

New Hope NEWS



Environmental Learning in Action

Victoria Smith poses with Journey the yak during this year's 8th Annual Earth Day Festival at the Bucks County Audubon Society at Honey Hollow in Solebury. See story on page 3.

Photo by Mimi Black

Bucks County Audubon Society hosts 8th Annual Earth Day Festival

by June Portnoy

The Bucks County Audubon Society at Honey Hollow in Solebury welcomed hundreds of visitors for its 8th Annual Earth Day Festival on May 3, transforming the scenic preserve into an animated celebration of environmental awareness, community, and hands-on learning.

This free event drew between 200 and 250 attendees and featured a variety of eco-conscious vendors, educational programs, and interactive exhibits that brought together families, environmental organizations, and nature enthusiasts of all ages. From native plant sales and wildlife demonstrations to student art exhibits and energy efficiency education, the festival offered something for everyone.

"This was our 8th annual Earth Day, and every year we try to add something new," said Michael Celec, Executive Director of the Bucks County Audubon Society. "The petting zoo has become a huge draw.



Desmond Coletti enjoys petting baby goats.
Photo by Mimi Black

Some of this year's favorite guests included a llama, a yak, and several baby goats. We even let the grass grow out for them to graze, which helped with our lawn care!"

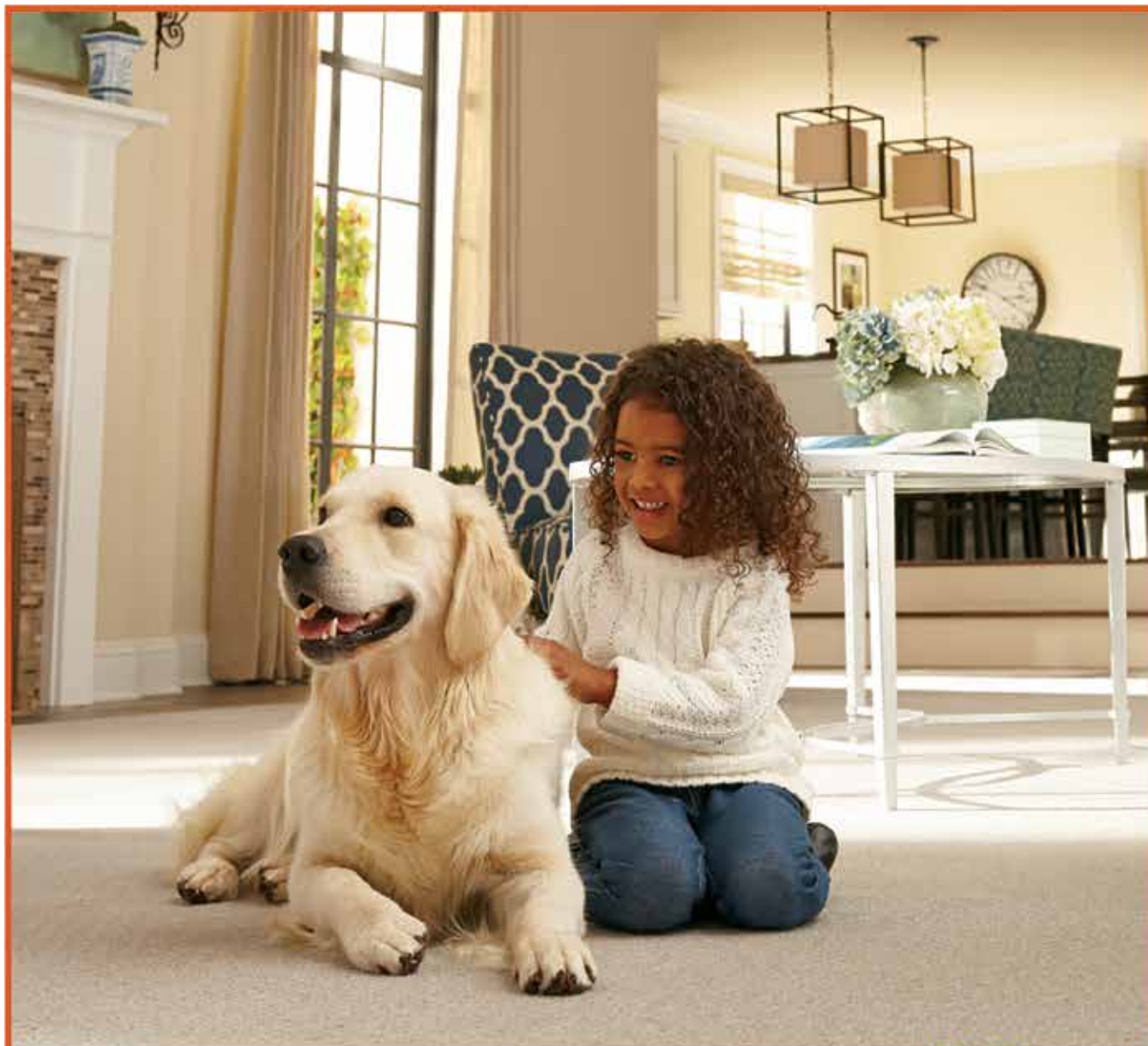
The petting zoo wasn't the only highlight for children. The Mercer County Wildlife Founda-

tion captivated young audiences with up-close presentations of animals rarely seen in everyday life, including a skunk. "Kids are fascinated by animals they don't normally get to see," Celec noted. "The foundation provided insights into their habits, diets, and personalities,

answering the kind of questions kids love to ask."

Another standout addition this year was a student art exhibition featuring pieces from participants aged four and up. The nature-themed artwork, displayed in the loft space,

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Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve

Celebrate nature and family at Preserve @ Play on June 28

Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve is hosting its 4th annual Preserve @ Play family day on Saturday, June 28. This year's theme, Wee Wonders, celebrates the smallest creatures and the BIG impact they have on our thriving ecosystem.

From 11 am to 3 pm, families will enjoy woodland crafts, sensory exploration, Travelin' Dogs food truck and live music by Lolly Hopwood.

From 3 to 4 pm, enjoy a wildlife presentation by Aark Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center at The Captain James Moore Pavilion.

Families can also enjoy the Preserve's signature offerings including five miles of hiking trails, children's discovery areas

(R.O.T. Plot and Sycamore Hollows), and a new Storybook Trail. Enjoy 5 miles of hiking trails, children's play areas and all other areas of the Preserve during this day of celebration for the next generation of explorers.

Just in time for Preserve @ Play, Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve is offering a summer savings on its family membership level.

Family memberships are just \$79 (normally \$100) from May 15-July 15.

Pre-registration for Preserve



@ Play is strongly encouraged. Registration is \$10 per group up to 6 guests with free admission for Preserve members and ACCESS Card holders. Guest passes are not usable for Preserve @ Play.

Register today and learn more at www.bhwp.org. Pre-

serve @ Play is made possible in part by generous sponsors, BLBB Charitable and Capital Health.

Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve is located just two miles from downtown New Hope in historic Bucks County at 1635 River Rd in New Hope.

New Hope-Solebury School District appoints

Lower Elementary School Principal

Ms. Stephanie Washam brings 18 years of educational experience to the District

The New Hope-Solebury School District (NHSD) has announced the appointment of Ms. Stephanie Washam as the incoming principal of the Lower Elementary School.

"We are thrilled to welcome Ms. Washam to the district,"



said Dr. Charles Lentz, superintendent of NHSD. "With her robust experience, innovative approach to education, and nurturing demeanor, Ms.

Washam will continue the legacy of excellence and foster a strong educational foundation for our youngest learners."

Her 18 years of educational

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Anton & Sons Pools, LLC

Anton & Sons Pool, LLC has been installing custom pools of all sizes in the Doylestown area for over 30 years. Many people have recently chosen to invest the money that they would have previously spent on vacations and entertainment on improving their own homes.

Installing a pool has been a popular choice to create a resort-like atmosphere in the comfort and safety of one's own backyard. A pool is a significant investment but, if thoughtfully planned, will provide your family with many years of future enjoyment.

Here are some things to consider when contemplating a pool:

Determining the budget is the first step. The cost of a pool installation can span a wide range and should include the additional costs of decking, landscape, lighting, etc.

Realistic evaluation of the backyard space must also be considered when determining the size of pool that can be accommodated.

Will the pool be used solely for recreation, or will it be used



as a primary source of exercise?

What are the ages of those who will be using the pool? If there are young children in the family, then perhaps the addition of a slide or diving board is part of your vision.

Are you looking for your pool to provide a beautiful backdrop for your yard? Maybe one or several waterfalls are on your wish list.

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Washam

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service began as an early childhood educator. She then specialized in literacy, working as a curriculum supervisor and literacy specialist for the New Jersey Department of Education. For the last several years, Ms. Washam has served as an elementary school principal, including her current role as principal at Stony Creek Elementary School in the Wissahickon School District.

"As part of our Profile of a Graduate vision for each of our students, New Hope-Solebury School District empowers all learners to become global citizens in addition to developing key characteristics such as integrity, creativity, curiosity and resilience. This work begins the moment our students walk through the doors of our Lower Elementary School," said Ms. Judy Finn, President of the

NHSD Board of School Directors. "With her experience as a teacher, specialist, and nearly a decade as an administrator, Ms. Washam brings a wealth of insight to New Hope-Solebury."

"I'm excited to join a district that is student-centered and committed to supporting the whole child," said Washam. "I look forward to collaborating with both administration and the Lower Elementary School team of professionals to ensure that each child receives the exceptional educational experience they deserve."

Ms. Washam holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh and a master's degree in Curriculum and Educational Leadership from Drexel University. She is currently pursuing a doctorate in Educational Leadership at Northeastern University.

Ms. Washam will officially assume her new role this July, succeeding Dr. Jennifer Bloom.

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A local tradition lives on at this year's annual Upper Makefield Fire Department Carnival

by Naomi West

Visitors drove in, and were met with firefighting volunteers directing them to open patches of parkable, green spring grass. They looked left and saw search-and-rescue K9s obeying their owners' commands. To their right, they spotted a big green, quintessential-looking fire truck. And looking straight ahead, attendees beheld the bright, dizzying rides and fair foods that made up the 2025 Upper Makefield Fire Department annual carnival.

This year's carnival was held from May 6 - May 10 at the soccer fields in Washington Crossing State Park. With the help of volunteer firefighters providing parking and ticketing assistance, along with Houghton Enterprises being contracted to provide the rides, the carnival functioned, and has functioned, as a major fundraising event for the Fire Department and a fun night out for members of the community.

The Upper Makefield Fire Department has been operating since 1967, primarily



Washington Crossing's David Perini tries his luck playing darts for a prize.

serving the residents of Upper Makefield and providing mutual aid services to surrounding fire companies such as New Hope, Lower Makefield, Yardley, Newtown, and some NJ communities upon request. Responding to about 200-250



These girls prepare for the Sizzler ride.

calls per year, the department consists of all volunteer, unpaid firefighters ranging from 18 years old to 70 years old.

In 1979, the first year of the carnival, it was located at the Taylorsville Road firehouse in what is now the River Knoll neighborhood. In recent years, it has been held in the park on River Road south of Route 532,

and across from the Washington Crossing Post Office. However, beginning last year, the carnival was held at the soccer fields in Washington Crossing State Park, providing a larger parking area to accommodate all the vehicles driven to the carnival.

The carnival raises about

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By Deborah Pomroy,
Seasons Garden Center,
Washington Crossing

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It is that time of the year when you walk the aisles of your favorite garden center, marveling at all the many types of plants available. I encourage you to just pause for a moment and “think like a plant”. Consider all the needs of your plant to continue growing and producing abundant flowers or fruit. The performance of all plant material starts with the health of the soil it is planted in.

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Soil amendments should be added to the soil at planting time by digging your hole twice as large as the root ball and creating a 50/50 mix of soil amendment and existing soil to use to back fill the area in the hole around the root ball.

Your year of abundant

flowers and edible crops starts with creating the perfect soil. Hopefully, you will “think like a plant” and provide your plants with the optimum environment for them to thrive. For more information about Seasons Garden Center, located at 1069 River Rd. in Washington Crossing, call 215-493-4226 or visit <https://seasonsgardencenter.com/>



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3. Security:

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Airforce JROTC Cadet honored by the Washington Crossing Chapter SAR

On April 24, the Pennsbury High School Airforce Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) Unit PA-20171, held

its annual awards ceremony. The AFJROTC program at Pennsbury High School was the first unit of its kind established in

Pennsylvania in 2017. Cadet Kema Brown was recognized by the Washington Crossing Chapter SAR

Airforce JROTC Cadet

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Chapter Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) with the SAR Bronze JROTC medal, certificate and SAR challenge coin. This cadet was chosen by Aerospace Science Instructor, Retired Airforce Technical Sergeant Chauncey Ivey, as the recipient of this award based on her superior leadership abilities, military bearing and academic excellence. Cadet Brown was selected to serve in a leadership role in the Company. This outstanding Cadet exemplifies the high ideals and principles which motivated and sustained our patriot ancestors. Past Washington Crossing Chapter President and Veteran Committee Chairman Bill Hampton processed the award package. Chapter Veteran's Committee member Kevin Treiber presented the award to Cadet Brown.



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The lumberyard is nestled in a quaint pocket of Solebury Township along the Delaware canal and the Paunacussing Creek with barns rich in history strewn throughout the lush landscape.

In the 1890s this old mill was in full operation. The dam on the Paunacussing Creek aided in diverting waterflow to the mill where it turned water-wheels which in turn powered the saws for the sawmill.

Freshly milled lumber was transported by horse and wagon via the bridge over the Delaware River to the railroad

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In 1955, the great flood destroyed the dam. As a result, the sawmill portion of the lumberyard became and continues to remain inactive. Prior to the flood, the lumberyard's office and large molding barn was located in our lower yards along River Road. The office was moved to another location in our upper yard for safety, and the molding barn has been "relocated" alongside!

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Pennsbury Manor adopts new rescue horse: Norway

Norway, a former racing horse, joins Pennsbury from a Colorado "kill pen"

Pennsbury Manor, William Penn's reconstructed estate on the Delaware River in Bucks County, welcomes Norway, a recently rescued racing horse, to its educational barnyard.

Norway Hanover, is a retired Trotter for the Standardbred harness racing industry, who raced across the US and Canada. These horses often end up in cramped and unhealthy "kill pens" until they can be auctioned for slaughter. Norway was rescued by the Standardbred Retirement Foundation from a kill pen in Colorado.

Norway has now found a forever home at Pennsbury Manor. After a period of rehabilitation to improve his



Pennsbury Manor

physical condition, he joined Pennsbury in late March. At 16 years old, Norway is a handsome horse who brings

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Pennsbury Manor

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a calm and gentle demeanor, making him an ideal addition to the historic site's educational programs centered around historical animal husbandry, which represent farm life during William Penn's time on the property. Many local children will have the chance to interact with Norway during his life at Pennsbury.

"Norway joins Pennsbury's existing herd, which includes Arnie the horse, the oxen team, sheep, and geese," said Carole Cunliffe, Animal Curator at Pennsbury Manor. "Under the care of our dedicated team, he is already getting along famously with all his barnyard companions, including the barn cat. Norway will play a crucial role in teaching visiting students and families about the types of animals that historically would have been at Pennsbury Manor during the 17th century—a perfect representative of the estate's historical authenticity."

Pennsbury recently said farewell to TC, a beloved 31-year-old mare, who recently passed away.

Considered a senior horse, Norway's care comes with costs, including hoof care, targeted nutrition, and regular veterinary check-ups. Pennsbury is currently seeking financial support for Norway's care to ensure that he enjoys a long healthy life on the estate.

Learn more at: www.pennsburymanor.org/support/sponsor-an-animal.

Andrew's Lawn Ranger

Following last year's drought, we still have a rain deficit. We had a cold and dry winter. Plants already drought-stressed were damaged further by extreme cold, coupled with temperature fluctuations in March and April. While lawns may look lush right now, they are still lacking adequate soil moisture.

Flea, Tick and Mosquito Suppression: It's flea and tick season, and mosquitos will be around in large numbers this year. Let us help you enjoy your time outdoors with monthly visits to treat your property for these pests. Applications are made by fogging the perimeter of the property and spraying nesting areas, using organic control



Andrew's Lawn Ranger also handles plant healthcare for commercial clients.

with peppermint and rosemary oils. Plant material around the house (patio, deck, pool, swing set wood lines if applicable) will also be treated.

Turf Care: We are finishing our second round of crabgrass

in the 3.75" to 4.25" range. Change the mowing direction so you don't create a 'pattern' in your lawn. Sharp mower blades will prevent your turf from getting a fuzzy brown look.

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Plant Health Care:

Are your plants protected from insects? Our technicians are applying foliar insect, mite, and fungicide sprays now. This is crucial due to current plant stress as well as rising temperatures coming in the next few weeks. Continued watering of trees and shrubs would be advised until soil moisture levels improve.

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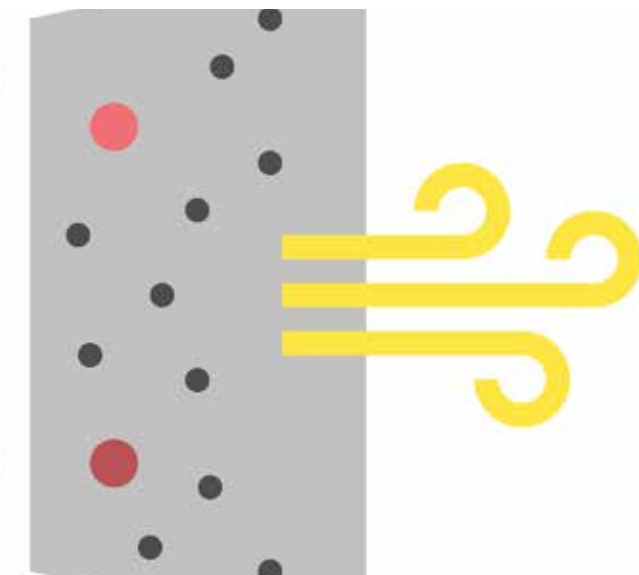
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 - **Washable filters:** These should be cleaned every three months. After rinsing, make sure they're fully dry before putting them back in place.
- Pro tip: Always give the filter rack a quick vacuum or wipe-down when you change or clean the filter; it helps keep dust from blowing back into your system.

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Earth Day Festival

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drew proud young artists and their families to the festival. "It ended up being a draw for new visitors," Celec said. "The pieces were beautiful depictions of animals in natural settings, and winners received prizes."

Vendors included **Roots to River Farm**, a local nonprofit and chef farm cooperative, which sold native, non-invasive plants, supporting the Audubon Society's mission to promote native biodiversity. "We focus on native plants in everything we do here," Celec said. "Roots to River Farm's sale was a great success."

Environmental stewardship was a central theme, with organizations like Heritage Conservancy sharing their work in preserving farmland and open space. A local energy efficiency company also provided guidance on sustainable home upgrades. "It's about helping people understand what they can do, even if they don't have 80 acres of land," Celec explained. "Conservation begins at home."

The natural setting of Honey Hollow itself played a starring role. With its flowing stream

and open trails, the preserve is an immersive educational resource. "Our greatest asset is our landscape. We're in a watershed, and our stream is our number one teaching tool," said Celec. "We want people to come out here, whether they've grown up in the area or are visiting for the first time, and experience what we have to offer."

Throughout the day, nature walks and talks introduced visitors to the area's rich flora and fauna, while the festival fostered a sense of shared purpose among those passionate about the environment. "What you'll see here during Earth Day is a unique convergence of people and organizations talking about all aspects of the natural world," Celec said. "It's all under one roof, or in this case, one forest."

As the day came to a close, the Bucks County Audubon Society had achieved more than just a festive gathering; it had sparked conversations, inspired action, and deepened connections with nature.

"Our goal is to empower people to realize that they can be friends to the environment," said Celec. "We want visitors



Emily Groth, Summer Camp Director at the Bucks County Audubon Society at Honey Hollow, presents Cornelia, the corn snake.

Photo by Mimi Black

to leave feeling energized, knowing that there's something they can do, and remembering that we are here, always ready to help."

Whether it's the baby goats, the student art, or the quiet

beauty of the trails, the Earth Day Festival at Honey Hollow continues to remind all who attend that a healthy planet begins with a single step into nature.

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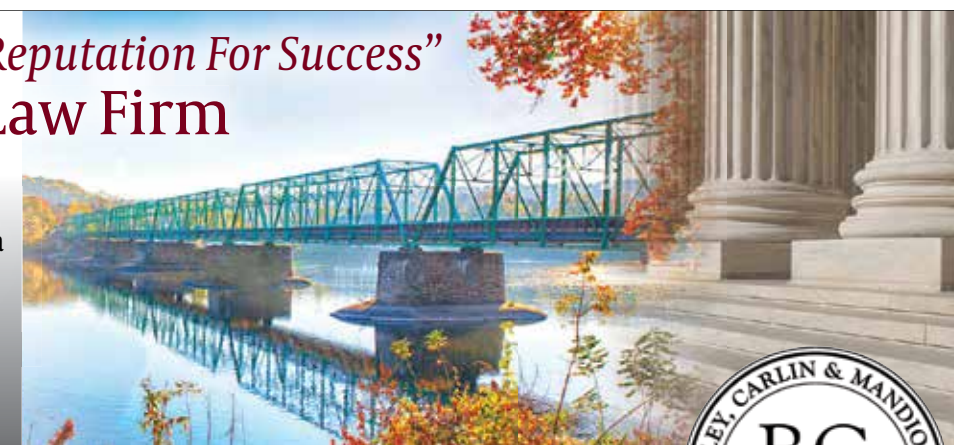
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enclosure, a “state of the art” scoreboard, an enhanced sound system, and the “Pop Pop Heath” press box, named after a beloved community member.

Lentz thanked an anonymous donor who supported the pressbox, the Robert Nagg Memorial Fund, the New Hope Helping, River House at Odette’s, the school district booster organizations, and the district’s operations team led by Scott Radaszkiewicz and George Arslanian. He also gave a special thanks to Carl Hj. Asplundh Jr., a major donor and philanthropist for whom the stadium is named. Asplundh Jr. recently passed away in March, and a brief moment of silence was held.

“It is because of the Asplundhs that our vision for this beautiful facility had the cornerstone support to become a reality. Mr. Asplundh saw the true impact that this facility would have, not only for our students today, but for many generations to come,” Lentz said. “Although Mr. Asplundh is not able to be

here with us today to see the final completion of our vision, I am grateful that we had the opportunity to share the progress of our project with him along the way.”

Lentz then passed the microphone to Skylar High, a senior student at New Hope Solebury High School and president of the student government, who spoke about her experience playing sports in the district.

“I personally had run on this track for over 10 years—since second grade in our highly anticipated field day race, to now as a senior on the track team,” High said. “The difference in the quality of the equipment in the area is immensely beneficial, and we athletes feel so lucky to bring our best performances out because of it.”

Dr. P.J. Scarpello, the school’s athletic director, said this spring, visiting teams have frequently complemented the improvements to the stadium since they had last seen it. “Many of them came when we had porta potties and we did not have team rooms,” Scarpello said. “Our coaches and student athletes have been

able to use the team rooms as learning spaces where they are able to draw plays, go in at half time, and meet outside of the element before going back out to play.”

According to Judy Finn, president of the New Hope Solebury School Board, many people have asked her why they chose to spend a large amount of money on the stadium. In response, Finn called attention to the values included in the district’s “profile of a graduate,” to which the stadium will incorporate.

“We recognize that education is not limited to classrooms and textbooks. It also extends onto the field, the court, and the track where our students cultivate resilience, teamwork, a positive culture, community and discipline,” Finn said. “This stadium represents an investment in these very beliefs, and above all, it is a place where they will grow, not just as athletes, but as leaders.”

Up next to the music stand rostrum was Mayor Laurence D. Keller, who began his speech with an anecdote of Carl Asplundh Jr. performing an act of kindness for him twenty years ago, in which Asplundh

came to his house offering help after it was in danger of a gas leak.

During an interview, Keller spoke of the stadium being an asset to New Hope because they may be able to host tournaments with the updated stadium, drawing in more visitors and tourists. “You could imagine the parents coming, and you walk 500 yards and you’re in New Hope. You’re in this charming little town with a little river, a canal, a railroad train, a children’s museum, restaurants, shops and hotels,” Keller said. “You have a place to stay and you don’t have to drive, You’re on foot the whole time.”

Curtis rounded out the celebration by gathering people around the New Hope Solebury Lions mascot, who performed the ceremonial cutting of the ribbon while Curtis counted down from three.

“This stadium is officially open for greatness,” Curtis said.

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In conjunction with National Military Appreciation Month in May, SCORE, a national non-profit organization that assists

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small businesses, has developed specific resources for use by its 10,000 mentors nationally in mentoring veterans.

The SCORE Veterans Small Business Resource Guide features veterans-specific resources to offer insight on developing a business plan, securing funding, starting a business, buying an existing business, buying a franchise, connecting with one of SCORE’s volunteer mentors, and gaining a better understanding of business through webinars and workshops.

“Volunteering at SCORE is my way of showing appreciation to those who helped and guided me during my career while sharing my background and experience to help entrepreneurs succeed,” said SCORE Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice President Ed Coleman. “While I enjoy working with all SCORE clients, as a U.S. Army veteran, I particularly enjoy working with veterans to translate their military experience into entrepreneurship. Helping clients realize their dreams is very gratifying and the essence of the SCORE mission.”

SCORE Bucks County Chapter Co-Chair Leah Cianfrani said mentors continually expand their knowledge base to better assist veterans on their entrepreneurial journey.

“Military transitioning from active duty have different needs than civilians in terms of starting a business,” said Cianfrani. “It’s wonderful to have veterans’ resources at our volunteers’ fingertips to aid in mentoring our service men and women.”

Veterans account for about 10 percent of SCORE’s client base. Veterans own 10 percent

Riverside Symphonia

Presenting Concert Under the Stars at Tinicum Park

The Riverside Symphonia is thrilled to bring back its annual Concert Under the Stars on Saturday, June 28, at Tinicum Park in Bucks County, along the picturesque Delaware River. A long-standing summer tradition, this open-air concert is a festive evening of live orchestral music, community celebration, and a brilliant fireworks finale that lights up the night sky.

Gates open at 6 pm, inviting attendees to bring blankets, lawn chairs, and picnic baskets to enjoy a relaxing evening on the expansive park lawn. Many guests come early to set up themed tables, share meals with friends and family, and enjoy the scenic surroundings.

At 8 pm, the Riverside Symphonia will perform a vibrant program of patriotic favorites, popular classics, and American standards, all leading up to the highly anticipated fireworks



spectacular—a highlight of the region’s Independence Day festivities.

New this year are fun contests for attendees, including awards for the Most Outstanding Table Decoration, Most Patriotic Hat, and Most Spectacular Independence Day Attire for both youth and adults. Guests are encouraged to get creative and festive.

Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the gate, \$10 for children ages 7 to 18, and free for children 6 and under. General parking is free, and the event

will take place rain or shine.

Tickets are available at www.riversidesymphonia.org, by phone at 609-397-7300, or at local outlets including Thompson Organization (Doylestown), Siren Records, Angels Cards and Gifts (New Hope), Frenchtown Home & Hardware, Holland Liquor (Milford), and Holland Floor Covering (35 Swamp Rd.).

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Max's Electric Bikes

*A beginner's guide to electric bikes:
What you need to know*

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At their core, e-bikes are standard bicycles equipped with an electric motor, battery, and

control system. These components work together to provide pedaling assistance, helping riders tackle hills, ride longer distances, and reduce fatigue. Most models use a pedal-assist system, meaning the motor activates only while pedaling. Many also include a throttle feature that allows one to ride without using the pedals at all. Assistance levels are usually adjustable, giving riders flexibility



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based on terrain and effort.

If you're considering buying an e-bike, key factors include range, motor power, and battery type. Range—how far the bike can go on one charge—depends on battery capacity, terrain, rider weight, and level of assistance. Many models have 500-watt motors, which are suitable for general, all-around use. Heavier-duty

models may offer 750 watts or more, ideal for hilly areas or heavier loads. A removable battery is recommended for easier charging and future replacement.

Understanding local regulations is also important. Many states, including Pennsylvania and New Jersey, use a modified version of the three-class

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Bucks County Opportunity Council celebrates Community Action Month

The Community Action Network is a robust state and local force that helps empower hardworking families to achieve economic independence rather than keeping them reliant on government assistance. There are nearly 1,000 agencies across the country working every day to create economic opportunities, strengthen local communities, and help families find pathways to prosperity. This year, Bucks County Opportunity Council (BCOC), a proud member of the Community

Action Network, commemorates 60 years helping families throughout Bucks County.

"Each May, during Community Action Month, we reflect on the impact our programs and our network has had on families," said Erin Lukoss, CEO and Executive Director of BCOC. "Last year alone, we served over 57,000 people in Bucks County, and Community Action Agencies served over 15 million across the country with services like job training, financial

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Capital Health

Capital Health first in Mercer and Bucks Counties to offer minimally invasive treatment option for stress urinary incontinence

Capital Health Center for Incontinence and Pelvic Health is the first and only practice in Mercer County, New Jersey and Bucks County, Pennsylvania to offer Bulkamid, a safe and effective minimally invasive option for treating stress urinary incontinence (SUI).

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Max's Electric Bikes

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system. Generally, e-bikes must be limited to 20 mph to be used wherever traditional bikes are allowed. Pennsylvania adds a 750-watt motor limit, a maximum e-bike weight of 100 pounds, and a minimum rider age of 16.

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\$20-25,000 each year, which is funneled into a collective fundraising account in which the department may utilize the money throughout the year for special projects, maintenance of the firehouse, and equipment like general turnout gear which could cost upwards of \$25,000.

According to Tim Brewer, the fire department chief, the carnival's main focus when it originally opened was fundraising. Now, Brewer has seen it become more than just fundraising, but a widespread community event. In addition to the immediate Upper Makefield area, attendees travel from outside the nearby area to attend, and has morphed into a favorite community event involving multiple generations.

"A mother approached me last night who came here with a bunch of sixth and seventh graders. As soon as they put their wristbands on, they said, 'thanks mom', and took off. But she said I have them in a place that's in our community, and I'd rather have them here than maybe walking around a mall,"

Brewer said. "We've had kids that grew up in the community who bring their kids back to the carnival because they were here when they were a kid."

To Kevin Campbell, the fire department vice president and chairman of the carnival committee, the carnival provides "a little bit of luxury" for the community with its old-school fair charm.

"There's not a lot of places to go on a weekday or a week-night with your kids where you can go back in time to a smaller theme park type of carnival in the area," Campbell said. "It's a nice local draw for the kids to come and have some fun enjoying some rides, buying some funnel cake or cotton candy, or playing some games of chance."

In front of the event and to the left of the ticket booth sat some of the most well-behaved and level-headed carnival attendees—search and rescue dogs from Alpha K9 Search and Recovery. This all-volunteer team is based in Bucks County and receives calls from the fire department to utilize their services when people have been reported missing.

At the carnival, the team hoped to educate children



The Houghton Boys entertain the crowd with music ranging from jazz and Dixieland to string band.

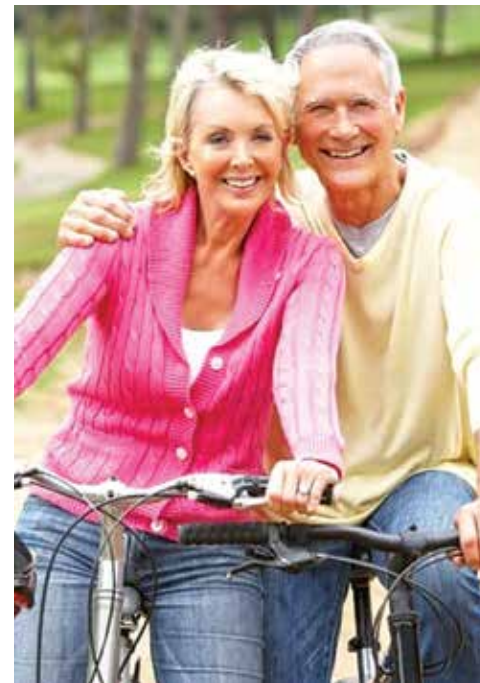
on K9 search and rescue, and expose the dogs to a loud atmosphere. Cheryl Rose, K9 handler and vice president of the team, introduced "Zeke" to the carnival. "He's a puppy. He's seven months old. So bringing him into these kinds of events gets him used to the loud noises, lots of hands petting him and again, helps build their training as far as being a search and rescue canine," Rose said.

Under a blown-up picture

of golden brown turkey legs, a three-man band featuring a saxophone, banjo, and upright bass played old-school music to attendees with corn dogs in their hands. In western Pennsylvania, they may be known as the "Houghton Boys" and could be found adorned with cowboy hats and boots, while in Eastern PA they might be referred to as the "Eagles Pep Band". Yet, at fire department events, as saxophonist Brian Saunders says, they proudly call themselves the "Firehouse Three".

"We certainly like playing for the department. It's a thankless job that they do, and it's good to reward them with whatever we can give them, musically, or support in any kind of way," Saunders said.

As the rides slowed and music faded, the 2025 Upper Makefield Fire Department Carnival wrapped up another year of community, tradition, and support. What began as a fundraiser has grown into a beloved local event, bringing generations together for fun, food, and a shared appreciation of the volunteers who serve this community.



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In conclusion, using Senior Care Authority, when searching for a senior community can simplify the process, provide expert guidance, and ensure that families make informed decisions that prioritize the well-being and happiness of their loved ones.

Contact Randy Reardon at 267-938-4530.

Bucks County Community College expands dual credit for high school students with \$1M state grant

Bucks County Community College has received a \$1

million Dual Credit Innovation Grant from the Pennsylvania

Department of Education to enable more high school students to enroll in dual credit programs, giving them more opportunities to chart their own course and prepare for successful careers.

Bucks County Community College is pleased to announce the establishment of the Bucks County College Access Network (Bucks CAN) with this support from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This initiative is a collaborative partnership between Bucks County Community College (BCCC), the 13 public school districts of Bucks County, the three Bucks County technical high schools, and the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22. Bucks

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The Birches at New Hope

Conversations that matter: Senior living and aging parents

As your parents age, their care needs change. Sharing your concerns about their health may feel uncomfortable, but starting the conversation now helps prevent emotional decision-making in a crisis.

These tips support open, respectful discussions about senior living options—bringing your family clarity and peace of mind as you plan for the future.

Plan and prepare: Choose a time and place that promotes comfort and limits distractions. Write down your questions and note key concerns. Think about their safety, how they manage daily tasks, and whether they



manage medications correctly.

Educate yourself: Explore free, unbiased resources on senior living options — from home-care services to retirement communities — at www.wheretheyoulivematters.com.

Talk to the pros: You've gathered resources; now what? Consult a senior living expert to help clarify options and recommendations to local health care services. Though The Birches

at New Hope features a new building, our experienced team understands senior care and different care environments. We're happy to help you!

Listen and be patient: Aging feels unfamiliar to your parents, often triggering fear or uncertainty. Acknowledge their feelings, ask thoughtful questions, and stay curious about their preferences. If no immediate safety risk exists, take things

slowly. With The Birches at New Hope opening this fall, you have time to explore the benefits of community living together.

Schedule a tour: A first-hand experience offers insight. Visit communities that fit your parents' lifestyle. Senior living experts answer questions, guide tours, and introduce staff and residents who help your family envision a vibrant future.

An early transition empowers your parents to engage in planning, adjust to their new surroundings, and build meaningful relationships. Talk to our senior living experts by calling 267-714-6858 or visiting the Welcome Center at 6554 Lower York Rd, Monday-Friday from 9 am -5 pm.

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Friends Village

As we approach the halfway point of 2025, there's no slowing down at Friends Village! With the arrival of warmer days, residents have been embracing the outdoors—most recently by gathering to plant and share joy in the garden. The coming weeks promise even more opportunities to connect and celebrate, from our table at the Senior Games Kickoff on May 28 at Bucks County Community College to Welcome Day on June 8, where we'll be sharing small gifts and big smiles with our community.

As we continue to celebrate Older Americans Month this May, we proudly embrace this year's theme: Flip the Script on Aging. This theme challenges outdated narratives and encourages a fresh perspective on what it means to grow older. Rather than seeing aging as a time of decline, we highlight the strength, wisdom, and valuable contributions that older adults bring to our families, communities, and society. Throughout the month, we are

engaging in events and conversations that honor the diverse experiences of older Americans. By flipping the script, we aim to reshape attitudes and celebrate aging as a dynamic, enriching, and purposeful stage of life.

And speaking of milestones—our Friends For All Time Gala on October 11 is fast approaching! This special event will celebrate 125 years since Paxson Hall first opened its doors. Built in 1900 by Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Edward Paxson and gifted to the Bucks Quarterly Meeting of Quakers, Paxson Hall has provided a warm, welcoming home for older adults ever since.

In preparation for its next century, we're embarking on an important renovation to replace Paxson Hall's aging heating and cooling systems and install a fire suppression system for added safety. These upgrades not only improve comfort and security but will also make the building more energy-efficient and environmentally friendly. At Friends Village, we're committed to being an active part of the community and a valuable



resource to those around us. After all, Friends Village isn't just part of the neighborhood—it is a neighbor.

For more information on

Friends Village, or to take a tour, contact Barbara Heverly at 215-968-3346 extension 108 or by email at info@friends-village.org

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CAN is dedicated to expanding dual credit enrollment across Bucks County by increasing access to opportunities to help students shorten the time required to complete a college degree and reduce the financial burden associated with higher education. Bucks CAN offerings will include a diverse range of dual credit courses offered

on Bucks County Community College's three campuses in Bristol, Newtown, and Perkasié, through Bucks Online, and in the high schools.

BCCC President & CEO Patrick M. Jones said, "The Bucks County College Access Network will allow academically qualified high school students to take college-level courses while still enrolled in high school to enable them to get a jump start on their collegiate education, while saving a substantial amount of money on college tuition." Jones added, "Bucks CAN will bring high school teachers and college professors together in a county-wide network to ensure students from every community of Bucks County have access to higher education, and the grant will remove or reduce financial barriers faced by many families."

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, dual credit offerings improve academic achievement, high school graduation rates, college enrollment, and college completion rates.

Community Action Month

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education, and small business support, helping families build skills to achieve long-term financial freedom."

Community Action Agencies ensure that hard-working American families have access to the opportunities they need to thrive, while also promoting local economic growth and reducing government dependency. All agencies are locally controlled with boards of directors composed of local elected officials, private and public sector representatives, and engaged community residents. "We are proud of our communities' participation in the development and oversight of our programs," said Lukoss. "Their engagement helps us to be more effective in our approach by determining what Bucks County needs."

To celebrate the continued success of Community Action and raise awareness throughout Bucks County, follow BCOC on social media, visit their website at www.bcoc.org, donate, and get involved by volunteering.

Pickering Manor

Celebrating community and compassion on the green

For 35 years, the Newtown Rotary Golf Outing has brought together local leaders, businesses, and golf enthusiasts for more than just a day on the green—it's been a celebration of community, service, and support.

Last year's outing raised over \$25,000 for Pickering Manor, Newtown's nonprofit Life Plan Community. But beyond the dollars raised, the event highlights the deep bond shared between two mission-driven organizations dedicated to service.

"The Rotary has been nothing short of incredible," said David Woodhead, CEO of Pickering Manor. "Their continued support over the decades has directly enhanced the lives of our residents. Thanks to their 2024 contributions, we were able to purchase new Hoyer lifts, which improve both resident safety and caregiver support in our Skilled Nursing



Newtown Rotary Golf Committee presenting the 2024 Golf Outing fundraising check to Pickering Manor.

neighborhood."

Woodhead adds, "Their motto, 'service above self,' is more than a phrase—it's something they live out with every gesture, every donation, every moment spent advocating for us and our surrounding community. We are honored to have them as steadfast partners."

Much of the event's success can be credited to the dedicated Golf Committee, whose planning and outreach efforts ensure a smooth and successful fundraiser each year. In appreciation, Pickering Manor treated committee members to a celebratory lunch.

From morning tee-offs to the

closing awards ceremony, the Rotary's Golf Outing is a heartfelt reminder of what's possible when community and compassion come together.

This year's Golf Outing will be held on June 2 at the Trenton Country Club. If you missed the chance to join us this year, there's always next time. Mark your calendar for next year's outing and be part of something truly meaningful.

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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. This free FREE event is sponsored by the LMT Environmental Advisory Council with the participation of the Yardley Refillery. For more information, contact: Dominique Mitchell at eacbucks@gmail.com.

Saturday, May 31, noon–4 PM, Langhorne Council for the Arts will host The Arts in the Garden Tour. Artists and musicians will add to the enjoyment of natural beauty in five private and public gardens in Langhorne Borough and Langhorne Manor. Several stops on this self-guided tour also include open artist studios! Artwork on display (and some for purchase) will include photography, acrylics, pastels, watercolors, tiles, jewelry, and quilts. Musicians will include harpists, blues, folk, indie, jazz, and pop. A full schedule, and tickets to purchase, will be posted on www.LanghorneArts.org. Tickets (cash or check) are \$25 for adults, \$10 for students, free for children under 6 years old, and can also be purchased at all the garden locations.

Tuesday, June 3, 6 pm, the Free Library of Northampton Township, 25 Upper Holland Rd. in Richboro, welcomes the renowned author of “Ghost Soldiers”, Hampton Sides, as he discusses his new book, “Wide Wide Sea: Imperial Ambition, First Contact, and the Fateful Final Voyage of Captain James Cook”. Register at newtownbookshop.com.

Saturday, June 7, 10 am–2 pm, Tour the beautiful mansion at Summerseat’s Traditional Patriot’s Day Event, 130 Legion Ave. in Morrisville. Fun for all the family! Raffle baskets, flea market, Summerseat hot dogs, baked goods and children’s games. For more information, call 215-801-0753. Also, visit the Facebook page for updated information at: www.facebook.com/summerseatbuckscounty.

Saturday, June 7, 1 to 2 pm, The Friends of the Doylestown Library presents “Past & Present Voices: Oboe and Violin in Concert” in The Backyard—the outdoor extension of the Doylestown Library, 150 S. Pine St. in Doylestown. This event is free. Arianna Kalian and

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Saturday, June 7, 7:30 pm, Centennial Singers Spring Concert, “Singers Arise in Song” at Log College Middle School, 730 Norristown Rd. in Warminster. Come join us for a variety of music including classical, folk, jazz, choral, spiritual, show tunes, and of course, patriotic numbers. Free cookie buffet and awesome raffle baskets. The concert is free, but donations are welcome. For more information, visit www.centennialsingerswarminster.com and on Facebook @centennialsingerswarminster.

Sunday, June 8, 11 am–4 pm (rain or shine), the 30th Annual Bucks Beautiful Kitchen & Garden Tour is taking place. Explore stunning homes and lush gardens in Doylestown, Richboro, and New Hope. Early bird tickets are just \$45 through May 31! Proceeds support community greening projects across Bucks County. For tickets and information, visit www.bucksbeautiful.org.

Sunday, June 8, 3 pm, the Bryn Athyn Orchestra will present its Spring Concert at the Mitchell Performing Arts Center in Bryn Athyn. The program features Mahler’s Symphony No. 1; Mozart’s Overture to Don Giovanni and Symphony No. 38. Tickets \$27/advance, \$30/door. Students: \$15 (buy one get one free). Children under 12 are free. Seniors over 60: \$25. Tickets can be purchased online at baorchestra.org or at the door.

Friday, June 13, 5 pm–8 pm, the 2nd Friday Food Truck Rally will take place at Playwicki Farm, 2350 Bridgetown Pike, Feasterville-Trevoise. Enjoy food trucks, children’s activities, vendors, a DJ, and a beer/cocktail garden. For more information, visit www.playwickifarm.org.

Thursday, June 19 to Sunday, June 22, Newtown Arts Company presents Kate Hamill’s acclaimed adaptation of “Pride and Prejudice” at the historic Newtown Theatre, located at 120 North State St. in Newtown. Get ready for a bold, witty, and delightfully offbeat take on a literary favorite. Tickets are on sale now at newtownac.booktix.com.

Saturday June 21, 1–6 pm, Four Lanes End Garden Club proudly presents its Flower Show, “A Cavalcade of America” at the Richardson House (Langhorne Community Memorial Association Building), 102 West Maple Ave. in Langhorne. The theme and design classes reflect the dreams, courage, initiative, and achievements of those that shaped our American history. Visitors will have the opportunity to see judged floral designs as well as horticulture specimens of numerous types. It is open and free to the public, A raffle table will also be on display. For additional information, contact Chris Foster at 215-350-6038.

Saturday, June 28, 11 am to 3 pm, Bowman’s Hill Wildflower Preserve, 1635 River Road in New Hope, is hosting its 4th annual Preserve @ Play family day. This year’s theme, Wee Wonders, celebrates the smallest creatures and the big impact they have on our thriving ecosystem. Pre-registration for Preserve @ Play is strongly encouraged. Registration is \$10 per group up to 6 guests with free admission for Preserve members and ACCESS Card holders. Guest passes are not usable for Preserve @ Play. Register today and learn more at www.bhwp.org.

Saturday, June 28, the Riverside Symphonia hosts its annual Concert Under the Stars at Tinicum Park in Bucks County, along the picturesque Delaware River. Gates open at 6 pm, inviting attendees to bring blankets, lawn chairs, and picnic baskets to enjoy a relaxing evening on the expansive park lawn. At 8 pm, the Riverside Symphonia will perform patriotic favorites, popular classics, and American standards, all leading up to the highly anticipated fireworks spectacular. Tickets are available at www.riversidesymphonia.org.

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Monday, July 14, beginning at 10 am, the Feasterville Business Association’s 34th Charity Golf Outing will be held at the Spring Mill Country Club, located at 80 Jacksonville Road in Ivyland. The public is invited to participate, and entries are now being accepted. For additional information about participating as a golfer and/or sponsorship opportunities, contact Mike Wielehowski, golf committee chairperson at info@feastervillebiz.org. For details or to register visit www.feastervillebiz.org.

Saturday, October 4, 2025, The Central Bucks High School Class of 1958 from Doylestown will be holding its 67th Reunion at the Plumsteadville Inn. For more information contact drsmith524@verizon.net.

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