Letter from the Editor

Kate Chadwick shares some personal insight into this month's theme



"Summertime, and the livin' is easy." ~ George Gershwin

Does any song written about summer (and they are legion, spanning decades and genres; google 'songs about summer' and you'll be there all day) better encapsulate the season more beautifully and succinctly than Gershwin's "Summertime"? While the jury is out as to whether it's America's most beloved season, the love for summer is ingrained in most of us at a young age. The liberation of "no school" alone sets the general tone of freedom. Schedules are relaxed, vacations taken, windows flung open (at least in the beginning), and almost everything worth doing inside can also be done outside. Even confirmed "indoor" people can occasionally appreciate the experience of dining outdoors, marrying the two sensual experiences of nature and eating, or jumping into a swimming pool.

On the other hand, if you have a child, know a child, or ever WERE a child (you were, FYI), the traditional lament of "I'm bored—there's nothing to doooo" has been summer's soundtrack for generations. While the advent of cellphones and the internet have blunted it somewhat, that freedom and lack of a structured schedule can result in a feeling of being unmoored, rudderless—and is often accompanied by endless requests to be entertained. And yes, this affliction can and does carry over into adulthood.

I don't remember having a dedicated "summer family vacation" as a kid, but that shouldn't be construed as a complaint. With grandparents who had a year-round home in Wildwood and an aunt and uncle with a place in the Poconos, we visited both on a very regular basis, all year. Between the ages of maybe 10 and 15 I did get to spend two weeks each summer (BY MYSELF NO PARENTS OMG) at my grandparents' shore house—what joy. And, on Sundays in the spring and summer when we were at home in Delco, my dad would pile us in the car and we'd literally take a Sunday drive, always heading straight for the gorgeous rolling hills and countryside of Chester County.

While COVID impacted traditional family summer vacations somewhat in the past couple of years—whether jaunts to the Jersey shore or getting on a plane bound for Europe—you truly do not have to leave West Chester to have a fun-filled and action-packed summer—or a kicked back and relaxed one, for that matter. This issue is proof positive. While summer has "built-in" events, starting with Memorial Day, followed by graduations, peaking with July 4th, and punctuated by Labor Day, our Summer Fun Guide will be your map for any and every activity, event, camp, festival, and diversion in between.

So, put this issue in a primary spot in the house and consult it frequently. It's truly your comprehensive guide to summer in West Chester. Thank you for reading *The WC Press*—and don't forget your sunscreen. ***—kate@thewcpress.com***

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–Wallace Stevens

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