Wayne is where you want to be.

Welsh Quakers settled the village of Wayne in the late 1600s. Originally farmland, it grew upon the conclusion of the Revolutionary War, becoming a commercial center and important destination along the Lancaster Turnpike. With industrial prosperity, it experienced notable growth as country hamlet for wealthy Philadelphians.

Today, Wayne is equally contemporary and timeless. It offers an authentic sense of community, a pedestrian friendly downtown filled with ample diversions and economic opportunities, and easy access to Philadelphia and major metropolitan areas. Discover what Wayne has to offer.

Classic Towns of Greater Philadelphia is an initiative of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) designed to foster the growth of the region’s older communities by promoting what makes each community a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

Explore Wayne, PA and the other Classic Towns of Greater Philadelphia at classictowns.org.
Visiting Wayne

Easily accessible by public transportation, Wayne's visitors find a variety of diversions to fill their days. The upscale designer boutiques, remarkable retailers, and ample art galleries along Wayne Avenue are a good place to start. After strolling the shops, you can feast on the fine cuisine available on North Wayne Avenue's Restaurant Row or handpick from fresh fruits and prepared foods at the Lancaster County Farmers Market on Wayne Avenue.

The surrounding region offers a number of new experiences. History buffs enjoy the Valley Forge Military Academy, yet one of Wayne's most spectacular sites is Chanticleer Garden, which abounds with flowers and foliage, imaginative sculptures, and historic structures.

Throughout the year, Wayne and its neighboring communities also host a number of events that engage long-time residents and first-time visitors. General Mad Anthony Wayne, the village's namesake, is celebrated every spring. This multi-day festival features Revolutionary re-enactments, sword fights, and other family-friendly festivities. Other events include the July Fourth Parade and Fireworks, the Main Line Jazz Fest, the Radnor Summer Concert Series, the annual hoedown at Willows Farm, and Radnor's Fall Festival.

When it's time for food and fun, Wayne Avenue is wonderful. From fine meals at its many restaurants to major motion pictures at the Anthony Wayne Theater, it's all at the center of this vibrant village.

Living in Wayne

Wayne with its environs offer an astonishing mix of architecture. Ranging from storied estates to modern condominiums, many of its historic homes are built of stone or brick, and most feature decorative elements including towers and gables. Newer homes, however, are no less impressive. Trees surround some, while others are within walking distance of downtown Wayne. No matter their age or location, they all continue to increase in value.

Wayne's history and heritage very much inform its values and culture. It is a community of ethnic, cultural, and economic diversity; a friendly village offering access to some of the finest educational institutions in the country; and a place with all the amenities and opportunities anyone would need to feel at home.

Working in Wayne

Wayne's business district emerges from the intersection of Lancaster and Wayne Avenues with shops stretching in all directions. Wayne Avenue, its main street, maintains a strong core of businesses that form its economic foundation.

Boutiques, restaurants, and retailers are all doing well, and with the support of a strong and active business association, new businesses are finding solid footing.

Nearby Philadelphia offers tremendous potential. Accessible via SEPTA’s R5 Regional Rail Line and Route 100 Trolley Line, it’s about a 30-minute ride. Additionally, Amtrak makes daily stops in Wayne and Radnor, allowing residents to access opportunities in New York City and Washington, DC.

The prosperity and commerce available along the Main Line also make Wayne worthwhile. Its businesses and corporations offer many career options, while its colleges and universities provide plentiful jobs and produce some of the most prepared and professional students in the country.

Playing in Wayne

When it’s time to play, Wayne offers a wealth of options. Hundreds of acres of preserved open space are available, many with hiking and biking trails and other recreational amenities. Borough and village residents also benefit from more than 20 parks. Favorites include the 93-acre Skunk Hollow Park, Fenimore Woods, and the John L. Capelli Driving Range. A number of fitness clubs, yoga studios, and athletic leagues can all be found in Wayne. For golf, many find the beautiful courses of the nearby Brandywine Valley to be worth the trip.

The countless colleges and universities along the Main Line also provide a number of opportunities. Plays, musical performances, and sporting events are all easily accessible. Additionally, the Wayne Arts Center offers instruction in a number of areas and hosts a series of lectures and exhibitions throughout the year.

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