Enjoy a Chester County Summer!

June 1 through August 24, 2000

The 6th Annual Town Tours & Village Walks
FREE guided evening strolls

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

Early Oakley families continue to live here today, just as they did a century ago. Their homes and farms still stand as reminders of the rich history of this region. Join the Department of Community Affairs and the Chester County Historical Society as they take you on a walk through these living museums. Each tour will feature a different village, so be sure to make all of them part of your summer plans.

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

June 1
Marlborough Village

June 8
Norristown

June 15
Kennett Square

June 22
Pottstown

June 29
Wyncote

July 6
Elmwood Park

July 13
Pottsgrove

July 20
Tufton

July 27
Chadds Ford

August 3
Coatesville

August 10
Darlington

August 17
Darlington

August 24
Darlington

For more information, please call 1-800-258-9901.

Did you know these Town Tours & Village Walks are a prime opportunity to earn CEU credits? For more information on earning CEU credits, please contact the Department of Community Affairs at 1-800-258-9901.

For a list of the current CEU opportunities, please visit our website at www.chestercounty.org.

For more information on other Chester County events, please call 1-800-258-9901. Copy of this brochure is also available at the Chester County Chamber of Commerce.
MARLBOROUGH VILLAGE - JUNE 1, 2000
TOUR RESERVATION NUMBER: 610-347-2237
SPONSOR: East Marlborough Historical Commission
TOUR DESCRIPTION: Fortunately in its off-the-beaten-path location, Marlborough has kept much of its mid-nineteenth century look. In those days, forty years ago this quiet village was busy with shops, schools, a post office, blacksmith, carriage maker, and various tradesmen.

KENNETT SQUARE - JUNE 8, 2000
TOUR RESERVATION NUMBER: 610-444-6020
SPONSOR: Kennett Square Historical Commission
TOUR DESCRIPTION: Nestled in southern Chester County's Brandywine Valley, Kennett Square was first settled in 1765. Incorporated as a town in 1855, this one square mile had been the location of over 15,000 British and Hessian troops encamped prior to the Battle of the Brandywine in September of 1777. Today's Kennett Square stroll along cool, tree-lined streets highlighted with a variety of 19th and early 20th century architecture. Delight in the beautiful and rare details that reflect the role of town as builder and community center. A special surprise is The Baseball Museum located in Burton's Barber Shop, a third generation business established in 1952.

COVENTRYVILLE - JUNE 22, 2000
TOUR RESERVATION NUMBER: 610-609-9444
SPONSOR: South Coventry Township and Historic Coventryville
TOUR DESCRIPTION: Coventryville, a quiet village of 19th and 20th century homes near French Creek in the last two days was a hub of industry and commerce with the Coventry Forge and several other iron works, and later inn to the Revolutionary War. Rebecca Grace, wife of Benjamin Franklin, lived in the vicinity offices of the Continental Army at Coventry Hall where the last American soldiers were quartered. The house was in 1742. The magnificent Coventry Forge Inn is the site of the old Rising Sun Inn which had opened for business in 1790.

BERWYN - JUNE 29, 2000
TOUR RESERVATION NUMBER: 610-607-0138
SPONSOR: Berwyn - Devon Business and Professional Association
TOUR DESCRIPTION: Despite rigorous growth surrounding it, the Main Line village of Berwyn today looks and operates much the same as it did in 1940, as it does the Philadelphia-Lancaster Turnpike (America's first toll road), today's Route #80, Skillfully restored and preserved like the area, Berwyn Veterans Housing houses enduringly as residences, antique shops and family-owned businesses. In earlier times, farmers of the countryside found needed services in this village. Today, Berwyn serves the sprawling suburbs.

GRAYSTONE MANSION
TOUR RESERVATION NUMBER: 610-384-9283
SPONSOR: Graystone Society and the Coatesville Historical Commission
TOUR DESCRIPTION: This city was home to iron and steel industries and the original Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike crossed between 1792 and 1794. The tour begins at the impressive Graystone Mansion on South Front Avenue, the home of the Hummel Family, owners of the Lukens Steel and Steel Works. Listen to the context guides, 1850 individuals, descendants of the Hummel, Lukens, representatives of black history, and clash with what remains of the areas that will tell you the stories of today's city.

CEDARVILLE - JULY 23, 2000
TOUR RESERVATION NUMBER: 610-323-1694
SPONSOR: North Coventry Township Historical Commission
TOUR DESCRIPTION: Cedarville, a country village in North Coventry Township, was settled about 1846 and called Springtown. Because there were so many colorful tales, the town was changed to Cedarville in 1878. stroll with us to see a 120-year-old church, the buildings that housed a country store from 1810 to 1995, plus a school that was the first high school in North Coventry and now beautifully preserved as a residence. See the Farmer's Union Hall built around 1870 as a meeting place for area farmers that later became the Gage Hall in the 1950s.

HISTORIC YELLOW SPRINGS - AUGUST 3, 2000
TOUR RESERVATION NUMBER: 610-827-7414
SPONSOR: Historic Yellow Springs, Inc.
TOUR DESCRIPTION: Join us at we walk through the village of Yellow Springs and visit the painting sites most frequently used by students and instructors of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts Country School at Chestnut Springs (1916-1982). Guides will discuss the historic structure and life in the village for the artists, as well as detail the creative interpretations by artists in their work. Learn how artists were afforded "fine-art instruction in the open air, with all the beautiful surroundings of nature herself." Discover this art colony right in Chester County where art instructors and appreciation continues today.

STRASBURG TRAIL
TOUR RESERVATION NUMBER: 610-644-3625
SPONSOR: Strasburg Township Historic Architectural Review Board
TOUR DESCRIPTION: Upper Gable Road is quite literally "the high road", situated at the ridge line on one side of the Great Valley. As it makes its way to the northwest it passes civic, commercial, residential, and agricultural sites. Strasburg North is the Main Line in microcosm, 18th through 20th centuries. Picking up where last year's Strasburg Tour left off, this walk explores the riches north and west of the railroad, from buildings dating from the colonial origins of the township, through its transformation to a railroad suburb, and continuing vibrancy as a close knit, walkable neighborhood today.

NATHAN POLWELL RESIDENCE
TOUR RESERVATION NUMBER: 610-495-6440
SPONSOR: East Coventry Township Historical Commission
TOUR DESCRIPTION: The Locust Lock Dam oversees approximately 18 acres of a magnificent and agrarian landscape spanning the period from 1797-1897. The tour included the remains of locks 54 and 56 of the Schuylkill Navigation Co.'s Grand Canal which extended 22 miles from Lewis Dam, below Reading to Packer Ford, a short distance downstream from Locust Lock. A lockkeeper's residence and lock dates from the canal's initial construction, and the area was the site of a 1930's WWI project. Currently, it is an unthreatened home within the Schuylkill River Heritage Corridor.

PAOLI BATTLEFIELD IN MALVERN - JUNE 15, 2000
TOUR RESERVATION NUMBER: 610-644-2582
SPONSOR: Malvern Historical Commission
TOUR DESCRIPTION: The Battle of Paoli was not a massacre and it was only partially a surprise attack. Malvern's walking tour this year will be this recreated Revolutionary War Battlefield that has been in the news so much. Come hear the details about "The Night of September 20 - 21, 1777." Guides positioned at key locations on the battlefield will interpret the action that occurred that faithful night. Based on the National Register of Historic Places and an important Pennsylvania site that has not been cherished as a field site for almost 225 years.

PAOLI MEMORIAL GROUNDS
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