

The Chester County Board of Commissioners through the Chester County Planning Commission, Westtown Township, and our sponsors announce the 25th summer of sharing Chester County's heritage during the annual "TOWN TOURS & VILLAGE WALKS."

To celebrate our 25th anniversary we will return to our county's roots and visit a number of our historic villages to learn how they started and explore who they are today! A special celebration is planned for the last tour at the Radley Run Country Club.

Town Tours & Village Walks is a series of free summer strolls through historic neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and sites. This summer you can explore Chester County's heritage on Thursday evenings, June 13th-August 29th. Each tour is designed to inform, entertain and increase awareness of Chester County's rich heritage and historic landscape. A number of our sites offer a good selection of restaurants and shops to enjoy after your tour.

Please note: Tours generally last 50 minutes and begin at 5:30 pm with the last tour leaving at 7:00 pm unless otherwise indicated in the brochure. There will be a Kick-Off program on June 13th with pre-registration at 5:30 pm and a Closing Celebration program on August 29th with tours beginning at 4:30 pm and an optional dinner. The August 1st bus tour and supper lectures require advance registration with specific instructions.

See brochure for specific instructions.

Founded in 1682 by William Penn, Chester County enjoyed fertile soil, moderate climate, abundant natural resources, and access to nearby markets. Here the early settlers quickly realized the abundant creeks could power numerous mills which became the early centers of trade. Slowly trails were formalized into dirt roads leading to Philadelphia and local market and cultural centers. These roads also connected trade centers located at mills and sacred places. Crucial to economic vitality, villages developed starting in the late 18th century, at the crossroads of early roads and destinations. As technology spurred innovation in the 19th century, canal, railroad and industrial villages grew into towns. By the early 19th century, our boroughs and Coatesville City were well on their way to becoming the cultural and economic centers we know today.

For more information, contact Karen Marshall, Heritage Preservation Coordinator, at 610-344-6923 or kmarshall@chesco.org for a brochure.

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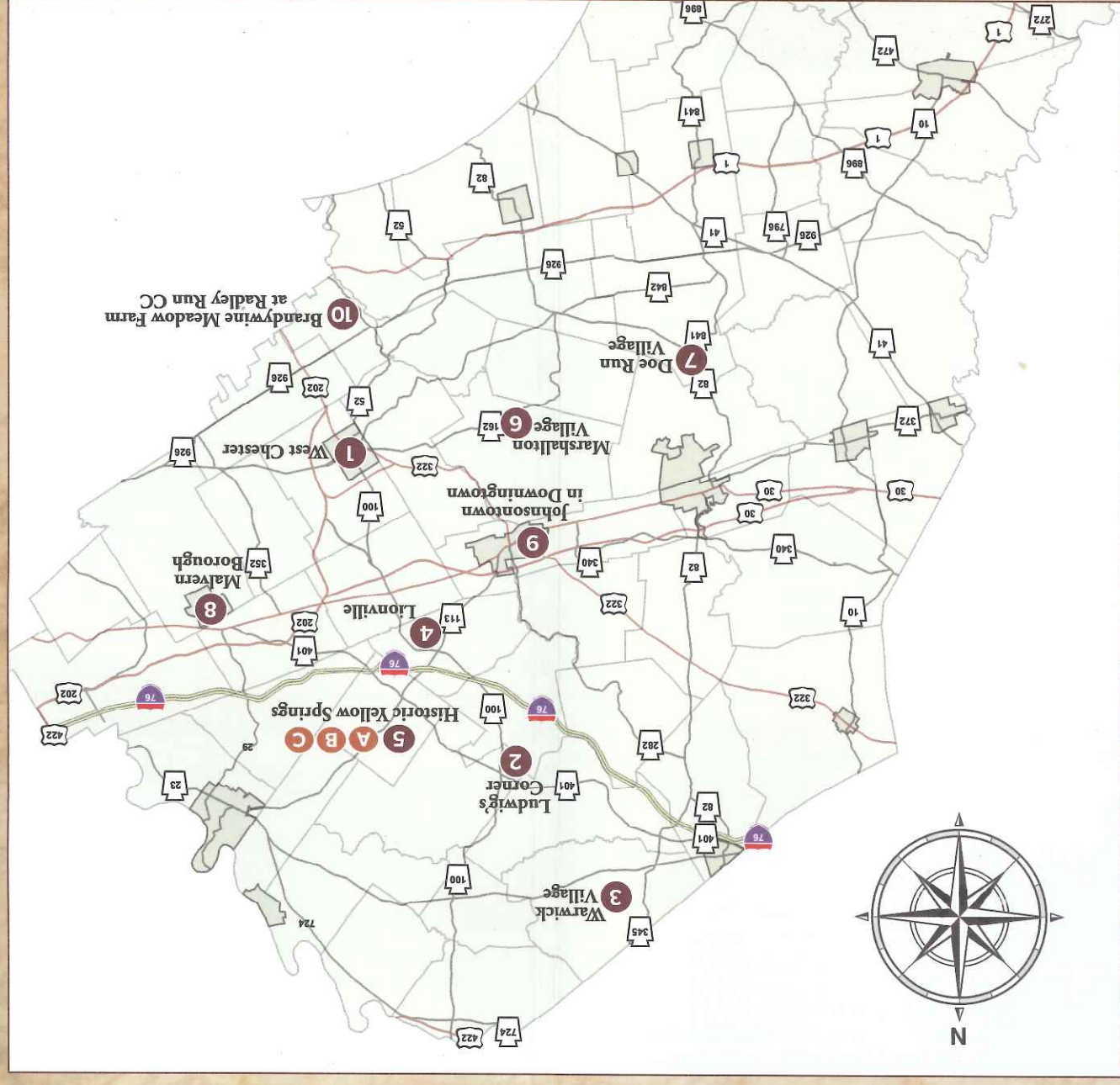
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Town Tour & Village Walks Supper Lecture Series

PARKING & REGISTRATION: Historic Yellow Springs, 1685 Art School Road, Chester Springs. *Advanced Reservations Required:* \$20.00 plus a \$2.85 Eventbrite fee will include the lecture, supper, and refreshments. Please see each Supper Lecture below to find the Eventbrite link to register and for payment information. Follow directional signs for parking after entering the village of Historic Yellow Springs.

A AUG. 15: ARMCHAIR TOUR OF THE VILLAGE OF SADBURYVILLE

Located on U.S. Business Route 30 about five miles west of Coatesville, the settlement began as early as 1729, but it did not grow until 1794 when the first macadamized road in the country was laid through the settlement. Soon afterwards, Sadsbury Hotel was a welcome stop for turnpike travelers. Sadsbury may have been named for Sudbury in the county of Suffolk, England. The early settlers were a mixture of Friends from England and Scotch-Irish Presbyterians. Images and stories will transport you back in time. Weather permitting, a guided stroll of Historic Yellow Springs will be offered afterward.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT AT: <https://2019-hys-supper-lecture-sadsburyville-aug15.eventbrite.com>

B OCT. 10: ARMCHAIR TOUR OF HISTORIC SUGARTOWN

Historic Sugartown is a small crossroads village located in the heart of Willistown Township, Malvern PA. The village, now protected under a historic district, remains largely untouched by modern development. In this talk you will learn about the village of Sugartown, how it came to be, and what the site looks like today. The preservation and history of this village will be the focus of the armchair tour.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT AT: <https://2019-hys-supper-lecture-historic-sugartown-oct10.eventbrite.com>

C DEC. 12: BEWARE THE BELSNICKEL

Rich Pawling will bring his talents as an educator, living history reenactor and presenter to the final Town Tour Supper Lecture. In the mindset of late 19th century Pennsylvanians of Palatinate German ancestry - without experiencing the Belsnickel, you could not fully appreciate the "grace" of Christmas. Children of the time often dreaded his arrival. You knew the Belsnickel had arrived when you heard the rattling of switches on the window, a loud thumping of his booted feet and the sound of bells ringing in the night. Discover how he evolved from the Germanic customs of the homeland into today's Santa Claus.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT AT: <https://2019-hys-armchair-tour-beware-the-belsnickel-dec12.eventbrite.com>

For any questions about the Supper Lectures, contact:
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1 JUNE 13

WEST CHESTER C. 1788: FROM TURKS HEAD TAVERN TO COUNTY SEAT



SPONSORS: West Chester HARB & Historical Commission
Annual Kick-off Celebration: Church of the Holy Trinity

During the late 1720s, in the Land of Goshen, a Quaker farming hamlet began with the development of the Goshen and Great Valley or Wilmington Roads. In 1762, Phineas Eachus received a license to open a "Public-House." By 1768, the crossroads tavern would be known as the Turk's Head. Just west of the Turk's Head, in 1784, a lot was purchased that would become the new county seat for Chester County. At this site, on March 3, 1788, the State Assembly created a "County Town" to be known as West Chester.

PARKING & REGISTRATION: Church of the Holy Trinity, 212 S. High Street. Arrive at 5:30pm for pre-registration, all tours leave at 6:30pm after the celebration. High Street has both metered and free parking. A metered lot is available next to the United Methodist Church, 129 South High Street and the Bicentennial Parking garage, 20 South High Street.

2 JUNE 20

LUDWIG'S CORNER C. EARLY 1770'S: A STOP ON THE CONESTOGA ROAD



SPONSOR: West Vincent Township Historical Resources Committee

Around 1811 when Jacob Ludwick, Sr. (1755-1833) bought shares in the 17.5 mile "Little Conestoga Turnpike" road venture, he also purchased 14 acres along the road from his son-in-law, Henry Miller. There he built a tavern

and coach stand which he named the Captain Lawrence. Locals called it "The Bucket of Blood." His daughter, Hannah Ludwick (1797-1873), and son, Jacob Ludwick, Jr. (1799-1868), continued there. At the intersection of today's Conestoga Road and St. Andrew's Lane, a small commercial hamlet grew, with church and school, witnessing and adding to the changing winds of history in West Vincent Township. **A nearly "walkless" tour will be held at St. Andrews Church with driving maps to help you further explore on your own.**

PARKING & REGISTRATION: St Andrew's Episcopal Church, 7 St. Andrews Lane, Glenmoore, on Route 401 west of Route 100. Overflow parking is available at the rear of the Ludwig's Village Shoppes, 2904 Conestoga Rd, Glenmoore.

3 JUNE 27

WARWICK VILLAGE C. 1717: AN EARLY IRON VILLAGE



SPONSOR: Warwick Historical Commission

Warwick Village has existed since settlers arrived in 1717 to work the local iron ore mines. The ore was hauled to nearby furnaces, where the iron was extracted and made into cannons and cannon balls for the Continental Army. 18th and 19th century homes line both sides of the narrow road that ambles through the village, which has seen few changes. The houses once served as more than residences. They were general stores, a post office, a hotel, a parsonage, a tavern, and a school house. In the center of the village is Saint Mary's Church, founded by Levi Bull in 1805. Many of the presenters will be in costume and the street will be closed to cars so visitors will be able to stroll freely.

PARKING & REGISTRATION: 10 Morningside Dr., Elverson - near the intersection of Route 23 and Morningside Dr. Follow signs and parking attendants will be assisting.

4 JULY 11

LIONVILLE C. 1712: A TRICENTENARIAN STORY



SPONSOR: Uwchlan Township Historical Commission

At the time of its settlement, the area now known as Lionville was called "Uwchlan Meeting" or Red Lion due to the Quaker Meeting formed in 1712 and the Red Lion Inn. Most of the early farm buildings were clustered

along village roads which were unpaved until the 1920s. Placed on the National Register in 1980, the 39-building Lionville Historic District features buildings from the early development of the village as well as 20th century buildings that continue the story. Come explore this gem in the midst of the bustle of the intersection of Routes 100 and 113!

PARKING & REGISTRATION: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 104 South Village Ave., Exton. Please do not park along South Village Avenue.

5 JULY 18

REGENERATE, REINVENT, RECYCLE: THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, C. 1722



SPONSOR: Historic Yellow Springs

In 1810, Yellow Springs was described as a "perfection of landscape". As this unique place unfolded, one could see how the perfection of landscape became the common thread woven over the centuries that entwined the people and provided the background for this village to move forward in distinct historic eras. With nearly 300 years of documented history, this village was a Lenape Indian site, a health spa with healthful mineral springs, a Revolutionary War Hospital, the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts Country School, and Good News Productions' movie studios. Much has changed; much has stayed the same. Today the village invites visitors to see and learn about this regeneration, reinvention and recycling. Join us as we look at our village and its endurance, perseverance, and tenacity then, now, and into the future.

PARKING & REGISTRATION: Historic Yellow Springs, 1685 Art School Rd, Chester Springs. Follow directional signs for parking after entering the village.

6 JULY 25

MARSHALLTON VILLAGE C. 1731: DROVERS & PATRIOTS, ARTISANS & FARMS



SPONSOR: West Bradford Historical Commission

Visit our new Heritage Center and join our tour of this newly untouched village, named for botanist Humphry Marshall (1722-1801). Marshallton Village was an important stop on the Strasburg Road, a freight road from

Lancaster to Philadelphia. Being a free road, it was heavily traveled. There were two hotels in the village and one nearby dating to 1765. Among the outstanding features of the village is a Quaker Meeting dating to 1722 (present building is 1765), a cradle factory, that made grain cradles and scythes, a blacksmith shop, pump maker, cigar factory, tinsmith shop, clothing store, bakery, and the Methodist Church dating from 1829.

PARKING & REGISTRATION: Marshallton United Methodist Church, 1282 W. Strasburg Rd, West Chester.

7 AUGUST 1

DOE RUN VILLAGE C. 1744: TOMAHAWKS, MILLS, FOXHOUNDS, COWBOYS AND KINGS



SPONSOR: West Marlborough Township

BUS TOUR: Reservations Required

Ride along with us to a Chester County village set in former King Ranch country that has been home to tomahawks, mills, foxhounds, cowboys and Kings! This quaint yet sprawling hamlet

grew up around a stone grist mill that was established in the 1700s. On this fascinating bus tour, we will help you trace village events over the last three centuries. Come discover our unique Doe Run history which is still beautifully etched into the picturesque landscapes of today. A captivating experience awaits!

PARKING & REGISTRATION: Parking will take place at South Brandywine Middle School, located at 600 Doe Run Road, just south of Coatesville on Route 82. Please plan to **arrive one half hour before your scheduled tour for check-in.** Displays, music, and refreshments will be available to guests before boarding buses.

RESERVATIONS: Scheduled 50-minute guided bus tours of Doe Run will take place at 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, and 7:00 pm. Registration is required and can be completed at the following link: eventbrite.com (search for "Doe Run Village Bus Tour"). For questions and additional information, please contact Kathleen at 610-383-5068 kadaholo@verizon.net or Betty at 484-574-0774 bjsheller@icloud.com.

TRIPLE FRESH MARKET will be offering a special barbeque supper from 3-7 pm on the green at Ercildoun (just north of Doe Run Village) for interested guests on the day of the tour.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
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610-344-6923 FOR SPECIFICS.

8 AUGUST 8

MALVERN BOROUGH C. 1889: FROM CROSSROADS TO POWERHOUSE



SPONSOR: Malvern Historical Commission

Join the Malvern Historical Commission on a short walk that spans over one hundred years of history. From the Borough Hall that served as a school house, to the park that replaced a factory, to the 19th century bank that houses the same bank today, let us show you how Malvern has kept up with the times while retaining its unique character including its farming roots. Discover how the desirable mix of Victorian charm and modern amenities has made Malvern a "Classic Town".

PARKING & REGISTRATION: Burke Park gazebo, 21 Warren Ave., Malvern. Free parking is available at the following municipal lots: the lot next to Burke Park, the Borough Hall lot (1 E. First Avenue), and the lot next to the Wolfe's Baldwin Brass Center (101 E. King Street). The National Bank of Malvern (2 W. King Street) has also graciously permitted tour visitors to use its parking lot.

A AUGUST 15

VILLAGE OF SADBURYVILLE C. 1729: CCHPN SUPPER LECTURE & ARMCHAIR TOUR



SPONSOR: Chester County Historic Preservation Network

PRESENTER: Dick Dague, President Sadsbury Township Historical Society
6 - 7:30 pm; limit 50 participants
Advanced Registration Required

SEE BACK OF BROCHURE FOR ALL SUPPER LECTURES, DESCRIPTIONS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION.

9 AUGUST 22

JOHNSONTOWN IN DOWNINGTOWN C. 1875: A TOWN WITHIN A TOWN



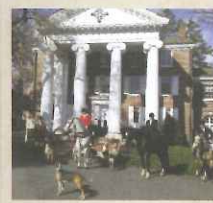
SPONSORS: Downingtown Historical Commission, Downingtown Area Historical Society, & St. Anthony's Lodge

Created as a speculative development in the late 1800s, Johnstown initially did not thrive. The first residents were Irish, many of whom worked on the railroad. Geographically, the area was hemmed in with only one major road going in and out. After World War I, Italian immigrants dominated the area, creating an entire community unto itself, complete with churches, stores, butchers, and entertainment through the creation of St. Anthony's Lodge, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2019.

PARKING & REGISTRATION: St. Anthony's Lodge, 259 Church Street, Downingtown. Parking is available on the WEST side of St. Anthony's Lodge. Additional free parking will be available at the Downingtown Borough lot (Johnstown Park) at 122 Viaduct Avenue. A shuttle bus will be available to transport guests to St. Anthony's Lodge.

10 AUGUST 29

BRANDYWINE MEADOW FARM: HOME OF CHARLES E. MATHERS BRANDYWINE HOUNDS, C. 1901



SPONSORS: Radley Run Country Club; Birmingham, Pocopson, and East Bradford Township Historical Commissions; & the Friends of Brandywine Battlefield.

Including a visit from the Radnor Hunt and a 25th Town Tour Anniversary Optional Dinner!

Join us to tour this fascinating historic complex. Located in the heart of the Brandywine Battlefield at the intersection of three townships, the early Painter's property influenced and contributed to each for three centuries but never became a village. You will learn how the 1770 James Painter Mansion house, the Penn charter 1749 Samuel Painter, Jr. house, and the Lye house ruins (where a large fulling operation existed) formed the basis for a 20th century estate. Next you can explore the tradition of fox hunting as you tour the Huntsman and Kennelman houses and the renovated stone barn designed by Charles Mather for up to 50 horses.

Please Note: First tour begins at 4:30 pm, last tour begins at 7:15 pm.

The Anniversary Celebration buffet dinner for \$20.00/person will be served 5:30 - 8:00 pm. If you plan on staying for dinner please RSVP to Kim Jones at 610-793-1660 or kjones@radleyruncc.com in advance, then pay when you arrive and get your ticket.

PARKING & REGISTRATION: Radley Run Country Club, 1100 Country Club Road, West Chester. **The only entrance open will be off Birmingham Road.** Please follow signs for parking.

Historic resources and landscapes define our cultural heritage and inspire the future through connections to our shared past.

The Chester County Planning Commission is pleased to support the 2019 Town Tours and Village Walks and thanks the many sponsors and volunteers who make the program an annual success, as we welcome this summer's participants in learning about the county's villages.

