June 12 ①
KICK-OFF CELEBRATION AND SOUTHWEST QUADRANT TOUR
SPONSORS: WEST CHESTER HARB
PARKING AND INFORMATION: Tours and Programs at the First Presbyterian Church of West Chester, 120 W. Miner St., West Chester. Metered street parking and at 220 W. Market Street Transportation Center garage across from the Johnstown Cafe.
Join us for the annual Town Tours & Village Walk kick-off celebration at the First Presbyterian Church of West Chester for greetings from the Chester County Historical Society, the Borough, and the County. You will need your tour guide to explore the Southwest quadrant of West Chester Borough. This section includes part of the town center, with its historic buildings and tree-lined streets of residences in the various styles of the 19th century. Each individual group tour is a specially designed and written tour with its own focus and itinerary. Registration for the tours and entertainment by the Lucken Beine begins at 5:30 pm at the church.

June 19 ②
BRIDGING HISTORY IN EAST PIKELAND
SPONSORS: Pikeland Historical Society & East Pikeland Historical Commission
PARKING AND INFORMATION: East Pikeland Elementary School located at the intersection of Hees Mill Road and West Seven Stars Road.
Join us for our annual historic walking tour! This year volunteers will lead you on a tour of historic structures, brokered by two historic bridges on the scenic French Creek - the Kennedy Covered Bridge and the Hees Mill Iron Bridge. Midway tours will be at the Pizzuti's Mill Complex, East Pikeland Elementary School, the first consolidated school at East Pikeland, and Wistar's Farmstead and railroad stop since 1800, which serves as an example of the evolution of architecture over more than 200 years.

June 26 ③
REDOATS AND RAINCOATS
SPONSORS: Historic Yellow Springs, Inc.
PARKING AND INFORMATION: 165th Art School Road, Chester Springs; signs will direct you to two parking lots and registration; handicap accessibility limited.
On September 16, 1777, 25,000 Continental and British troops forced each other in the Malvern area when torrential rain poured down upon them. This Battle of the Clouds forced General George Washington to retreat and march the night across the Great Valley to camp in the fields at Yellow Springs. Learn all about this battle when the Revolution came to Chester Springs. Visit where General Washington set up his headquarters that night and later established the first military hospital in America.

July 10 ④
BIRCHRUNVILLE: MILLS AND MECHANICS
SPONSOR: West Vincent Historical Resources Committee
PARKING AND INFORMATION: Field parking will be off Flowing Springs Rd. behind the Birchrunville Cafe. If heavy rainfall, please contact the WV Township office at 610-696-1001 for alternate parking site. Please note: parts of the tour involve very steep/difficult terrain.
Nestled in “the hollow” of the Nantmeal Hills, Birchrunville began in the early 18th century when Morris Evans, a Welsh farmer, built his small stone cottage on a hillside near the northern boundary of the current National Register Historic District. His sheep grazed in the meadow below, along the banks of the Birch Run. The stream’s water power led to the construction of sawmills, and (along with an early 18th century “subdivision”) (a Rewarden, stonemason, and other entrepreneurs. The village continued its growth through the mid-1800s, adding a hotel, a large schoolhouse, and a community Great River style house in the meadows of the third General Scott, built in 1838, added Victorian details to the more common village architecture. Come and step back in time to a unique microcosm of a 19th century rural village in northern Chester County.

July 17 ⑤
FRICKS LOCKS: THE VILLAGE A CANAL BUILT
SPONSORS: East Coventry Historical Commission and Exelon Generation
PARKING AND INFORMATION: Directions: Take Rt. 422 to Rt. 724 (Phoenixville Exit), turn left at end of ramp and follow Rt. 724 for 1.10 miles, turn left on Frick Lock Road. Follow through stop sign for a total of 0.05 mile. Signs and Volunteers will direct you to parking once you reach the site.
Frick’s Locks Village began as a family farm in 1724 when Johann Hane Grumbacker, a Swiss immigrant and Anabaptist, purchased land on the banks of the Schuylkill River. His son Peter Grumbacker built his house on the land he farmed sometime between 1753 and 1757. Fifteen year old Catharine Grumbacker married John Frick give the village its eventual name. When the Schuylkill Navigation Company built ‘the locks’ on the farm property in the early 19th century, a small, bustling commercial village developed supported by the commerce from the canal traffic. Later, residential properties developed to house those who worked on the canal or worked for supporting businesses. Enjoy the even-tempered Fricks Locks Village from a small farming community to a flourishing village.

July 24 ⑥
"AT PHOENIX - IT'S THE PEOPLE THAT MAKE THE DIFFERENCE"
SPONSOR: Schuylkill River Heritage Center & the Historical Society of the Phoenixville Area
PARKING AND INFORMATION: FREE parking is available at the Schuylkill River Heritage Center Parking Lot at the Foundry Building, 2 Main Street, Phoenixville.
The sign that once welcomed people to the Phoenix Iron and Steel Company site symbolizes the company’s approach to hiring everyone who came to the town to find a job no matter their race, religion or ethnicity. This summer’s tour will begin at the Schuylkill River Heritage Center at the Foundry Building. Visitors will be introduced to the community’s history here. They will then visit a part of the Schuylkill River Trail and unique architectural treasures in Phoenixville’s Historic District that will help them to appreciate how this philosophy has become part of Phoenixville’s DNA. Mutual respect, support and inclusiveness are a reflection of the Borough’s cultural diversity and an important part of its Renaissance.

July 31 ⑦
NANTMEAL VILLAGE: THE “SWEET WATER” MEETING ON COVENTRY ROAD
SPONSORS: East Nantmeal Historical Commission and Society
PARKING AND INFORMATION: Campbell Soltani, 224 Nantmeal Road, Glenmoor.
Small town Nantmeal Village, Welsh for “sweet water.” Our village began as a “quiet” Quaker settlement in the early 1700’s, convenient to nearby forges. When the meeting closed in stride, the village was reborn through the “wheelings and dealings” of John Murray and others. By the 1860’s, it became quite the destination with a church, two schools, band hall, store, smithy, wheelwright, cabinetmaker and more. This now deep residential hamlet hides a colorful past illuminated for you on the Town Tours!

August 7 ⑧
MALVERN BOROUGH, 125 YEARS OF HISTORY BY TROLLEY
SPONSORS: Malvern Historical Commission & Paul Battlefields Preservation Fund
PARKING: First Baptist Church of Malvern, 148 Channing Avenue and overflow parking at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, 194 Channing Avenue. Handicap and library parking only in the Borough Hall lot.
TROLLEY RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED: Trolley Tours will depart every 30 minutes from the Borough Hall lot beginning at 4:30. Please call 610-644-3070 to reserve your trolley time. Waits without a reservation could exceed one hour.

Extensive development of a small village in the northern part of Westtown Township in the 1880’s led to its residents desire to separate from the township and govern themselves. On a warm summer day in 1889, the Borough of Malvern was officially born. Come ride a trolley through the streets of Malvern Borough, returning you 125 years in the past to learn what the town was like at its incorporation. Hear about businesses and community organizations that have flourished since August 13th. Come ride a trolley through the streets of Malvern Borough, returning you 125 years in the past to learn what the town was like at its incorporation. Hear about businesses and community organizations that have flourished since August 13th.

August 16 ⑨
OXFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT TOUR & TASTE
SPONSORS: Oxford Area Historical Association (OAHA) and Oxford Mainstreet, Inc. (OMI)
PARKING AND INFORMATION: Follow signs to check in on the corner of Locust and Third Street, in Oxford or view our parking map at http://downtownoxford.org/parking/oxford_pa.html.
In the early 1700's the Scotch-Irish had settled in Oxford along an old Nanticale Indian trail that led to the Chesapeake Bay. By 1749, a couple of years after Christina married Lord Howard's Town, and the Presbyterian Church. But the great growth came with the arrival of the railroad in 1826. Experience the early Victorian: High Street to South Union, the tour of the Middle District, and the main street of the Oxford. Explore the early Victorian: High Street to South Union, the tour of the Middle District, and the main street of the Oxford.

August 21 ⑩
ROMANSVILLE: JOHN ROMANS AND HIS VILLAGE
SPONSORS: West Bradford Historical Commission
PARKING AND INFORMATION: Romansville Meetinghouse, 1880 Shadepole Road, Castonsville.
Most travelers who pass through Romansville have no idea of the historic value of this small village. Our village, through quiet in appearance, had many trades such as a plumber, carpenters, tinsmith, small stores, a lead pipe shop, a blacksmith who made carriages and alights, a cabinetmaker, and three inns. The Romansville Methodist Church, said to have been the first land in Chester County owned by the Methodist faith, and Romansville Baptist Meetinghouse, almost 160 years old, are featured on the tour.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS ARE SERVED AT ALL LOCATIONS!

Don't Miss!
On Hallowed Ground: The Battle of Brandywine 2014, May 17 and 18
Presented by Birmingham Township to benefit The Wounded Warrior Project and Birmingham Battlefields Preservation. Experience a live reenactment on one of the most important battle sites of the Battle of Brandywine which took place on September 11, 1777 when 26,000 men and Generals Washington and Howe met in battle in Chester and Delaware Counties.