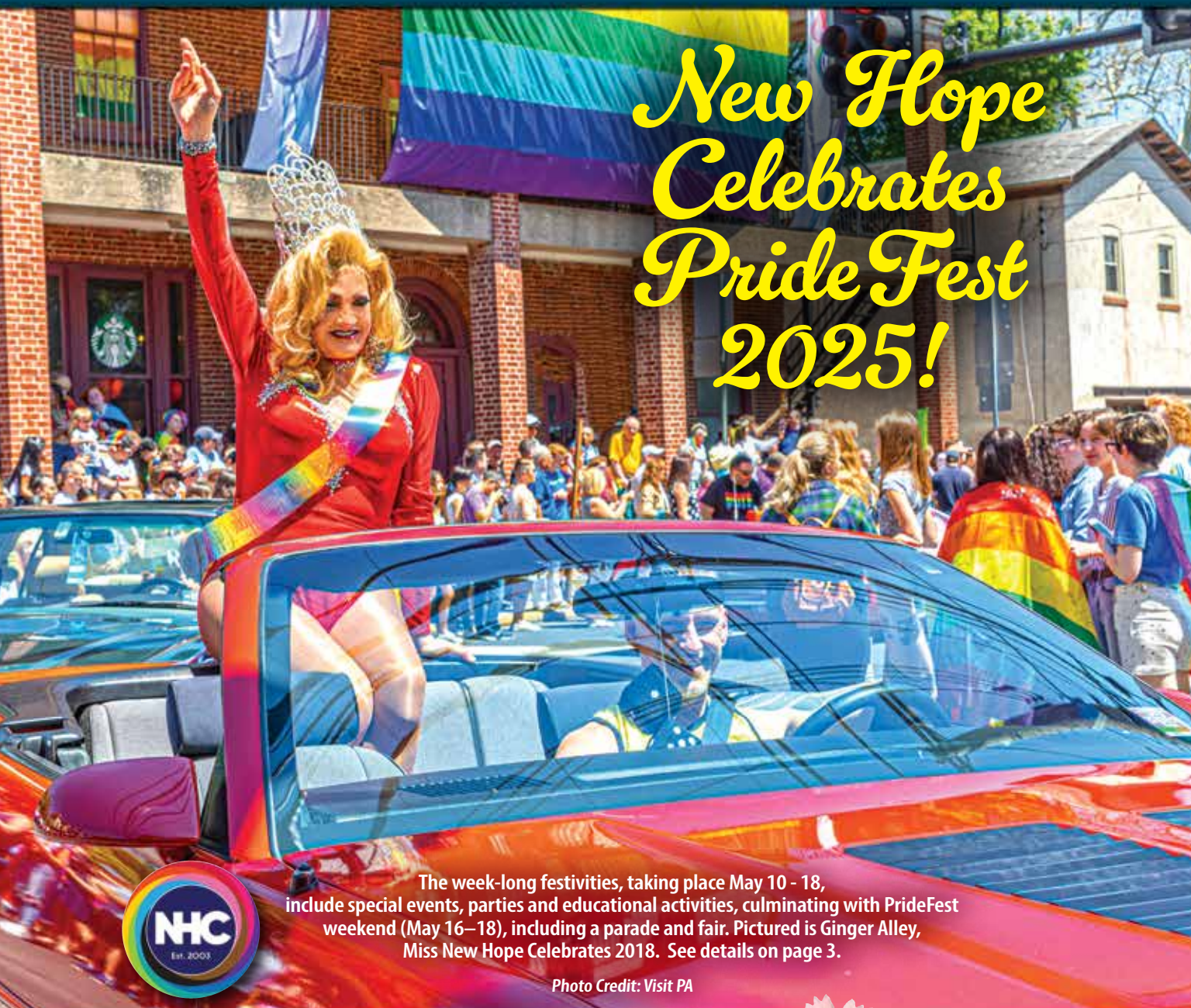


NEW HOPE NEWS

Late April 2025
Vol. 17 No. 4

O'ROURKE MEDIA GROUP

New Hope Celebrates Pride Fest 2025!



The week-long festivities, taking place May 10 - 18, include special events, parties and educational activities, culminating with PrideFest weekend (May 16-18), including a parade and fair. Pictured is Ginger Alley, Miss New Hope Celebrates 2018. See details on page 3.

Photo Credit: Visit PA

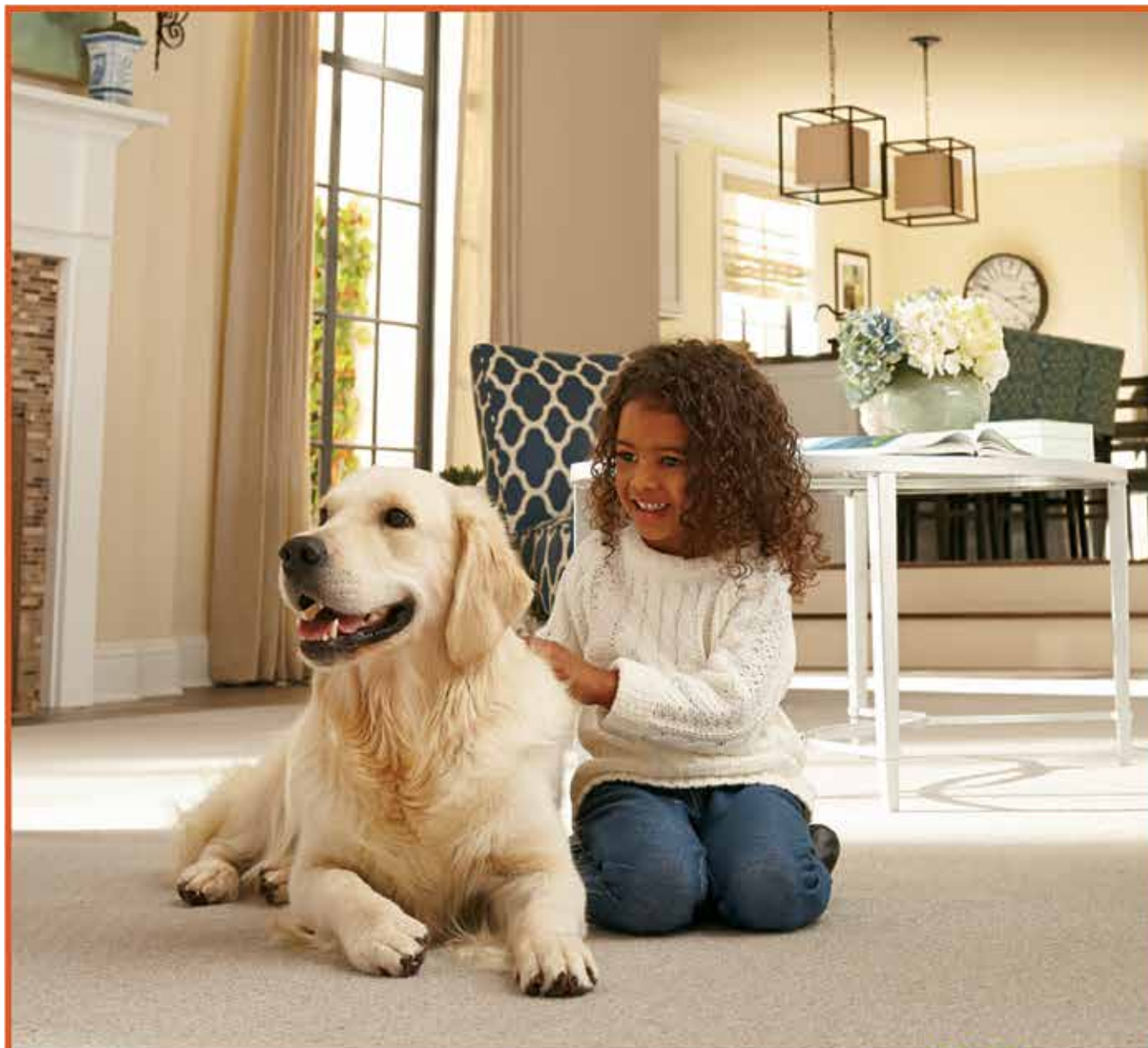
Your Hometown Newspaper

**Featured editorial spotlights
from our advertisers & non-profits.**

Check out the Camps & Education Section inside!



**SPRING
HOME &
GARDEN 2
EDITION**



MOHAWK
SmartStrand
FOREVER CLEAN™

- Extraordinarily clean
- Exceptionally durable
- Environmentally friendly



NOW FEATURING
ALL PET • THE ONLY CARPET PROTECTION AND WARRANTY COVERING ALL PETS, ALL ACCIDENTS, ALL THE TIME.

Carpet - Hardwood - Laminate - Vinyl
Stair Runners - Tile - Stone
Backsplashes - Bathrooms - Area Rugs

HOLLAND
FLOOR COVERING
RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL

www.HOLLANDFLOOR.com

35 SWAMP ROAD
NEWTOWN, PA
215-357-0909

VISIT OUR
NEWEST
SHOWROOM!

124 E. LANCASTER AVE.
WAYNE, PA
610-947-6500

BRING THIS AD FOR
\$100 OFF
Any purchase of \$1,500 or more.
Retail only. Coupon must be presented
at time of purchase. Cannot be combined
with any other discounts. Exp. 12/31/2025



THE HANSBARGER FAMILY

spot
light

New Hope Celebrates

New Hope Celebrates (NHC) is excited to announce PrideFest 2025, happening May 16–18. This year's theme, "Together, We Rise! – Defying Fear, Embracing Hope," calls on the community to unite in the face of adversity, embracing love, inclusion, and equality. As part of the celebration, NHC proudly introduces the winners of the 5th Annual Pride Pageant: Queen Asia Leigh Monroe and King Ricky Suave.

NHC President Melissa Patterson shared, "With threats to LGBTQ+ rights looming, PrideFest 2025 reminds us that unity is stronger than fear. We rise together—more proud, more resilient, and more determined to celebrate love in all its forms."

Festivities begin with the Best Cocktail Contest, running May 2–18, where adults 21+ can taste and vote at participating local establishments. On May 10 at 11:30 am, the Progress Pride Flag will be unfurled over Starbucks in New Hope, followed by a reception at Martine's RiverHouse and an afternoon Pride Tea at The Cub Room.

The highlight of PrideFest



Pictured is Johnson & Johnson's LGBTQ+ employee resource group, Open & Out, marching in 2024's Pride Parade. Photo by Jay Garrison.

weekend, the Pride Parade, steps off on May 17 at 11 am, starting in Lambertville, NJ, and crossing the Delaware River into New Hope, PA. Over 1,500 participants—marching bands, community groups, and vibrant floats—will bring the streets to life, led by NHC's iconic 100-foot Rainbow Equality Flag.

After the parade, the Pride Fair and PrideFest Live! take

over Pride Park from 12 pm to 5 pm, with entertainment, vendors, artists, and nonprofits celebrating LGBTQ+ culture and community.

Additional May events include Pride Bingo, the Love Is Love Gala, Friday's PrideFest Kickoff, and weekend dance parties at New Hope Inn & Suites—plus thought-provoking panels and historical tributes

celebrating LGBTQ+ voices and visibility.

NHC welcomes supporters as parade participants, vendors, donors, sponsors, and volunteers. To get involved, email volunteers@newhopecelebrates.com.

For more information, visit our website at: www.newhopecelebrates.com/pridefest.



**Now Is The Time
To Treat Your
Lawn & Landscape**

- Lawn Fertilization and Weed Prevention
- Lime Application with Soil pH Testing
- Aeration and Seeding
- Plant Health Care • Deer Control
- Deep Root Feeding
- Flea, Tick, and Mosquito Suppression
- Spotted Lanternfly Suppression

(215) 968-8535

Locally Owned & Family Operated
Licensed / Insured • Licensed PA State Applicators
PA#078821

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.AndrewsLawnRanger.com EMAIL: AndrewsLawnRanger@aol.com

New-Hope Lambertville Bridge rededicated and brightly illuminated at festive ceremony



By Maryanna Savage Phinn
Photos by Carol Feeley and
Jodee Inscho on behalf of
DRJTBC

The Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission unveiled a new architectural lighting system on the newly-rehabilitated New Hope-Lambertville Toll-Supported Bridge.

It was standing room only at the Riverside Ballroom at the Lambertville Station Inn for the rededication ceremony of the New Hope-Lambertville Toll-Supported Bridge on April 1. Invited guests, local dignitaries, representatives from the project’s construction and design teams and the media gathered for speeches and a countdown by local schoolchildren for the bridge’s inaugural lighting. Later, mummers from South Philadelphia Stringband played for the crowd with the brightly shining bridge lit up as the backdrop. The mummers then strutted across the bridge on the new walkway from Lambertville to New Hope and back. The event officially recognized the completion of the bridge’s major infrastructure repairs and improvements after extensive renovations for more than a year.

The bridge, owned by the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission, features a newly installed color-programmable LED lighting system that outlines the iconic bistate bridge that con-

nects New Hope, Pennsylvania with Lambertville, New Jersey.

The Commission sponsored the ceremony and bridge lighting. To kick off the ceremony, the New Hope-Solebury High School Chamber Choir sang a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led jointly by Commander Robert Topolin of New Hope’s American Legion Post 74 and Commander Bob Miller of Lambertville’s American Legion Post 120.

For the bridge lighting countdown, students from the “Crazy 8’s Math Club” of South Hunterdon Regional Elementary School in Lambertville, surprised all the attendees with an April Fools’ Day joke when the bridge lights didn’t immediately come on! But, the students led another countdown and the bridge lit up in sparkling lights in various shades of green, purple, red and blue.

Several Pennsylvania and New Jersey state and local officials spoke at the ceremony, including Laurence Keller, mayor of New Hope

Borough and Andrew Nowick, mayor of Lambertville. Mayor Keller specifically acknowledged the excellent working relationship that New Hope and Lambertville have had with the Commission throughout the renovation process and with other bridge-related matters over the years.

“We are very, very fortunate that the progress of the renovation was pretty much as scheduled, even though they had a couple of blips on the screen and that happens when you have clients this big. For me, I always appreciated through the years that the communication between the bridge authority and Lambertville and New Hope has always been outstanding,” Mayor Keller said. “Everything was always terrific through the years. I can’t thank you enough on behalf of our council and the people of New Hope.”

The Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission’s chairman, Aladar “Al” Komjathy, spoke about the challenges of the bridge construction project.

continued on pg. 10

YOUR *only*
HOMETOWN
PAPER

O'ROURKE
MEDIA GROUP

We Are
“The Real Deal”
Real People
Real Stories
Real Circulation

Doylestown **OBSERVER**
Fairless **FOCUS**
Huntingdon Valley **VIEW**
Langhorne **LEDGER**
Lower Southampton **SPIRIT**
Morrisville **TIMES**
New Hope **NEWS**
Newtown **GAZETTE**
Northampton **HERALD**
Warwick **JOURNAL**
Yardley **VOICE**

Direct Mail U.S. Postal Delivery
140,000 Households
in Bucks & Montgomery Counties

www.OMGLocalLife.com

GENERAL MANAGER: Perry Corsetti
MANAGING EDITOR: June Portnoy
DIGITAL EDITOR: Geoff Hansell
PUBLISHER'S ASSISTANT: Maureen Rolison
ADVERTISING: Erica McNamee
ADVERTISING: Mike Smith
ADVERTISING: Ruth Constantine
ADVERTISING: Amanda Meloni
GRAPHIC DESIGN: Cathy Lautenbacher
GRAPHIC DESIGN: Kati Sowlak

DEADLINES

For a PUBLISHING SCHEDULE
visit us on the web at
www.OMGLocalLife.com
or call 215-702-3405

Mailing Address:
PO Box 192
Morrisville, PA 19067
215-702-3405
Fax: 215-702-3409

email:
timespub@orourkemediagroup.com

Like Us On
facebook

Times Pub Newspapers

Opinions expressed by columnists are those of the
writers and do not reflect those of the newspaper.

The Publisher assumes no liability for typographical
errors except to reprint that portion of the
advertisement or editorial that was incorrect.

No materials contained herein may be used or
reproduced without written consent of the publisher.

Copyright 2025

spot
light

Bucks Beautiful *Community roots, blossoming results*



Bucks Beautiful is a grass roots non-profit that coordinates events, community projects and educational programs to develop sustainable and attractive landscapes that foster a healthier environment. Since 1990 we have worked to enhance the landscape for residents and visitors alike by beautifying towns, schools, parks, roadsides and pathways throughout Bucks County.

Beautification

For over three decades we have been providing grants for the development of community gardens throughout Bucks County. These include plantings at hospitals, war memorials, public parks, gateway gardens and town centers. We also award grants to area garden clubs who sponsor uplifting planters at nursing homes and long-term care facilities.

Replant Bucks

We’re leading the way in local reforestation. Damage from storms, disease and insects on the tree canopy has been devastating. With support from community partners we plant native trees county-wide at parks, historical sites, schools, and non-profit facilities. Donations are welcome to help us plant more trees for future generations.

Educational Offerings

School planting projects are sponsored annually, and horticulture topics are shared

through our newsletter and social media.

Bulbs for Bucks Daffodil Tour

- April through May

Over 1.6 million daffodil bulbs have been planted in public spaces county-wide. Over the years we’ve sponsored several elementary school planting programs featuring these springtime bloomers.

Kitchen & Garden Tour - June 8, 2025

This event showcases an exciting mix of properties around historic Central Bucks County. Funds raised bolster community garden grants, horticultural scholarships and

educational programs.

Tickets on sale now!

Membership

Join a special network of neighbors, nonprofits, and businesses committed to enhancing Bucks County. Members receive free Kitchen & Garden Tour tickets, early admission, and select discounts!

To become a member, or contribute to the cause, contact Bucks Beautiful by calling 215-340-3639 or visit www.bucksbeautiful.org.

DON'T BE AN ASH...

Clean Your Chimney!

COMING SOON!

NOW IS THE TIME TO SCHEDULE YOUR CHIMNEY INSPECTION & REPAIRS!

PUTTING IT OFF!

SCHEDULING FOR SPRING & SUMMER NOW

STUCCO REPAIRS • BRICK POINTING COMPLETE CHIMNEY RENOVATIONS

- GAS LOGS INSTALLED
- WOOD STOVES & INSERTS
- PELLET STOVES
- FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED FOR OVER 30 YEARS

692 Knowles Avenue, Southampton, PA 18966

215-364-0881 • AmericanChimney.net

SPRING HOME & GARDEN

NEW HOPE NEWS • APRIL 2025

NEW HOPE NEWS • APRIL 2025

Munz Construction

Giving back: Munz Construction launches 40 for 40 Food Drive to support local veterans and families

In honor of its 40th anniversary, Munz Construction is proud to announce a community initiative aimed at supporting those in need across Bucks County. The “40 for 40: Feeding Our Community Food Drive” will run from May 1 to June 9, a 40-day effort to collect non-perishable food items for Yardley’s Fest for Vets and local food pantries.

For the past four decades, Munz Construction has been helping families improve and expand their homes—but this spring, the company is focused on something even more meaningful: helping neighbors facing food insecurity.

Donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm, at the Munz Construction office at 201 Buck Road, Holland, PA 18966. Suggested items include canned vegetables, soups, pasta, rice, cereal, peanut butter, boxed meals, other shelf-stable goods, and more.

In appreciation of each donation, Munz Construction is offering participants a special coupon—a small gesture of thanks for helping to uplift others in our community.

The drive is made possible through partnerships with The Pay It Forward People and the Council Rock North Speech and Debate Club. Special thanks to Sir Speedy and O’Rourke Media Group for



their generous support.

As Munz Construction reflects on 40 years of service, this food drive is a way to give back to the community that helped it grow. It’s a reminder that building strong communities means more than construction—compassion, generosity, and coming together to care for one another.

For more information, visit MunzConstruction.com. Don’t move. Improve—and give back.

Sauers Cares evolves into Drive and Thrive:

A new chapter in community transportation support

Sauers Cares, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families in need, is proud to announce its transition to Drive and Thrive. This new name reflects the organization’s sharpened focus on addressing transportation barriers that impact self-sufficiency and quality of life.

Since its founding in 2019, Sauers Cares has been committed to identifying and fulfilling the needs of local nonprofits and community members. By leveraging partnerships, resources, and volunteer efforts, the organization has supported a wide range of causes, from housing and food security to mental health initiatives. Over the years, one recurring challenge stood out, the critical need for reliable transportation. Whether it was

helping individuals get to work, medical appointments, or other essential services, the lack of accessible and affordable transportation programs created significant barriers for many in our community.

In response to this growing need, Sauers Cares has evolved into Drive and Thrive, a nonprofit organization solely dedicated to providing transportation programs that empower individuals to achieve independence and stability. Through this transformation, Drive and Thrive will continue to build upon its strong foundation while focusing on three core programs:

Empower Wheels Free Car Clinic: A free car clinic offering general maintenance to underprivileged adults, ensuring their vehicles remain safe and

continued on pg. 7

Wrightstown Farmers Market



Rolling Hills Farm’s seasonal salad mix

The Wrightstown Farmers Market returns for its 19th season on Saturday, May 3

from 9 am to 12 pm at the Middletown Grange, 576 Penns Park Rd. in Newtown. Opening Day festivities include a free nasturtium plant giveaway and monster bubbles for the kids!

The market runs every Saturday, rain or shine, through November 22 (closed August 16 for the Middletown Grange Fair). Enjoy free parking, ready-to-eat food, and shaded picnic tables. Please note: Only service dogs are permitted.

Founded in 2006 by the Bucks County Foodshed Alliance, this producer-only market now features over 35 vendors connecting shoppers directly

with local growers and makers. It’s more than a market—it’s a community hub supporting local agriculture.

Returning favorites include: Blooming Glen Farm, Apple Ridge Farm, Rolling Hills Farm, Sugar Maple Jerseys, Solebury Orchards, Red Cat Farm, Primordia Mushroom Farm, Holben Valley Farm, Purely Farm, The Coffee Scoop, Bowl-Face, Helpful Foodie, Jersey Pickles, LUV Superfoods, The-DogBoneGuy, and many more.

New vendors this season include: Allen Bread Co., Chef’s Key Lime Pie, 21 Locks Brewing Co., Little B’s Gluten Free Baked Goods, Divine Earth Gardens, Saporito (Pasta), and Penn Grows—offering exciting new products each week.

“We’re thrilled to bring back many of our popular events,” says Market Manager Cheryl

employment, medical care, and other vital services.

“Transportation is a fundamental need that directly impacts an individual’s ability to thrive,” said Stephanie Sauers Boyd, Founder and Executive Director of Drive and Thrive. “By refining our mission and programs, we are committed to breaking down these barriers and helping our community move forward literally and figuratively.”

Drive and Thrive remains deeply rooted in its commitment to Bucks and Montgomery counties and looks forward to expanding its impact with the support of donors, volunteers, and community partners.

To learn more about Drive and Thrive, apply for services, or find out how you can support our mission, please visit www.comedriveandthrive.org.

Sauers Cares

continued from pg. 6

reliable.

Critical Repair Program: A program providing essential vehicle repairs and inspections to individuals facing financial hardships, ensuring they have safe and dependable transportation.

Fuel Assistance Program: A support initiative that helps individuals cover fuel costs, enabling them to access



Haven Liegel and Krystle Lee (left), recipients of the Car Clinic program share their gratitude with Stephanie Sauers Boyd (center), Executive Director of Drive And Thrive, along with Nick Kollar and Rob Kollar (right) of Kollar Automotive for their generous support.

Gilmore. “Highlights include ice cream sundae making (July 12), the monarch butterfly tent, apple tasting, the pie contest, and the Howlin’ Halloween Fun Day”.

Also returning: “The Vendors Table” on select dates, featuring product samples, plus weekly live music and kids’ activities.

A season highlight is the 2nd Annual Farm to Chef Fund-raiser Dinner on September 6 at Hollow House Farms. Tickets (\$150) go on sale in June with proceeds supporting the market’s future winter home.

The market continues to accept SNAP benefits, with this season’s match partner to be announced soon.

Stay updated on vendor lineups and events at wrightstownfarmersmarket.org or follow them @wrightstown-market on Instagram.



BUCKINGHAM GREEN SHOPPING CENTER
(215) 794-3888
www.wbu.com/buckingham
On Route 202 between New Hope and Doylestown

Hey you...
IT'S TIME TO SCHEDULE YOUR AC TUNE-UP!

SCAN THE CODE OR VISIT:
WWW.ECICOMFORT.COM/AC-2025
CALL: 267-227-0995

eci
SCHEDULE NOW TO BEAT THE HEAT!

Wild Birds Unlimited, Buckingham

Hummingbirds are here!

Spring is upon us and that means the return of the hummingbirds; one of nature's jewels! The Ruby Throated Hummingbird generally spends the winter in Central America, Mexico and Florida. They migrate to Canada and other parts of

Eastern North America for the summer to breed.

Hummingbirds can fly up to 60 miles an hour, but typically about 30-45 mph. Did you know they are the only birds that can fly backwards and upside down? They lay the smallest bird egg in the world in a golf ball size nest, usually producing two broods a year.

Hummingbirds eat about every 10 minutes. They drink nectar from plants and sugar water from feeders, lapping up the nectar with their long tongues. You can provide sugar water in a nectar feeder by combining four parts water to one part white sugar. They eat insects and insect eggs on the ground and in trees.

Their choice of preferred flowers are salvia, trumpet creeper, bee balm, thistle petunia and jewelweed.

Wild Birds Unlimited is fully stocked with a wide variety of Nectar Feeders in all shapes and sizes, glass and plastic, hanging, staked, and window mounted. We also offer ant moats (although some are already built-in), nectar brushes/sponges and nectar concentrate/powder.

Not sure where or how to start? FeederScaping services are available.

Bird Walks are held the third Sunday of every month; just email Lisa for more information at wbubucking-hampa@gmail.com.

Online ordering is available at mywbu.com/Buckingham – all orders over \$75 ship free within 150 miles. Local delivery is available on our 20# bags.

Just email your order above for the freshest and finest bird seed available, or stop in the store. We are located on Route 202 between Doylestown and Peddlers Village.



Lisa Mergen with Hummingbird Feeders
in full display at Wild Birds Unlimited, Buckingham

C&C Family Roofing and Siding

How weather impacts the roof of your home

Severe weather events can cause a significant amount of damage to your roof. The cost of that damage can put a tremendous amount of strain on your finances. There are five weather events that homeowners should be cautious of.

Wind: Strong winds can lift or tear off shingles, cause things to break loose and damage your roofing material causing punctures and scrapes. Strong wind can also lift loose items like patio furniture, bikes or even trampolines to become projectiles.



Rain and Water: Heavy rains can find gaps that normal rain showers wouldn't find and cause rot, mold and interior leaks. Standing water on flat roofing can add significant weight to your roof which may promote a cave in. Water in the winter freezes causing cracks or gaps that expand and create further damage.

Hail: Hail can damage your shingles, allowing leaks to occur. Hail can also dent gutters

and down spouts.

Snow and Ice: Heavy snow can strain poorly constructed roof structures. Ice dams at the base of the roof restrict melting snow and water from getting off the roof. That back up can cause major leaks, weaken roofing fasteners and prevent proper ventilation.

Extreme Heat: Excessive heat causes shingles to prematurely crack or become brittle leading to roof system failures. Extreme fluctuations in temperature can promote stress on roofing material leading to leaks.

These 5 factors should be monitored regularly to prevent roof and structural damage to your home. Other factors that contribute to poor roof perfor-

mance are:

Aging Shingles: Every homeowner should know when their roof was installed and what the manufacturer's suggested life expectancy for that shingle type is.

Poor Maintenance: Regular gutter and roof cleanings prevent damage and will allow you to inspect the condition of your roof.

Improper Installation: Finding a reputable roofing contractor will prevent fly-by-night roofs from doing improper work for a quick buck.

Be smart and proactive to protect your most expensive asset – your home. Trust C&C Family Roofing & Siding for all your siding and roofing needs. Call us at 215-999-6248.

SCORE Bucks County mentors support small business community

National Volunteer Month: SCORE gives back and makes a difference.

This National Volunteer Month, SCORE Bucks County is proud to announce the positive impact of its volunteers, who donate their time and expertise to help entrepreneurs start and grow small businesses, guide them in achieving new levels of success, and ultimately creating jobs and strengthening the local economy.

In fiscal year 2024, SCORE Bucks County volunteers helped 950 entrepreneurs, providing them with 2,789 mentoring sessions.

"SCORE is the most effective source of small business mentoring in the U.S.," said Charlie Morris, SCORE Bucks County co-chair. "We are proud to be making a positive difference right here in our local community."

SCORE data shows that entrepreneurs who receive three or

more hours of mentoring report higher revenues and increased

business growth. In addition, continued on pg. 37

SALES-LEASING-MANAGEMENT

30+ Years of Experience

NEW LISTING

**100 E. Holland Road
Holland, PA 18966**



Matt Scannapieco
Associate Broker, REALTOR®
M: (215) 398-6998
O: (215) 382-7368 x 107
Residential Home Sales
Commercial Real Estate Sales & Rentals
Property Management Services

We specialize in Bucks, Montgomery, Philadelphia and the surrounding counties with years of experience working with buyers & sellers in this market.

Over \$22 million in Sales Volume in 2024

PA License #: AB069440
Accredited Buyer Representative (ABR®)
Certified Residential Specialist (CRS)
Real Estate Negotiation Expert (RENE)
Seller Representative Specialist (SRS)

**FRANKLIN INVESTMENT
REALTY**

Celebrate Spring...
AT DUBLIN AGWAY

- FRUIT TREES & BERRIES
- PERENNIALS
- ANNUALS
- VEGETABLES & HERBS
- LAWN SEED & FERTILIZER
- ORGANICS
- PET FOODS & SUPPLIES
- FARM FEED & SUPPLIES

FARM • PET • LAWN • GARDEN

Dublin Agway
10 W. Rt 313
Dublin, PA 18917
215-249-3117
dublinagway.com
Hours: M-Th 8-7, Fri 8-8, Sat 8-7, Sun 9-5

JMTawnings

The quality, reliability and experience you expect

215-659-5239
www.jmtawnings.com

FREE outside estimate appointments

perfect
Retractable Fabric Awnings
Manufactured Locally

PA018147

continued from pg. 4

“It is my good fortune to be the Bridge Commission’s chairman when this bridge’s turn came up for rehabilitation under the agency’s capital code. Capital projects are never easy, especially when the structure needing attention is a weight restricted, two-lane truss bridge like we have in New Hope and Lambertville,” said Commissioner Komjathy, who is a longtime Lambertville resident.

“This bridge dates back to the early 20th century. It predates mass produced automobiles and publicly owned bridges across the Delaware River. Point of fact, when this bridge went into service prior to the old toll bridge of 1904, the first vehicle to cross the horse-drawn bridge was probably a Studebaker horse-drawn wagon. So, when a bridge is that old, there is no such thing as an easy fix, if it can be fixed at all,” Komjathy noted.

Komjathy thanked all the New Hope and Lambertville business owners and local residents that endured daily noise and construction disruptions throughout the bridge’s construction phase that affected tourism and commerce for more than a year. He also thanked the thousands of motorists and pedestrians that regularly use the bridge for adhering to detours and travel restrictions, and he acknowledged the security, traffic, and maintenance staff that worked hard to make the project run smoothly.

Pennsylvania’s Secretary of Transportation Michael Carroll and New Jersey’s Commissioner of Transportation Fran O’Connor also spoke about the project. Secretary Carroll thanked “all the men and women who wear hard hats and vests everyday and do the real work.”

Commissioner O’Connor noted that bridges make connections between people and are integral for interstate commerce such as delivering and distributing local food products like New Jersey peaches, blueberries and Taylor Ham or pork roll (depending on where you are from in New Jersey). “May this bridge serve the Lambertville and New Hope communities for another 100 years,” O’Connor said.

Prior to the bridge lighting countdown, the Commission’s chief engineer, Kevin Skeels, recognized the entire construction and design teams including the general contractor, Anselmi & DeCicco, Inc., the design engineer, GPI, Inc., and management for construction and inspections, Urban Engineers.



Project Manager Michael McCandless, P.E., unveils a commemorative plaque at the rededication ceremony.



Members of the South Philadelphia String Band—an award-winning Mummers outfit—lead a music themed march along the bridge’s new improved walkway.

A plaque was unveiled by Michael McCandless, project manager and professional engineer with the Commission. The plaque lists the major Pennsylvania and New Jersey participants involved with the bridge’s rededication as well as the project’s construction and design teams. The Commission’s vice chairwoman, Pam Janvey, also recognized the elected representatives from Pennsylvania and New Jersey in attendance.

The Commission’s executive director, Joe Resta, acknowledged all involved with the project and the reason for the rededication ceremony: “Today we celebrate the end of all this work,” Resta said.

For more information about the New Hope-Lambertville Toll-Supported Bridge and the overall construction project, visit the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission’s website at drjtbc.org.

Made in the Shade Bucks County

Window refresh ideas to brighten your spring

1. Sheer Shades

If you’re looking to let the sunshine in without sacrificing privacy, sheer shades are the ideal solution. These elegant treatments layer delicate fabric vanes between sheer panels, giving your windows a soft, airy look while gently diffusing light. Perfect for living rooms, dining spaces, or sunrooms, sheer shades offer:

- UV protection for your furniture and floors
 - A minimalist look that complements modern decor
 - Cordless and motorized options for a clean, safe finish
- #### 2. Natural Woven Shades
- Embrace the earthy tones of spring with natural

woven shades. Crafted from organic materials like bamboo, grasses, and reeds, these shades bring texture, warmth, and natural beauty into any space.

Why choose natural woven shades this spring?

- They create a serene, spa-like vibe—ideal for bedrooms and bathrooms
 - Add character and dimension to minimalist interiors
 - Can be lined for additional privacy and light control
- #### 3. Dual Shades (Zebra Shades):
- Dual shades—also known as zebra shades—offer alternating bands of sheer and opaque fabric that shift to give you total light control and privacy when you need it. These modern marvels are especially popular in:
- Home offices (hello, Zoom lighting!)



- Bedrooms that need both natural light and blackout capability
 - Kitchens, where flexibility is key
- #### 4. Roller Shades: Sleek, Simple, Stunning
- These streamlined shades roll up smoothly to offer a clutter-free view and roll down for a pop of color, pattern, or texture. Roller shades are a top choice for:
- Modern or contemporary homes
 - Spaces with lots of windows or sliding glass doors
 - Homeowners who love minimalism with a punch of personality

5. Outdoor Shades: Prep Your Patio for Spring Entertaining

Don’t forget your outdoor spaces! With outdoor sun shades, you can create a comfortable, shaded retreat right on your patio or deck—perfect for springtime cook-outs and get-togethers. Outdoor shades help you:

- Block harsh UV rays and reduce glare
- Keep your space cooler and more enjoyable
- Maintain views while increasing privacy

To request a free in-home consultation, contact Made in the Shade Bucks County at 267-201-7509 or visit our website at www.mitsbuckscounty.com.

Master Gardener plant sale set for May 3, rain or shine

Penn State Master Gardeners of Bucks County will hold its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 3, from 9 am to 1 pm at the Middletown Grange Fairgrounds located at 576 Penns Park Rd. in Newtown.

This highly anticipated sale will include donated plants from Master Gardeners, unusual perennials, annuals, vegetables and herbs, pollinator and butterfly plants, native plants, houseplants, shade plants, deer-resistant plants, container plants, and a beautiful selection of hanging baskets for Mother’s Day.

Penn State Extension Master Gardeners develop their horticultural expertise through participation in educational

training classes. In exchange for their training, Master Gardeners

continued on pg. 13

Visit our website for our locations

Victory GARDENS

MULCH • TOP SOIL • STONE

- ♦ Natural Triple Ground Mulch
- ♦ Red, Black & Brown Dyed Mulch
- ♦ Playground Mulch
- ♦ Screened Topsoil
- ♦ Soil Blends
- ♦ Stone

Delivery & Pick-Up SAME DAY DELIVERY

Residential & Commercial

215-443-5665

1-800-TOP-SOIL OPEN 7 DAYS

www.VictoryGardensInc.com

WRIGHTSTOWN FARMERS MARKET

SATURDAYS 9AM - 12PM (CLOSED: 8/16)
May 3rd - November 22nd

MIDDLETOWN GRANGE
576 Penns Park Road • Newtown, PA

CELEBRATING OUR 19TH SEASON
MORE THAN 35 LOCAL GROWERS & PRODUCERS

Fresh, locally grown & produced products
Opening Day (May 3rd): Free nasturtium plants & monster bubbles
SNAP/EBT accepted
Ready-to-eat food • Free parking
Service dogs only

Wrightstownfarmersmarket.org
Follow us on Instagram @wrightstownmarket

LIVE MUSIC & KID'S ACTIVITIES WEEKLY

spot
light

Kenderdine's Heating Oil & HVAC

Breathe easy this spring: Don't forget your AC filter during spring cleaning

As the days grow longer and signs of spring fill the air, like birds chirping, warm breezes, and blooming flowers, it's the perfect time to refresh your space. While you're tidying up and clearing out clutter, don't overlook one of the most

important and often forgotten parts of your home: your AC unit's filter.

A clean filter is essential for maintaining good indoor air quality, especially during spring when allergens like pollen are at their peak. Depending on the type of filter your system uses, upkeep can be simple but impactful.

Know Your Filter Type

Throw-away filters should be replaced every month if you have pets or allergy concerns. Otherwise, swapping them out every three months will do the

trick. Before installing a new filter, take a moment to clean the filter rack using a dust rag or vacuum.

Washable filters should be removed and cleaned every three months. After vacuuming the filter rack, rinse the filter thoroughly and let it dry completely before putting it back in place.

We know HVAC maintenance can feel like just another task on a long to-do list. That's why Kenderdine's Heating Oil & HVAC offers annual AC and heat



pump cleanings and tune-ups so you can enjoy comfort and peace of mind all season long.

Ready to schedule your service? Give us a call at 215-968-2041 or visit us online at www.kenderdines.com to learn more.

John C. Kernan: A true asset to Upper Makefield Township

by Tom Carroll Sr

For 35 years, John C. Kernan has served as the Chief Fire Marshal of Upper Makefield Township, bringing an unparalleled level of expertise, dedication, and leadership to our community. His career spans decades of fire investigation, emergency response, and public safety, making him an invaluable asset to the town-

ship and beyond.

John's experience goes far beyond the borders of Upper Makefield. As an internationally certified fire and explosion investigator, he has investigated over 1,000 fires, including multi-million-dollar losses, fire fatalities, and post-blast explosions. His work has taken him across the United States and internationally to Canada, Great Britain, Bahrain, and Kuwait.



trained professionals worldwide, advised on fire code regulations, and contributed to fire science programs in the US and abroad. His expertise has been recognized at the highest levels, including a special commendation from the Fire Department of New York for his volunteer efforts at Ground Zero on September 11, 2001.

Few communities are fortunate enough to have a fire marshal of John's caliber—someone whose

Yet, despite his global experience, he has remained committed to protecting his neighbors of Upper Makefield.

Beyond his fire marshal duties, John has played a critical role in fire safety education, emergency management, and forensic investigations. He has

knowledge, experience, and passion for fire safety have undoubtedly saved lives and property.

Upper Makefield Township is lucky to have had him at the helm for more than three decades, ensuring our safety with unwavering dedication.

Plant sale

continued from pg. 11

serve as volunteers for extension horticulture programs, including teaching, community demonstration gardens, and answering questions on county garden hotlines.

More than 80 knowledgeable Master Gardeners will be on hand during the sale to answer your home gardening questions.

Your plant sale purchases will support community outreach, local

demonstration gardens, and gardening education.

Please note: No dogs are allowed. This event will be held rain or shine. Shoppers are encouraged to bring wagons or carts for easy carrying. The sale will accept cash, checks, and credit cards. For more information, call 267-483-2020.

2024 plant sale. Photo by Kathleen Kimbel, Penn State Master Gardener, Bucks County.



KIDS ON CAMPUS

BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

June 16 – August 8, 2025

SUMMER CAMPS & TEENS on CAMPUS PROGRAMS

We offer a variety of week-long specialty camps for ages 5-6, 7-9, 10-12, and 13-15.

Check out our exciting Summer 2025 camp offerings at bucks.edu/kidsoncampus

FAMILY OPERATED

SERVICING THE AREA FOR OVER 40 YEARS

SPARKS INDUSTRIES LLC

TOP SOIL • BEDDING MIXES • MULCHES
BUILDING STONE • CRUSHED STONE • SAND

4094 Burnthouse Hill Rd, Buckingham 215-345-4481
2616 Rushland Rd, Jamison 215-598-3058
1873 S. Easton Rd, Doylestown
www.SparksTopsoil.com

SPRING HOME & GARDEN

spot light

Franklin Investment Realty: The Scannapieco Team

Spring update

The local real estate market continues to perform at an impressive pace. With limited inventory and sustained buyer demand, home values are still on the rise. If you're considering selling, now is an opportune time to get started.

One of the primary drivers behind this robust market is our exceptional school districts—an important factor for many buyers currently planning for the next academic year. Our team understands the intricacies of timing, pricing, and positioning, and we consistently deliver top-dollar results for our clients. With the right strategy and resources in place, we are proud to have achieved record-breaking sales for those we represent.

At the core of our service is a commitment to seeing the bigger picture—ensur-



Current Holland listing under contract WAY ABOVE the highest neighborhood sale after 92 scheduled tours.

ing peace of mind and a smooth, rewarding experience from start to finish. Buying or selling a home can be complex, but with

over 30 years of brokerage experience, we are fully equipped to navigate every detail with expertise and care. As a family-owned business, we offer a personal touch that sets us apart while delivering industry-leading results.

Our dedication to clients goes beyond the transaction itself. We're here before, during, and long after the sale to serve as your trusted real estate resource. Whether you're buying, selling, renting, or investing, we bring the perfect combination of availability, knowledge, energy, and proven success.

In 2024 alone, our team surpassed \$22 million in transaction volume—a testament to the results we deliver and the trust our clients place in us.

If you're looking to buy, sell, or rent in Bucks County or the surrounding areas, we'd be honored to guide you. Contact us today at 215-398-6998 to start the conversation.

spot light

ECI Comfort

Spring into comfort: Your AC maintenance checklist for a healthier home

As spring arrives in full bloom and the days get warmer, now is the ideal time to prepare your HVAC system for the season ahead. At ECI Comfort, we know that early spring maintenance not only improves comfort and air quality but also helps you avoid unexpected breakdowns when summer hits. Here's your go-to checklist to freshen up your HVAC system and breathe easier all season long:

Clean or Replace Air Filters

Clogged or dirty filters restrict airflow and reduce your system's efficiency. Replace

disposable filters or gently rinse and dry reusable ones. This simple step helps trap dust, pollen, and other allergens—keeping your indoor air cleaner and healthier.

Schedule a Professional Tune-Up

Spring is the best time to schedule your annual HVAC maintenance. Our certified technicians will inspect your system, check refrigerant levels, test components, and catch any small issues before they become costly repairs. Regular maintenance keeps your AC running efficiently and extends its life.

Reprogram Your Thermostat

Optimize energy use by setting temperatures higher when you're away and cooler when you're home. If you haven't already, consider upgrading to a smart ther-



mostat for automated energy savings and comfort control from anywhere.

Boost Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)

Spring allergies are no joke—so it's a great time to enhance the air you breathe indoors. Invest in a high-quality air purifier or add indoor plants like Peace Lilies or Spider Plants that naturally clean the air. And don't forget regular cleaning to reduce dust and allergens.

Ready to Breathe Easier and

Stay Cool?

Call ECI Comfort today to schedule your spring HVAC maintenance & learn more about ways to improve your IAQ. Our team is here to help you enjoy a worry-free, energy-efficient cooling season.

Call us at 267-227-0995 or visit www.ecicomfort.com-ac-2025 to get started.

Happy Spring from all of us at ECI Comfort!

40 FEEDING FOR 40 OUR COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

MAY 1 - JUNE 9, 2025

HELP THE COMMUNITY TODAY!

munzconstruction.com

Celebrate Munz Construction's 40th anniversary by giving back! We're partnering with Pay it Forward People and the Council Rock North Speech and Debate Club to collect non-perishable food for Fest for Vets and Local Food Pantries.

WHAT TO DONATE:

- Canned goods
- Dry goods
- Sealed non-perishable foods

DROP-OFF LOCATION:

Munz Construction Office
201 Buck Road, Holland, PA 18966
Monday - Friday | 9 AM - 4 PM

BONUS:

Receive a special Munz Construction coupon with every donation!

Join us in making a difference for our local veterans and food pantries. Thank you for your support!

Stroke: Preventable, Treatable, Beatable

Wednesday, May 7, 2025 | 6 p.m.

Location: Zoom Meeting



Do you have a family history of stroke, or have you experienced a stroke and want to learn how to prevent another one in the future? Get the latest information from registered nurses and Stroke Program coordinators **MARIA GILLI** and **PAMELA ESHER**, who will discuss stroke signs and symptoms, types of strokes, individual risk factors, and treatment options.

This event will be taking place virtually using Zoom. Register online at capitalhealth.org/events and be sure to include your email address. Zoom meeting details will be provided via email 2–3 days before the program date. Registration ends 24 hours before the program date.



American Chimney

Spring cleaning: Make sure to include your chimney!

There are many benefits to tackling a top-to-bottom housecleaning project, but what good does it do to clean the entire house and fail to get the chimney and fireplace cleaned?

As a major focal point in any room, a fireplace can be a pleasure in any season, or it can be an eyesore.

Just in case you've never been sold on the idea of spring cleaning, consider this: Life can feel less stressful when your home environment is clean and clutter-free. Feeling less stress can mean better health.

Anytime you use your fireplace, some amount of creosote is deposited in your chimney flue.

When it gets hot outside, particularly if moisture has made its way into your chimney, the deposits in the liner can emit a sour odor, which makes its way into your home's interior. Your home will smell fresher when you have a clean fireplace and chimney.

There could be damage to your chimney or flue liner. All moisture damage should be repaired quickly and efficiently, to cut down on the cost of repairs and the extent of resulting deterioration.



The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends an annual cleaning of your chimney.

By scheduling your chimney cleaning and inspection in warm seasons, you beat the typical fall and winter rush.

When you hire American Chimney, you will have a licensed, reputable chimney sweep to clean your chimney and fireplace.

Include your chimney as part of your spring cleaning and book your chimney inspection and cleaning today! Call us at 215-364-0881 or visit www.americanchimney.net.

United Way's HELP Center celebrates 5 years of serving Bucks County

United Way of Bucks County's HELP Center is celebrating its 5th anniversary, marking five years of providing brand-new essential items—completely free of charge—to local families in need. This milestone coincides with National Volunteer Month, making it the perfect time for community members and businesses to get involved.

The HELP Center (a Healthy Eating and Living Partnership)

opened in 2020 as a collaboration between United Way of Bucks County, Bucks County Opportunity Council, and St. Mary Medical Center, with generous support from Penn Community Bank.

Since then, it has become a lifeline for thousands of Bucks County residents and over 120 community partners—including schools, faith-based groups, and nonprofits—by providing essential

continued on pg. 19

"An Outstanding Reputation For Success" Full-Service Law Firm

As one of the largest and longest-running law firms in Bucks County, we have earned a reputation for positive results in legal matters of all kinds.

PERSONAL INJURY
FAMILY LAW
CRIMINAL DEFENSE
ESTATE PLANNING
ESTATE ADMINISTRATION
REAL ESTATE
& MORE



Begley, Carlin & Mandio, LLP

123 W. Bridge Street, New Hope PA
(215) 862-0701 • www.begleycarlin.com



Village Improvement Association

49th Bucks County Designer House and Gardens now open!

The 49th Bucks County Designer House & Gardens, Hidden Trail Farm, located in Ivyland, will be open for tours from April 27 through May 25.

The centerpiece of Hidden Trail Farm is a 5,000-square-foot farmhouse featuring a welcoming porch, three fireplaces, six bedrooms and numerous gathering and entertaining spaces. The property also includes an impressive custom-designed chalet built in 1992 with an open, multi-story living area, loft and two additional bedrooms.

A recently renovated pool and patio area includes a large screened-in gazebo and stunning Koi pond with waterfall, while a large barn has space for multiple boutiques and an on-site cafe serving lunch and light fare. Old York Cellars will provide wine.



"We are thrilled to have this very special, historic property as our 2025 Designer House, and are looking forward to sharing it with the public," said Monica Mosley, chair of the 2025 Designer House Committee.

This is the largest fundraiser held by the Village Improvement Association of Doylestown (VIA), a non-profit women's organization that founded Doylestown Hos-

pital in 1923. Funds from the 2025 Designer House will benefit community mental health well-being and enhancement of the Doylestown Hospital Emergency Department mental health unit.

Monies raised also support the work of numerous VIA committees that assist veterans and those in need and provide academic scholarships to teens and women seeking to re-enter the workforce. Funds are also allocated for maintenance of the James-Lorah Memorial Home in Doylestown, which serves as the VIA headquarters and is a museum listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Add a visit to Hidden Trail Farm to your spring calendar! For additional information and to purchase House tour tickets, please visit the Designer House website at www.BucksCountyDesignerHouse.org.

A Community for Creative Exploration

Satisfy Your Creative Yearnings

Programs designed for kids, teens and adults

- Fine Art workshops**
 - Jewelry design
 - Fiber and felting
 - Glass
 - Painting
 - Pysanky egg design
 - Pottery Classes
- Summer Art Camp**
Open for Registration
- Weekly pottery classes**
- Schedule a Special Event**

Mini Camps
Mon, Wed, Fri
10:00am-1:00pm
(painting & drawing only, no clay)

Young Artists:
5-8yrs • July 14, 16, 18

Teen Watercolor Workshop:
July 21, 23, 25

Art Around the World — July 28-Aug 1

Cooking and Crafts—SWEETS WEEK
—August 4-8

Under the Sea
— August 11-15

Cooking and Crafts—SNACK ATTACK
— August 18-22

10% off with TPCA membership

Save the dates!
Members Show Weekend — June 6th-8th
Opening Night June 6 | 6:30-9:30p
Crafts in the Meadow — October 18th & 19th

2025 DATES

Creative Summer Camps
Individual art intensive weeks for aspiring young artists

TYLER PARK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
www.TylerParkArts.org
For details call: (267) 218-0290 or
Email: info.tylerparkarts@gmail.com

SPRING HOME & GARDEN

spot light

Andrew's Lawn Ranger

Turf Care: We are currently applying our second round of crabgrass control. This is crucial for pre/post emergent suppression. This round includes broadleaf weed control, micro-nutrients as well as a balanced slow-release fertilizer.

Flea, Tick and Mosquito Suppression: Warmer temperatures are coming, bringing out all our springtime pests. We have begun our applications to suppress flea, ticks, and

mosquitos, which is made by fogging the perimeter of the property as well as spraying nesting areas. Plant material around the house (patio, deck, pool, swing set wood lines if applicable) will also be treated.

Adult ticks are present now, laying eggs, and active any day when temperatures are above freezing. Eggs hatch in the spring. Larvae are present during late summer and nymphs during late spring and throughout the summer. Ticks "hang out" on the ends of

CUTTING EDGE

IT SUPPORT

Managing IT challenges can be daunting. OTS specializes in providing comprehensive IT support tailored for any size company.

Our services include:

- Anything IT/Helpdesk support
- Proactive maintenance and monitoring
- OTS Locksmith Protection for Windows PC's
- Custom IT strategies to support your business goals

Let us help you focus on what you do best while we handle your IT needs.

610-579-9939

Local, Family-Owned, Great Service, Trustworthy

www.orourketechologieservices.com

branches and tall grass leaves. Any animal or human brushing up against the plant runs the risk of picking up a tick hitch-hiker.

Being "bugged" by mosquitos? Adult female mosquitoes lay eggs in anything holding water. Eggs survive drying out up to eight months. Mosquitoes only need a small amount of water to lay eggs. Any container storing water makes a great "nursery". Eggs hatch after water (from rain or a sprinkler) covers the eggs. Larvae can be seen in the water. They are very active and are often called "wigglers". They become pupae, which live in the water. An adult mosquito emerges from the pupae and flies away. The entire egg to adult cycle takes 7-10 days!

Enjoy your time outdoors. Let us treat your property so you won't be chased back indoors.

Contact our office to set up a consultation at 215-968-8535 or AndrewsLawnRanger@aol.com. For more information, visit our website at www.andrewslawnranger.com.

spot light

Seasons Garden Center

*Companion planting:
The garden's secret to success*

by Seasons Garden Center,
1069 River Rd., Washington Crossing, PA 18977
seasonsgardencenter@verizon.net

A thriving garden isn't just about what you grow—but how you grow it. Companion planting is the practice of pairing herbs, vegetables, and flowers in ways that support healthier growth, natural pest control, and better harvests. These dynamic duos (and trios!) work together in harmony to boost flavor, attract pollinators, and keep pests at bay without the

use of harmful chemicals. Tomatoes and basil are a beloved pair, not only in the kitchen but in the garden. Basil helps repel tomato hornworms and aphids, while enhancing tomato flavor. Add marigolds nearby, and you have a powerhouse trio—marigolds deter nematodes and other soil pests. Carrots and chives make a great team. Chives help repel carrot flies, while carrots break up the soil, aiding root growth. Cucumbers love the company of nasturtiums and dill—nasturtiums act as a trap crop for aphids, and dill attracts beneficial insects like ladybugs and lacewings. Peppers pair well with oregano and marjoram, which serve as living mulch, keeping



weeds down and moisture in. Beans and corn are an age-old combo—the beans fix nitrogen in the soil, helping corn grow strong, while the corn offers structure for bean vines. Don't underestimate the power of flowers in your veggie garden. Calendula, marigolds, and alyssum invite pollinators while distracting

pests. Sunflowers can act as a natural trellis for climbing plants and provide shade for heat-sensitive greens. Mixing herbs, vegetables, and flowers with intention brings balance to your garden ecosystem. With the right combinations, you'll enjoy healthier plants, fewer pests, and a more beautiful, productive space.

United Way

continued from pg. 16

items like hygiene products, home goods, clothing, and food.

Many of the HELP Center's shoppers are ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed), meaning they work, but still struggle to afford the basics. Among these shoppers, 58% work in essential, front-line sectors like healthcare, education, and human services.

In 2024 alone, walk-in visits for emergency services like the emergency food pantry surged by 110%, with more than 6,700 visits.

Volunteers play a crucial role in the HELP Center's efforts, sorting and stocking goods, assisting shoppers, and ensuring resources reach those who need them most.

"We are incredibly proud of how the HELP Center has grown over the past five years," says Sheri Ratner, Impact Director for the HELP Center. "What started as a response to a clear need in

our community has become a vital resource for thousands of Bucks County residents. But we can't do it alone – volunteers and community partners make

this work possible." The HELP Center invites the public to celebrate this milestone by getting involved: **Volunteer:** Individuals, busi-

nesses, and community groups can volunteer for a hands-on experience helping their neighbors.

continued on pg. 21

SHOP LOCAL

RIDE LOCAL

ELECTRIC BIKES

TEST RIDE YOUR NEW BIKE TODAY!

JOIN US MAY 17TH FOR OUR 1ST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 11-4pm
FOOD, GAMES & GIVEAWAYS

807 N. Easton Rd. Ste 109
Doylestown, PA 18902
(215) 817 - 7330
john@maxselectricbikes.com

Holland Floor Covering



Freshen up your home this spring with Holland Floor Covering in Newtown

Holland Floor Covering in Newtown? As the flowers bloom and natural light fills your space, it's the ideal time to update tired flooring and embrace a fresh, clean look that enhances your home's comfort and style.

Whether you're renovating one room or doing a full home refresh, our experienced team is here to guide you through every step—from product selection to professional installation.

This Memorial Day, take advantage of our limited-time sales featuring select Karastan wood, vinyl and carpet styles—a brand known for its luxury, durability, and timeless design. It's the perfect opportunity to elevate your home with premium materials at unbeatable prices. We are also offering special savings on TruCor luxury vinyl plank flooring, a water-proof, kid- and pet-friendly option that offers the perfect balance of function and beauty.

Don't miss this chance to get your home spring-ready with high-quality flooring that will last for years to come. Visit our showroom in Newtown to see samples in person and consult with our flooring specialists who can help bring your vision to life.

Call us today at 215-357-0909 or explore our offerings online at www.hollandfloor.com. Let Holland Floor Covering help you create a space that feels brand new—just in time for spring and summer gatherings.

Holland Floor Covering – Beautiful Floors Start Here – you may visit the showroom at 35 Swamp Rd. in Newtown.

At Holland Floor Covering, we specialize in helping homeowners find the perfect flooring solutions to match their lifestyle, design goals, and budget.

Spring is the perfect season to breathe new life into your home—and what better way to make that happen than with beautiful new floors from

Local news has a new home on the web!

Cremation Should Not Be Outsourced



Serving Families with Compassion, Respect & Professionalism Since 1879

344 North Main Street • Doylestown, PA 18901
www.varcoethomasfuneralhome.com

Most funeral homes use a third-party contract crematory. Varcoe-Thomas assures every step of care for your loved one is managed within our private facility. If you choose cremation, let our family care for your family.

State of the art Crematory now on site

Jason "Oz" Oszczakiewicz
~ Owner/Supervisor
215-348-8930

Our 11 newspapers are now in one place—online

O'Rourke Media Group is pleased to announce its brand-new website—OMGLocalLife.com is now live! We will continue to spotlight local businesses as we always have, we will also have an expanded community news section that will be updated daily with local noteworthy stories from the region, we will also have 'web-exclusive' stories that can only be found online. O'Rourke Media Group has always been proud to report on hyperlocal news, we are happy to bring these stories to you on the web. Please check-in daily!

OMGLocalLife.com—your new home for local news!

PA Cyber Charter School

Elementary student inspires family to start flavored ice business

"He's the brains and inspiration, and we're the grownups who have to do all the stuff," Lauren laughs while speaking of her son Everett who attends PA Cyber.

A few summers ago, the Wilson family test-tasted a lot of shaved ice while on vacation. It was an easy choice for dessert because gluten and dairy-containing foods make Everett sick. Once back home

in Ellwood City, they researched ice-shaving machines and flavorings. They opened Ellwood Ice in early 2023 and have since expanded the shop to accommodate indoor seating and private party space.

"We have 30 flavors," says Everett. "And we have all different kinds of ice cream and toppings. My favorite kind of ice cream is the dairy-free vanilla." At the shop, he restocks supplies and takes orders and payments. The whole Wilson family plays a part in the shop.

PA Cyber held a field trip at Ellwood Ice in 2023 where Everett showed fellow students the process of making icy treats and talked about owning a business. Everyone got their own treat, and many chose the flavor of the day,

United Way

continued from pg. 19

Host a Collection Drive:

Gather essential items like hygiene products, household supplies, and non-perishable food to keep the HELP Center stocked.

Attend an Open House: See the HELP Center in action and learn how you can make a difference. Join us on Tuesday, April 22 from 5–7 pm for a tour, or Saturday, April 26 from 12–2 pm for a tour and volunteer opportunity.

Julie Frantz, a Bucks County resident who has been volunteering since 2021, shares, "Volunteering at the HELP Center is a great way to assist and connect with the community. In uncertain times, it is important to be there for our neighbors who are struggling, and the HELP Center does so much."

As the HELP Center celebrates this milestone, United Way of Bucks County urges the community to step up, get involved, and continue making a difference. To sign up to volunteer, host a collection, or learn more about the HELP Center, visit www.uwbucks.org/help-center.



Everett's goal for Ellwood Ice is to "make people happy."

"The Archie," named after PA Cyber's owl mascot.

Everett enrolled at PA Cyber amid the pandemic, but stayed because he enjoyed the flexibility of taking classes from home. "Our schedule has a million things in a week," he says. "We go somewhere every day." He belongs to Cub Scouts and plays soccer and

piano. As a gifted student, he is able to accelerate his learning. He aims to be an engineer when he is older.

"We're really proud of him, and we're glad that we have the option to do school a lil' differently," says Lauren.

Learn more about personalizing your child's education at pacyber.org.

\$1000 OFF

on any
NEW Amana or Goodman HVAC System

Offer Expires: 6/30/25

PA.HIC NO. 021978
KENDERDINE'S
HEATING OIL & HVAC

Instant hot water.
Hot-Link® System uses the existing plumbing. Mount the by-pass valve under the sink and the pump at the water heater. The valve's thermal disk technology sends cooled water back to the water heater so hot water lines remain hot.

Cleaning made easy.
There's no need to remove the Hot-Link valve from the piping to keep it clean. Our exclusive clean-in-place design makes short work of keeping the system operating properly.

Want to learn more?
Contact us at (215) 968-2041 or www.kenderdines.com

Bucks County Community College's Kids on Campus

Summer camp program

Bucks County Community College offers exciting, hands-on specialized Kids on Campus summer camp experiences with new options available each week. Campers can pick which camp suits their interest and with a flexible weekly schedule, parents and guardians can select the camp session that best fits their summer plans. Camp offerings include arts and crafts, science and STEAM, theatre, sports, and more—each led by certified teachers or highly skilled professionals in their respective fields.



Kids on Campus runs from June 16 to August 8, 2025, with camps held Monday through Friday, from 9 am to 3:30 pm.

Please note that there is no camp on June 19 and July 4. To view the full camp schedule and additional details, visit bucks.edu/kidsoncampus.

Campers need to bring a bagged lunch daily, along with extra water, hat, and sunscreen for self-application. If rain is in the forecast, please have campers bring appropriate rain gear.

Enrollment is limited, and registration remains open until each camp reaches capacity. Sign up online at bucks.edu/kidsoncampus or call 215-968-8409 to secure a spot.

Bucks County Community College hires new vice president for advancement & alumni relations

Bucks County Community College (BCCC) officials are pleased to announce that Karen O'Donnell has joined the College as Vice President for Advancement & Alumni Relations and Executive Director of the BCCC Foundation.

In this role, O'Donnell will be responsible for advancing the mission of Bucks County

Community College through increasing philanthropic support from alumni, philanthropists, donors, foundations, work-force partners, and friends of the College throughout Bucks County and beyond. She will lead a team of advancement professionals and facilitate the work of dedicated volunteers on the Alumni Council and the

BCCC Foundation board who, working together, engage friends and supporters of the College in support of the institutional mission of providing affordable high-quality education to residents from every community of Bucks County.

BCCC President & CEO Patrick M. Jones said, "Karen's expertise in fundraising, corporate and foundation relations, leadership, and team building is impressive. I am confident she will help to position the College for long-term success by working closely with the leadership team and the deans in fulfilling our strategic plan."

"I am thrilled and deeply grateful to be joining Bucks County Community College," said O'Donnell. "This opportunity brings me back home to Bucks County, where I am honored to serve my neighbors and friends in a respected institution dedicated to excellence and community impact. I look forward to advancing the mission of BCCC and helping to shape a bright future for our students and the region."

O'Donnell is a lifelong resident of Bucks County and has served in advancement roles in several institutions including Con-

continued on pg. 25

Bucks County Guild of Craftsmen's Inaugural Showcase: A celebration of art and craftsmanship

by June Portnoy

The Bucks County Guild of Craftsmen recently hosted its first Members' Showcase, a remarkable exhibition that brought together artisans and art enthusiasts. Held at the AOY Art Center in Yardley from March 28 to March 30, the event highlighted the exceptional talents of local craftsmen and provided a space for the community to appreciate and acquire original works of art.

Basia Andrusko, Bucks County Guild's Director at Large and Show Coordinator of this recent showcase, described the showcase that featured an impressive variety of handmade works, including pottery, jewelry, furniture, woodwork, glass art, pysanky (Ukrainian eggs), textiles, and paintings. "We had a nice mix of items on display," Andrusko said. "We had pottery, wood, and furniture. One of our members makes rocking chairs, some sculptural pieces. I write Pysanky Ukrainian eggs. We have five or six jewelers who work in different media. We had one woman who does sculptural wood, which was amazing. We had some watercolor paintings. We had someone who does inkwork. So, we had quite a variety of works on display."

The event kicked off with an opening reception on March 28, where guests had the opportunity to meet the artists and enjoy light refreshments in a relaxed, informal setting. "On Friday, we had some snacks and the opportunity to meet the artists. Most of the artists were present on Friday night, so people really enjoyed being able to speak to these artisans," said Andrusko.

The showcase was not juried, allowing members to freely



New Hope's Tara Williams displays her watercolor paintings at the showcase.
Photo by Mimi Black

select the pieces they wished to present. A total of 25 members participated, each permitted to submit up to five pieces of work. Of the 120 pieces displayed, around 20 were not for sale, giving some artists the opportunity to exhibit cherished works without parting with them. "As one artist said, 'I was able to put out my favorite pieces knowing I wouldn't have to part with them,'" Andrusko shared. The sales from the event were spread across multiple artists, further affirming the diversity and appeal of the works presented.

The event attracted approximately 100 visitors over the three days, with Friday night drawing the largest crowd.

"We got such positive feedback from members and guests that we are hoping to repeat it and make it an annual show," Andrusko noted.

The Bucks County Guild of Craftsmen is a chapter of the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen, dedicated to fostering an appreciation for fine crafts and supporting artisans in their creative pursuits. The guild provides members with

opportunities for professional growth, mentorship, and the exchange of ideas through meetings, programs, and exhibitions.

Currently, the Bucks County chapter has 84 members, including artisans from Bucks County, Montgomery County, and even neighboring New Jersey. The guild encompasses a broad range of crafts, from functional pottery and stained-glass picture frames to sculptural art pieces.

"Our Guild tends to be more fine craft-ori-

continued on pg. 24

GENERAC

FREE 7-Year Extended Warranty (a \$735 US value!*)

When Purchasing a Qualifying Generac Home Standby Generator.

*Terms and Conditions Apply. Call for Details.

OFFER VALID: APRIL 24, 2025 - MAY 15, 2025

Heating • Air Conditioning • Fuel Oil • Propane • Gas • Generators

HARRIS
"Comfort Year Round"

215-968-7477 | www.HarrisComfort.com

GENERAC • FRIGIDAIRE • MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC • TRANE • SYSTEM 2000

WE'RE NOT THE BIGGEST, WE'RE THE BEST!

Stretch Limousines
Stretch SUVs
Rolls Royces
Town Cars
Luxury Sedans • Vans
Party Bus • Minibus

ADVANCED

215.504.0800

49 Terry Drive
Trevose, PA

info@advancedlimos.com
www.AdvancedLimos.com

PROM WEDDING
DATE NIGHT SPECIAL EVENT
AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION:
PHILADELPHIA, NEWARK,
JFK, LAGUARDIA

LIMOUSINE SERVICES

Advanced Limousine Services

Having the time of your life: Why hiring a limousine for your child's prom night is worth it

Prom night is a milestone event in a teenager's life, filled with excitement and memories. As a parent, ensuring your child has a magical, yet safe experience is a priority. One of the best ways to achieve this is by hiring a limousine service.

A limousine provides safety, convenience, and prestige. Professional chauffeurs ensure responsible driving, eliminating the risks associated with teen



Book your prom transportation today!

drivers. It also gives parents peace of mind, knowing their child has a reliable ride home.

Beyond safety, a limousine enhances the prom experience. Arriving in a sleek vehicle makes your child feel special. Riding with friends in a luxurious setting adds to

the excitement, with features like music, mood lighting, and refreshments creating a party atmosphere before the event even begins.

Group travel is another advantage. Instead of coordinating multiple cars, a limo allows everyone to enjoy the

night together. It's cost-effective when shared among friends and eliminates parking hassles.

Moreover, a limousine offers reliability and ease. It ensures punctual pick-ups and drop-offs, making transportation stress-free. Plus, it provides the perfect backdrop for memorable prom photos.

Ultimately, hiring a limo ensures a safe, stylish, and unforgettable prom night. It's an investment in your child's special evening, allowing them to have the time of their life while you enjoy peace of mind.

Call Advanced Limousine Services at 215-504-0800 to book your prom reservation today. For more information on our wide selection of vehicles visit www.advancedlimos.com

Guild of Craftsmen

continued from pg. 23 ented," Andrusko noted. "What determines a craftsman from an artist is all subjective interpretation. There is a lot of crossover."

The guild holds monthly meetings, typically featuring educational programs, hands-on workshops, or

artist-led demonstrations. They also engage with the community through outreach programs, including collaborations with local schools and colleges. "Every year we go out to a local charter school and do a program with the students," Andrusko said. Additionally, they provide an annual award

for fine craftsmanship to a Bucks County Community College student participating in the college's end-of-year annual art show. "By reaching out to this younger population, our hope is to recruit some younger members to our guild," she explains. "Afterall, they are our future craftsmen."

Membership is open to anyone with a passion for fine crafts, whether they are practicing artists or simply admirers of the craft. Andrusko emphasized, "We are open not only to artists, but also to people who support and appreciate the artists."

The Bucks County Guild of Craftsmen continues to build a vibrant, supportive community where artists can share their work and inspire one another. The success of this year's showcase is just the beginning of what could potentially be a growing tradition of celebrating fine craftsmanship in Bucks County.

For more information about the Bucks County Guild of Craftsmen and upcoming events, visit www.bucksguild.org.

NEXT EDITION

Check it out
May 27th

www.OMGLocalLife.com

Max's Electric Bikes



Join the e-bike revolution at Max's!

At Max's, we get excited about the constant evolution of e-bike innovation and design. We eagerly await the news coming from our manufacturer partners about the newest models and latest technologies. Just one of the newest offerings from our partner Velotric® is quickly becoming a shop favorite, the all-new Breeze 1.

The Breeze 1 is the lightweight, high-performance e-bike we've all been waiting for. At just 48 lbs, this is the bike

for riders concerned about their ability to lift or easily maneuver the bike while riding. This is the lightest full-sized cruiser/commuter bike we sell, but it is not short on power. Even the steepest hills will easily roll by as the whisper quiet 750-watt motor takes you up to 70 miles on a single charge. The frame geometry, comfortable seat, adjustable stem, and swept back handlebars put you in a relaxed, upright riding position so the many miles ridden will

be a pleasure.

To make riding even more easy and fun, Velotric® included their SensorSwap™ technology which allows the rider to switch from Torque sensor to Cadence on the fly. The Torque mode gives a precise, intuitive pedaling experience while Cadence mode provides a more relaxed, easy pedaling cruise. Switch back and forth as the road or your mood dictates.

This is just one of the new e-bikes we have in our shop today. Whether it's a lightweight commuter like the Breeze 1; a sleek redesign of

Aventon's Level series, the Level 3; Mokwheel's powerhouse 1,000 watt motor Obsidian now in a step through model; or the Segway Xyber, a cutting-edge design that redefines what an e-bike can be, Max's has whatever you are looking for in a new ride.

So come on down to Max's and test out your new ride! Max's Electric Bikes is located in Barnaby's Plaza at 707 N. Easton Road in Doylestown. Call 215-817-7330 or visit maxselectricbikes.com for more information.

WHEN IT COMES TO
WINDOW COVERINGS
YOU'VE GOT IT
MADE IN THE SHADE!



WHY BUY
FROM MADE
IN THE SHADE?

- Locally Owned & Operated
- FREE In-Home Design Consultation and Estimate
- Professional, Laser-Precision Measuring
- Legendary Service Way Beyond the Sale
- Name Brands

40%
OFF

ALL WINDOW TREATMENTS
Exclusions apply. May not be combined with other offers.

MADE IN THE
SHADE
BLINDS | SHADES | SHUTTERS | DRAPERIES

267-201-7509

MitsBucksCounty.com

We are now an Authorized Hunter Douglas Dealer!

Follow us on Facebook

HunterDouglas

BCCC

continued from pg. 22

well-Egan High School, St. Mary Medical Center, The College of New Jersey, and most recently, Rosemont College. She is a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) and a Conwell-Egan Catholic High School Wall of

Fame inductee.

O'Donnell has a master's degree in arts administration from Drexel University and a bachelor's degree in studio art from The Catholic University of America.

For more information about Bucks County Community College, visit bucks.edu.

Bucks IU Fab Lab invites partners to expand STEAM education programs and inspire future innovators

STEAM education—blending Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math—ignites curiosity and prepares students for the future. The Bucks County Intermediate Unit (Bucks IU) Fab Lab recently invited Corporate Partners to its Warminster-based Center to experience firsthand how their support is fueling growth in STEAM education. In today's fast-paced world, these STEAM disciplines are fundamental in helping children and youth develop critical thinking skills, solve real-world challenges, and make informed decisions.

This recent networking event marked the launch of the Fab Lab Corporate Partners Program, which creates opportunities for companies to invest directly in the Fab Lab and its programs.

Dr. Lindsey Rutherford Sides, Bucks IU Supervisor of STEAM Education, stated, "Investments in the Fab Lab are making a real, tangible difference in the lives of students and educators across our community. Support



Participants enjoyed the experience of being a jet fighter pilot in the new Immersive Reality (IR) room at the Fab Lab Center."

is not just an investment in the Fab Lab—it's an investment in the next generation of problem-solvers, creators, and innovators. When students are in this space, they are not just learning—they're becoming engineers, designers, and innovators right before our eyes."

The Fab Lab makes STEAM learning interactive, engag-

ing, and hands-on. Through immersive experiences and cutting-edge tools, students develop creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving skills that prepare them for success. During the event, current and future partners experienced the Fab Lab's latest technology, including the new Immersive Reality (IR) room where they

piloted a fighter jet, explored the ocean depths, and marveled at the northern lights. Others tested their skills flying drones—learning firsthand that it's harder than it looks!

Alice Colyar, Manager for Bucks County Workforce and Economic Development, stated, "We invest in programs that prepare young people for the workforce of tomorrow. The Fab Lab does exactly that—providing meaningful educational experiences to students throughout Bucks County."

Lindsay Pikovsky attended the event to express how much the Fab Lab programs can make a difference. Her child is a regular participant at the Fab Lab Center, loves STEAM activities, and benefits from access to equipment that supports diverse interests and advancing skills. They even celebrated the child's 10th birthday at the Fab Lab. Pikovsky shared, "The kids absolutely loved it! They had so much fun immersed in the activities that they didn't

continued on pg. 30

spot
light

Kona Compost

Meet Kona Compost, your local woman-owned compost pick-up service providing Bucks County residents, businesses, offices and schools an easy way to keep their food scraps out of the landfill.

Kona Compost was founded by Heather Guidice in 2019 with a mission to make composting easy, accessible and fun all while giving back to our planet and keeping our environment healthy.

Kona Compost collects food scraps which are then turned into compost and returned back to customers to use in their own gardens or they can elect to donate their compost share to a community garden instead.

Why should you compost? The answer is quite simple, food waste doesn't belong in the landfill. It's a resource that can be turned into a nutrient dense amendment for gardens helping to build soil and reduce the need to use fertilizer. When food waste is thrown out, it does not break down and instead creates the greenhouse gas, methane, which is harmful to the environment.

Rooted in community, Kona Compost helps reduce your carbon footprint and creates a sustainable future one bucket of food scraps at a time.

Join the hundreds of households on the journey to a greener future by signing up to begin composting. It's easy, convenient and supports a local business. If you're a business in the area, office or school, composting is a valuable way to lead the charge on sustainability.

Visit www.konacompost.com to get started, follow along on Facebook and Instagram @konacompost, or visit us in person at one of the upcoming Wrightstown, Yardley, or Perkasie Farmer's Markets this season.



Heather Guidice

LOCAL RE/MAX OFFICE



Colleen



Tanya



Joe



RE/MAX
Total

The Colleen Evanchik Team

The Colleen Evanchik 'family' Team have been selling homes in Bucks County and beyond since 1993. Whether you are selling a Condominium or a McMansion, we can take care of you. We are a 'hands-on' team and can help prep your home for sale; stage; get the honey-do list completed, so call us, you won't be disappointed.

We offer FREE and FRIENDLY real estate advice, so call us at Re/Max TOTAL:

Colleen Evanchik, Associate Broker
Re/Max Hall of Fame

The Colleen Evanchik 'Family' Team
Colleen, Tanya & Joe Maher

1081 General Greene Road • Washington Crossing, PA
(215) 493-2400 (office) • (215) 801-8957 (direct) • realbrit007@gmail.com

Licensed in both PA and NJ

Custom Pull-Out Shelves
for your existing cabinets and pantry.




50% OFF INSTALL!*

Easy access, less stress, everything within reach.

Call for Your **FREE** Design Consultation:

(888) 615-0264

ShelfGenie
EXPERIENCE WITHIN REACH
a multi-family company



WE MAKE COMPOSTING EASY!

Woman-Owned & Operated

Food Scrap Pick-Up Services For:



- Residents
- Restaurants
- Breweries
- Coffee Shops
- Offices
- Schools
- Events
- Weddings

Sign Up Today!

www.konacompost.com

Soroptimists present Annual Community Service Awards

Soroptimist International of Indian Rock, Inc. (SIIR) celebrated National Women's History Month with its annual presentation of Making a Difference for Women Awards last month at the Spring Mill Country Club in Ivyland. The awards honor women leaders, and organizations for their tireless, inspiring efforts to bring positive change, education, and empowerment to the lives of women, girls, and others living in our county and beyond.

The evening's program began with the presentation of the Violet Richardson Award to Clare Titus. Claire is a sophomore at Central Bucks West who recently earned the United States Congressional Bronze Medal for dedicating over 100 hours to community service, driven by her passion for helping others. She developed



Past Presidents of Soroptimist International of Indian Rock present their annual Making a Difference for Women Awards. From left: Rosemarie McGee, Program Manager of The Women Veterans Program and Past President Chris Fluehr; Past President Marlene Piasecki and Melissa Robison, Middletown Township Police Officer; Past Presidents Patti Cullen and Eileen Connor; Kristin McElroy, Bucks County Deputy District Attorney and Past President Carol Zemnick; Claire Titus, Central Bucks West volunteer and Past President Kathy Meyer.

a two-hour curriculum for children ages 9 to 12 that focused on everyday manners, including greetings, dining etiquette, and social courtesies. After earning

her Girl Scout Silver Award, Claire expanded her program across multiple Pennsylvania counties, teaching over 120 children and equipping them with essential life skills. Claire has also been a dedicated volunteer at the Doylestown Library since the age of 12, accumulating hundreds of hours of service and earning her multiple President's Volunteer Service recognition.

The Organization Advancing the Status of Women Award was presented to The Veteran's

Multi-Service Center, which created The Women Veterans Program to address the growing and unique needs of Women Veterans throughout the tri-state area. Rosemarie McGee, Program Manager, accepted the award for the program, whose mission is to provide community driven space exclusively for Women Veterans and give them access to programs that offer comprehensive resources in a trauma-informed space tailored to their unique needs. In

continued on pg. 29

New Hope Celebrates

PRIDEFEST

2025

Together, We Rise!

May 16-18

Parade & Fair May 17

New Hope, PA

Lambertville, NJ

Explore PrideFest & Events - Just Scan!

NewHopeCelebrates.com

@NHCelebrates @NewHopeCelebrates

BUCKS BEAUTIFUL

KITCHEN & GARDEN TOUR

Sunday, June 8, 2025

11am- 4pm

ADVANCED SALE PRICE THRU 5/31

Become a Member for Free Ticket and Early Admission!

BUCKSBEAUTIFUL.ORG 215-340-3639

spot light

Tyler Park Center for the Arts *Celebrate creativity*

With spring in full swing, Tyler Park Center for the Arts invites the community to its annual Members Art Show, held June 6 – 8. This dynamic exhibition showcases the talents of both emerging and professional artists, and features live music, refreshments, artist meet-and-greets, and awards for excellence in several categories.

Among this year's featured artists is Barbara Neale, who has spent the past 17 years working with fused glass. Also known as warm glass, this art form involves cutting and layering pieces of glass that are then melted in a kiln to create a unified piece. Barbara has attended many workshops of warm glass artists and is a member of The Glass Underground Studio in Warren, NJ.



William Lessa, TPCA Members Show participant with "Children of Haiti".

Since retiring, she has displayed her work at local fairs and juried shows, and now teaches fused glass workshops at TPCA.

Also exhibiting is William Lessa, a longtime public school

administrator whose artwork draws on his travels in Africa, his passion for Philadelphia sports, and his unique view of life's quirky moments.

Working primarily in graphite

and colored pencils, William donates much of his art sale proceeds to regional charities supporting children and families.

Looking ahead, TPCA's Creative Summer Camps are open for registration! Young artists ages 8–16 can explore themed art intensives like "Art Around the World" and "Under the Sea", while younger children can enjoy mini camps tailored to their age group.

Members of TPCA receive special perks, including discounted workshops and entry into the annual Crafts in the Meadow festival, returning October 18–19.

Learn more at [TylerParkArts.org](https://tylerparkarts.org), follow @TylerParkArts on Facebook and Instagram, or call 267-218-0290.

Soroptimists

continued from pg. 28

addition, the program offers a clothing closet, open computer lab, lending library, children's play area, and a full calendar of wellness and fellowship events.

The evening's next award—the Women Helping Women Award—was presented to Kristin McElroy, the Deputy District Attorney for Bucks County. Kristin joined the District Attorney's office in 2012 and is the 2018 Rosner Award recipient for exceptional public service, professionalism, and integrity. She has been a member of the Bucks County Special Victims Division since joining the office, and currently is the Chief of Adult Sex Crimes. In addition, she serves on the Bucks Coalition Against Trafficking (BCAT), a NOVA project whose mission is to eradicate human trafficking in Bucks County through victim identification, community education, enhancement of arrests and prosecution of

traffickers, legislative advocacy, and a coordinated response of survivor services.

The final award of the evening—the Woman of Distinction Award—went to Melissa Robison, a Middletown Township police officer and the township's community rela-

tions officer. Melissa oversees several community projects that link the community with the Department. She leads the county's largest Shop With A Cop program, National Night Out, Back-to-School supply collection and distribution, Coffee with a Cop, and assists college

students in securing internships. Melissa was the school resource for Neshaminy school district offering a parent presentation on "Navigating Internet Safety: Guardians of the Digital Realm." She is certified by the National Association of School

continued on pg. 35

Village Improvement Association of Doylestown

BUCKS COUNTY

Designer House & Gardens

Hidden Trail Farm

Ivyland, Pennsylvania

April 27 - May 25, 2025

Designers and landscapers have transformed this 14-acre estate, which features a traditional farmhouse, a modern chalet and unique outdoor living spaces.

To buy Preview Gala Tickets, Tour Tickets, and for Parking & Shuttle Information, please go to:

BucksCountyDesignerHouse.org 215.345.2191

Honorary Chairs

Kelly and Jim Brexler

Diamond Sponsor

Johnson & Johnson

Proceeds benefit the Doylestown Health Foundation and the mission of the VIA.

Doylestown Health Foundation

Village Improvement Association of Doylestown

The VIA of Doylestown is a 501(c)(2) nonprofit organization.

Wild Fork

Discover the Wild Fork Difference—With stores in Horsham and Neshaminy!

If you haven't experienced Wild Fork yet, now is the perfect time. With locations right in Neshaminy and Horsham, Wild Fork is redefining the way people shop for meat and seafood—offering premium quality at unbeatable prices.

Wild Fork specializes in high-quality meat, seafood, and poultry, all blast frozen at the peak of freshness to lock in flavor, texture, and nutrients. From everyday essentials like chicken breasts, steaks, and ground beef to chef-inspired cuts, ready-to-cook meals, and globally inspired flavors, Wild Fork's selection is as impressive as it is affordable.

The best part? You can shop your way. Visit Wild Fork stores for a hands-on experience, where friendly team members can



freezer with restaurant-quality ingredients at grocery store prices. Whether you're planning for weeknight dinners, hosting a backyard barbecue, or prepping for the holidays, Wild Fork has everything you need to serve something memorable.

Stop by the Horsham or Neshaminy locations today and taste the Wild Fork difference for your-

self. High-quality food, smart prices, and a more convenient way to shop—that's what makes Wild Fork your #1 option for meat and seafood.

For more information about Wild Fork, located in 600 Rockhill Dr. in Bensalem, call 215-494-1048, and for more information about Wild Fork, located at 1536 Easton Rd. in Horsham, call 267-769-6496.

guide you through the selection. Prefer to shop from the comfort of home? Wild Fork offers same-day delivery and convenient online ordering at wildforkfoods.com. Just a few clicks and your order is on the way—expertly packed and temperature-controlled to ensure everything arrives frozen and fresh.

Wild Fork makes it easy to stock your

Fab Lab

continued from pg. 26

even realize they were learning STEAM skills."

Deanna Boyer and Meghan Leinhauser, representatives from Dow, attended the event to reinforce the company's commitment to the Fab Lab and to developing a skilled future workforce. "Dow is dedicated to creating educational pipelines for highly trained professionals. Supporting the Fab Lab aligns perfectly with our mission—we hope to inspire and educate future Dow employees," they stated.

Become a partner with the Fab Lab and help shape the future of STEAM education in Bucks County! Individuals and families are invited to donate to the Fab Lab, and businesses are encouraged to join the new Corporate Partners Program. No contribution is too small—

every dollar helps fund vital programs, provide hands-on learning experiences, and empower the next generation of innovators, creators, and STEAM leaders. Learn more or donate at: www.BucksIU.org/FabLab/Get-Involved.

ABOUT THE BUCKS COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT FAB LAB:

Launched in 2019, the Mobile Fab Lab program began as a single unit bringing STEAM education directly to students across Bucks County. Today, with two fully equipped Mobile Fab Labs, the program reaches 18,000 students annually. The Fab Lab Center, which opened in December 2021, has grown from serving just over 1,000 children in its first year to now, four years later, engaging more than 5,700 students with 11 unique programs. Learn more at www.BucksIU.org/FabLab.

Capital Health

*Accomplished breast surgeons join cancer specialists at Capital Health
Available for appointments in Newtown*

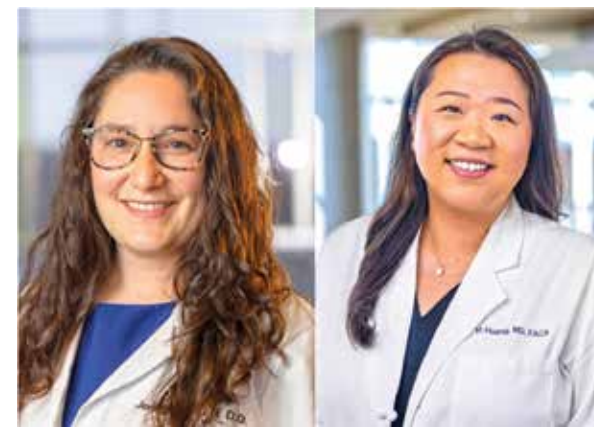
Dr. Yi Huang and Dr. Jenna Mancinelli, fellowship trained breast surgeons who specialize in surgical care for benign and malignant breast diseases, have joined Capital Health as part of its Cancer Center and Center for Comprehensive Breast Care. As part of Capital Health Cancer Center and Capital Health Surgical Group – Breast Surgery, they offer office appointments in Newtown and offer advanced treatments for breast cancer, skin-sparing/nipple-sparing mastectomies, and oncoplastic and hidden scar procedures.

Before joining Capital Health, Dr. Huang was a breast surgeon and director of the breast program at Jefferson Health – Northeast in Philadelphia. After finishing her general surgery residency at Northwell North Shore – Long Island Jewish Medical Center in Manhasset, New York, where she served as Chief Resident, Dr. Huang completed her fellowship in breast surgical oncology at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, where she trained with national leaders in the field of breast surgery. As medical director of Capital Health Center for Comprehensive Breast Care, she leads a multidisciplinary team to create personalized care plans for each patient.

Dr. Jenna Mancinelli completed her general surgery residency at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) in Philadelphia, where she served as Chief Resident. She completed breast surgical oncology fellowship training at MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper University Hospital in Camden, New Jersey. Outside the clinical setting, Dr.

Mancinelli was Academic Chief Resident for General Surgery at PCOM, where she developed a new curriculum for the general surgery residency program that incorporated the fundamentals of surgical training, simulation, wellness, professional development, and research education.

To make an office appointment with Dr. Huang or Dr.



Jenna L. Mancinelli, DO, MS

Yi Huang, MD.

Mancinelli in Newtown, call 609-537-6700 or visit

capitalhealthcancer.org/appointment.

Wild Fork

MEAT & SEAFOOD MARKET

EVERY DAY WILD PRICES

<p>\$8.98 PER POUND</p> <p>PEELED & DEVEINED ARGENTINE RED SHRIMP</p>	<p>\$10.98 PER POUND</p> <p>BEEF RIBEYE STEAKS - 2 PACK</p>	<p>\$6 PER POUND</p> <p>ORGANIC CHICKEN BREAST</p>	<p>\$6.00 PER POUND</p> <p>ORGANIC GROUND BEEF, 85/15</p>
<p>\$13.98 PER POUND</p> <p>FRENCHED LAMB RACK</p>	<p>\$5.48 PER POUND</p> <p>BONE-IN BERKSHIRE HAM</p>	<p>\$10.00 PER POUND</p> <p>BRAZILIAN BEEF TENDERLOIN</p>	<p>\$12.98 PER POUND</p> <p>NY STRIP STEAK USDA CHOICE</p>

TO ORDER
ONLINE
SCAN HERE

WILDFORKFOODS.COM

SHOP IN STORE OR
ORDER ONLINE
NEXT-DAY SHIPPING AVAILABLE

@wildforkfoods

ARDMORE | HORSHAM | NESHAMINY | CHERRY HILL

THE LEARNING NEVER STOPS

The Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School offers a modern public education to K-12 students throughout the Commonwealth. After 24 years, PA Cyber has demonstrated that cyber school is the perfect fit for many students.

Visit pacyber.org or call (724) 643-1180 to start your PA Cyber journey today.



Senior Care Authority

Don't let loneliness impact the senior you love

Loneliness is a significant issue affecting seniors who live alone, and its impact can be profound, influencing both mental and physical health. As individuals age, they may experience various life changes, such as the loss of a spouse, retirement, or relocation, which can lead to social isolation.

Joe was 86 years old when his wife passed away. Joe felt isolated in his home and his social circle had diminished significantly when his daughter and son-in-law offered for him to move into their home. It worked well in the beginning, but since both adults worked, his days were spent in front of the TV. His daughter noticed that he was withdrawing and becoming less communicative. He was seated in the same chair as when they left and many times had not eaten his lunch.

After working with a Senior



Care Authority specialist Joe moved into an assisted living community. Joe spent the first week in his apartment and didn't venture out for meals or any of the activities. His neighbor was successful in inviting him to breakfast, though

Joe went to the dining room in sweatpants and tee shirt. During breakfast he spotted a piano in the lounge and walked over and began playing. Soon one of the female residents came over and stood by him as he played and complimented

him on his skills. Joe played for the next hour, and several other residents came to listen. The next day Joe came down in dress slacks and a button-down shirt. The lady who had joined Joe yesterday brought several of her friends along. Joe played until lunch time, engaging the residents to join in by singing along. The following days Joe exited his apartment in a sport coat, trousers and a pressed shirt.

Moving into a Senior Living Community can be a tremendous benefit and key to overcoming loneliness. Let us help you find the best community for your loved one. Call us at 267-938-4530.

SSAAM announces Juneteenth 2025: Stories of Freedom



The Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum (SSAAM), Central New Jersey's only museum sharing the history of African Americans in our region since the trans-Atlantic Slave trade, will hold its fourth annual Juneteenth celebration on Saturday, June 21, from 12 pm to 4 pm (rain or shine).

Event Highlights:

- Location: National Historic Register-listed Mt. Zion AME Church and historic Reasoner/True House in Skillman, NJ
- Features: Live music, spoken word and theatrical perfor-

continued on pg. 34

Senior Care Authority®

We help you find appropriate new **senior living arrangements** and assist in the transition to the new community. We arrange the tours and join you.

Ask about our driving assessment program: **'Beyond Driving with Dignity'**. Peace of mind, real-life solutions for older drivers and their concerned families.

Our **'Peace of Mind'** program provides one-on-one regular visits to your senior for an engaging activity or social visit, guided by family input.



Helping families make transitions with their senior loved ones. Our communication with you will be accessible and consistent. You do not need to do this alone!



Randy Reardon, Certified Senior Advisor
(267) 938-4530
randyreardon@seniorcareauthority.com
seniorcareauthority.com/neofphilly



The Birches at New Hope *Living with a little assistance*

Determining the "right" time to discuss senior living with a loved one can be just as tough as the conversation itself. For seniors and their families thinking about making a lifestyle change, understanding the benefits of community life can ease the emotional conflict of leaving home.

Taking time now to explore options means making confident, informed choices that reflect both care needs and personal preferences. Here are some life-changing benefits to senior living:

Safety

Safety is often the main reason families consider senior living. Community settings offer 24/7 support, secure buildings, and fall prevention features like walk-in showers and



handrails. For those living with memory loss, secure entrances and enclosed outdoor spaces prevent wandering while encouraging independence.

Fewer Responsibilities

Senior living is all about a comfortable, maintenance-free lifestyle. No need to fret over household responsibilities like cooking and cleaning, here! Residents focus on their health,

friendships, and new interests.

Engaging Social Life

Many seniors face isolation, which is linked to a higher risk of dementia, anxiety, and depression. Senior Living offers many opportunities to create engaging days and meaningful connections and keep residents thriving through robust wellness and activities programs.

A Difference You Can Feel

At The Birches at New Hope, you'll find a beautiful new building and a culture of care that focuses on living! Our personal care and memory care neighborhoods will provide as little or as much assistance as needed while creating an environment where seniors can live their best lives!

Our memory care program provides each resident with an individualized structured care plan based on their abilities, helping them experience happy, purposeful moments.

Learn more about The Birches at New Hope by calling 267-714-6858 or visiting the Welcome Center at 6554 Lower York Rd. on Monday-Friday from 9 am–5 pm.

Living...



with a little assistance!

At The Birches at New Hope, you'll find a beautiful new building **and** a culture of care where the focus is on **living!** Our Personal Care and Memory Care neighborhoods will provide as little or as much assistance as needed while creating an environment where seniors can live their best lives!

Call or stop in and talk with the team. Our mission is to create a community that residents will be excited to call home.

WELCOME CENTER

Open M-F 9am–5pm
6554 Lower York Road, Solebury, PA 18938
TheBirchesAtNewHope.com • 267-714-6858



We are an equal opportunity housing provider. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or disability.

Friends Village

Celebrating the month of May: Honoring our older Americans

The month of May is a time of celebration, reflection, and gratitude. As spring reaches its full bloom, this month offers us meaningful opportunities to honor some of the most important people in our lives — the older adults in our communities.

May is recognized as Older Americans Month (OAM), a national observance led by the Administration for Community Living (ACL). It's a time set aside to honor, recognize, and celebrate the contributions, resilience, and achievements of older adults. For 2025, the theme is "Flip the Script on Aging." This empowering message challenges outdated stereotypes about growing older and celebrates the rich opportunities, wisdom, and purpose that come with age.

"Flip the Script on Aging" encourages everyone to reconsider what it means to age in

today's world. Older adults are business owners, volunteers, caregivers, mentors, and community leaders. By embracing their talents, experience, and potential, we can reshape societal perceptions and create more inclusive, supportive communities for people of all ages.

Throughout May, Friends Village will choose an activity and participate in events and activities that celebrate older Americans. From senior games to storytelling events, these activities foster meaningful connections and honor the diverse experiences of older adults.

This May, Friends Village will continue with our Yoga for Seniors classes that run twice a week, along with our Senior Planet classes that will be covering everything from Cloud Storage, Google Workspace, Google Drive, Google photos, and Smartphone Photography. On May 13 we are also running a very special presentation by Linda Polgar that explores the unique beauty, craftsmanship, and cultural appreciation of Japanese Textiles.

As we celebrate Older Americans Month this May,



let's remember that aging is not just about adding years to life — it's about adding life to years. By honoring the wisdom, resilience, and contributions of older adults, we affirm the vital role they play in shaping our communities, families, and futures. Together, let's flip the script on aging, embrace new perspectives, and continue creating spaces where people of all ages feel valued, connected, and empowered.

Here's to a month of celebration, meaningful connection, and gratitude for the incredible older adults who enrich our lives in countless ways. For more information about Friends Village, please visit www.friends-village.org.

friends-village.org, call 215-968-3346 or attend our upcoming open house on May 21 from 2-4pm at Friends Village, Styer Campus, 331 Lower Dolington Road in Newtown.

Juneteenth

continued from pg. 32

mances, drum circle, local artisans, storytelling workshops and museum activities for all ages, and delicious cuisine

Featured Performances, Activities, and Exhibitions:

- The SSAAM Heritage Singers and Band
- Keith Spencer, Vocalist & Storyteller
- Luna Stage's *The Ground On Which We Stand* Theatrical Performance
- Mr. Boom Boom: Drum Circle for All Ages
- Beverly Mills & Elaine Buck, Authors & SSAAM Founders
- Featured Exhibition: "The Head that Wears the Crown" — Explore the past, present, and future of African American women's headwear. Featuring selections from SSAAM's museum collection and photo portraits of community members across generations modeling early-to late-20th century church hats.
- Guided tours of Mt. Zion

continued on pg. 37

Pickering Manor

Looking to make a difference in your community? Do you have a special skill or talent you'd love to share?

Volunteers play an invaluable role in every community, bringing joy, kindness, and support to those in need. Whether it's sharing your talents through music, art, or dance, or simply offering time and conversation, volunteers create meaningful connections that touch lives. Pet therapy, especially, is a favorite among our residents, and we're always excited to welcome new furry friends!

At Pickering Manor, volunteers do more than brighten our residents' days—they help create a sense of belonging and warmth that enriches our community. Whether you're looking

to gain experience, develop new skills, or make new friends, volunteering here is an opportunity for personal growth and fulfillment. Many of our volunteers say hearing the life stories of our residents is one of the most rewarding parts of their time with us.

Located in the heart of historic Newtown, Pickering Manor is home to a variety of living neighborhoods—from independent living cottages and apartments to personal care, memory care, and skilled nursing and rehabilitation. It's a place where everyone finds a sense of family, friendship, and connection.

We are proud to hold a 5-star overall quality rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services—an honor we've received for over a decade.

April was Volunteer Appreciation Month, and we want

Soroptimists

continued from pg. 29

Resource Officers, teaches and trains active shooter protocols, runs the Fresh Start Pantry and Closet at seven district schools that provides food and clothing to kids in need, and presents the Drug Abuse Resistance Educa-

tion (DARE) program in schools. She is the vice-president of the Middletown Community Foundation which supports all these projects and many scholarship opportunities for community service-minded students.

SIIR is one of 1,000 Soroptimist clubs in 20 countries

to extend our deepest thanks to volunteers everywhere. Your kindness, generosity, and time have a profound impact on communities around the world. A special thank you to our Pickering volunteers for your continued dedication. Your efforts bring so much joy to our

residents, and we are incredibly grateful for all that you do!

Interested in joining us?

Call Volunteer Coordinator Tamar Morad at 215-968-3878 to learn more and become part of something meaningful. For more information, visit www.pickeringmanor.org.

and territories in the Americas and Pacific Rim that empower women and girls through a variety of volunteer projects. Efforts include cash grants for education, hands-on efforts to end domestic violence, career mentoring for girls, women's health initiatives, and many

other community-based projects. Our federation is one of five federations that make up Soroptimist International, which operates in more than 120 countries throughout the world. For more information, visit investindreams.org.



Bringing Generations Together! 5th grader Charlotte Carver from Quarry Hill Elementary School joined our residents for a joyful afternoon of flower arranging—spreading smiles, creativity, and spring cheer one bloom at a time

An Independent Living and Personal Care Community

OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, May 21st
2pm-4pm

Styer Campus
331 Lower Dolington Road
Newtown, PA 18940

RSVP by phone 215-968-3346 ext 108
or email
bheverly@friends-village.org

Memory Care Suites Available

Live the life you love. Love the life you live.

All Inclusive Pricing!

SCHEDULE A TOUR TODAY!

215.968.3878 • info@pickeringmanor.org

226 N. Lincoln Avenue, Newtown, PA 18940 • www.pickeringmanor.org

Friday, May 2, 1–3 pm, join the Bucks County Community College’s 18th Annual Salute to Mothers Scholarship at the Tyler Formal Gardens, Bucks County Community College, 275 Swamp Rd. in Newtown. Attendees are encouraged to wear their best Kentucky Derby themed hats; the more fanciful, the better! To order tickets or to make a donation in support of the Solute to Mothers Scholarship, visit interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E15010&id=251

Saturday May 3, 10 am, at Memorial Park, 1950 Woodside Rd. in Newtown, come to AARK in the Park. The highly respected AARK Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center will present a hands-on exhibition on hawks and other birds. They have delighted people all over Bucks County with this amazing presentation. This FREE event is sponsored by the LMT Environmental Advisory Council and LMT Birdtown. For more information, contact: Dominique Mitchell at eacbucks@gmail.com.

Sunday, May 4, 1:30–4 pm (with speaker at 2 pm), to be held at the Strassburger Farmstead, 407 Keystone Dr. in Sellersville, The Historical Society of Hilltown Township presents “History Lives On: Celebrating Plumstead Township’s 300th Anniversary.” Tom Upton of the Plumstead Historical Society, will show his documentary “History Lives On” with historical facts and photos of Plumstead Township, including the Quaker Meetinghouse, Plumsteadville Inn, carriage maker Aaron Kratz, the Doan Gang, the canal, the trolley line and much more. The event is free; Donations appreciated. For more information, visit www.hilltownhistory.org.

Thursday, May 8, 7–9 pm at the Chancellor Center, 30 N Chancellor St. in Newtown, Newtown Borough and Newtown Township will sponsor, “Native Plants, Thriving Habitats: How You Can Help.” Krista McCook from Homegrown National Park will share how anyone—whether they have acres of land or just a few potted plants—can contribute to ecological restoration. (Krista will be joining via Zoom.). Also, Diane Smith from Bucks County Audubon Society at Honey Hollow will speak in person about native flowers that you can grow and protect to keep pollinators happy and healthy. Plus, Gino’s Native Nursery will be raffling off a \$50 gift certificate! Reserve your spot at www.boroughofnewtown.com/contact-us.

Friday, May 9, at Twining Hall, 4900 Street Rd. in Trevoze, Feasterville Rotary Club will be holding its 15th Annual Designer Handbag Bingo. Doors open at 5:30 pm and games start at 7pm. Tickets are \$35.00 each, and include 10 games of bingo. There will be additional game boards, raffles, and 50/50 available for purchase. Bring a non-perishable item or make a monetary donation, and you will receive a ticket for a thank you drawing. MEI Caterers has a menu of food items made to order at reasonable prices as well as drinks at the bar. For tickets, please contact Kathy Doran at 215-593-4656 or email Katherine.a.doran@gmail.com.

Saturday, May 10, 1 pm, Middletown Senior Citizens Association holds its Cash Bingo fundraiser at Middletown Senior Center, 2142 Trenton Rd. in Levittown. Doors open at noon. \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door if available. Limited to 100 players. Fee includes 10 games

of Bingo (3 cards per sheet) and 4 specials. Extra cards on sale. Cash prizes, raffle baskets, 50/50 tickets, and beverages and snacks will also be available. Tickets on sale now. For more information, call 215-945-2920.

Saturday, May 10, 7 am–12 pm (rain date Saturday, May 10) come to Hunger Helpers Community Yard Sale to “find deals and fuel hope” at Heritage Oak Drive in Yardley. Sale will benefit the Interfaith Food Alliance. Every penny will help families facing hunger. For more information, email Communityyardsale9@gmail.com.

Tuesday May 13, 6–7:30 pm at Makefield Elementary School in Yardley, the Lower Makefield Township Swim & Dive Team invites you to its 2025 LMT Swim & Dive Team Open House. For more information, email LMTPoolswimdive@gmail.com or visit www.gomotionapp.com/team/reclblmtd/page/home.

Thursday, May 15, 11:30 to 2 pm, the Women’s Club of Huntingdon Valley will present their Annual Scholarship Achievement Award, as it does every May, to a deserving graduating female student from Lower Moreland High School. At a fabulous luncheon held at the Huntingdon Valley Country Club, Dr. Marcia Gutowicz, Chairwoman of the Scholarship Committee, will present this year’s winner of the scholarship and the winner herself will speak at this event. See our Facebook page at Women’s Club of Huntingdon Valley for all our community events and for further information, email us at wchv1951@gmail.com.

Saturday, May 17, 9:30 am–12:30 pm, Annual flea market at Oxford Village, 290 E Winchester Ave. in Langhorne at Independent Living Building. Hot dogs and desserts available for sale. Proceeds to benefit the residents of the retirement home. For more information, call 215-750-9424 or email pgh51@aol.com.

Saturday, May 17, come see the World Famous Mark Reno “Elvis”, two-time national champion, at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church Hall, 89 Pinewood Dr. in Levittown. Doors open at 6 pm; dinner begins at 6:30 pm; and the show starts at 7:30 pm. The \$35 cost includes dinner. For ticket information, call 267-980-9336.

Saturday, May 17, 9 am–12 pm, Clothing & Shoe Drive Drive-Thru drop off at Berkshire Hathaway Fox & Roach, Realtors office, 796 Newtown-Yardley Rd. in Newtown. Place your gently used/unwanted items in tightly tied bags. All items must be bagged. Electronics (anything with a plug, except TVs and monitors) will also be accepted. Give your items a second chance to be worn/used again! Hosted by Kathleen Lenoir at Kathleen.Lenoir@FoxRoach.com, Susan Koch at Susan.Koch@FoxRoach.com, and Kim Whitlock at Kim.Witlock@FoxRoach.com.

Saturday, May 17, 4:30–7:30 pm, The Episcopal Church Women will sponsor A County Buffet at Grace Episcopal Church, 313 Main St. in Hulmeville, featuring baked ham, roast chicken, sausage with peppers and onions, scalloped potatoes, pineapple stuffing, a salad bar, and homemade desserts. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$6 for children six to ten; and children under five are free. A raffle will be held for two

tickets to Sight and Sound Theaters’ production of “NOAH”, which runs through December 31. For more information, call 215-757-6025.

Tuesday, May 20, at 7 pm at the Bensalem Senior Center, 1850 Byberry Rd in Bensalem, the Trevoze Horticultural Society will present “Meeting the Mushrooms: An Intro to the Fascinating World of Fungi” during its monthly meeting. Guest speaker, Christian Kustra will cover the basics of mycology, the study of fungi. He will explain how mushrooms grow, how to identify wild mushrooms and what purpose they serve in nature. All meetings are open to the public; all are welcome, \$5 to observe. For further information, please contact 856-866-9163, visit www.trevozegardeners.org or follow us on Facebook.

Saturday, May 31, 10 am, at the LMT Administrative building, 1100 Edgewood Rd. in Yardley, Mike Weilbacher, noted naturalist, environmentalist, educator and author will present “Microplastics, The Invisible Pollutant”. He will discuss microplastics, found everywhere from the bottom of the sea to our blood. Learn the surprising ways they spread through our environment and what we can do about it.

Juneteenth

continued from pg. 34

- AME Church and SSAAM’s Heritage Garden
- Plus ...
 - Spoken Word Performances
 - Read-Aloud Story Corner
 - Museum Scavenger Hunts
 - Launch of SSAAM’s Little Free Library of Banned Books
 - “Story Booth” to record memories and reflections

▪ And more!

Join the Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum for a day steeped in history and community connection. Our family-friendly Juneteenth celebration invites visitors to feel the full range of emotions in our liberation stories, from jubilation to sorrow, from defiance to hope. Freedom has always been hard won. We invite you to answer its call with us.

SSAAM creates community programming to educate and inspire. Our event ticket prices, inclusive of food, reflect our commitment to accessibility. If you have the capacity to make an additional donation, or if you work for an employer who may be interested in sponsoring our event, we welcome your generous support! At a moment when our federal funding opportunities are in

jeopardy, we rely on the continued investment of our local community.

Thank you to our event sponsor, the Princeton University Art Museum, for making this event possible.

For more information about SSAAM’s Juneteenth celebration and to book tickets, donate, sponsor, or volunteer, please visit www.ssaamuseum.org/juneteenth-2025.

Score

continued from pg. 9

SCORE Bucks County offers a wealth of resources to guide entrepreneurs in every phase of their small business journey.

“We are grateful to the more than 10,000 SCORE volunteers nationwide who selflessly dedicate their time and business expertise to help entrepreneurs achieve their dreams,” said SCORE CEO Bridget Weston.

Held in April every year,

National Volunteer Month recognizes the contributions of volunteers and is an opportunity to join the impact of volunteerism and encourage more people to get involved in their communities.

Visit www.score.org to learn more about local volunteer opportunities or to request a mentor for your small business.

SCORE mentor meets with a client.



NEW HOPE NEWS • APRIL 2025

NEW HOPE NEWS • APRIL 2025

CLASSIFIEDS

IN-PAPER & ON-LINE
\$150 first 10 words, \$2 each additional word

215-702-3405
www.OMGLocalLife.com

RPMongillo
Plumbing & Heating, Inc.

Full Service Master Plumber
Licensed/Insured

- Bathrooms
- Gas Piping
- Standard & Tankless Water Heaters
- Boiler, Baseboards & Radiant Heat
- Sump & Battery Backup Pumps
- Sewer & Water Services
- Drain Cleaning
- Small & Large Repairs
- Commercial Office Fitouts

FREE ESTIMATES
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED

215-757-3779
Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm • Sat 10am-3pm
raymongillo@comcast.net
www.rpmongilloplumbing.com

APARTMENT/ CONDO FOR SALE

FREE REAL ESTATE CONSULTATION. Buying/Selling meet with Kathleen to discuss your needs. Kathleen Layton, Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Fox & Roach, 215-860-9300/215-860-3233 direct.

CLEANING

CLEANING \$15 per hour or flat rate. References. Ideal for working women. 215-421-8066 Tina.

DATING SERVICES

SINGLE? Are you tired of online dating? Let me be your matchmaker. 37 years of Sweet Beginnings. 215-539-2894.

EMPLOYMENT

HELP WANTED
Rosenello's Windows, Siding & Roofing
Now Hiring All Positions
215-244-399

Replace your roof with the best looking and longest lasting material steel from Erie Metal Roofs!

Three styles & multiple colors available. Guaranteed to last a lifetime!

Limited Time Offer up to **50% OFF INSTALLATION**

+ ADDITIONAL 10% OFF INSTALL (for military, health workers & 1st responders)

CALL ERIE METAL ROOFS: 1-877-236-0675

ENTERTAINMENT

TRAVELING PUPPET THEATER – Robin and Susan Tafel 215-441-4154. YouTube @PennsWoodsPuppets.

FURNITURE RESTORATION

Andy Belinsky Fine Furniture Restoration - Antique Restoration, Custom Woodworking, Refinishing. 267-717-0418. www.andybelinsky.com

HEALTH

ARE YOU A COMPULSIVE EATER? Overeaters Anonymous can help. For information, call 215-385-3076 or visit oa-phil.org

FRIENDS VILLAGE. Moderately priced retirement living. Age 62+ Newtown, PA 215-968-3346.

MIND, BODY, & SPIRIT ADVISOR - New Beginnings for your well-being. Dan McMeans 267-570-9042

HEALTH SUPPLIES/ EQUIPMENT

TRI-STATE STAIRLIFTS – Stay in your home. Immediate Installation. 215-630-5596. TriStateStairlifts.com.

HELP WANTED

SENIORS HELPING SENIORS - Caregiver Job Openings for people 50+. 215-675-6402.

ROOF LIFE ROOFING

- Flat Roofs • Shingling
- Gutters • Metal Work; capping windows & barge board metal
- Maintenance with silver coat & asphalt fabric

LICENSED • INSURED
267-844-6100
SPRING SPECIAL
Mention this ad for 15% OFF

HOME IMPROVEMENT

AMERICAN CHIMNEY Full-service chimney sweep, inspection & repairs. 215-364-0881. www.americanchimney.net.

C&C FAMILY ROOFING New installations & repairs! Thorough, professional, affordable! 215-999-6248

FULL SERVICE CONTRACTOR – Roofing, Siding, Windows, Total Home Renovations. TJ Martin, Inc. 215-355-5935.

JAMMER DOORS -Enhance the look and functionality of your home with our expert installation and repair services. We specialize in: Garage Doors: Installation, repair, and maintenance. Entry Doors: Upgrade your entrance with stylish and secure options. Windows: Energy-efficient and aesthetically pleasing window solutions. Patio Doors: Elegant and durable patio door installations. Call us today to schedule an appointment! 215-493-7709

JMT AWNINGS Quality, reliability & experience you expect! 215-659-5239. www.JMTAwnings.com.

MACCARTY & SONS AWNINGS & CANOPIES - Sales, Service, Installation. 610-519-0858

MARRAZZO'S NORTH RIVER LANDSCAPE, Hardscape &

Joe McIlvaine
TREE SERVICE

Residential & Commercial

- Free Estimates
- Stump Grinding
- Crane & Bucket Services
- Tree Removal/Trimming

215-322-8394

Outdoor Lighting. 215-598-1412. MarrazzosNorthRiver.com

WTB WOODWORKING - Full-Service Woodworking Company & Storefront. Tools, Supplies, Lumber, Slabs, Sheet Goods. 215-768-1117. WTBwoodworking.com

LAWN/ GARDEN

ANDREW'S LAWN RANGER LLC - Turf Care/Tree & Plant Health Care. 215-968-8535.

FERTILIZER AND WEED CONTROL Plans/Leaf Cleanups call 215.267.1700 or visit www.RDTotalLawn.com

VICTORY GARDENS – Triple Ground Mulch, Topsoil, Stone. Call for Promos! 215-443-5665 www.VictoryGardensInc.com.

MOVING

N CLARY JUNK SERVICE. You name it -We take it. Interior or Exterior. Call 267-399-8274.

PAINTING

ACTION PAINTING - All interior and exterior painting and drywall repairs. Fully Insured Power washing. Free estimates. Barry 267-980-2131

AMAZING HOUSE PAINTING interior exterior wallpaper removal power washing deck/fence staining aluminum siding/

CLASSIFIEDS

IN-PAPER & ON-LINE
\$150 first 10 words, \$2 each additional word

215-702-3405
www.OMGLocalLife.com

GET READY FOR SPRING
WITH A BRAND NEW AC SYSTEM

\$89 AC CHECK UP!
20% OFF ALL AC INSTALLATIONS

PETE MIRABELLI
AIR CONDITIONING • HEATING & PLUMBING

- Sales & Service
- Reasonable Rates
- Honest Work
- 24/7 Service
- Free Estimates
- Professional Install

215-667-3734

****COMPUTERS FIXED****
Malware/Trojan/Virus Removal
Repairs, New Computer Setup, Data Transfer, Sales, Wired/Wireless Networking, WIN 10 to WIN 11 UPGRADES
MAC, iPad & iPhone
In Your Home or Office
FREE SUPPORT
"I DO WINDOWS"
Mitch (215) 322-6509

Vincenzo's PAINTING

Wallscraping ■ Drywall Repairs
Scim Coating ■ Power Washing Spray Work ■ Kitchen Cabinets ■ Carpentry

OWNER OPERATED - LIC. & INSURED
INTERIOR ■ EXTERIOR
COMMERCIAL ■ RESIDENTIAL

FREE ESTIMATES
(267) 844-6100

CARPINO
STUCCO
STONE & BRICK
WORK
POINTING
CHIMNEYS
& CHIMNEY
REPAIRS

215-355-7549
FREE ESTIMATES
www.carpinoinc.com

ED'S MOWING
215-917-1395

stucco painting. FREE ESTIMATES! Owner operated licensed/insured 215-736-2398.

CLASSIC HOUSE PAINTING Interior/exterior. Power-washing, deck-staining, wallpaper removal. 10% Senior Discount! 215-269-0212. www.ClassicHousePainting.com.

VINCENZO'S PAINTING Interior/Exterior Painting, Cabinets, Dry Wall Repair & More. Lic & Insured, Free Estimates. 267-844-6100

BATHROOM KING, LLC
BATHROOM REMODELING & REPAIR
Will MEET or BEAT any written quote!
\$500 OFF ANY FULL REMODEL
215-942-4999
www.bathroomkingllc.com
FREE AT HOME ESTIMATES • LICENSED & INSURED

PLUMBING

BEN MANIS PLUMBING - Expert, bonded and insured. 24/7 Emergency service. 267-627-2756.

POOLS

ANTON & SONS POOLS – Custom Designs, Renovations, Maintenance, Equipment & Chemicals. 215-348-3212. antonpools.com.

OASIS POOL SERVICE Summerizations, Weekly Maintenance, Repairs or Replacements. 215-736-1077

JOHN'S HAULING & REMOVAL

APPLIANCES, POOL TABLES, PIANOS, WOODSTOVES, FURNITURE, LARGE-SCREEN TVS, LAWN TRACTORS, ANYTHING BIG OR SMALL. ~ ONE PIECE OR TRUCKLOAD ~
7 DAYS-LAST MINUTE SERVICE!
215-357-1244

REAL ESTATE

MATT SCANNAPIECO, Franklin Investment Realty - Exceptional service whether Buying or Selling! 215-398-6998.

SENIOR SERVICES

SENIOR CARE AUTHORITY - Let us help you find the best senior living arrangement. 267-938-4530

SERVICES

FTD CONCRETE, LLC For all your Concrete needs. 267-372-5637

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

ADVANCED LIMOUSINE – Special Event Vehicles. Airport Transportation (PHL/NWK/JFK/LGA). 215-504-0800. Advancedlimos.com

TREE SERVICES

JOE McILVAINE TREE & LAWN Quality work, fully insured. Free Estimates. 215-322-8394.

FAMILY ELECTRIC
FAST SERVICE & AFFORDABLE PRICES
25+ YRS EXPERIENCE
• Troubleshooting
• Replacement/Repair
• Indoor/Outdoor Lighting
Licensed & Insured • Owner/Operator
215-354-1315
FamilyElectricInc.com

★ JUST STUMPS
STUMP GRINDING
Fully Insured ★ Free Estimates
(215) 833-4081
Call Dan Steely:
Veteran Owner/Operator
Serving PA & NJ since 2005

WANTED

BEST CASH PRICES PAID
Tools mechanic machinist wood-working pattern maker etc
Trains old and New all scales. Teather cars Diecast cars and press steel slot cars. Vintage toys video games PC games video game consoles all eras. RC vehicles Military items bayonettes helmets Bird and animal calls. Recurve bows and compound bows. Reloading equipment. All Fishing equipment Zippo lighters. Musical instruments All Fire & Railroad memorabilia. And much more. No collection too big or too small we buy it all. Call Drew 215-771-7055

Promote your business or service in the New Hope NEWS

215-702-3405
mike.smith@orourkemediagroup.com
www.OMGLocalLife.com



O'ROURKE MEDIA GROUP Mike Smith

TIMES PUBLISHING NEWSPAPERS, INC.
P.O. BOX 192
MORRISVILLE, PA 19067

ECRWSS
LOCAL
POSTAL CUSTOMER

PRSR STD
US POSTAGE PD
PHILA PA 191
PERMIT NO. 7511



Where Successful Gardens Take Root!



20% off Herbs and Vegetables



One coupon per family. Cannot be combined with other offers.

Offer Expires
5/31/25

Open Daily:
9:00am - 5:30pm
Sunday:
10:00am - 5:00pm

215.493.4226
1069 River Road
Washington
Crossing, PA
18977

215.493.4226
1069 River Road Washington Crossing, PA 18977
www.seasonsgardencenter.com

Scan the code
to visit our site

