JUNE 13
WEST CHESTER C. 1788: FROM TURKS HEAD TAVERN TO COUNTY SEAT

SPONSORS: West Chester HARB & Historical Commission
Annual Kick-Off Golf Outing: Church of the Holy Trinity
During the late 1720s, in the Land of Goshen, a Quaker family turned hands on the development of the Goshen and Great Valley or Wilmington Roads. In 1782, Phineas Enochus received a license to open a "Public House." By 1789, the crossroads tavern would be known as the Turk's Head. Just west of the Turk's Head, in 1784, a lot was purchased that would become the new county seat for Chester County. At this site, on March 2, 1789, the State Assembly created a "County Town" to be known as West Chester.

PARKING & REGISTRATION: Church of the Holy Trinity, 212 S. High Street. Arrive at 3:30 pm for pre-registration, all tours leave at 6:30 pm after dinner. All tour participants must be pre-registered and meet in the parking lot. A metered lot is available just to the Unitied Methodist Church, 129 South High Street and the Boyer & Son parking garage, 20 South High Street.

JUNE 20
LUDWIG’S CORNER C. 1870’S: A STOP ON THE CONESTOGA ROAD

SPONSOR: West Vincent Township Historical Resources Committee
Announced in 1811 when Jacob Ludwigs Sr. (1755-1830) bought shares in the 175 mile "Little Conestoga Turnpike," sold venture, he also purchased 14 acres along the road from his son-in-law, Henry Miller. He then built a house and coach which he named the Captain Lawrence. Locals called it the "Bucket of Blood." His daughter, Hannah Ludwigs (1797-1872), and son, Jacob Ludwigs Jr. (1798-1880), continued there. At the intersection of today’s Conestoga Road and St. Andrews Lane, a small commercial farm grew, with the land used for farming and adding to the changing winds of history in West Vincent Township. A nearly "wellspring" tour will be held at St. Andrews Church with driving maps to help you further explore on your own.

PARKING & REGISTRATION: St.Andrew’s Episcopal Church, 7 St. Andrews Lane, Glenmoore, on Route 401 west of Route 100. Overflow parking is available at the rear of the Ludwig’s Village Shops, 304 Conestoga Rd, Glenmoore.

JUNE 27
WARWICK VILLAGE C. 1717: AN EARLY IRON VILLAGE

SPONSOR: Warwick Historical Commission
Warwick Village has existed since settlers arrived in 1717 to work the local iron ore mines. The ore was hauled to nearby furnaces, where the ore was melted and made into various iron tools. Cane and baskets for the Continental Army. 19th and 19th century homes line both sides of the narrow road that ambles through the village, and has been called the "Markettown." The houses once served as more than residences. They were general stores, a post office, a hotel, a tavern, a tavern, and a school house. In the center of the village is Saint Mary’s Church, founded by the Rev. B. B. in 1805. Many of the pioneers will be back in town and the street will be closed to cars so visitors will be able to stroll freely.

PARKING & REGISTRATION: 10 Wissahickon St., Evesham - near the intersection of Route 23 and Minneopa Dr. Follow signs and parking attendants will be assisting.

JULY 11
LIONVILLE C. 1712: A TRICENTENARY STORY

SPONSOR: Uwharrie Township Historical Commission
At the time of its settlement, the area now known as Lionville was called "Uwharrie Meeting," and later due to the Uwharrie Meeting formed in 1712 and the Red Lion Inn. Most of the early farm buildings were clustered along Village Square which was laid out in 1792. Placed on the National Register in 1980, the 30-building Lionville Historic District features buildings from the early development of the village as well as 20th century buildings that contributed to the presents seen in the midst of the busiest of the interaction of Routes 100 and 131.

PARKING & REGISTRATION: St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 164 South Village Ave, Exton. Please do not park along South Village Avenue.

JULY 18
REGENERATE, REINVENT, RECYCLE: THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, C. 1722

SPONSOR: Historic Yellow Springs
In 1890, Yellow Springs was described as a "paradise of landscape." As this unique place continues to evolve, we are now how the perfection of landscape became the common thread woven over the centuries that enriched the people and the environment. For this village to move forward in distinct historic areas. With nearly 300 years of documented history, this village was a Unique Indian site, a health spa with healthful mineral springs, a Revolutionary War Hospital, the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts Country School, and Good News Producers’ movie studios. Much has changed, much has stayed the same. Today the Village of Yellow Springs is working hard to make sure this story of recreation and reuse is told.

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

JULY 25
MARSHALL VILLAGE C. 1731: DROVERS & PATRIOTS, ARTISANS & FARMS

SPONSOR: West Bradford Historical Commission
Visit our new Heritage Center and join our tour of this nearly untouched village, named for Sutphen-Humphrey Marshall (1722-1801), and then to the Marshall Village who was an important stop on the Stroudsburg Road, a freight road from Lancaster to Philadelphia. Being a fine person, it was heavily traveled. There were two farms on the Village and it was a key location to 1700s. Among the outstanding features of the village is a Marshall Ederen dating to 1722 (present building is 1700), a cordial factory, that made grade crackers and sugar and, a blacksmith shop, posing, cigar factory, tinsmith shop, clothing store, bakery, and the Methodist Church dating from 1829.


AUGUST 1
DOE RUN VILLAGE C. 1744: TOMAHAWKS, MILLS, FOXHOUNDS, COWBOYS AND KINGS

SPONSOR: West Marlborough Township
BUS TOUR: Reservations Required! Ride along with us to a Doer Run Country Village nestled in former King Ranch country that has been home to tomahawks, mills, foxhounds, cowboys, and kings. Located at the site of a long-since vanished hamlet grew up around a stone grist mill that was established in the 1700s. In this fascinating tour, we will help you taste village events over the last three centuries. Come discover our unique Doe Run history which is still beautifully etched into the picturesque landscapes of today. A captivating experience awaits!

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

RESERVATIONS: Scheduled 50-minute guided bus tours of Doe Run will take place at 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, and 7:00 pm. Registration is required and can be completed at the following link. ewwhtvl.org (search for "Doe Run Village Bus Tour"). For questions and additional information, please contact Kathleen at 610-383-5808; kathleen@varcor.net or Betty at 484-517-6744; bpfeiffer@verizon.com.

TRIPLE FRESH MARKET: will be offering a special bazaaropping menu 11:30-5:30 pm at the Union Grille (just north of Doe Run Village) for interested guests on the day of the tour.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT CHESCO.ORG/PLANNING/TOWNSTOURS.
ALL SITES HAVE HANDICAPPED ACCESS LIMITATIONS. CALL KAREN MARSHALL AT 610-344-6923 FOR SPECIFICS.

AUGUST 8
MALVERN BOROUGH C. 1889: FROM CROSSROADS TO POWERHOUSE

SPONSOR: Malvern Historical Commission
Join the Malvern Historical Commission on a tour that spans over one hundred years of history from the Borough as a small, not-so-special place, to a small school house, to the park that replaced a factory, to the 19th century bank that houses the present bank today, to the tours you now how Malvern has kept up with the times while retaining its unique character including its farming roots. Discover how the desirable site of Victoria charm and modern amenities has made Malvern a "Classic Town."

PARKING & REGISTRATION: Park at garden, 21 Warren Ave, Malvern. Free parking is available at the following municipal lots: the lot next to Burke Park, the Borough Hall for 1st (E. First Avenue); and the far next to the Wilcox’s Baldwin Brass Center (10 E. King Street). The National Bank of Malvern (King Street) has also graciously permitted tour visitors to use its parking lot.

AUGUST 15
VILLAGE OF SADSBUYRLL C. 1729: CCHNP SUPPER LECTURE & ARMOUR TOUR

SPONSOR: Chester County Historic Preservation Network
PRESENTER: Dick Degueur, Pond Sudbury Township Historical Society
6 – 7:30 pm. Limit 50 participants

ADVANCED REGISTRATION REQUIRED
SEE BACK OF BROCHURE FOR ALL LUNCH LECTIONS, DESCRIPTIONS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION.

AUGUST 22
JOHNSONTOWN IN DOWNTOWN C. 1879: A TOWN WITHIN A TOWN

SPONSOR: Downingtown Historical Commission

PARKING & REGISTRATION: St. Andrew's Church, 259 Church Street, Downingtown. Parking is available on the WIST side of St. Andrew’s Church. Additional feet of parking along South Market Street, (on Northampton Park) at 122 W. Market Ave. A shuttle bus will be available to transport guests to St. Andrew’s Church.

AUGUST 29
BRANDYWINE MEADOW FARM: HOME OF CHARLES E. MATHERS BRANDYWINE HOUNDS, C. 1901

SPONSOR: Radley Run Country Club, 1150 Press Hall Road, Downingtown Historical Commission, & The Friends of Brandwynie Battlefield

See listing for a visit from The Radish Farm and a 25th Town Tour Anniversary Optional Dinner!

Join us to tour this fascinating historic complex. Located in the heart of the Brand Wayn beginner at the intersection of these townships, the early Pennsylvania’s primarily influenced and contributed to each for centuries but never became a village. You will learn how the 1770 James Palmer house, the Penn charter, 1740 Sams-Danby, Palmer, Jr. house, and the five houses (where a large building operation existed) formed the basis for a 20th century estate. Next you can explore the dog fence of Byrd as you tour the Harmont and now and the restored stone barn designed by Charles Matier for up to 52 horses.

Please Note: Fire tour begins at 4:30 pm. Last tour begins at 7:15 pm.

The Anniversary Celebration dinner will be $50/person will be served at 5:30 – 8:00 pm. If you wish to attend, please reserve by August 6, 2012, via phone at 610-783-1900 or kpfeller@rogers.com in advance, then pay when you arrive and get your ticket.

PARKING & REGISTRATION: Radley Run Country Club, 1150 Press Hall Rd, Newtown Square. Please follow signs for parking.

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