565-3741  
www.BenchmarkSchool.org

#### Chinese Language and Culture Summer Camp

Type: Academic  
Location: Various  
Age: 3 to 13  
(610) 308-2624  
www.mlccc.org

#### Delaware Valley Friends School Summer Program

Type: Academic  
Location: Paoli  
Age: 5th to 11th Grade  
(610) 640-4150  
www.dvfs.org/summer

#### LinguaZone Language Camp

Type: Academic  
Location: Various  
Age: 5 to 17  
(215) 948-2153  
www.lzacademy.com

### CREATIVE

*Campers focus on the arts: visual, performing or a combination of both.*

#### Active Learning: Video Game Design and Chess Camp

Type: Creative  
Location: Various  
Age: 5 to 16  
(888) 652-4377  
www.activelearningcamps.com

#### Back to Rock

Type: Creative  
Location: Wayne  
Age: 4+  
(610) 989-7625  
www.b2rmusic.com

#### Brandywine School of Wizardry

Type: Creative  
Location: Chester Springs  
Age: 4 to 15  
(610) 827-5678  
www.brandywineschoolofwizardry.com

#### Bryn Mawr Film Institute: Summer Filmmaking Workshop

Type: Creative  
Location: Bryn Mawr  
Age: 9th to 12th Grade  
(610) 527-9898  
www.brynmawrfilm.org/education/production.php

#### Facetime Theatre

Type: Creative  
Location: Collegeville  
Age: 4th Grade+  
(610) 983-4636  
www.facetimetheatre.org

#### Feet First Dance

Type: Creative  
Location: 710 Wheatland Street, Phoenixville, PA 19460  
Age: 4 to 12  
(610) 933-2688  
www.feetfirstdance.com

*Each summer, Feet First Dance Center for Contemporary and Classical Dance introduces Dance Camp! Feet First Dance Camp is proud to provide age-appropriate dance education focused on the whole human being, challenging and inspiring through technique, meaningful content and creative dance work. For the younger child, Feet First provides a creative self-esteem-affirming approach to dance with playful, dramatic use of stories and poems to inspire expression, teamwork, and individual development of emotional, social, mental and movement skills. Students will be divided into age-appropriate groups. Full- and half-day camp sessions available. After-care available.*

#### Mainline Art Center Camp

Type: Creative  
Location: Haverford  
Age: 4 to 12  
(610) 525-0272  
www.mainlineart.org

#### MTC Rock Band, A Cappella, and Musical Theater Camps

Type: Creative  
Location: Malvern  
Age: 7 to 15  
(610) 647-7600  
www.mtccamps.com

#### People's Light Theater

Type: Creative  
Location: Malvern  
Age: Grades 2 to 12  
(610) 647-1900  
www.peopleslight.org

### **Phoenix Village Art Center**

Type: Creative  
Location: Phoenixville  
Age: 5 to 15  
(610) 983-9430  
www.phoenixvillageartcenter.org/summer-camp

*Featuring a fun-filled, 10-week summer program. Campers will be issued a Passport to travel the world from the comforts of the Phoenix Village Art Center! Campers will explore many of the themes that make up America's rich cultural melting pot with a fusion of drawing, painting, three-dimensional arts and crafts and ceramic projects. For campers between ages 5 and 15, open to all levels of artistic ability—or no artistic ability. Each week, between June 12 and August 18, will have its own theme and feature a different country or culture that has been fused in our American Melting Pot. You choose between full- and half-day classes and the Phoenix Village Art Center takes it from there.*

### **Rock and Roll After School Summer Band Camp**

Type: Creative  
Location: Collegeville  
Age: 7 to 18  
(484) 961-8724  
www.rockandrollafterschool.com

### **Sports Broadcasting Camp**

Type: Creative  
Location: Villanova  
Age: 10 to 18  
(800) 319-0884  
www.playbyplaycamps.com

### **The Kitchen Workshop**

Type: Creative  
Location: Paoli  
Age: 8 to 15  
(610) 993-COOK  
www.kitchen-workshop.com

### **The Photography Workshop Summer Camps**

Type: Creative  
Location: Various  
Age: 8 to 11  
(484) 604-2004  
www.photography-workshop.net

### **University of Valley Forge Summer Music Camp**

Type: Creative  
Location: Phoenixville  
Age: Grades 7 to 12  
(610) 917-3954  
www.valleyforge.edu/musiccamp

### **Wayne Art Center**

Type: Creative  
Location: Wayne  
Age: 3 to 15  
(610) 688-3553  
www.wayneart.org

### **Wayne Ballet and Center for Dance Arts**

Type: Creative  
Location: Wayne  
Age: 4 to 12  
(610) 688-3904  
www.wayneballet.net

### **Wolf Performing Arts Center**

Type: Creative  
Location: 1240 Montrose Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010  
Age: K to 12th Grade  
(610) 642-0233  
www.wolfperformingartscenter.org

*At Wolf Performing Arts Center, campers from K-12 will act, sing and dance in a full-day program. Through their one-week (a review-style show) or two-week (a Broadway Junior show) sessions, campers work toward a final performance. Additionally, Wolf offers a wide variety of electives such as improvisation, playwriting, Broadway dance, acapella singing and much more! Our acclaimed Wolf HIGH program offers high school students an opportunity to improve their acting and directing skills as well as mentor younger performers as Counselors-In-Training. Before and After Care available. Scholarships available. For more information, contact Camp Director Betsy Wolf Regn at [Betsy@wolfperformingartscenter.org](mailto:Betsy@wolfperformingartscenter.org). Sessions include mini-weeks, 1 week and 2 weeks, running from June 21 to August 25.*

### **The Center on Central**

Type: Creative, Special Needs  
Location: Malvern  
Age: K to 12th Grade  
(610) 710-1487  
www.thecenteroncentral.com

### **DAY CAMP**

*Campers will be exposed to a wide array of activities, so kids will experience new interests. Many Day Camps also incorporate field trips and expert visits.*

### **Academy of Notre Dame de Namur Summer Camp**

Type: Day Camp  
Location: Villanova  
Age: Grades 1 to 12  
(610) 687-0650  
www.ndapa.org/summercamp

### **AIM Academy**

Type: Day Camp  
Location: Conshohocken  
Age: K to 12th Grade  
(215) 483-2461  
www.aimpa.org

### **Armenian Sisters Academy Day Camp**

Type: Day Camp  
Location: Radnor  
Age: 3 to 14  
(610) 687-4100  
www.asaphila.org

### **Arrowhead Day Camp**

Type: Day Camp  
Location: 240 Dutton Mill Rd., West Chester  
Age: 4 to 13  
(610) 353-KIDS  
chiefarrowhead@comcast.net

*Arrowhead Day Camp offers fun and exciting summer camp experiences for boys and girls in Chester County, Montgomery County, Delaware County and Main Line since 1956. We offer our unique "all-inclusive tuition" to boys and girls ages 4-13, which includes house-to-house transportation by Arrowhead staff members, daily nutritious lunch and snacks served in unlimited quantities offering a variety of healthy options in our air-conditioned cafeteria, dozens of safe and challenging kid-friendly activities (including daily electives) supervised by qualified, mature staff professionals all in well-maintained and unsurpassed facilities with flexible sessions and tuition options ranging from 4 to 8 weeks. Camp dates: June 19 through August 11.*

### **Camp Garrett**

Type: Day Camp  
Location: Newtown Square  
Age: 5 to 15  
(610) 353-7690  
www.garrettwilliamson.org/campgarrett

### **Camp Magic Memories**

Type: Day Camp  
Location: Phoenixville  
Age: 1st to 5th Grade  
(610) 983-0229  
www.magicmemories.org

*Camp Memories offers two versions of camp—one for children entering kindergarten to 5th grade—and another called Camp Memories Jr. for campers Preschool through Pre-K. This camp offers children a much-needed break from the everyday routine of the school year. Most of the time is spent outdoors amid the center's beautiful trees. Campers have lots to explore and create. Added field trips supply endless possibilities for discovery and imagination. A weekly trip to Spring City Pool adds a refreshing touch, too! Come join this extraordinary camp, which promises to make your child's summer a memorable one, full of imagination, creativity, fun and friends!*

### **Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation History and Nature Camps**

Type: Day Camp  
Location: Newtown Square  
Age: 7 to 13  
(610) 566-1725  
www.colonialplantation.org

### **Elmwood Park Zoo Summer Camp**

Type: Day Camp  
Location: Norristown  
Age: 6 to 11  
(800) 652-4143  
www.elmwoodparkzoo.org

### Episcopal Academy

Type: Day Camp  
Location: Newtown Square  
(484) 424-1400  
www.episcopalacademy.org/about-ea/  
summer-ea

### Great Valley Nature Center

Type: Day Camp  
Location: Devault  
Age: 3 to 14  
(610) 935-9777  
www.gvnc.org

### Indian Springs Day Camp

Type: Day Camp  
Location: Chester Springs  
Age: 3 to 14  
(610) 827-9444  
www.indianspringsdaycamp.com

### Kimberton Waldorf School

Type: Day Camp  
Location: Kimberton  
Age: 18 Months to 7th Grade  
(610) 933-3635  
www.kimberton.org/summercamp

### Malvern Prep

Type: Day Camp  
Location: Malvern  
Age: 9th to 12th Grade  
(484) 595-1141  
www.malvernsummerprograms.com

### The Agnes Irwin School

Type: Day Camp  
Location: Rosemont  
Age: 4 to 17  
(610) 672-1271  
www.SummerAtAIS.org

### The Baldwin School

Type: Day Camp  
Location: Bryn Mawr  
Age: 3 Years to 6th Grade  
(610) 525-2700  
www.BaldwinSchool.org

### The Little Gym

Type: Day Camp  
Location: Newtown Square  
Age: 3 to 12  
(610) 356-1509  
www.thelittlegym.com/NewtownSquarePA

### Tyler Arboretum's Nature Explorers Camp

Type: Day Camp  
Location: Media  
(610) 566-9134  
www.tylerarboretum.org



### Valley Forge Kinder House Montessori

Type: Day Camp  
Location: Limerick  
Age: 3 Years to 6th Grade  
(610) 489-5757

*This summer program for primary children, ages 3 through 6th grade, will offer a wonderful Montessori experience providing plenty of summer fun! This is a great introduction to Montessori. Integral to Montessori is respect for one another and the environment around us, whether that is in the classroom, nature or our own homes. We will embrace the natural inquisitiveness of young minds by exploring the world around us and being guided through this journey by Montessori trained teachers. The campers will incorporate the Montessori philosophy and materials with summer activities such as cooking, gardening, water play, art, music, and more. Programs run 5 days per week with Full- and Half-Day Camp sessions available.*

#### OVERNIGHT

*Campers are fully immersed in their experience with the opportunity to reside at the camp for varying lengths of time.*

### Boy and Cub Scout Camp

Type: Day Camp, Overnight  
Location: Various  
(610) 688-6900  
www.colbsa.org/summer-camps/

### Girl Scout Camps of Eastern PA

Type: Day Camp, Overnight  
Location: Various  
Age: K to 11th Grade  
(888) 654-4657  
www.gsep.org

### Valley Forge Summer Camp

Type: Day Camp, Overnight  
Location: Wayne  
Age: 6 to 17  
(610) 989-1200  
www.vfmac.edu/academy/summer-camp

#### SPECIAL NEEDS

*Campers of all ability levels can enjoy a variety of activities through specialized care and programming. Some camps may specialize in serving certain needs while others integrate special needs campers into the total population.*

### Camp Pegasus

Type: Special Needs  
Location: Rosemont  
Age: 6 to 15  
(610) 649-1080  
www.camppegasus.com

### Hill Top Preparatory School Summer Camp

Type: Special Needs  
Location: Rosemont  
Age: 2 to 17  
(610) 527-3230  
hilltopprep.org

### Royer-Greaves School for Blind

Type: Special Needs  
Location: Paoli  
Age: 4.5 to 21+  
(610) 644-1810  
www.royer-greaves.org

*Royer-Greaves School for Blind introduces a New Summer Camp Program for students with vision impairment, intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, neurologic or other needs. Two sessions are offered on June 19-23 and July 31-Aug. 4. Outdoor water activities, indoor pool, music, arts & crafts, playground, cooking and more! Royer-Greaves School for Blind is a PA-approved private school serving students with vision impairments and developmental disabilities. Academic programs include math, reading, pre-Braille and Braille. Therapeutic and support services include: Music Therapy, Physical Education, Aquatics, Speech and Language Therapies, Orientation and Mobility, and Occupational Therapy.*

### Summer L.I.F.E.

Type: Special Needs  
Location: Malvern  
Age: 8 to 21  
(610) 296-6725 ext. 115  
www.summermatters.org

### The Pathway School Summer Program

Type: Special Needs  
Location: Norristown  
(610) 277-0660 ext. 289  
www.pathwayschool.org

#### SPORTS

*Campers focus on a specific sport. Most sport-related camps will focus on a sport's technique and training to help your camper advance in his or her chosen sport.*

### 76ers Camps

Type: Sport  
Location: Various  
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(610) 668-7676  
www.SixersCamps.com

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Type: Sport  
Location: Swarthmore  
Age: 8 to 18  
(800) 944-7112  
www.tenniscamper.com

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Type: Sport  
Location: Phoenixville  
Age: 3+  
(610) 983-9044  
www.aerialsgymnastics.com

### All Ball Basketball Camp

Type: Sport  
Location: Various  
Age: K to 8th Grade  
(610) 405-4800  
www.AllBallInc.net

### Ashford Farm Riding Day Camp

Type: Sport  
Location: Lafayette Hill  
Age: 7 to 14  
(610) 825-9838  
www.ashfordfarm.com

### Ballet 180

Type: Sport  
Location: Paoli  
Age: 3+  
(484) 639-9571  
www.ballet180.org

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Type: Sport  
Location: Conshohocken  
Age: 6+  
(484) 994-2383  
www.dvfencers.com

### Fit and Fun Camp

Type: Sport  
Location: Phoenixville  
Age: K-8 Grades  
www.campfitfun.com

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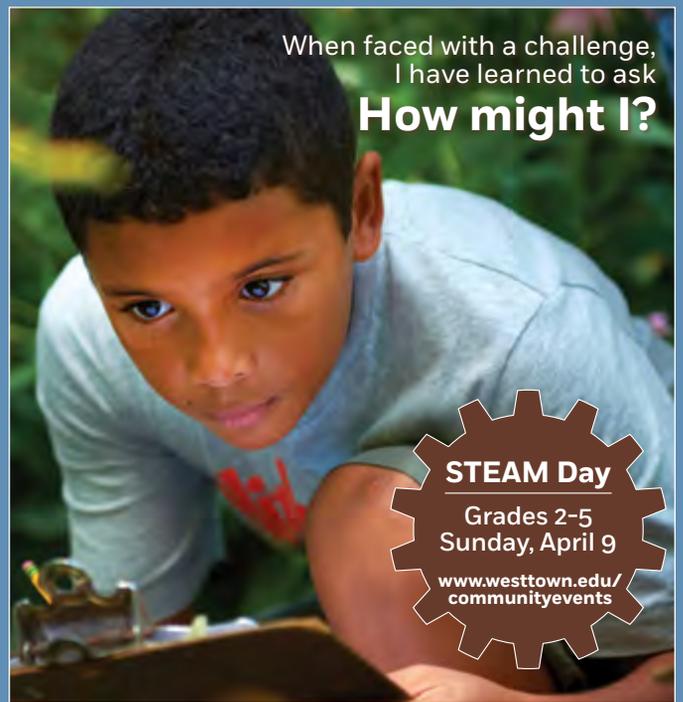
Type: Sport  
Location: Newtown Square  
(610) 35-DANCE  
www.fromthetopdance.com

### GameBreaker Lacrosse Camps

Type: Sport  
Location: Bryn Mawr  
Age: 8 to 17  
(800) 944-7112  
www.LaxCamps.com

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www.mgolfrange.com

### Philadelphia Rock Gyms Summer Camp

Type: Sport  
Location: Various  
Age: 6 to 14  
(877) 822-ROPE  
www.philarockgym.com

### Philadelphia School of Circus Arts

Type: Sport  
Location: Philadelphia  
Age: 7 to 14  
(215) 849-1991  
www.phillycircus.com

### Philadelphia Union Soccer Schools

Type: Sport  
Location: Various  
Age: 6 to 14  
(610) 581-7600  
www.unionsoccerschools.com

### Phillies Baseball Academy

Type: Sport  
Location: Various  
Age: 6 to 14  
(610) 520-3400  
www.philliesacademy.com



### Philly Hockey Club Youth Summer Camp

Type: Sport  
Location: Bryn Mawr  
Age: 8 to 14  
[www.phillyhockeyclub.com](http://www.phillyhockeyclub.com)

### Phoenix Karate

Type: Sport  
Location: 310 Bridge Street,  
Phoenixville, PA 19460  
Age: K to 12 Years  
(610) 935-3545  
[www.phoenixkarate.info/summer-camp](http://www.phoenixkarate.info/summer-camp)

*Phoenix Karate Summer Camp runs from June to August, 5 days per week, and parents can select from 1 to 9 weeks. Each week has a different theme and is designed for kids ages 6-12, and there is also a similar program for kindergarteners. In addition to daily martial arts practice, campers will also experience a variety of field trips to destinations such as Digger Land, Ozzie's Family Fun Center, Valley Forge Park, Sahara Sam's, Camden Aquarium, The Works Ballocity and Sky Zone. Each day campers can expect a different enrichment class focused on art, acting and cookery, taught by local experts. Expect lots of activities to keep kids moving and engaged.*

### Villanova Soccer Camp

Type: Sport  
Location: Villanova  
Age: Grades 1 to 12  
[www.vusoccer.com](http://www.vusoccer.com)

### TECHNOLOGY

*Campers focus on technology-related projects such as programming, web design, robotics, and other STEM-related fields (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).*

### Alexa Café

Type: Technology  
Location: Various  
Age: 10 to 15  
(888) 709-8324  
[www.alexacafe.com](http://www.alexacafe.com)

### Camp Invention

Type: Technology  
Location: Various  
Age: K to 12th Grade  
(800) 968-4332  
[www.campinvention.org](http://www.campinvention.org)



### Engineering For Kids Summer Camps

Type: Technology  
Location: Various  
Age: 4 to 14  
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[www.engineeringforkids.com](http://www.engineeringforkids.com)

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Location: Various  
Age: 6 to 18  
(888) 709-8324  
[www.idtech.com](http://www.idtech.com)

### TOWNSHIP

*Campers enjoy a variety of trips and activities coordinated through a Township or Parks and Recreation Department.*

### Great Valley Community Organization

Type: Township  
Location: Malvern  
(610) 990-6168  
[www.gvco.org/camps.php](http://www.gvco.org/camps.php)

### Haverford Township

Type: Township  
Location: Havertown  
(610) 446-1000  
[www.haverfordtownship.com](http://www.haverfordtownship.com)

### Marple Newtown Township

Type: Township  
Location: Newtown Square  
(610) 353-2326  
[www.mnrecreation.org](http://www.mnrecreation.org)

### Phoenixville Township

Type: Township  
Location: Phoenixville  
(610) 933-8801  
[www.phoenixville.org/livinghere/26](http://www.phoenixville.org/livinghere/26)

### Radnor Township

Type: Township  
Location: Wayne  
Age: 5 to 15  
(610) 688-5600  
[www.radnor.com](http://www.radnor.com)

### Tredyffrin Township

Type: Township  
Location: Berwyn  
Age: 3.5 to 12  
(610) 408-3626  
[www.tredyffrin.org](http://www.tredyffrin.org)

### VARIOUS

*Campers can select from a variety of programs, of varying lengths, coordinated by the same overall camp program.*

### ESF Camps

Type: Various  
Location: Various  
Age: 3 to 18  
(800) 529-CAMP  
[www.esfcamps.com](http://www.esfcamps.com)

### Lavner Camps

Type: Various  
Location: Various  
Age: 6 to 15  
(610) 664-8800  
[www.lavnercampsandprograms.com](http://www.lavnercampsandprograms.com)

### Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA Summer Camps

Type: Various  
Location: Various  
Age: 3 to 14  
[www.philaymca.org/programs/camp](http://www.philaymca.org/programs/camp)

### Phoenixville YMCA

Type: Various  
Location: 400 E. Pothouse Road,  
Phoenixville, PA 19460  
(610) 933-5861  
[www.philaymca.org/locations/Phoenixville](http://www.philaymca.org/locations/Phoenixville)

*Each summer, the Phoenixville YMCA offers an exciting variety of Summer Day Camps! Phoenixville YMCA Day Camp programs encourage youngsters to participate in group activities that foster creativity, independence and a sense of teamwork. Each day camp is focused on helping children grow in spirit, mind and body while enjoying the wonders of the great outdoors. Check out the website or come in to see the full schedule of unique Day Camp and Overnight Camp options. Financial assistance is available and given on a first-come, first-served basis and is determined by need. Financial assistance applications are available at the Welcome Center.*

### Westtown School

Type: Various  
Location: 975 Westtown Road,  
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### YMCA of Greater Brandywine

Type: Various  
Location: Various  
Age: 3 to 14  
[www.ymcagbw.org/camp](http://www.ymcagbw.org/camp)



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# Five Thoughts on the Latest Hearing Aid Technology

By Patricia A. Cohen, M.A., C.C.C.



## Congratulations!

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- **Cosmetics** – "I can't even see them." Although people will notice your hearing loss more than your hearing aids, patients embrace amplification more readily if they are virtually invisible. Several new models are!
- **Hearing aids are smart.** – Today's instruments connect to Bluetooth devices, smartphones, laptops, TVs and public telecoil systems in theaters and houses of worship.
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*"All I need to do is sit back, relax and hear."*

*"The hearing aids do the work."*

*"They are a part of me now."*

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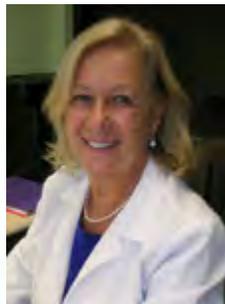
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## A Message From The Superintendent Of Schools:

Dear Great Valley Community Members,



As we enter the spring, I am excited to not only look back on the great work that's already happened this school year, but also ahead at the wonderful things to come! There is certainly no shortage of exciting events and happenings in our schools. From musicals and concerts, to art shows and athletic events, our students will showcase their abilities and achievements at all levels.

One of the things I'm proud to highlight is our work to implement one-to-one technology in our schools. Through ongoing professional development and collaboration, our teachers are learning new ways to engage students both in and out of the classroom. Be sure to read the article on page ... that highlights some of that work. While this is a single example, there are countless others throughout the district and we'll continue to share those with you during the year.

Also included in this issue is information about our district budget. As we highlight efforts made toward our district goals, it is also important that we engage our community in the budget process. One of areas we are often asked about is our per pupil costs. The article on page \_\_\_ is about those costs and some of the factors that go into its calculation. The School Board will approve a budget in June for next year, but in the meantime, you are invited to stay informed and involved by attending our School Board meetings or watching them on GVTV or online, or by viewing any of the videos in our budget series, posted on our web site. I remain grateful for a community that values a quality educational program for our students.

If the cold weather has kept you away these last few months, I hope that the spring allows you time to visit our schools. There are many student productions, athletic events, and special opportunities that shouldn't be missed. I know all of us in Great Valley School District look forward to welcoming you!

Enthusiastically,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Regina C. Speaker Palubinsky".

Regina C. Speaker Palubinsky, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

# One-to-One Spotlight

A fifth grade study of World War I comes alive in Great Valley classrooms with the integration of iPads and one-to-one technology. Students in Jamie Contipodero's class at K.D. Markley Elementary School are using their technology, along with iPad apps and a new Learning Management System (Canvas) to engage in discussions, conduct research, and prepare presentations. With the oversight and direction of their teacher, students are not only learning about World War I, but are also strengthening their research, writing, and presentation skills, as well as troubleshooting and supporting each other's learning.

The Great Valley School District implemented a one-to-one technology program in grades five and nine in the 2016-2017 school year. The five-year plan will give every Great Valley student an iPad in the coming years. Along with the plan to provide iPads is also an effort to provide teachers with professional development and a review process for apps that can support students' learning.

Contipodero said that she learned about Shadow Puppet in a professional development session. The app allows students to capture their work in video to share with other students and their teacher. The app's extensive image library is a key resource. "Because there are so many images related to World War I, the app lend itself well to our unit in social studies," said Contipodero. "There are many examples – many more than we'd find in a book – of propaganda posters from the war." Students used their iPads and Shadow Puppet to complete video projects on the propaganda posters that they shared with classmates.

Students are also using Canvas to engage in discussion boards with their peers around some of the key lessons they are learning related to the war. Contipodero posted a question, for example, that asked students to consider the many factors that impacted life in America during the war. Students were directed to choose one factor and in five to seven sentences add their discussion about why it was the most influential of several possible factors. Then, students in the class were asked to carefully read the responses of their peers and to respond by agreeing with one of their classmate's posts and to disagree with another. But students' responses not only needed to reflect their understanding of study, they also needed to demonstrate respectful response and the use of strong grammar and sentence structure. "No emojis here," Contipodero told her students.

The implementation of one-to-one technology reaches into other areas of the curriculum as well. While Contipodero says the main focus at the elementary level has been on science and social studies, students also use iPads for math and for internet access and email. Many students said that the iPad makes learning much more fun.

"We have lots of options for completing projects now," said fifth grader Heike Blum. "And since there is now an iPad for each of us, we don't have to take turns."

Student Mason Kielinski said that he values having email and Safari on his iPad. "We can look up facts and find pictures," he said. "The email lets us email each other and our teacher to ask questions and share projects."

Students are also honest about some of the issues they've experienced with the one-to-one implementation. The most often cited "cons" are about common tech issues: battery life, app glitches, and connectivity. But as Contipodero will tell you, students have also gotten really good at troubleshooting and without hesitation, they support each other in the classroom to find solutions.

"While the glitches are a bad thing," said student Nikhil Gokhale, "the iPads and apps definitely engage people to learn and make people like learning more."



Fifth grader Mason Kielinski participates in a classroom discussion board on his iPad.



Student Molly Foltz and classmate Ritish Kodali work together in Canvas.



Teacher Jamie Contipodero helps students to use their textbook as a resource for answering online writing prompts. She is pictured here with student Rohan Sivakumar.

# Kudos from our Schools!



◀ Great Valley School District was recently recognized as a 2017 Best School District in America (and the number 12 school district in the state) by Niche. The ranking is based on analysis of statistics and student and parent reviews for thousands of schools across the United States.

● Kudos to Great Valley's own Ricky Ashenfelter (Class of 2005) who was recently named to Forbes' list of 30 Under 30 Social Entrepreneurs!

● Congratulations to the Great Valley High School Marching Band for its performance at the Liberty A Cavalcade of Band Championships. The band had its best show of the year, finishing in 7th place!



Great Valley Middle School Student Council

◀ The Great Valley Middle School Student Council was recognized at the 80th annual Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils State Conference. The GVMS Student Council was one of seven middle level councils to receive the Keystone Council Award for excellence. In addition, Student Council Advisor Shawn Whitelock was named the 2016 Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils District 11 Middle Level Advisor of the Year.

● Congratulations to GVHS student Max Segarnick who qualified for NafME (National Association of Music Educators) All-Eastern Mixed Choir. Max competed against thousands of students for this opportunity. He will be representing Great Valley at the festival in spring 2017.



Karim's winning design was chosen out of 838 entries!

K.D. Markley Elementary student Karim Ahmed

◀ K.D. Markley Elementary student Karim Ahmed was a winner in the 20th annual Drug-Free Calendar Contest, sponsored by the Office of the Attorney General. The contest called on fifth-grade students from across the Commonwealth to create original artwork illustrating a drug-free message of their choice. The artwork of 13 students was selected to appear in the calendar.



Great Valley Patriots field hockey team

▲ The Great Valley Patriots field hockey team visited the Wistar Institute this winter for a tour of the melanoma labs and to hear from researchers how discovery research can lead to future lifesaving melanoma treatments. Wistar is an independent medical research institution with special expertise in cancer research and vaccine development. The girls' JV and Varsity teams worked throughout the fall to raise \$1,350 for Wistar in honor of friends and family members who survived or lost their lives to melanoma.

▶ The Great Valley Model United Nations Club participated in the Pennsylvania High School Model United Nations Conference. 200 students from across the state participated. Eight GV students received individual awards for their performance: Adira Nasir, Nate Beebe, and Moses Stubbs (Verbal Commendation); Grace Overton (Honorable Mention); Sam Scarfone, Apoorva Sudini, and Aisvarya Addanki (Outstanding Delegate); and Ram Palanati and Graham Dore (Best Delegate).



The Great Valley Model United Nations Club

▶ The GVHS Boys' Lacrosse team, under the direction of new coach (and GV alum) Ben Walton is focused on a team philosophy that emphasizes family, academics, and lacrosse (in that order.) Among the efforts to promote team unity is this year's service project which focuses on giving back to the community and to those who are less fortunate. The team is partnered with Cradles to Crayons, an organization that provides low income and homeless families with essential items for home, school, and play. In December, team members shopped for and provided clothing and toys to the organization (funded by the Lacrosse Booster club and the students' own donations). The team then extended that effort by developing an ongoing donation drive of gently used clothing ad books. Finally, in February, the team volunteered at the Cradles to Crayons warehouse in Conshohocken.

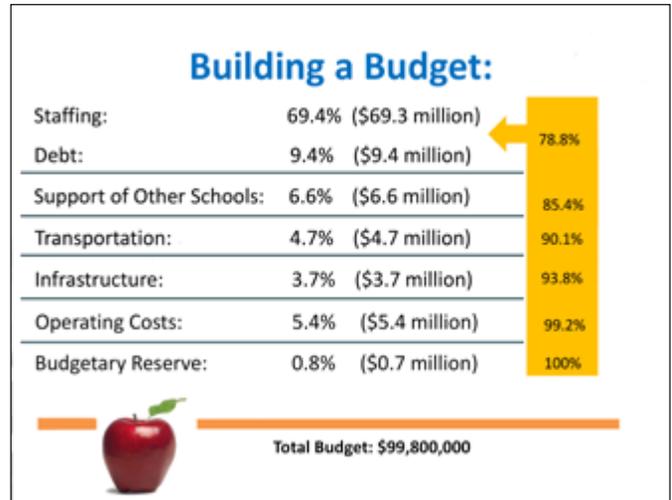


The GVHS Boys' Lacrosse team

# Highlights of the 2017-2018 Preliminary Budget

The Great Valley Board of School Directors is considering a budget for the 2017-2018 school year that reflects a zero percent increase for taxpayers. While some areas of the budget do show increases, there are also areas planned for reduction. In Chester County, Great Valley imposes the second lowest tax rate of the 12 school districts; the only district with a lower tax rate is West Chester, but residents there pay an earned income tax. The Board is expected to pass a final budget in June. It will continue to discuss the budget at public board and finance committee meetings. The community can also watch presentations online at [www.gvsd.org](http://www.gvsd.org).

Revenues: Funding the Budget	
Local Sources	\$ 79.9 million
State Sources	15.0 million
Federal Sources	0.6 million
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$95.5 million</b>
<b>BUDGET GAP</b> before any tax increase	<b>4.3 million</b>
Use of Reserves	3.5 million
<b>TOTAL</b> before any tax increase	<b>\$99.0 million</b>
<b>BUDGET GAP</b> After proposed use of Reserves	<b>\$ 0.8 million</b>



## Major increases in the 2017-2018 budget come from the following factors:

- Salaries: increase of \$300,000
- Benefits: increase of \$2 million, mostly attributable to the required increase in employer pension contribution and an anticipated eight percent increase in healthcare costs.
- Special Education: increase of \$800,000
- Professional Services: increase of \$650,000 (due to the reallocation of substitute teachers to a contracted service. Note that if not reallocated, this increase would be shown in salaries.)
- Other Schools; increase of \$150,000, due to the increase in payment for the Vocational Technical School at Pickering
- Transportation: increase of \$200,000 due to contract increases and the addition of some special education bussing
- Maintenance: increase of \$100,000 for utility costs associated with lawn care and snow removal

## Potential saving in the 2017-2018 budget come from the following:

- Decreases in staff at both the secondary and elementary levels to better align with Board-approved class size guidelines.
- The elimination of one administrative position.
- Increased revenue from new residential and commercial construction, and transfer and interim taxes.



## Middle School Students Play Around with Success

### Two win STEM Video Game Challenge

Have you ever felt like there was a war to stay healthy happening in your body? While many of us have experienced times when we've felt run down from a cold or flu, it's probably safe to say that most of us don't think about what's actually happening inside our bodies every day. Two students at Great Valley Middle School have, however, thought a lot about the role of an immunity cell, and they gave that cell a new home in a video game they developed. Shrey Pandya and Lucas Armand are the developers of *Outbreak: Cellular Warfare*, a fun and educational game that won the Nat Geo Explore Playable Game in the Middle School category of the 2016 STEM Video Game Challenge.

*Outbreak: Cellular Warfare* is a first-person shooter game that takes place inside the human body. It allows players to take on the role of an immunity cell, combating pathogens within a host in order to keep that host healthy. Players can engage in the game alone with opposition coming from artificial intelligence that Armand developed himself, or gamers can engage in multiplayer, a function developed by Pandya. Either way, players are tasked with identifying and fighting pathogens that are causing the host's heart, lungs, or intestines, to become unhealthy.

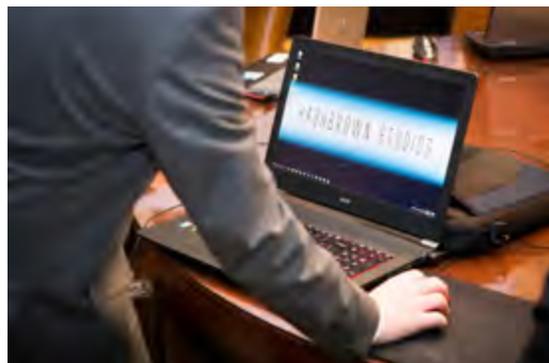
"Because it was an educational challenge, we realized that the human body was a great setting for a game," said Armand.

To develop the game, the students say that they used the Internet for research and watched YouTube videos about the immune system. They hope to expand game levels to include additional organs in the human body.

They also paid attention to features in other games they play. "Every time Shrey would get a new game, he'd notice some feature that he liked and then spend a week trying to implement that feature," said Armand. "It was always funny because he'd play a game and then come up with a whole bunch of new ideas."

"It was all little things – like the way the game would start, how the text works, and little things I noticed," said Pandya.

While both students have demonstrated an interest in game design and computers since elementary school, they really didn't know each other before this endeavor. At the suggestion of their teacher they teamed up to approach the STEM Video Game Challenge and are now friends. What they've realized is that by using their individual strengths toward a common goal, they have



been able to develop a game that's fun, educational, and award-winning.

"Working together to make something really good was my favorite part of the whole project," said Armand.

"It's really great when you get near the end and you see things actually work," said Pandya.

While the game is now developed, Armand and Pandya admit that their work is far from done. They continue to improve the game by refining their programming and making improvements. They are also focused on promoting the game and have a web site and twitter account where they offer information and share a free download from their company, Hashbrown Studios.

"The hope is to eventually get our work onto a game retailer. But for now, people can download the game for free from our website," said Armand.

While the two are not working on an additional game for 2017, they will remain connected to the STEM Challenge. They are working with other students in Great Valley Middle School who have similar interests in developing a game of their own.

To learn more about *Outbreak: Cellular Warfare*, visit [www.Outbreakcw.com](http://www.Outbreakcw.com).

# Understanding Per Pupil Expenditures in the Great Valley School District

As the Great Valley School District works on its budget every year, one of the questions often raised has to do with per pupil expenditure; that is, how much money the district spends per student, or the amount of money the district spends to educate one child. While it may seem like a seemingly easy thing to compare one district's per pupil calculation to another's, per-pupil expenditure is actually a little more complicated than taking the amount of money in the General Fund and dividing it by the number of students enrolled in a district. Why? Because not all districts include all the same costs in their General Fund. Therefore, while it may be true that the comparison is an apple-to-apple one, the variety of apples in the basket can vary.

A closer examination of district budgeting may illustrate better the factors that affect per-pupil expenditure calculations. For example, in the Great Valley School District, the General Fund includes the following expenses:

- Personnel Costs: staffing and healthcare, for example;
- Supplies and Disposables: things like paper and classroom supplies;
- Equipment, which includes things like microscopes, computers, and other technical supplies;
- Services to Outside Agencies: like charter schools and special education placements and services;
- Maintenance: to maintain or upgrade facilities;
- Transportation: to get students back and forth to public schools AND to the non-public schools serviced by the District; and finally,
- Debt: any money owed for building projects, technology initiatives, or new schools, for example.

*Forecast5 allows districts to closely examine the factors that influence per pupil costs. These charts compare Great Valley School District's per pupil expenditures and student/teacher ratios to those found in two other Chester County school districts to which Great Valley is often compared. Note that cost per pupil charts reflect 2014-2015 data (most recent available). Charts related to staffing reflect 2015-2016 data.*

## THE GENERAL FUND IN GREAT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT



All of these categories of expense are included in Great Valley General Fund. In the 2016-2017 school year, Great Valley's General Fund totaled \$95,650,000. Student enrollment, K-12 totaled 4,000 students. Easy math renders a cost per pupil of \$23,900. However, in examining other districts, one might find that those districts don't include some categories of expenses in their General Funds.

For example, it is possible and legal for a district not to include some personnel costs in their General Fund. Instead the cost of coaches and other student activity-related services may be allocated to a student activity fund. Or, a district

could allocate the costs associated with equipment, maintenance, and debt in its capital reserve fund and not in its General Fund. As a result, districts with a reduced General Fund may see a lower per pupil cost.

Great Valley admits that its per pupil expenditure is higher than some of our surrounding districts. That is primarily because of higher staffing levels at the secondary schools. Next year's budget – that is the 2017-2018 budget – proposes a reduction of staff, primarily at the secondary level, so that staffing numbers are more aligned to the Board-approved class size guidelines.

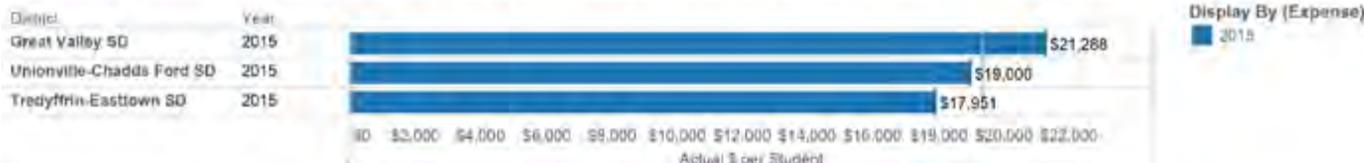
### Line Item Spending Comparison: Cost Per Pupil Calculation

District(s): Great Valley SD, Unionville-Chadds Ford SD, Tredyffrin-Easttown SD

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education

Notes: "Total Operating Expense" includes operating items from General Fund;

Actual \$ Per Student is calculated based on Average Daily Membership when available and regular enrollment when not available.



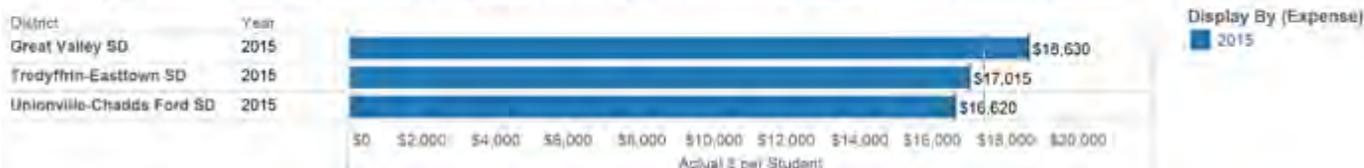
### Line Item Spending Comparison: Debt Removed from the Cost Per Pupil Calculation

District(s): Great Valley SD, Tredyffrin-Easttown SD, Unionville-Chadds Ford SD

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education

Notes: "Total Operating Expense" includes operating items from General Fund;

Actual \$ Per Student is calculated based on Average Daily Membership when available and regular enrollment when not available.



### Line Item Spending Comparison: Special Education Costs/Per Pupil

District(s): Great Valley SD, Tredyffrin-Easttown SD, Unionville-Chadds Ford SD

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education

Notes: "Total Operating Expense" includes operating items from General Fund;

Actual \$ Per Student is calculated based on Average Daily Membership when available and regular enrollment when not available.



Recently, the Great Valley School District began using a program called Forecast5. This program allows the district to look at specific areas to see how they compare with other districts. This greater understanding of factors that impact a General Fund, also provides greater insight to the per pupil expenditure calculation.

"Debt plays a role in how our per pupil expenditure compares to neighboring

districts," said School Business Administrator Charles Linderman. "While we still show a higher per pupil cost when debt is removed from the equation, the largest difference between districts is reduced to half of what it was before," he said. Linderman cited the debt accumulated by the district in recent years to build or renovate schools.

"While Great Valley School District continues to value small class sizes,"

said Superintendent Regina Speaker Palubinsky, "we cannot ignore that the student/teacher ratio directly impacts our costs. But charts alone don't tell the full story. The administration will fully consider policies – like those associated with class size – and the integrity of our educational program as its makes recommendations to the School Board as part of our 2017-2018 budget process."



# Go, Patriots!!

**A preview of what's ahead this Fall  
from the GV High School coaching team**



## TENNIS

Great Valley has high expectations for the 2017 campaign. The singles lineup will be anchored by Juniors Sam Kesti and Nikhil Gangoli who won the Ches-Mont Singles Championship in 2016 and 2015 respectively. A very strong freshman class and a number of returning sophomores will round out the lineup and make the team strong throughout the doubles positions.

Our goal is to contend for the league championship and then set our sights towards the district and state tournaments.

## BOYS' LACROSSE

With the 2017 lacrosse season right around the corner, the Great Valley boys are eager to take the field to defend their position as a top contending team in the Ches-Mont league. Although the team graduated a group of talented seniors last year, the younger players and this year's seniors have stepped up and have been working hard in the off-season to show up strong in March. The new look of the 2017 Great Valley Boys' Lacrosse team, along with a new coaching staff, has generated a renewed sense of excitement for the upcoming season. New Head Coach and GV Alum Ben Walton and top assistant and former GV Head Coach Jason Wolensky have generated a new

sense of pride within the school. The lacrosse team and the staff would like to thank the Great Valley community for their continued support of the program. Best of luck to all of the spring sports teams this season. Go Patriots!

## SOFTBALL

The softball outlook for this season is hopeful. We return a senior pitcher and catcher (Morgan Orłowski and Kasey Bryan) who helped lead us to the American division championship last season. We have some young untested players that are working hard and we are again hopeful to be in a position to compete for a division championship again this season.

## BASEBALL

At the conclusion of the 2016 season the Great Valley Baseball program proudly graduated 10 seniors, but that means the 2017 squad will feature only two returning players to lead the Patriots. Senior Captain Ryan Craig will anchor down the outfield and Junior Captain Connor Malloy will lead the infield while also seeing time on the mound in 2017.

The spring will be a battle for the inexperienced Patriots who are looking to fill 7 positions on the field along with finding out



who their starting 3 pitchers will be. The coaching staff is looking for juniors Ryan Giandonato, Sean Gowen, and Pete Giombetti along with sophomore Brendan O'Donnell to step up and fill some of the gaps that were left.

The coaches will create a competitive atmosphere at practices and stress the fundamentals. Bumps and bruises will definitely play a part in the learning process, but as always the Patriots will set their goals and look to compete in the ever so challenging Ches-Mont league.

### TRACK AND FIELD

The Boys' Track and Field team looks forward to the efforts of returning juniors Brett Zatlin and Josh Spiess in the middle distances. Brett is an outdoor District I qualifier in the 800 meters who is off to a good start with a great winter season. He will compete in the PA indoor state championship in the 800 meters in February. Other key athletes on the team include returners Luke Lasure in the pole vault, Brian McDonough in the sprints, and Kyle Zalkind in the high jump. This year's squad will rely heavily on the development of young talent from the freshman and sophomore ranks.

Returning this year to the Lady Patriots are Sophomore stand-out Amy Willig and Senior Kayla Beck. Both girls were district and state medalists last year in the 4 x 800 meter relay, extending Great Valley's success in this event to 5 consecutive years of podium worthy performances at the state's highest levels of competition. With a month of the winter season left, Amy is currently ranked number 15 in the nation at 800 meters and will compete in the indoor state championship.

Another pair of District I qualifiers are returning to the girls' team this spring as well. Junior Mia Cheslock and Senior Emma Iacobucci look to improve upon their performances in the long jump and 300 intermediate hurdles, respectively. Emma's strength and versatility have made her the foundation of our 4 x 400 meter relay which were District I qualifiers and Ches-Mont champions last year. We are also looking forward to the addition of the 2016 Penn Relays 4x100 meter relay middle school runners-up to the high school squad. We will welcome Veronica Yonce, Emma Gray, and Brooke Renehan to our sprint crew.

# Helping the Local and Global Community

Through community partnerships – both here and abroad – the Great Valley School District serves more than the just the educational needs of students.



## Preventing Hunger

Thanks to the Great Valley community who helped make the Great Valley School District 2016 Food Drive a success! Through the generosity of parents, students, staff, and community members, the Food Service Department successfully supplied more than 60 families (more than 100 students) with food over the holiday season. The food drive is designed to provide needy families with breakfast and lunch items they can consume over the winter break when school is not in session.

## Extending Generosity

The Great Valley School District community is widely known for its support of a strong educational program. However, the community demonstrates support for students in another way: through the Adopt-A-Family Program. Coordinated through the Office of Communication and Outreach, the Adopt-A-Family Program includes efforts throughout the year to help many Great Valley families in need. Beginning with a backpack drive in the fall, and continuing through the spring with holiday meals, the district partners with area churches who provide gifts, food, and supplies for families who self-identify as needing help.

The annual "Back Pack Project" ensures that students are prepared to begin the new school year. Offered through People's Pantry at Church Road, the project provides back packs, filled with grade-appropriate supplies to Great Valley students. Almost

200 students received backpacks at the start of the 2016-2017 school year, thanks to the generosity of community members and through the collaborative effort of the district and the pantry.

Even more widespread in reach is the effort to provide food baskets and gifts to families needing assistance during the holidays. Three area churches are involved in this outreach: Covenant Presbyterian Church, Great Valley Presbyterian Church, and Paoli Presbyterian Church. Work at the district begins in early September when letters are sent out to families to offer help. Families have the option of receiving food at both Thanksgiving and Christmas, and gifts over the winter holidays. Later in the spring, a similar effort is made to provide Easter food baskets. In the 2016-2017 school year, 142 families requested assistance over the winter holiday season.

"We are always amazed at the generosity of our community," said Karen Campbell who works at the district level to coordinate efforts with area churches. "Families who reply are never refused assistance. And it always seems that when the number of families who need help increases, so does the number of families who offer to adopt a family." Campbell said that gifts range from clothing and gift cards to age-appropriate toys and even bicycles. "The generosity of the community is both astonishing and heartwarming," she said.

"It is sometimes easy to forget that in a community like Great Valley there might be families who need help, especially

during the holidays," said Director of Communications and Outreach Jennifer Blake. "But the number of families requesting assistance seems to grow in number every year. We are so grateful for the tireless efforts of our local churches and for their congregations who are so generous."

An excerpt from a letter received from a Great Valley student demonstrates the gratitude that exists: "My family and I wanted to thank you very much for what you are doing. My family and I are very grateful for your generosity."

For more information about the Adopt-A-Family Program, please contact the Office of Communication and Outreach at (610) 889-2125, ext. 52126.

## Making Global Connections

When Food Service Supervisor Nicole Melia signed up to visit Honduras this winter, she knew her the experience might broaden her perspective. What she didn't realize, however, is that she would learn not only about another culture, but also more about her own. The trip was linked to a nutrition workshop class Melia took as part of her graduate study at West Chester University. She is pursuing a master's degree in community nutrition. The goal was to identify and assist malnourished children and children at risk for malnutrition.

"As the food service supervisor, I spend a lot of time ensuring that children in need don't go hungry," said Melia. "When this opportunity presented itself, I had to take

advantage of it. Participating in something like this has long been a personal goal of mine.”

Headquartered in the outskirts of San Pedro Sula in San Francisco De Yojoa, Melia spent days loading trucks with medicine and supplies that would be used to set up clinics in remote villages. “We would drive over rough extremely bumpy dirt roads, almost two hours some days, to villages in the countryside,” she said. “When we arrived at schools or churches, a line of families would be waiting for us.”

The clinics provided dental extractions, deworming tablets, Vitamin A tablets, hemoglobin and blood pressure checks, and other services. They also included doctor stations and a pharmacy. Finally, donation stations included school supplies, stuffed animals, and sporting equipment.

“I spent time playing soccer with a ten-year-old boy, who had just received his first ever, shiny new soccer ball,” said Melia. “We passed it back and forth and showed off our skills; mine learned through years of travel soccer, and his learned from older members of the community and pick up soccer games in the school yard,” she said. “We didn’t need language. In those moments, we were the same. When we had to stop and pack up, he came up to me and gave me a hug.”

Despite that experience with the boy and soccer, Melia said that her inability to speak the language often left her frustrated in Honduras. “Things that should have taken seconds took twice as long,” she said. “I just kept apologizing for my inability to communicate with the families.” Melia said, however, that the families who came to the clinic were friendly and welcoming to her

as an outsider. “For them, this was about ensuring the health of their children,” she said. “Relationships there take precedence over the task.”

Melia said that lesson was one she carried with her back to Great Valley. “We have a growing population of students who don’t speak English or don’t use it as their primary language,” she said. “As I work to better meet the needs of all students in our schools, I will remember how I was treated in Honduras and try to demonstrate the same patience and warmth that was shown to me.”

By the end of her week, Melia and her group of 11 students helped more than 700 people receive some kind of medical care. She found the greatest meaning in helping children who showed signs of stunted growth due to malnutrition. These

children and their mothers were taken to the Nutrition Center where mothers learned how to properly feed and nourish their children. “One of the doctors told us that you can tell how well a family is doing by the color of the formula in a child’s bottle,” Melia shared. “If the formula is a milky yellow – the way it is supposed to be – then the children have a better chance.”

Melia said that her trip to Honduras left lasting memories of how a community – struck by poverty – could also be one that is welcoming and friendly. “This trip was a chance for me to help,” said Melia. “But I also reaped many rewards from my experience. The greatest is an appreciation for the many opportunities and resources that are available to me in Chester County and in our schools,” she said. “The global perspective I gained will not be forgotten.”



# Welcome, Friends and Family!

Charlestown Elementary School held its annual Grandvisitor's Day. The event is an opportunity for students to share part of their day with one or more special "grandvisitors." These guests can be the student's grandparents, parents, other relatives, or friends. Each guest attended a short concert with their student host and also visited the student's classroom and enjoyed a morning snack in the cafeteria.



## School Board Meetings

The Great Valley Board of School Directors holds regular meetings throughout the year. The community is welcome to attend these meetings. Time for public comment is available at each session. The community may also watch meeting broadcasts on GVTV (Comcast Channel 14 or Verizon Channel 36) or online at [www.gvsd.org](http://www.gvsd.org).

Work sessions of the School Board are non-voting meetings where topics on the next regular business meeting agenda are considered and discussed. The School Board votes on agenda items at its regular business meetings. A schedule for both meetings throughout the 2016-2017 school year is included. All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted, and are held in the Board Room at the District Office, 47 Church Road, Malvern.

WORK SESSIONS	REGULAR BUSINESS MEETINGS
March 6	March 13
April 3	April 17
May 8	May 15
June 5	June 5 (Budget adoption)
	June 12

## The Great Valley School District is on Facebook!



Have you joined the nearly 2,000 people who have already "liked" our page? Our fans get the inside scoop on weather-related closings, news and photos from our schools, School Board information, and special events! There are lots of pages on Facebook related to Great Valley, but this is the official District page.

[www.facebook.com/GreatValleySD](http://www.facebook.com/GreatValleySD)

## Building Relationships

Great Valley schools work collaboratively with local police departments. Police officers are regularly invited into schools to have lunch with students and be a "friendly" presence. In that way, students are learning that their local police officers can be looked to as a resource and as friends in the community. In addition to school-level relationships, local law enforcement officers are routinely invited by the district to participate in safety drills and exercises throughout the year. We are partnered for the safety of our schools and our community!





## In Support of Schools

Our own Great Valley students got involved in last fall's annual campaign. Volunteers called to thank donors and to remind those who hadn't yet donated to consider a contribution. Thanks to all of our volunteers and to our community who donated almost \$80,000 for our schools!

## SAVE THE DATE

**The Foundation at Great Valley 2017  
"Take a Swing for Students"  
annual golf event to benefit Great Valley public schools  
Monday, June 19, 2017  
Chester Valley Golf Club, Malvern PA**

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend The Foundation at Great Valley's 2017 "Take a Swing for Students" event. Registration opens in March 2017! Visit [www.thefoundationatgreatvalley.org](http://www.thefoundationatgreatvalley.org) for more information and to register. This event SOLD OUT last year. Sponsorships available. Contact [info@thefoundationatgreatvalley.org](mailto:info@thefoundationatgreatvalley.org) for more information.





## Patriot Pride: Brick by Brick

**Looking for a gift for your favorite GV graduate? Consider a brick in the Patriots Walk.**

Great Valley's Patriot Pride is evident in its schools, on its athletic fields, and in the community. But that pride is also physically displayed along Patriots Walk. Designed to be a commemorative walkway and seating area just outside Valley Stadium at Great Valley High School, the walkway features bricks with remembrances, tributes and celebrations that are special to those who call Great Valley home. Additionally, a circular bench features plaques that are engraved with remembrances, as well. Many parents and community members purchase bricks to commemorate a graduate or teacher.

Patriots Walk bricks are available in 2 sizes: \$100 for a 4 x 8 inch brick, and \$200 for a 6 x 9 inch brick. Plaques are engraved for \$2,500. Proceeds go toward The Foundation at Great Valley's efforts to award Venture Grants to Great Valley teachers and to support District key initiatives.

More information about Patriots Walk, including an order form, is available at [www.thefoundationatgreatvalley.org](http://www.thefoundationatgreatvalley.org).

## Looking for a Volunteer Opportunity?

The Foundation at Great Valley welcomes volunteers to become Foundation Ambassadors. Foundation Ambassadors help to maintain collaborative and mutually beneficial relationships with individual schools, PTO's, booster clubs, and the broader community. Ambassadors will help share out information about what events are upcoming and provide feedback to the Foundation Board. By broadening and deepening passionate support for the Foundation at Great Valley, the Ambassadors will assist the Foundation board members in their commitment to the organization. Anyone who understands that strong and vibrant schools require community-wide commitment can serve as an Ambassador. Ambassadors are asked to serve a 1-year-term. Time commitment is estimated to be less than an hour a month with an additional 3-4 hours annually for face to face meetings and during the annual campaign, or for those who choose to be involved in special projects or events. Interested? Email [info@thefoundationatgreatvalley.org](mailto:info@thefoundationatgreatvalley.org)!

# Gynecology & Menopause Center and Francesca Medical Aesthetics



Fran Thompson and Joseph Ferroni

**D**r. Joseph Ferroni and his wife, Fran Thompson, RNC, have dedicated the majority of their careers to women's health. As seasoned medical professionals, they have watched the healthcare industry change around them, many times improving with technology, but in some cases lacking in high-quality patient care.

"You won't find us talking to you through a computer; we want to get to know each of our patients. I'm fortunate to have a private practice in which I can spend the time that is necessary with each patient, without someone trying to increase my number of patients. For us, this isn't about business; it's about care," says Dr. Ferroni.

It was through these high-quality patient interactions that in 1999, Dr. Ferroni, a board-certified Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, had a vision to create a center dedicated to the health needs of women entering into the perimenopausal and menopausal stages of their lives. The Gynecology and Menopause Center, a first of its kind for Pennsylvania, was born.

"Menopause is truly a change of life for women. When you have an obstetric side of your practice, that's where the majority of your time is spent. I realized that many of my patients were getting older and were finished having children, they needed a higher level of attention to help them manage this phase of their lives. I also wanted my patients to feel comfortable in an office that was dedicated to them and to their needs, not overflowing with expectant mothers," he explains.

At the Gynecology and Menopause Center, Dr. Ferroni performs routine gynecological care, screenings for female cancers and other preventive health issues, as well as consultations for the safe management of troublesome menopausal symptoms.

In 2004, he identified another major need from his patients. Many were seeking medically safe and effective facial and body rejuvenation without surgery. Partnering with his wife, a Registered Nurse Clinician experienced in women's health care, they expanded the practice to include Francesca Medical Aesthetics.

"As we age, many of us experience skin problems, whether from years of sun over-exposure, or, for women, a decrease in estrogen," says Thompson. "Francesca Medical Aesthetics is truly a natural extension of our long commitment to health care. We want to care for our patients both inside and out, at one location."

Through Francesca Medical Aesthetics, Ferroni and Thompson are able to offer patients the latest treatments to rejuvenate the skin and correct issues like uneven pigment, broken capillaries and acne. Additionally, they offer hair removal, Botox, facial fillers, and physician-grade chemical peels and cosmeceuticals. The center is also an exclusive provider of SculpSure, a breakthrough body-contouring method that targets and destroys fat cells practically anywhere on the body.

"Patients need to understand that this is not a spa. All of the services, products and tools used can only be obtained or dispensed through licensed medical practitioners," notes Thompson. "We don't have any technicians. All of our services are performed by a licensed and trained medical professional, either Dr. Ferroni or myself. We conduct a thorough medical history review on each patient, so we can ensure that the treatment is appropriate. We have the same high level of commitment to patient care and quality on both sides of our practice."

Francesca Medical Aesthetics and the Gynecology and Menopause Center are conveniently located at 462 East King Road in Malvern. The Gynecology and Menopause Center is currently accepting new patients. For more information or to make an appointment, call 610.725.8787.

For more information on the services offered through Francesca Medical Aesthetics or to make an appointment, call 610.725.0238. All of the services offered through Francesca Medical Aesthetics are suitable for men or women.



# Malvern Borough

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## A Message From the Manager

### Greetings to the residents of Malvern Borough,

I hope that everyone in the Great Valley community had a joyous holiday season and a happy New Year. We have closed the book on 2016 and begun our journey into 2017. There were several events that occurred in 2016 in Malvern, beginning with a record-setting snow fall in January. Throughout the year, the Borough continued to work to maintain a high level of service delivery. We completed a major paving project on Monument Avenue, King Street, and Old Lincoln Highway. Our boards and committees saw turnover and expansion as new members were brought on to the Zoning Hearing Board and the Parks & Recreation Committee. Speaking of the Parks & Recreation Committee, they expanded their scope and have formed athletic leagues that provide fun, after-work activities and are also offering additional functions, such as a second summer movie night. Look for more events from this group in 2017. Finally, the Malvern Police Department added a new full-time officer. Officer Stephan Walker joined the Malvern Police Department in July 2016. The Borough is very proud to have Officer Walker as part of the Police Department. He brings five years of police experience with him from multiple jurisdictions.

On December 20, 2016, Borough Council adopted the 2017 operating budget for Malvern Borough. The budget set a tax rate of 4.4200 mills, which is the same level as in 2016. The 2017 budget includes several major projects, including the paving of Borough roads, completion of the sidewalk and traffic signal project on N. Warren Avenue, traffic calming projects, and the hiring of a new full-time police officer. In conjunction with the 2017 budget, Borough Council also prepared and reviewed a five-year capital improvement plan to assist in guiding future projects. Completing the 2017 budget without a tax increase was no small feat and took a significant effort by Borough Council and the Borough staff, and we are very appreciative of everyone's efforts.

The Borough was very successful in 2016 in receiving grant funding for various projects. In November, Chester County awarded two (2) different grants to the Borough with a combined total of \$510,500. We were awarded \$490,000 through the Community Revitalization Program for a streetscape project on Woodland Avenue. The Borough has been working diligently over the past few years to secure funds for this project and we are very happy to report that we were successful. Chester County also awarded \$20,500 to the Borough through the Vision Partnership Program for a large-scale traffic study in the vicinity of the Malvern Train Station. The Borough would like to thank the Chester County Commissioners for awarding these funds.

Since the last edition of INGreat Valley Magazine, Borough Council acquired four (4) new parcels of land. At their meeting on December 6, 2016, Borough Council approved the purchase of four (4) properties on N. Warren Avenue near the Borough's border with East Whiteland Township. These properties had previously been the subject of a development application that was subsequently withdrawn. During discussions, it was decided that it would be beneficial to the community to control the gateway to the Borough in perpetuity. Acquiring these parcels took significant effort and we are pleased to be able to maintain this scenic entry way for years to come.

Looking forward to 2017, there are some great community events coming to the Borough. The Parks & Recreation Committee will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 8, 2017 at 2:00 pm at the Paoli Battlefield. The Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund and the Paoli Memorial Association are wonderful partners and we are thankful that they allow the Parks & Recreation Committee to host this great family event here. The Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund will continue its Revolutionary Lecture Series in 2017. Please see the listing of events in the "Community Events Calendar." The Malvern Farmers Market will be located at Grace Baptist Church throughout the winter, but will return to Burke Park on May 6, 2017. Finally, the Paoli Memorial Association and the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund will hold an evening at the West Chester University Planetarium on Tuesday, June 13, 2017. More information is available in this edition of INGreat Valley Magazine.

Malvern continues to grow and the Borough continues to reflect our dedication to the community. We are always interested in hearing from the community. If you see anything in the Borough that requires our attention, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at cbashore@malvern.org. Thank you.

*Christopher Bashore*

**Borough Manager**



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## Run for Freedom – June 3, 2017

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Run for Freedom will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at the Paoli Battlefield/Malvern Memorial Park. This event will include a 5K, one mile, and kids’ fun run. Pre-registration is available online at [www.runtheday.com/race/runforfreedom](http://www.runtheday.com/race/runforfreedom). Below is an event schedule for the event on Saturday, June 3, 2017:



- **8:00am – Registration opens**
- **9:00 am – 5k and 1 Mile runs**
- **9:45 am – Kids’ fun run**

The Run for Freedom was created as a compliment to the Malvern Memorial Parade in 2011 as a way to help local veterans. The cross-country inspired 5k and 1Mile are fun and challenging courses in the heart of Malvern. Running around Paoli Battlefield, the trails and around the baseball fields at Monument Park, this family friendly event aims to provide financial support to local veterans in need. The Run for Freedom strives to include veterans by offering them FREE registration.

For information, please contact Keri Phillips at [runforfreedom@gmail.com](mailto:runforfreedom@gmail.com).

## Malvern Winter Farmers Market

We’re gearing up for the 2017 Malvern Farmers Market season, bringing you locally farmed and locally crafted foods all year. Last year saw continued growth for the market, and we just cannot thank you enough for your support. This year we’re counting on you to help grow the Malvern Farmers Market and make it even stronger. Please help us spread the word to your family, friends and co-workers. Here’s the 2017 Farmers Market Schedule:

2017	When	Where
<b>January - March</b>	1st and 3rd Saturday of the month 10 AM - Noon	First Baptist Church of Malvern, 146 Channing Ave.
<b>April</b>	1st and 3rd Saturday of the month 10 AM - Noon	Burke Park <i>If weather is unfavorable the market will be held in the First Baptist Church of Malvern</i>
<b>May - November</b>	Weekly	Burke Park



For more information on the Malvern Farmers Market please visit the website at [www.GrowingRootsPartners.com](http://www.GrowingRootsPartners.com), and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

# Community Events

## MARCH

**March 2 (Thursday)** – 11:00 am – The Club of Little Gardens of Malvern presents “Invasive Plants” by the Chester County Master Gardeners

**March 2 (Thursday)** – 7:30 pm – Planning Commission meeting

**March 4 (Saturday)** – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm – Winter Farmer’s Market at First Baptist Church, 146 Channing Ave.

**March 7 (Tuesday)** – 7:30 pm – Borough Council meeting

**March 12 (Sunday)** – **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**

**March 13 (Monday)** – 6:00 pm – Paoli Battlefield Revolutionary Lecture Series at the General Warren Inne – Results of the 2016 Paranormal Tours presented by Laurie Hull \*\*\*

**March 14 (Tuesday)** – 7:30 pm – Historical Commission meeting

**March 16 (Thursday)** – 5:00 pm-8:00 pm – Malvern Stroll along King Street. Extended shopping hours until 8:00 pm.

**March 16 (Thursday)** – 7:30 pm – Planning Commission meeting

**March 17 (Friday)** – **HAPPY ST. PATRICK’S DAY**

**March 18 (Saturday)** – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm – Winter Farmer’s Market at First Baptist Church, 146 Channing Ave.

**March 20 (Monday)** – **First day of spring**

**March 21 (Tuesday)** – 7:30 pm – Borough Council meeting

**March 27 (Monday)** – 7:00 pm – Zoning Hearing Board meeting (if necessary)

**March 28 (Tuesday)** – 7:30 pm – Historical Commission meeting

## APRIL

**April 1 (Saturday)** – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm – Winter Farmer’s Market at First Baptist Church, 146 Channing Ave.

**April 4 (Tuesday)** – 7:30 pm – Borough Council meeting

**April 6 (Thursday)** – 11:00 am – The Club of Little Gardens of Malvern presents “Underused Annuals” – Presented by a Montgomery County Master Planner

**April 6 (Thursday)** – 7:30 pm – Planning Commission meeting

**April 8 (Saturday)** – 2:00 pm – 6th Annual Malvern Parks & Recreation Committee Easter Egg Hunt at the Paoli Battlefield – Bring your own basket – Rain date of April 9 (Sunday) at 2:00 pm at the Paoli Battlefield. Check [www.malvern.org](http://www.malvern.org) if unsure of the weather.

**April 10 (Monday)** – 6:00 pm – Paoli Battlefield Revolutionary Lecture Series at the General Warren Inne – Paoli Battlefield Results of the 2016 Paranormal Tours presented by Laurie Hull \*\*\*

**April 11 (Tuesday)** – 7:30 pm – Historical Commission meeting

**April 14 (Friday)** – **Good Friday – Borough Offices Closed**

**April 15 (Saturday)** – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm – Winter Farmer’s Market at First Baptist Church, 146 Channing Ave.

**April 18 (Tuesday)** – 7:30 pm – Borough Council meeting

**April 20 (Thursday)** – 7:30 pm – Planning Commission meeting

**April 20 (Thursday)** – 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Malvern Stroll along King Street. Extended shopping hours until 8:00 pm.

**April 24 (Monday)** – 7:00 pm – Zoning Hearing Board meeting (if necessary)

**April 25 (Tuesday)** – 7:30 pm – Historical Commission meeting

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**May 2 (Tuesday)** – 7:30 pm – Borough Council meeting

**May 4 (Thursday)** – 7:30 pm – Planning Commission meeting

**May 6 (Saturday)** – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm – Farmer’s Market in BURKE PARK

**May 7 (Sunday)** – 11:00 am – 4:00 pm – Malvern Blooms along King Street, Warren Avenue, and in Burke Park. Potential vendors can sign up online at [www.Malvern-Festivals.com](http://www.Malvern-Festivals.com). Please visit the website or Facebook page for up to date festival information.

**May 8 (Monday)** – 6:00 pm – Paoli Battlefield Revolutionary Lecture Series at the General Warren Inne. Soldiers Stories from Valley Forge presented by Dr. Nancy Loane.

**May 9 (Tuesday)** – 7:30 pm – Historical Commission meeting

**May 13 & 14** – Women’s Timeline Event at the Paoli Battlefield – Bring your mother to the special timeline event where she will enjoy a timeline of women who made a difference and contributed to our country and our world.

**May 13 (Saturday)** – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm – Farmer’s Market in BURKE PARK

**May 14 (Sunday)** – Mother’s Day

**May 16 (Tuesday)** – 7:30pm – Borough Council meeting

**May 18 (Thursday)** – 7:30 pm – Planning Commission meeting

**May 18 (Thursday)** – 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Malvern Stroll along King Street. Extended shopping hours until 8:00 pm.

**May 20 (Saturday)** – **Armed Forces Day – THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE**

**May 20 (Saturday)** – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm – Malvern Parks & Recreation Commission’s 7th Annual Yard Sale in BURKE PARK. Setup will begin at 8:00 am.

**May 20 (Saturday)** – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm – Farmer’s Market in BURKE PARK

**May 20 (Saturday)** – 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm – Spring Paranormal Tour of the Paoli Battlefield

**May 22 (Monday)** – 7:00 pm – Zoning Hearing Board meeting (if necessary)

**May 23 (Tuesday)** – 7:30 pm – Historical Commission meeting

**May 27 (Saturday)** – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm – Farmer’s Market in BURKE PARK

**May 29 (Monday)** – **Memorial Day – Borough Offices Closed**

## JUNE

**June 1 (Thursday)** – 7:30 pm – Planning Commission meeting

**June 3 (Saturday)** – 8:00 am – Run for Freedom – Paoli Battlefield/Malvern Memorial Park – Pre-registration is available online at [www.runtheday.com/runforfreedom](http://www.runtheday.com/runforfreedom) - Questions may be directed to Keri Phillips at [runforfreedompa@gmail.com](mailto:runforfreedompa@gmail.com).

**June 3 (Saturday)** – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm – Farmer’s Market in BURKE PARK

**June 3 (Saturday)** – 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Malvern Spaghetti Dinner & Concert in Malvern Memorial Park. Concert performed by the Chester County Concert Band will be held from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm. For more information on this event, please visit [www.growingrootspartners.com](http://www.growingrootspartners.com) or [www.malvernmemorialparade.com](http://www.malvernmemorialparade.com).



**June 4 (Sunday)** – 1:30 pm – 149th Malvern Memorial Parade. The parade begins on King Street in front of the driveway to the Malvern Firehouse and adjacent to Kimberton Whole Foods at the east end of Malvern Borough. It will proceed west on King St. to Warren Ave., south on Warren Ave. to Monument Ave., and turn onto Monument Ave. west to the Paoli Memorial Grounds off of Monument Ave. The parade will be followed by a Memorial Service held at the Memorial Grounds. This will be followed by entertainment and a cakewalk. Refreshments will be available. For more information on this event, please visit [www.malvernmemorialparade.com](http://www.malvernmemorialparade.com).

**June 6 (Tuesday)** – 7:30 pm – Borough Council meeting

**June 10 (Saturday)** – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm – Farmer's Market in BURKE PARK

**June 13 (Tuesday)** – 5:45 pm – A Night at the Planetarium presented by the Paoli Memorial Association and the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund – Event will be held at the West Chester University planetarium \*\*

**June 13 (Tuesday)** – 7:30 pm – Historical Commission meeting

**June 14 (Wednesday)** – Flag Day – FLY YOUR FLAGS

**June 15 (Thursday)** – 7:30 pm – Planning Commission meeting

**June 15 (Thursday)** – 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Malvern Stroll along King Street. Extended shopping hours until 8:00 pm.

**June 17 (Saturday)** – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm – Farmer's Market in BURKE PARK

**June 18 (Sunday)** – Father's Day

**June 20 (Tuesday)** – 7:30 pm – Borough Council meeting

**June 24 (Saturday)** – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm – Farmer's Market in BURKE PARK

**June 27 (Tuesday)** – 7:30 pm – Historical Commission meeting

\*\* Admission price is \$75.00, which includes a picnic dinner catered by New Street Catering. You must be 19 years of age or older to attend.

\*\*\*Admission price is \$49 which includes the 18th century American Fare Buffet, all soft beverages, family style sweets, all taxes and gratuities, donation to the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund.

*All meetings are held in the Malvern Borough Administration Building, 1 E. First Avenue, Suite 3, Malvern, PA 19355. In the event of inclement weather, visit [www.malvern.org](http://www.malvern.org), for cancelled meeting notices.*

*Any person with a disability who requires an auxiliary aid, service or other accommodation to participate in the proceedings should contact the Borough at 610-644-2602.*

*In the event of inclement weather, please visit our website at [www.malvern.org](http://www.malvern.org) for cancellation information.*

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## 2017 Malvern Blooms Festival

Planning is underway for the 2017 Blooms Festival. Applications for artists & crafters, retailers, and non-profit organizations are available at [www.Malvern-Festivals.com](http://www.Malvern-Festivals.com). Interested in sponsorship? Blooms is a great opportunity for local businesses to promote their business while supporting this fun event! Contact Lisa@GrowingRootsPartners.com for information on sponsorship opportunities.



## Malvern's Memorial Day Weekend Spaghetti Dinner and Concert

This will be the third year for the Annual Spaghetti Dinner, hosted by the Malvern Farmers Market, in coordination with the Malvern Memorial Parade Committee. The date for the dinner is June 3rd. Anthony's will again be preparing a wonderful spaghetti dinner which will be followed by a concert. Tickets will go on sale April at the Malvern Farmers Market, Kohlerman's Pharmacy and the First National Bank of Malvern. Questions, please email [lisa@GrowingRootsPartners.com](mailto:lisa@GrowingRootsPartners.com).



The Great Valley Senior Center serves a group of senior citizens in the Great Valley area. The Center conducts a number of activities. The major activity is Monday afternoon bingo. These bingo games are held in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1392 Old Phoenixville Pike, just off King Road every Monday except major holidays. This is the only daytime bingo in the area and is run by seniors for seniors, although anyone is welcome to play. The doors open at 10:30 am and the games go from noon until 3 pm. Volunteers operate the games, selling bingo cards, calling numbers, delivering the substantial winnings, and overseeing the food and drink service. More volunteers are needed. If you are interested in helping or wish more information, please call Lee Bettenhausen at 610.647.1311.

Other activities are senior exercises, adult coloring book sessions, pinochle and canasta games, and various information meetings and social events. The calendar of events is available through the Great Valley School District website's community page. Join this active group. Call 610.889.2121 to obtain further information.

## Malvern Fire Company: Serving Our Community and Our Own

While the Malvern Fire Company unites to serve the community when called, we also unite to serve our own. On Saturday November 12, the members of the Malvern Fire Company, as well as our partners in the community came together to support Life Member, President and Past Chief Paul Wilkins in his battle against colon cancer. Throughout his thirty seven years of dedicated volunteer service, Paul has held nearly every leadership position including lieutenant, captain, deputy chief and chief as well as serving as an administrative trustee. The community came together on a beautiful Saturday in November to kick off the day with a Block Party followed by a Beef and Beer. The success of this event would not have been possible without our dedicated volunteers and generous community partners.

Serving our community and our own has always been, and remains a cornerstone tradition of the fire service. Since its establishment in 1888, the Malvern Fire Company has provided fire, rescue and emergency medical services for the Malvern Borough and portions of Willistown and East Goshen Townships. Staffed by a combination of dedicated volunteer and paid professions, Malvern fire fighters carry a tradition of excellence into the twenty-first century. With that in mind, the Malvern Fire Company asks the community – Is there Fire in You?

Are you ready to save, protect and serve your community? Are you ready to join a group of talented men and women who have dedicated their lives to their friends, family, community and each other? The Malvern Fire Company is actively recruiting new volunteers every day. Whether behind the hose line or behind the desk, Station Four has a place for you. Our doors are always open – stop by for a tour any time and to meet our active crew. What to join in the action? Fill out an online application or stop by Tuesday nights at 7pm to see what we are all about.

We are looking forward to meeting you! For more information and ways to serve, visit [www.malvernfireco.com](http://www.malvernfireco.com) or call us at 610-647-0693.





# Malvern Public Library

- Have you seen our new website? Check us out at [www.malvern-library.org](http://www.malvern-library.org), which includes a link to our events calendar, where you can see all the programs that are planned for the month. Or you can come into the library and get a print-out of our monthly calendar.
- This year's theme for our Summer Reading Program is Build a Better World. The kickoff party will be held at Greentree Park on June 13th at 5:30, with a rain date of June 15th. Be sure to stop in to get your reading log, folder, and bag!
- Adult Book Club meets every second Tuesday of the month at 10AM. Come join us for a book discussion every month! Check our calendar or come into the library to find out what this month's book is.
- Woolgatherers, our knitting group has moved its time. They now meet at 3PM on the first and third Monday of the month.
- Our therapy dog, Holly, will be in at 4:30 on Thursday afternoons. Sign up for a slot ahead of time so you're sure to get a chance to read to her!
- Don't miss our new weekly Teen Grab Bag event! Every Wednesday evening starting at 4PM, we will have a different event for teens, including board games, paper crafting, writing, and STEM activities.
- We now have an Adult Coloring Club, hosted at the Buttery. We meet every third Friday of the month at 2PM.
- Every third Friday of the month at 3:30 PM we have a Book Craft Afternoon. Come and help us upcycle broken down books into one of a kind paper crafts!
- Don't forget that the library has eBooks and audiobooks available through Overdrive! If you have a library card, you have access to Overdrive, which can be viewed on any of your mobile devices, or on your computer.
- And don't forget there is now a CCLS mobile app. Download this app on your phone or tablet and have access to your account online and the catalog. You are truly able to carry the library with you on your travels.

# News from the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund



Anniversaries are pretty neat things. They combine celebrations with important memories and events, even if the event is sad. 2017 marks special anniversaries for the Paoli Battlefield Site and Memorial Grounds. It is one that should be recognized by both the Borough of Malvern (where it is today) and Willistown Township (where it was located in 1777 until Malvern incorporated in 1889). It is interesting to note that Malvern's separation came 100 years after Delaware County separated from Chester County, one of William Penn's first 3 counties (Philadelphia, Bucks and Chester).

It is the 240th anniversary of the Battle of Paoli, also known as the Paoli Massacre. The Battle of Paoli occurred on September 20, 1777. It was a midnight raid by nearly 2,000 of the British elite soldiers against General (Mad) Anthony Wayne's 2,000 Pennsylvania Line of the Continental Army. Gen. Washington had ordered Wayne to hide behind enemy lines. Washington's last strategic plan to stop the occupation of Philadelphia was to have the bulk of the American forces move to the east side of the Schuylkill River to block any attempt of the Redcoats to ford it. Then have Wayne attack from the west side during the crossing. Unfortunately, the British discovered the plan and attacked Wayne. British soldiers committed atrocities against wounded and surrendering Americans. This battle, the 9th bloodiest of the War, enraged and energized America. "Remember Paoli!" became the nation's first battle cry, heard throughout the Revolutionary War and became a symbol of American values throughout the 18th & 19th centuries.

It is the 200th anniversary of the 1817 Paoli Massacre Monument and Parade. The monument, the 2nd oldest War Memorial in the United States, was paid for and erected by local militia. They honored those killed at Paoli and also all American veterans by starting an annual parade tradition that has lasted to the present day.

The Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund (PBPF), which administers Malvern's Paoli Battlefield Historical Park on Monument Avenue, completed an extensive historical investigation funded by the National Park Service for our application to become a National Historic Landmark. "Remember Paoli!" was as well known throughout the continental U.S. as "Remember the Alamo" is today. It also created a set of American values that "established the national character of our country" (Benjamin Rush, Founding Father, signer of the Declaration of Independence, and Surgeon General of the Continental Army).

So celebrate these dual anniversaries by coming to the Paoli Battlefield Historical Park and Memorial Grounds, walking its grounds and attending upcoming events:

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| May 13-14       | Women's Living History Timeline and Mother's Day Tea (a new event) |
| May 20th        | Spring Paranormal Tour of the Paoli Battlefield                    |
| June 4th        | Malvern Memorial Parade  |
| June 13th       | Paoli Memorial Assn & PBPF Special Event at W.C.U. Planetarium!    |
| <b>Sep 23rd</b> | <b>Annual Heritage Day including an evening Battle Reenactment</b> |

And our **Revolutionary Lecture Series at the General Warren Inne** (dinner included)

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| Feb 13th   | John Barry: An American Hero in the Age of Sail by Tim McGrath |
| March 13th | Results of the 2016 Paranormal Tours by Laurie Hull            |
| April 10th | Fort Mifflin: the Fort that Saved America – Elizabeth Beatty   |
| May 9th    | Soldiers Stories from Valley Forge – Dr. Nancy Loane           |

For more information, pick up our rack cards at the Battlefield, Borough Hall and Willistown Township - and [www.RememberPaoli.org](http://www.RememberPaoli.org).

# A Night at the Planetarium

Presented by the Paoli Memorial Association and the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund

The Paoli Memorial Association (PMA) and the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund (PBBF) will be holding an evening at the West Chester University (WCU) Planetarium. The Planetarium will be open to the public and will include a picnic dinner and two separate presentations of the summer sky and what the sky would have looked like on the night of September 20, 1777, the night of the Battle of Paoli. How does that compare to the night sky of today? Come and find out. Dr. Karen Schwarz, Director of the Planetarium, will be making the presentations which will also include many other interesting bits of information about the constellations in the summer sky and so much more.

The event will be held on Tuesday, June 13 beginning at 5:45 PM at WCU and will include two separate presentations, one at 6:30 and the second at 7:30 PM. This will be our fund-raiser this year for the PMA and PBBF. The charge to attend will be \$75 for each person, which includes a picnic dinner which will be catered by New Street Catering in West Chester. You must be nineteen (19) years of age or older to attend.

Please note that seats are limited to the first 130 people to submit their check for \$75/person. Please include your name, address and phone number and number of people attending and their names. Again, due to the requirements of the University, no one under 19 may be admitted. The check should be made payable to "PMA/PBBF Event" and the check and information should be forwarded to National Bank of Malvern, PO Box 38, Malvern, PA 19355.

Should you have any questions about the event, please contact Frank Ortner at 610 647-2577. The picnic dinner, which is included, may be eaten either before or after the 6:30 seating.



## Malvern Historical Commission News

By Kelly Maude Schmitt

In 1983, the Malvern Historical Commission was formed and tasked with preserve the history of the Borough.

Perhaps the best way to preserve our history is to educate others. Accordingly, we are proud to announce our goal of hosting Malvern Lyceum nights, beginning in autumn 2017.

This is a resurrection of sorts for our town. As *A Century in Malvern* reports, "About twenty young men and women organized the Malvern Lyceum at the Malvern Hall, November 20, 1880, an organization providing public entertainment through debates, readings, tableaux, essays, declamations, speeches, and music, along with readings from the paper, *Malvern Echo*." *Malvern Treasures* provides further information, stating that the Malvern Lyceum was active until 1890.

Merriam-Webster defines a lyceum (pronounced li-see-um) as "a hall for public lectures or discussions" or "an association providing public lectures, concerts, and entertainments."

We have been inspired by reports of such events from the East Brandywine Historical Commission and the Chadds Ford Historical Society, as well as the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund's monthly lectures at the General Warren Inne.

Potential presentations include highlighting the various businesses that have come, gone, and remained in Malvern over the years. Malvern has been home to flour mills, root beer extract production, plastic cup manufacturing, and condensed milk processing—and that's all at one address! We've also have platinum works, feed and seed mills, car dealerships, restaurants, bars, hotels, and much more.

If you'd like to stay in the loop for these coming evenings, please like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/MalvernHC](https://facebook.com/MalvernHC), where we post fascinating tidbits of Malvern history on a weekly basis.

If you'd like to join us in planning our Lyceum nights, the Commission presently meets twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Borough Hall. Not prepared to commit to meetings twice a month? The Commission is also looking for volunteers to help out at its sales table at events, and possibly for other projects. Would-be volunteers should contact us [malvernhc@yahoo.com](mailto:malvernhc@yahoo.com).

The next event at which the Commission will appear is Malvern Blooms, Sunday, May 7, 2017. Stop by our table and say hi! We plan on having NEW postcards available for sale!





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## Fine Homes

## Real Estate with a Community Connection



## RE/MAX Fine Homes is a key part of Malvern's Revitalization

When the real estate team of Alison Saunders and Chuck Barbera opened their RE/MAX Fine Homes office in Malvern, they took their mission to be a vital part of the community to an entirely higher plane. Building on the success of their Wayne office, the agency co-owners purchased a landmark former bank building at 409 Lancaster Avenue, across from Covenant Presbyterian Church. While preserving the bank's signature characteristics, they incorporated the atmosphere of the Wayne agency, that's designed to make clients feel at home and at ease.

"For instance," says Saunders, "we kept the bank's drive-up window but converted the vault into a conference room and lounge, and transformed the safety deposit box towers into modern work space. Because of its open-concept design, the new office is a perfect place to host events, meetings, and training seminars, allowing our business to easily blend into the fabric of the community." The space has become a valuable resource for numerous community groups.

The Malvern office allows RE/MAX Fine Homes' to better service the western Main Line and surrounding communities. "Historically, Malvern has been an underserved real estate market," says Saunders. "Now, it's experiencing a surge in new construction and development, coinciding with a revitalization of the business community and housing market." Case in point: a new townhome community is under construction right next to the new Malvern office.

Saunders and Barbera, who are also a married couple, know Malvern well. They've lived in town for 16 years. Barbera has been a local resident his entire life and attended Great Valley High School. Their children are graduates of the Great Valley School System. They're personally familiar with everything Malvern and surrounding towns have to offer. "We definitely embrace the concept of 'live where you work and work where you live,'" says Saunders. "Some real estate agencies are all about transactions. We're really the hometown people, the small business that's a valued resource and member of the community."

Despite the agency's name, the agents of RE/MAX Fine Homes have a broad definition of what constitutes "fine" homes, believing that they exist in all sizes, shapes and price ranges. The agency's agents are full-time, experienced professionals who are involved in the community



and can handle every aspect of a real estate transaction. They work with all types of clients, be they first-time homebuyers, or residents who are re-locating, upsizing, downsizing, or handling an estate sale. Additionally, all clients benefit from the agency's professional pricing guidance, home staging, and photography, among other services.

"We're focused on building relationships," says Barbera. "Repeat business is at the core of everything we do. We want our clients to have a good experience, so they'll return to seek our services and refer us to their friends and neighbors. Maintaining and growing our relationships is absolutely key to the success of our business."

For more information, contact RE/MAX Fine Homes at 610.902.6100 or [www.RMFineHomes.com](http://www.RMFineHomes.com). For a confidential consultation, please email [info@RMFineHomes.com](mailto:info@RMFineHomes.com).





# Willistown Township



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## Manager's Message

Greetings, Willistown residents!

Covering more than 18 square miles, Willistown is comprised of diverse neighborhoods, tranquil open space, prestigious independent and public schools, and world class healthcare institutions. From Ronnie Park to Hunters Run and everywhere in between, Willistown is full of terrific scenery and some of the nicest people you'd ever want to meet.

Too often, however, we get so busy with everyday life that we can lose sight of our neighbors and our surroundings. So, I'd like to invite each of you to take time out from your busy lives this spring and enjoy a peaceful drive through the Township or a quiet walk on one of the trails that can be found throughout the Township.

I'd also like to invite you to stop into the Township Offices if there is anything you need. We are here to help you Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM. In addition, please feel free to stop by on Saturday, April 22nd, from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Whether you'd like to pay your sewer bill, voice a concern about traffic or road conditions, or simply have a cup of coffee and say "hello" --- we'll be here for you.

In the meantime, please feel free to share your concerns with me at 610-647-5300 or via email at [dburman@willistown.pa.us](mailto:dburman@willistown.pa.us).

*- David Burman, Township Manager*

### Police Department

688 Sugartown Road  
Malvern, PA 19355  
610-251-0222

### Board of Supervisors

William R. Shoemaker  
George J. McHugh IV  
Robert T. Lange

### Bartram Bridge Commission

Eric Gerst  
Judy Radano

### Elected Auditors of Willistown

Anthony Buonanno  
John Greim  
Steven Sansone

### Historical Commission

Brad Billet  
Warren Claytor  
Thomas Joyce  
Joseph Kerecman  
Terry Kile  
Jeanette Lindvig  
Alicia Marziani  
Marie Quinn

### Land Conservancy Authority Board

Mary Hundt  
Robert Lange  
Ted Leisenring  
William Shoemaker

### Open Space Review Board

Ted Leisenring  
Jeanette Lindvig  
Nancy Moyer  
Brookings Gardner  
Robert Kacergis  
Jeffrey Vincent  
Michael Devine

### Parks & Recreation Board

Nicholas Boccella  
Robert Kacergis  
Kenneth Lehr  
George McHugh IV  
Denise VanValkenburgh  
Andrew Vaskas

### Planning Commission

Rita Reves  
David Watt  
Gerald Bucaccio  
Frank Houder  
Arthur Newbold  
William Shoemaker

### Recycling Commission

Jim Tate  
Mark Bem  
Bruce Hartlein  
Kenneth Lehr  
Karl Malessa  
Molly Perrin  
Brian St. Clair

### UCC Board of Appeals

John Blackburn III  
Gerald Bucaccio  
Frank Houder  
Denny Howell  
Jerome Keough  
Ann Ledger  
Mario Quattrochi

### Zoning Hearing Board

Donald Mancini  
Robert DeLuca  
Thomas Flynn III

## Willistown Township Meetings and Events

Unless otherwise indicated, meetings are held in the Township Meeting Room at 688 Sugartown Road. Meetings dates/times are subject to change. Refer to the calendar at [www.willistown.pa.us](http://www.willistown.pa.us) for changes.

**March 1, 7:30 PM** – Planning Commission Meeting  
**March 4, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** – Okehocking Weed Warriors – Okehocking Preserve  
**March 7, 7:00 PM** – Historical Commission Meeting  
**March 13, 7:00 PM** – Board of Supervisors Meeting - Sugartown Elementary School  
**March 14, 7:00 PM** – Recycling Commission Meeting  
**March 15, 7:30 PM** – Planning Commission Meeting  
**March 16, 7:00 PM** – Parks & Recreation Board Meeting  
**March 27, 5:30 PM** – Open Space Review Board Meeting  
**March 27, 7:00 PM** – Board of Supervisors Meeting  
**April 1, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** – Okehocking Weed Warriors – Okehocking Preserve  
**April 1 and 2** – Trail Corps Workshop  
**April 4, 7:00 PM** – Historical Commission Meeting  
**April 5, 7:30 PM** – Planning Commission Meeting  
**April 10, 7:00 PM** – Board of Supervisors Meeting  
**April 11, 7:00 PM** – Recycling Commission Meeting  
**April 11, 7:30 PM** – Bartram Bridge Preservation Board Meeting – Newtown Municipal Building  
**April 19, 7:30 PM** – Planning Commission Meeting  
**April 20, 7:00 PM** – Parks & Recreation Board Meeting  
**April 24, 5:30 PM** – Open Space Review Board Meeting  
**April 24, 7:00 PM** – Board of Supervisors Meeting  
**May 2, 7:00 PM** – Historical Commission Meeting  
**May 3, 7:30 PM** – Planning Commission Meeting  
**May 8, 7:00 PM** – Board of Supervisors Meeting

**May 9, 7:00 PM** – Recycling Commission Meeting  
**May 10, 5:30 PM** – Pizza & Puppets Park Party – Greentree Park, 21 Grubb Road, Malvern  
**May 17, 7:30 PM** – Planning Commission Meeting  
**May 18, 7:00 PM** – Parks & Recreation Board Meeting  
**May 22, 5:30 PM** – Open Space Review Board Meeting  
**May 22, 7:00 PM** – Board of Supervisors Meeting  
**May 29 – Holiday** – Administration Offices Closed  
**June 6, 7:00 PM** – Historical Commission Meeting  
**June 12, 5:30 PM** – Open Space Review Board Meeting  
**June 12, 7:00 PM** – Board of Supervisors Meeting – 1040 Garrett Mill Road, Newtown Square  
**June 12, 7:00 PM** – Naming of Rita Reves Park – 1040 Garrett Mill Road, Newtown Square  
**June 13, 5:30 PM** – School's Out—Let's GO WilMa! Park Party – Greentree Park, 21 Grubb Road, Malvern  
**June 13, 7:00 PM** – Recycling Commission Meeting  
**June 14, 7:30 PM** – Planning Commission Meeting  
**June 15, 7:00 PM** – Parks & Recreation Board Meeting  
**June 17, 9:00 AM** – Fox Hollow Trail Grand Opening  
**Save the Date:** GO WilMa! Outdoor Adventure Program runs June 13 – August 19, 2017

Visit [www.willistownparks.org](http://www.willistownparks.org) for information about the upcoming array of spring, summer, and fall camps in Willistown Township. Camps include Hummingbird Soccer, T-ball, Rookie League Baseball and more for elementary and middle school aged children.

## Introducing Willistown's Fox Hollow Trail

The new year brought along with it the completion of a long-awaited walking recreational amenity. Fox Hollow Trail is a paved trail, built in conjunction with the Chapel Hill development in northern Willistown, beginning at Cedar Hollow and Devon Roads, connecting to many northern Willistown neighborhoods. The trail traverses through beautiful woodlands into a stream valley and along South Valley and Waynesborough Roads. The Parks & Recreation Department conducted an online "Name That Trail" resident survey and received emails and phone calls with the residents' creative ideas. The Board chose Fox Hollow from the suggestion of a resident who reported enjoying watching the foxes frolic about the property. The Board also liked the name because the fox is a focal point of the Township seal, acknowledging the history of the equestrian sport of fox hunting\* in Willistown. The property also contains a hollow where the East Branch of Crum Creek flows. The Board of Supervisors officially named the trail Fox Hollow Trail in February 2017. (\*Please note: The fox is not injured by the hounds—a more accurate description for the sport is fox chasing.)

Please mark your calendar for the official Fox Hollow Trail Grand Opening on Saturday, June 17 at 9 am. The Rain Date is June 24. The trail will be open to the public after the Township has taken dedication of the trail and easement corridor.

Willistown Township is home to seven community parks and several miles of trails. To find out more about Fox Hollow Trail and the parks and recreation opportunities Willistown has to offer, visit [www.willistownparks.org](http://www.willistownparks.org).



# 2016 Community Service Award Recipient: **Richard McDonnell**



The spirit of volunteerism in Willistown is strong. Residents quietly make unique and valuable contributions to our community by serving on Willistown Township volunteer boards and committees. The Community Service Award was created to acknowledge and honor a dedicated Township volunteer each year.

The Board of Supervisors is pleased to recognize Richard McDonnell as the recipient of the 2016 Willistown Community Service Award. Dick is a lifelong resident of the Township—he grew up on Crumley Avenue and lives in northern Willistown today. Since 2004, Dick has served as a member of the Willistown Township Parks and Recreation Board, including serving as Chairman

for several years. He was introduced to Willistown parks through his work with the Chester Valley Little League as a coach and facilities director. He volunteered for the little league for a decade, continuing to serve even after his son had “graduated” from the league. He also supported his daughter’s love of softball and ensured that the fields at Mill Park could accommodate softball tournaments.

When he joined the Parks and Recreation Board, Dick was most interested in finding out more about the way the Township parks and open spaces were used. Over the years, he made a point of ensuring that park and trail users’ voices were heard. As a means to this end, public outreach and surveys provided valuable guidance to the Parks and Recreation Board—in Dick’s words, “the best design comes from the users.”

During his time on the Parks and Recreation Board, Dick was a familiar face at the Park Parties. He was part of the initiative to rehabilitate Greentree Park, advised on the improvements at Mill Park, and was a champion of the new trail in northern Willistown known as the Fox Hollow Trail.

In 2016, Dick retired from the Parks and Recreation Board after over a decade of faithful service. Willistown Township thanks him for his notable contributions! When you see him with his wife and their collie, Tess, on Fox Hollow Trail, please be sure to say “Hello” and “Thanks!”

## Celebrate Earth Day with the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association

**DID YOU KNOW?** Willistown is a part of the Crum and Ridley Creek Watersheds, meaning that stormwater, groundwater and snow melt in the Township flows downhill to Crum and Ridley Creeks.

The Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association (CRC) is a non-profit organization “devoted to the protection of water resources and the natural environment of the Chester, Ridley, and Crum Creek Valleys, and the health, recreational, and quality of life benefits they afford the residents of this region.”

We are excited to share that the CRC has a new home here in Willistown Township. In January, the organization moved into the Garrett Farmhouse at Willistown Township’s Okehocking Preserve. The farmhouse, adjacent to Ridley Creek, provides a perfect setting for the CRC’s efforts.

Are you interested in contributing to the CRC’s efforts to protect our region’s water? Save the date – **Saturday April 22, 2017** – for the 20th Annual **Streams Cleanup on Earth Day!**

Learn more about the CRC Watersheds Association at [crcwatersheds.org](http://crcwatersheds.org).

## Paoli Hospital Installs Prescription Medicine Drop Box

On January 6, Paoli Hospital unveiled a prescription medicine drop box for the community to anonymously dispose of unneeded, unwanted or expired medications properly. Partnering with the Chester County District Attorney’s office and the Willistown Township Police Department, Paoli now joins Lankenau Medical Center, Bryn Mawr Hospital and Riddle Hospital, offering prescription medicine drop boxes Systemwide.

The drop box, located in the valet lobby, offers a secure way to properly dispose of any type of medicine, keeping drugs safe from misuse while also protecting the environment. The drop box, monitored by Paoli Hospital security staff, will be emptied monthly by the Willistown Township Police Department.



Photo (from left): John Narcise, Chief of Police, Willistown Police Department; George McHugh IV, Vice Chairman, Willistown Township Board of Supervisors; Jim Paradis, President, Paoli Hospital, Main Line Health; Robert T. Lange, Supervisor, Willistown Township Board of Supervisors; Thomas Hogan, District Attorney, Chester County; David R. Burman, Township Manager, Willistown Township.



Garrett Farmhouse. PHOTO BY CHARLOTTE BARTON, JANUARY 2017.



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# East Whiteland Township



## Township Names Deputy Police Chief

East Whiteland Police Lieutenant Chris Yeager has been named the Township's deputy police chief.

Lt. Yeager joined the Police Department in 1986 and rose through the ranks. He took the oath of office in December before family and friends.

Lt. Yeager will work closely with Police Chief Eugene Dooley and Lieutenant Mark Ercole on the management of the department.

East Whiteland Deputy Police Chief Chris Yeager is sworn in by District Judge John Bailey as his wife, Diedre, holds the Bible.

## Concert Series Returns In June

The Friends of Summer Stage and East Whiteland Township invite the community to join in the 6th annual summer concert series dedicated to bringing high quality free music to Valley Creek Park on Morehall Road.

The series brings free and accessible live music to the Township for both residents and visitors. Acts from previous years include Jefferson Starship, In the Pocket, Scythian, Hillbenders, Mason Porter, Israel Nash and more.

Concerts will be held on four consecutive Wednesday nights beginning in June at Valley Creek Park. Free parking is available in designated areas at the park. Concert series updates are available at the Friends of Summer Stage website, [www.friendsofsummerstage.com](http://www.friendsofsummerstage.com).

Thank you to concert series sponsors Trammel Crow Co., First Niagara Bank, Liberty Property Trust, Dempsey Development & Brokerage, The Royal Worthington and Buckley, Brion, McGuire & Morris LLP and the East Whiteland Parks and Recreation Department.

Visit [www.FriendsofSummerStage.com](http://www.FriendsofSummerStage.com) for more or find Friends of Summer Stage on Facebook.



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The study will focus on Route 30 west of Malin Road to Route 202.

## Township Looking To Improve Route 30 Corridor

The Township is looking to create a blueprint for making the Route 30 corridor a mixed use and multimodal area of East Whiteland.

Route 30 between Route 202 and Route 29 has 155 commercial properties with many having individual or multiple driveways. The stretch is congested and lacks connected and continuous facilities for pedestrians.

The recent completion of the 2016 update to the Township's Comprehensive Plan calls for a mix of uses within the corridor and bringing residential uses into the primarily commercial corridor. With recent residential projects being completed and the potential for more residential development, the Township is interested in creating a blueprint for the Route 30 corridor to promote a more sustainable mixed-use area.

McMahon Associates, an engineering firm, was awarded a contract earlier this year to study the corridor. A key outcome of the study is identification of a preferred lane configuration and cross section for Route 30 between Route 29 and Route 202. The study will focus on the reconfiguration of Route 30 from west of Malin Road to Route 202.

The study is scheduled to be completed this spring. The Township received federal funding for the project through the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission.

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### Municipal Government Meetings

Board of Supervisors Work Session  
2nd Wednesday after 6 p.m.

Board of Supervisors Business Meeting  
2nd Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission Work Session  
4th Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission Business Meeting  
4th Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Environmental Advisory Council  
1st Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Historical Commission  
1st Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Park & Recreation Board  
4th Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board  
4th Monday at 7:15 p.m.

Please check the Township website prior to the meeting to confirm the date and time.

## Be Safe When Bicycling

Spring is right around the corner and with warmer weather comes an increase in outdoor activity.

In East Whiteland, bikers frequently travel the Township, many of them commuters who choose to “go green” and exercise on their way to the many corporate workplaces.

The Police Department reminds all bicyclists that they are considered drivers and bicycles are considered vehicles under PA law. This means bicyclists must obey all laws applicable in the PA Vehicle Code.

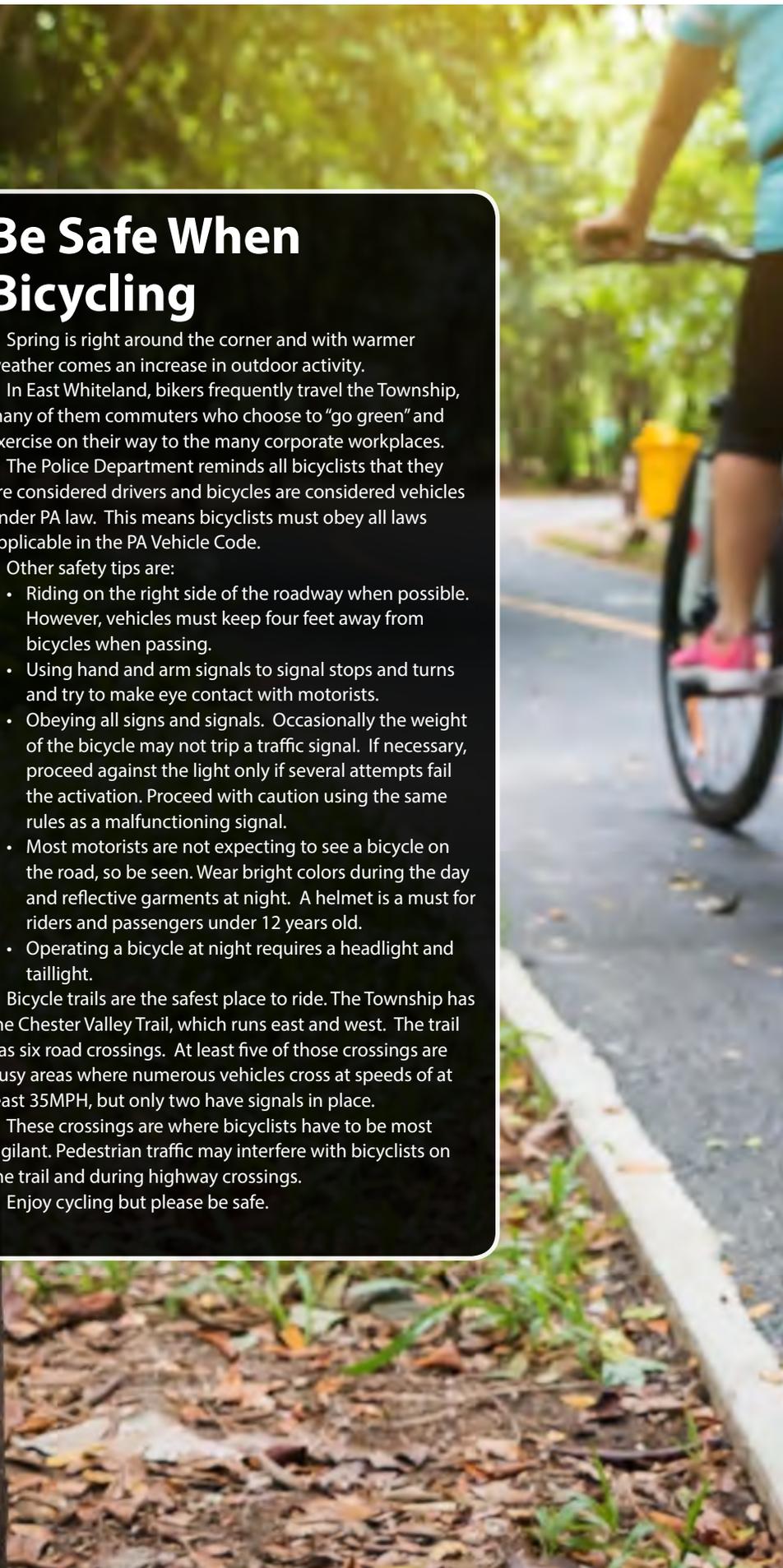
Other safety tips are:

- Riding on the right side of the roadway when possible. However, vehicles must keep four feet away from bicycles when passing.
- Using hand and arm signals to signal stops and turns and try to make eye contact with motorists.
- Obeying all signs and signals. Occasionally the weight of the bicycle may not trip a traffic signal. If necessary, proceed against the light only if several attempts fail the activation. Proceed with caution using the same rules as a malfunctioning signal.
- Most motorists are not expecting to see a bicycle on the road, so be seen. Wear bright colors during the day and reflective garments at night. A helmet is a must for riders and passengers under 12 years old.
- Operating a bicycle at night requires a headlight and taillight.

Bicycle trails are the safest place to ride. The Township has the Chester Valley Trail, which runs east and west. The trail has six road crossings. At least five of those crossings are busy areas where numerous vehicles cross at speeds of at least 35MPH, but only two have signals in place.

These crossings are where bicyclists have to be most vigilant. Pedestrian traffic may interfere with bicyclists on the trail and during highway crossings.

Enjoy cycling but please be safe.





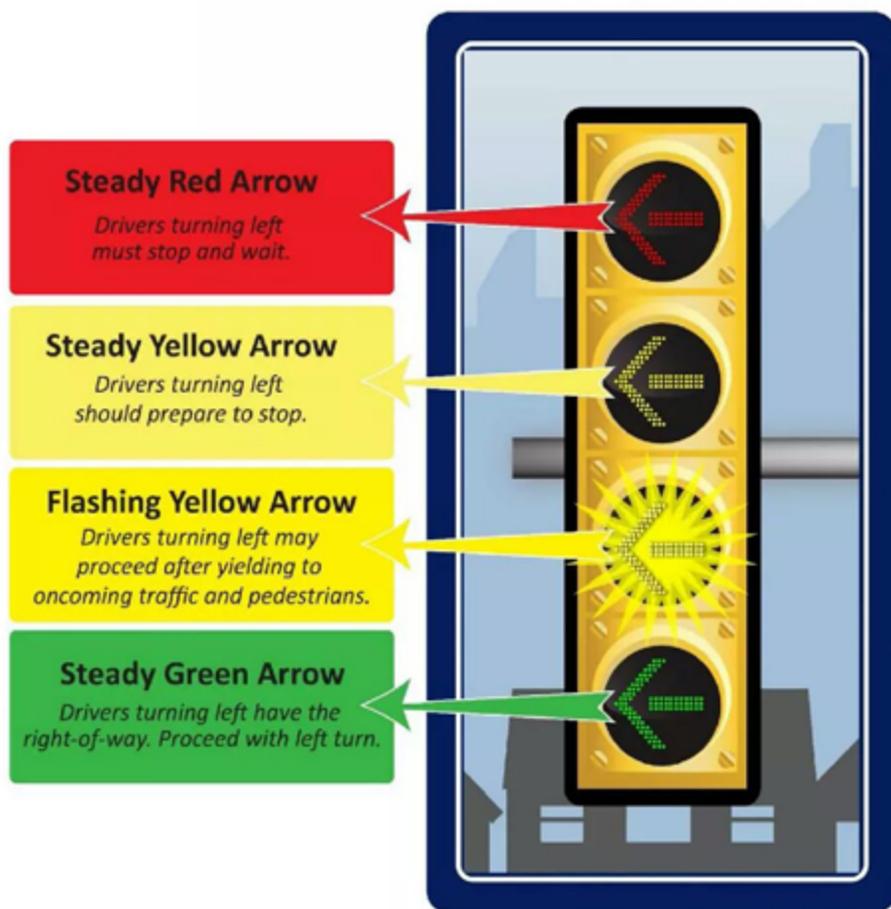
## A Safer, More Efficient Left Turn Signal: Flashing Yellow Arrows

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is implementing a new type of traffic signal to provide a safer, more efficient left turn for motorists. The flashing yellow arrow indication is a new type of display that will replace the circular green indication for left turns at signalized intersections.

### Benefits of Flashing Yellow Arrow

- More intuitive to motorists
- According to national data, can reduce left-turn crashes as much as 20%
- Keeps traffic moving by offering motorists more opportunities to make left turns
- Consistency with other states adopting the signal

The flashing yellow arrow is a new type of signal placed over the left turn lane at a signalized intersection. A flashing yellow arrow means YIELD to oncoming traffic and pedestrians and then proceed with caution. This indication replaces the common circular green indication for left turns.





# Flower Power

The 2017 PHS Philadelphia Flower Show celebrates the beauty and eco-design of Holland.

By Peter Urscheler

PHOTOS COURTESY PA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Artistic rendering of the 2017 PHS Philadelphia Flower Show entrance exhibit created by the PHS.

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There are few events in the Philadelphia region that can compete with the beauty and history of the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show, which runs from March 11-19, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

The show was begun in 1829 by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) and is the nation's largest and longest-running horticultural event. Since its inception, the show has stayed true to its roots, introducing the newest plant varieties, garden and design concepts and organic and sustainable practices.

Over the years, the show has brought together the world's premier floral and landscape designers, who create breathtaking displays. In addition to the major garden displays, the Flower Show hosts world-renowned competitions in horticulture and artistic floral arranging, gardening presentations and demonstrations, special events and the citywide Bloom Philly celebration.

The 2017 PHS Philadelphia Flower Show theme is “Holland, Flowering the World,” which celebrates the beauty and ingenuity of Dutch culture, from the vivid flower fields to the innovative eco-design.

As guests enter the 2017 Flower Show, they will be transported to Holland through the show-stopping entrance exhibit created by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. Guests will pass under a brick bridge inspired by the Amsterdam cityscape and adorned with Delft tile patterns, overflowing flower boxes and hanging baskets. The surrounding garden will be planted with cherry trees, sycamores, and drifts of floral color ranging from hot orange to soft pinks, reds, blues and purple accents. Mixed in with thousands of tulips will be hundreds of fritillaria, narcissus, anemones and other blooms.

“We’ll follow the lead of modern designers in The Netherlands who carefully plant a matrix of different flowers to create a controlled chaos,” explained PHS designer Seth Pearsoll.

Some 30,000 flowers will be featured among the bridges, windmills, canals and water gardens in the opening exhibit. Additionally, the visual impact of Holland’s seemingly endless floral fields will be captured in a Flower Show first, a floral canopy that floats above the Entrance Garden. More than 6,000 fresh-cut and dried flowers will hang down from multi-colored strings suspended above the visitors.

In addition to beauty, the Flower Show will also explore the innovation that has defined Holland’s approach to its unique landscape, from windmills, one of the earliest uses of natural energy, to 21st-century ecodomes and the Dutch Wave movement, which takes a natural and sustainable approach to landscape design. Leading designers from Holland, including Nico Wissing, Bart Hoes, Bart Bresser and New Jersey-born Carrie Preston, will share their extraordinary floral and garden styles in major exhibits at the Flower Show.

“We are thrilled to have these stars of Dutch garden design working with our award-winning Flower Show designers on the exhibits,” said Sam Lemheny, PHS Chief of Shows & Events. “This Flower Show will inspire guests with new ways of thinking about gardening in a changing world, and dazzle them with the colors and creativity of Holland’s floriculture.”

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society is excited to introduce some new attractions this year, including the World Market in the convention center’s Grand Hall. The World Market will feature a Dutch Shopping Village of imported and domestic specialties; opportunities to create a take-home bulb garden or crafted planter; the lively Designer’s Studio demos and real-time competitions; the PHS Pop-Up Beer Garden; and free tastings at the Fine Wine & Spirits store.

If you need to take a little break from the show, you can visit the Garden Spa, where guests can opt for a variety of ways to relax, recharge and be pampered. Offerings will include massages, make-your-own essential oils or potpourri, and sips of wine and spirits.

A favorite family experience—Butterflies Live—returns to the Flower Show. The educational exhibit replicates a habitat of native plants where more than 1,000 butterflies of 20 exotic and American species interact with guests.



Keukenhof, Holland, the largest flower garden in Europe.



Landscape with tulips, traditional Dutch windmills and houses near the canal in Zaanse Schans, Netherlands, Europe.

For the shopper, the opportunities are bountiful with the flagship PHS Shop in the main exhibition hall and three satellite stores where visitors can purchase Flower Show scarves and capes, T-shirts, the new Teddy van der Bear and other keepsakes. The Meadowbrook Farm Store will offer exceptional spring plants and garden accessories. The bustling Flower Show Marketplace will include more than 180 vendors offering cut flowers, plants, tools, horticultural supplies, fine crafts and home décor and garden products from around the world.

With so many things to see, learn and do, it’s no wonder the Philadelphia Flower Show has been honored as the best event in the world by the International Festivals & Events Association, competing with events such as the Kentucky Derby Festival, Tournament of Roses Parade, Indianapolis 500 Festival, and other international celebrations.

Proceeds from the Flower Show support the work of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society to transform lives and communities across the region. Through the innovative greening programs of PHS, people from all backgrounds work together to tend community gardens, plant trees, green vacant lots, and create and maintain iconic public landscapes. These efforts provide healthy food for families in need, teach job skills to returning citizens, build stronger and safer communities and make our world a greener, more beautiful place.

For more information about the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show and to purchase tickets, visit [www.theflowershow.com](http://www.theflowershow.com). ■



The first Dogwood Queen was elected on the basis of the 39,294 votes she garnered by selling \$8,154.85 in War Bonds and Stamps. Above are Mary Bergantz, Joanne Campbell, Virginia Happle (attendants), Kay Moerten (Maid of Honor), Elinor Smith (Lady-in-Waiting), Regina Glowacki (Queen), Jean Rapp and Emma Tyson (attendants).



## The Dogwood Festival

By Ryan Conroy

PHOTOS COURTESY OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE PHOENIXVILLE AREA

It all began in May 1943 when Retired Army Major General Edward C. Shannon, former commander of the 28th Division (PA National Guard), dedicated a beautiful white and pink dogwood tree in Reeves Park. This tree was dedicated as a memorial to the men and women of the Armed Forces, many who died in active service during World War II. The weather was perfect the day of the parade—warm and sunny—and the crowd was estimated to be 7,500 along the parade route, starting on the corner of Bridge and Starr streets, moving west up Bridge Street and then making a left up Main Street en route to the final destination at Reeves Park. Heading the parade was Phoenixville’s mayor, Arthur H. Tompkins, who was serving as the grand marshal, riding in an open car with some distinguished guests such as General Shannon and Col. Henry Beeuwkes, who was the first commander of the newly opened Valley Forge General Hospital.

The very first Dogwood Queen was 1943 Phoenixville High School graduate Regina Glowacki, who was elected by her fellow students with a total of 39,294 votes, which had been purchased with War Bonds and War Stamps, netting \$8,154.85. This combination of

fundraising for the war effort and crowning a Dogwood Queen was quite successful and was another example of how the first Dogwood Festival was geared toward supporting the war effort and area soldiers in the service.

For the first parade, floats were prominent among the organizations participating. The Rotary Club from Phoenixville had a horse-drawn float with a large Rotary wheel; the edges of the float surrounded by flags of the United Nations. The Junior Red Cross had blood donors riding along on a large float adorned by greens and a large “bottle” of blood with the words “That They May Live.” This float was escorted by Adolf Muller, President of the Valley Forge Dogwood Association. The Phoenixville High School Band, under the direction of Walter Sample, provided music for the soldiers marching from Valley Forge General Hospital.

And who can forget the food at Reeves Park! In 1943, there were booths serving cafeteria-style food. Local churches, clubs and civic organizations provided food, much like today.

All this tradition and spirit continues at the present-day Dogwood festivities, from the Dogwood Queen pageant to the parade and live music at Reeves Park. With longtime vendors such as Allen’s cotton candy and snow cones, funnel cake from M & N, and fries from Moore’s, along with newcomers like Uncle B’s BBQ, there’s plenty to look forward to.

To learn more about Phoenixville’s rich history and view a variety of artifacts, visit the Historical Society of the Phoenixville Area at 204 Church Street, Downtown Phoenixville, or go to [www.hspa-pa.org](http://www.hspa-pa.org). ■



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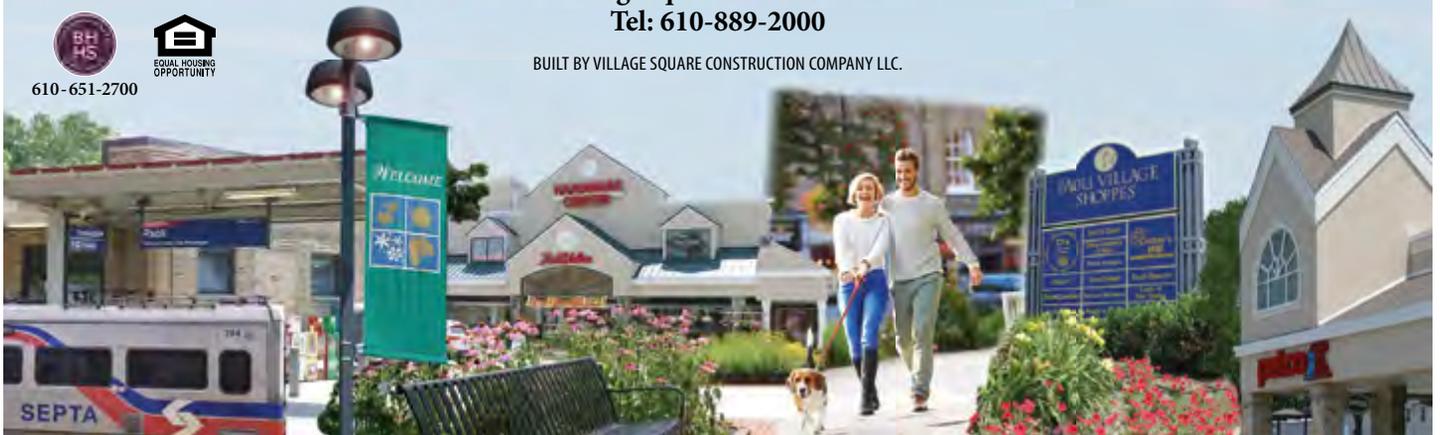
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