

The nostalgic delights of our historic villages are yours to discover as you spend lovely summer evenings on the FREE evening Town Tours and Village Walks. Designed to evoke memories of life in simpler times, they are an experience to share with family and friends.

Your guides, some in period dress, are experts in local history and architecture. They bring to life the people who lived and worked along the streets you will travel. For years, they have researched old records to learn about the historic buildings in their neighborhoods. Highlighted are properties, both residential and business, revealing the fabric of three centuries of domestic, social and industrial life in our region, one of William Penn's first named counties.

Here, homes are lovingly restored and show the charm of small town life in the Colonial, Federal, Greek Revival, Victorian and twentieth century styles. Many of these, along with designated Historic Districts, are part of this summer's tour itineraries. In Pennsylvania, Chester County has a significant number of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Observe the preservation and adaptive reuse of our period architecture – to inspire ideas for your own lifestyle.

Take "A Stroll Around the Square" in West Chester; walk where General George Washington passed with his troops in Parker Ford during the Revolutionary War and hear about details of the Paoli Massacre in Malvern; see Historic Sugartown, a hidden gem in Willistown; explore the iron industry in Lukens Historic District and Main Street in Phoenixville; be fascinated by village life in Cedarville, Fairville and Marlborough Village. Be a part of the Kennett Square historic streetscape with its many stories; stand in awe of Zion Lutheran Church with its famous 1791 organ and Bonnie Brae Park west of Phoenixville; and absorb the traditional leadership roles of women in Historic Yellow Springs through the centuries.

Partnerships have been established to withdraw facts from filing cabinets to share stories and folklore with neighbors and all the visitors – we welcome you to our FREE summer-long program. Many of our restaurants will feature "Early Bird" Specials for pre-tour suppers or other dining values after your Town Tour or Village Walk.

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Thursday Evenings
June 2 through August 25, 2005

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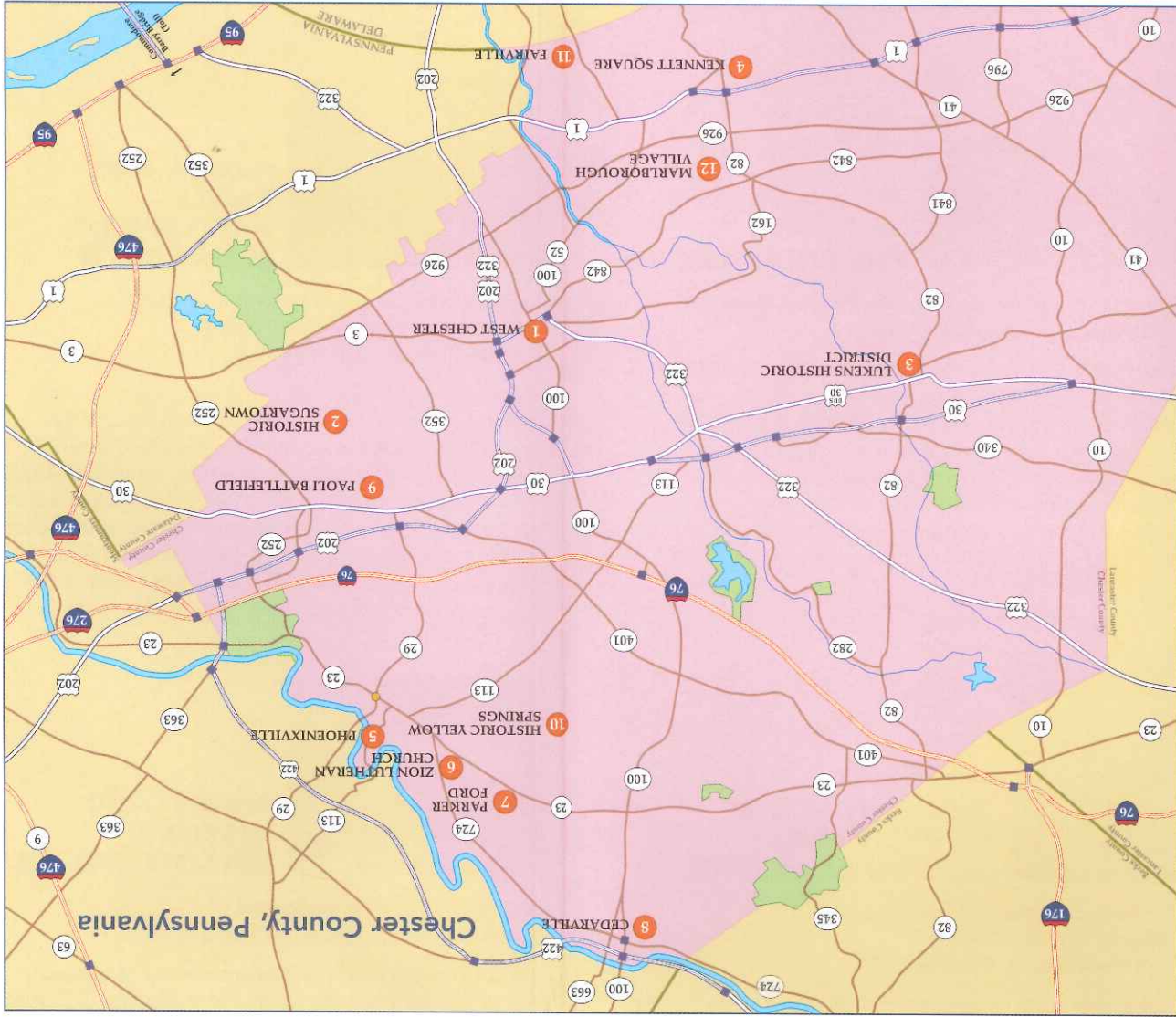
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Mark these dates on your calendar!

JUNE

- June 2 West Chester: A Stroll Around the Square
- June 9 Historic Sugartown
- June 16 Lukens Historic District
- June 23 Kennett Square
- June 30 (no tour)

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- July 7 Phoenixville
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- July 28 Cedarville

AUGUST

- August 4 Paoli Battlefield
- August 11 Historic Yellow Springs
- August 18 Fairville
- August 25 Marlborough Village

FOR EXACT STARTING TIMES AND LOCATIONS, PLEASE CALL THE NUMBER LISTED WITH EACH WEEKLY TOUR.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS FOLLOW EACH WALK.

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR COMFORTABLE SHOES.

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June 2, 2005
**WEST CHESTER:
A STROLL AROUND
THE SQUARE** 1

Sponsor: West Chester Historical and Architectural Review Board
Tour Reservations: 610-918-7348

Come! Explore our Northeast Neighborhood nestled around our oldest park — Marshall Square. Discover treasures hidden off the beaten track. Behold school buildings, manses, and wedding presents. Learn why Marshall Square was the popular destination for evening strollers in the 19th Century. Tours will start and end at the Gazebo in Marshall Square, Biddle and Matlack Streets. Pick from eight tours that will wend their way among sites dated from 1813 to 1950.



July 7, 2005
PHOENIXVILLE 5

Sponsor: Historical Society of the Phoenixville Area
Tour Reservations: 610-935-7646

Main Street in an iron and steel company town takes on a new life full of interesting architecture, attractions and historical sites. Using the former Phoenix Steel foundry building, see the revitalization under progress and observe the nearby company owned worker houses. Standing before the three-story heritage mural, learn about the iron and steel milltown that developed around the 18th century farmhouse next door. Walk and hear about the lovely homes on Main Street, including the Carnegie Library and the textile proprietor's mansion.



August 4, 2005
**PAOLI BATTLEFIELD,
MALVERN** 9

Sponsor: Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund and Malvern Historical Commission
Tour Reservations: 610-644-2602

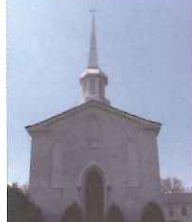
The Battle of Paoli was not a massacre and it was only partially a surprise attack. Malvern's walking tour this year will be the Revolutionary War Battlefield that has been in the news so much. Come hear the details about "The night of September 20-21, 1777." Guides positioned at key locations on the battlefield will interpret the action that occurred that fateful night. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this important historical site has not changed as a cornfield for over 225 years.



June 9, 2005
**HISTORIC
SUGARTOWN** 2

Sponsor: Historic Sugartown, Inc.
Tour Reservations: 610-640-2667

Historic Sugartown is a hidden gem in the beautiful countryside of Willistown, Chester County. This magnificently restored crossroads village, of the 18th & 19th centuries has the region's only interpretively stocked general store, as well as the impressive, (fieldstone) Garret House, with its rare collection of Tall Case Clocks, by Willistown makers. There is also a unique Book Bindery, with an amazingly complete collection of 2,500 items! From the antique, Chester County barn, to the other dwellings in this Historic District, the delight is in the detail!



July 14, 2005
**ZION LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND
BONNIE BRAE PARK** 6

Sponsor: East Pikeland Township and Pikeland Historical Society
Tour Reservations: 610-933-1770

The first German congregation in Chester County erected a log church in 1747 along the Ridge Road. The members were the joint German Lutheran and Reformed Church. In its place is Zion Lutheran Church (the Old Organ Church) named for its famous 1791 Tannenberg Organ still there. See scars from the church's uses a hospital during the Revolutionary War. Next door, Bonnie Brae Park was a popular spot for recreation in the early 20th century. Phoenixville's urban workers used the trolley for a day in the country and riding the popular carousel.



August 11, 2005
**HISTORIC
YELLOW SPRINGS** 10

Sponsor: Historic Yellow Springs
Tour Reservations: 610-827-7414, ext. 16

Join us in celebrating the 31st anniversary of Historic Yellow Springs when the vision and leadership of Cornelia D. Fraley created our historic site in 1974. Connie is a descendant of other outstanding women who have reached beyond traditional feminine roles and developed this village over the centuries. Meet the Revolutionary War nurses, innkeeper, school superintendent, artists, and actresses whose lives have been woven into the historic fabric of Historic Yellow Springs. Explore this feminine spirit.



June 16, 2005
**LUKENS HISTORIC
DISTRICT** 3

Sponsor: Graystone Society and Huston Properties, Inc.
Tour Reservations: 610-384-9282

On this tour you will view four historic buildings built by the founders of Lukens Steel Company. View the façade of Rebecca Lukens' House, Brandywine Mansion, and tour *Terracina*, the house she built in 1850 for her daughter, Isabella, when she married Charles Huston. Also included in the tour is Graystone Mansion, built in 1889, by Isabella's son, Abram Huston, and the Lukens Executive Office Building, built in 1903, which contains memorabilia of Lukens Steel Company.



July 21, 2005
PARKER FORD 7

Sponsor: East Coventry Township Historical Commission
Tour Reservations: 610-495-5443

Known for its vibrant 18th and 19th century history and folklore, Parker Ford will come alive again through its living history presentation. Learn about the village commercial enterprises as well as the daily lives of early residents. Step back in time and hear how the village was a bustling stop on the Schuylkill Canal and also the location where Washington's Army crossed the Schuylkill River in an attempt to block the British advance on Philadelphia after his defeat at Brandywine in September 1777.



August 18, 2005
FAIRVILLE 11

Sponsor: Pennsbury Township Historical Commission
Tour Reservations: 610-388-7323

An architecturally intact crossroads village of the late 18th and early 19th centuries, Fairville began as a service and market center on the Kennett Pike, Route 52, about 1744. While the Fairville Inn accommodated travelers passing through the village, the Fairville Forge, a store, post office, and cobbler shop fulfilled the needs of the residents and the school educated its children. You'll get an inside look at some of the significant buildings that make up this National Register Historic District.



June 23, 2005
KENNETT SQUARE 4

Sponsor: Kennett Square Historical Commission
Tour Reservations: 610-444-7790

Kennett Square is celebrating its Sesquicentennial this year. In conjunction with that, our Town Tours and Village Walks theme will be organized around the history of the town. We will begin where the first European settlement was established at the crossroads of what is now Routes 82 and 131 (Union and State Streets). We will see the homes or birthplaces of writers, inventors, and sports figures. Our tour will end at the History Station with a review of our Quaker background and its impact on the abolitionist movement.



July 28, 2005
CEDARVILLE 8

Sponsor: North Coventry Township Historical Commission
Tour Reservations: 610-323-1694

Cedarville, a country village in North Coventry Township, was settled about 1840 and called Stumptown. Because there were so many cedar trees, the name was changed to Cedarville in 1878. Stroll with us to see a 120-year-old church; the buildings that housed a country store from 1850 to 1995; plus a school that was the first high school in North Coventry and is now beautifully preserved as a residence. See the Farmer's Union Hall built around 1870 as a meeting place for area farmers that later became the Grange Hall in the 1920's.



August 25, 2005
**MARLBOROUGH
VILLAGE** 12

Sponsor: East Marlborough Township Historical Commission
Tour Reservations: 610-347-2237

Fortunate in its off the-beaten path location, Marlborough has kept much of its mid-nineteenth century look. One hundred fifty years ago this quiet village was busy with shops, schools, a post office, blacksmith, carriage-maker, and various tradesmen serving the surrounding farms. Most redolent of the past is the 1801 Friends Meeting with its burial ground — long ago the scene of conflict over the problem of slavery, now an acre of tranquility.