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Dear Friend of Delaware Greenways,

Welcome to June! This is one of the busiest times of year, filled with outdoor activities throughout the First State. To celebrate, Delaware Greenways is giving away two four-day Firefly passes to any new member or any member who increases the level of their membership. What better way to look back on a successful May, and to herald the coming of the first day of summer? The month is filled with exciting things to do, including Family Fun Day at the Museum of Natural History, community festivals, blues and jazz (and of course Firefly), garden tours, Separation Day, ice cream, outdoor movies, and of course fireworks in the beginning of July. With all these options, plus all of the ongoing events and activities at our local, county, and state parks, as well as programs like the Delaware Outdoor Trail and state parks passport program, it's hard to imagine spending your time indoors. We have worked diligently over the past 25 years to help protect and connect our precious open spaces. This month, take the time to get out and enjoy them.

See You Outside!

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Join Delaware Greenways Today - You Could Win Firefly Tickets!

If you've thought of joining Delaware Greenways, but haven't yet, there is no better time than right now. For all members who join or increase their membership level between May 1 and June 9, you will automatically be entered into a drawing for two four-day passes to the [Firefly Music Festival](#) in Dover! These are no longer available for sale, but for a fraction of the tickets' face value, you could very well find yourself spending the weekend at one of the East Coast's premier music events. What are you waiting for? Click [here](#) to join/upgrade your membership!



Thank You to Andrea Trabelsi



May was a month in which we bid a fond farewell to our Community Planner and one-time Managing Director, Andrea Trabelsi. Andrea has played a pivotal role in advancing the cause of public health in both Delaware Greenways' work program and in the dialogue throughout the state, taking a leadership role in DE HEAL, managing Delaware's first Health Impact Assessment, working on several health initiatives in the city of New Castle, planning studies throughout the state, and overseeing the

launch of our efforts at Historic Penn Farm. Andrea has recently begun work at Whitman, Requardt & Associates. We wish her all the best in her new endeavors.

A Successful May



We are grateful for all those who helped make May a successful month for Delaware Greenways. We were busy last month - our events included public outreach events at Historic Penn Farm and in the community of Greenville, a presence at the First Annual Wilmington Grand Prix Wellness Expo, three

events at Historic Penn Farm's Bank Barn as part of the Mid-Atlantic Wine + Food Festival, and hosting the Preston's March 5k from our headquarters on Rockland Road.

Brainstorming Tuesdays Taking the Summer Off

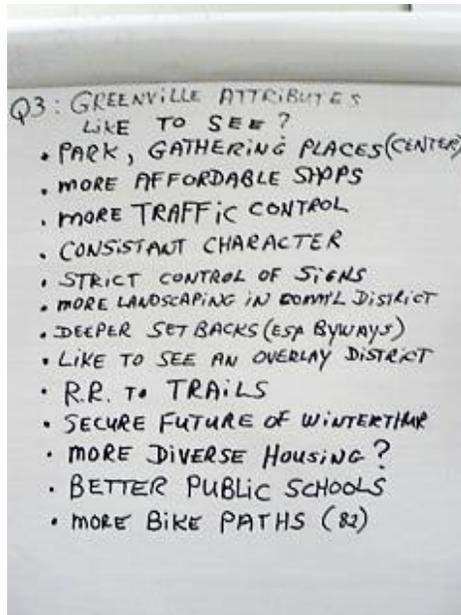
Brainstorming Tuesdays will be going on summer vacation during June, July, and August. Check for updates in the August newsletter for future dates in the fall.

See You Outside in June



As busy as May was, June is filled with activities throughout the First State. Among the signature events are the [Greek](#), [Italian](#), and [DuPont Clifford Brown Jazz](#) festivals in Wilmington, [Separation Day](#) in New Castle and [Family Fun Day](#) at the Delaware Museum of Natural History, the [St. Georges Blues Festival](#), garden tours in [Wilmington](#) and [Lewes](#), the [Firefly Music Festival](#) (did we mention [we're giving away tickets?](#)), the [Mid-Atlantic Sea Glass and Coastal Arts Festival](#) in Lewes, and the [Rockwood Ice Cream Festival](#). And then, of course, there will be fireworks to celebrate our nation's founding in [Bethany Beach](#), [Rehoboth](#), [Newark](#), [Dover](#), [Smyrna](#), and [Hockessin](#), to name a few.

GREENVILLE PUBLIC MEETING A SUCCESS



Partnering with the New Castle County Department of Land Use and the Delaware Department of Transportation, Delaware Greenways conducted the first of several public meetings for the Greenville Village Study and Special Area Plan on May 8, 2014 at A. I. DuPont High School.

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the public to the study and solicit input on four questions which the study and the resultant special area plan will address. Click [here](#) for the full story.

The Barn at Historic Penn Farm hosts three successful MidAtlantic Wine and Food Festival events!



When Kip Poole, head of the William Penn High School culinary department, asked farm manager Becca Manning what she thought of hosting three events from the country's largest food and wine festival to date, she was a bit hesitant. As they stood in the bank barn and looked around, Kip asked "How could this not be amazing?" and he was absolutely right.

The first event was held on May 15th and was sponsored by Carnival Cruises. At 8 am sharp, truck loads of plates, tables, flowers and food paraded into the barn. Within hours, the barn had been transformed into an elegant event space that would soon host dozens of Wine and Food Festival guests. Kip and his culinary students from the high school hosted several Master chefs who were flown in from Florida. The culinary students seemed as if they had been master chefs for years as they quickly broke into their stations and immediately got to work preparing the food.

Each guest was greeted with a glass of bubbly and several hors d'oeuvres were passed during the opening reception. Dinner consisted of several courses, including a grilled nectarine salad followed by a braised short rib entrée. Each course was elegantly paired with two wines from around the world.



The following two events (May 17th and 18th) followed similar suit and by the end of the weekend, the Barn at Penn Farm hosted over 300 guests, including Agit George, the founder of the MidAtlantic Wine and Food Festival. The events were a huge milestone for Greenways to prove to themselves and the community that the

Barn at Penn Farm can be successfully used as an event space. Over the next several months, Delaware Greenways will be making several improvements to the space including adding bathroom facilities.

Please contact Becca Manning at Delaware Greenways if you would like to arrange a private tour of Penn Farm.

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