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May, 2014

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*Activities, advocacy alerts, project updates, and interesting tidbits*

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be a part of the collective voice for trails, greenways, open space, and livable communities

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learn where, why and how we can change our communities so that it's easier to live a healthy lifestyle

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just outside of Old New Castle, this 112 acre farm has been in continuous operation for nearly three centuries and has activities of new and old to enjoy (and fresh produce, too!)

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#### WILMAPCO

WILMAPCO is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for New Castle County, Delaware and Cecil County, Maryland.

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Dear Friend of Delaware Greenways,

Although it may be hard to believe, we are almost halfway through spring! May is a wonderful time to (re)discover the outdoors - the first weekend alone is full of opportunities to enjoy festivals and activities throughout the state. Of course, those of you who have been following See You Outside have already enjoyed star parties, kite flying, horseback riding, and tree planting. This month, take advantage of even more activities by enjoying Delaware's newly unveiled outdoor trail, two horseshoe crab festivals, a celebration of the state's capital at Dover Days, and enjoy world-class bike racing in Downtown Wilmington. There is more, including opportunities to let your elected officials know how important walking and cycling is in the First State, and an important planning workshop in Greenville as part of our work along the Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway. It is our 25<sup>th</sup> year, and we are celebrating it by doing what we do best: serving as your voice to cultivate healthy, vibrant, and sustainable communities throughout Delaware. Of course we can't do it without your support. To make a donation, [click here](#). And to find out more about what's happening this month, read on.

See You Outside!

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## A Vision for the Future of Penn Farm is taking shape

**Please share your ideas with us at a Noontime workshop on Thursday May 8 at the Farm**

You are invited to participate in a workshop on the future design and transformation of Historic Penn Farm into a community resource for sustainable agriculture.

Bring your creative ideas for a lunchtime collaboration with fellow community members. Your ideas will be used to help create a plan for the future of Historic Penn Farm. You will also get the most current updates on what will be hap-pening at the farm this summer as well as be part of Penn Farm Day-a full day of programs for future William Penn High School students.

For more information, click [here](#).



## Walkable Bikeable Delaware Summit Places Delaware 4th Friendliest Nationally



Kicking off National Bike Month, the League of American Bicyclists has released its latest ranking of Bicycle Friendly States. In the seventh annual assessment, Delaware ranked No. 4 nationally, while placing No. 1 in the East and receiving 55.7 points out of 100. Read more [here](#).

## Greenville Study to Kick Off May 8

Save the Date: Thursday, May 8, from 6:30-9:00 at A.I. DuPont High School in Greenville. Delaware Greenways, in conjunction with New Castle County and DelDOT, is conducting a public workshop to solicit public input into a plan designed to protect and conserve the Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway and the Village of Greenville. Input provided by the public at this first public workshop will form the basis of the Plan and will enable planners to develop strategies and recommendations to address the issues brought forward by the public. The strategies and recommendations will be presented at subsequent public meetings. For more information, click [here](#)

## Wilmington Grand Prix

Delaware Greenways and See You Outside are proud to support the [2014 Wilmington Grand Prix](#), May 16-18. The festivities start off with on Friday, May 16 with the Monkey Hill Time Trial at Brandywine Park. Professional and amateur racers will take on a 3.2 mile course in a race against the clock. There will be live music, BBQ, and free admission. On Saturday, the event moves to Downtown Wilmington and for the first time will feature a Wellness Expo and Street Festival, and a [Family Fun Ride, Walk, or Bike](#), presented by Bank of America and benefitting our partner at Historic Penn Farm, the Food Bank of Delaware. The women's and men's pro races will begin at 2:15, and throughout the day you will be able to enjoy course cafes, DJ and live



music, and family activities. On Sunday, the [Gran Fondo](#), [Medi Fondo](#), and [Governor's Ride](#) will take place throughout the beautiful Brandywine Valley, wrapping up with a reception at the Delaware Art Museum.

## Walking Feels Good

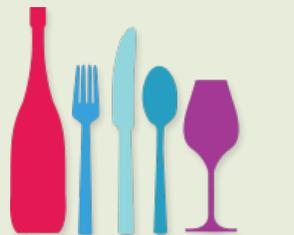
### Greenways and Preston's March for Energy holding 5k fundraiser on May 18



In hopes that the chill in the air that marked last year's event will be out of the question, Preston's March for Energy 5k and Family Fun Day will be May 18 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. The event is a fundraiser for Preston's March for Energy, a non-profit started by Deb Buenaga and her family, with a mission to promote awareness about special needs and the importance of physical exercise equipment and to provide adaptive bikes to children with special needs. Music, information,

giveaways, refreshments, a great crowd, beautiful surroundings, and a fantastic cause make this event a worthwhile way to spend a Sunday morning in May. Learn more about the work of Preston's March for Energy and to register for the 5k: [prestonmarch.org](http://prestonmarch.org)

## Wine & Food Festival



### MIDATLANTIC WINE + FOOD FESTIVAL

The Mid-Atlantic Wine + Food Festival will be enjoying the beautiful surroundings of Historic Penn Farm in New Castle for two events open to the public, on May 15 and 17. Although the May 17 event is sold out, tickets are still available for the Celebrity Cruises Farm to Table Dinner, scheduled to be held on May 15 from 7:30 to 11:00 p.m. For more information, click [here](#).

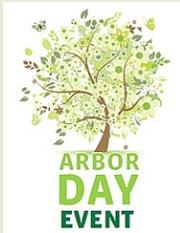
## Announcement about the Delaware Outdoor Trail

Delaware Greenways was in attendance as the Delaware Tourism Office and officials from a number of other state agencies unveiled the new Delaware Outdoor Trail program April 22 at the St. Jones Reserve in Dover along Delaware's Bayshore Byway. The Outdoor Trail links tourism, enjoyment of the outdoors and physical activity throughout Delaware. Participants who complete five activities in each county will win an Outdoor Trail backpack, courtesy of the Tourism Office. Delaware Greenways is pleased to partner with this exciting initiative as part of our efforts to encourage enjoyment of Delaware's Bayshore Byway and to promote the First State's outdoor economy through the See You Outside program. For more information about the Outdoor Trail, click [here](#).



Senator Chris Coons, Delaware Tourism Office Director Linda Parkowski, Delaware Economic Development Office Secretary Alan Levin, and Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control Secretary Colin O'Mara

## Arbor Day at Historic Penn Farm



Last Friday, April 25th, 2014, Delaware Greenways and the City of Newcastle hosted the first annual Arbor Day Celebration at Historic Penn Farm. Volunteers from throughout the community, including middle school students from Tall Oaks Classical School and FFA students from William Penn High School. Read all about it [here](#).

## Initiative to Extend Delaware's Bayshore Byway to Lewes Begins



Efforts are under way to extend Delaware's Bayshore Byway, which runs from New Castle to Dover Air Force Base could soon be extended through Milford and Milton to Lewes. The state intends to submit a nomination to the Federal government to make the extension. Delaware Greenways has taken a leadership role in the development and management of the Byway. If approved, the possibility would exist for not only a more complete byway along Delaware's Bayshore, but a loop that would incorporate efforts on the New Jersey side as well. The Delaware Bay is an ecological, historic and cultural treasure and the completion of the Byway will further highlight the many efforts to protect and

preserve the Bayshore, its history and culture for generations to come. For more information, click [here](#).

## Dover Days May 2-4!



You can claim Dover, Delaware, the Capital City of the First State, as your state capital May 2-4, 2014 during the 81st anniversary celebration of the Dover Days Festival! the largest festival in

Kent County, Dover Days drew nearly 50,000 people in 2013. The

festival is a celebration of history, heritage, culture and the arts. The festival is a blend of traditions and modern attractions that brings people to Delaware from all over the Mid-Atlantic Region. Dover Days is one of Delaware's longest-running events that celebrates First State history. The event was started in 1933 as a home and garden tour. To celebrate the 80th anniversary, a garden tour will be held on Sunday, May 5. It is a jam-packed weekend of fun for the whole family - from the Kids Zone to the classic car show and 350 artisans, crafters and food vendors, you'll find something for everyone! It is also part of the First State National Monument. For more information about the event, click [here](#).

## See You Outside in May!



If that's not enough, check out all the activities listed on the [See You Outside "Things to Do"](#) page. In addition to the events listed above, you will find wonderful activities, including RiverFest, the Wilmington Flower Market, Point To Point, opportunities to explore the C&D Canal by bike, the Peace, Love and Horseshoe Crab Festival at the Mispillion River Reserve's DuPont Nature Center, Spring Sidewalk Sales in Rehoboth and Dewey, Pooches in the Park and the

Zwaanendael Maritime Festival in Lewes, the Milton Horseshoe Crab Festival (told you there were two!), senior events, outdoor concerts, and another star party. May is also the month when you can celebrate National Public Gardens Day in Hockessin, National Train Day in Yorklyn, and World Labyrinth Day in Wilmington. There truly is no shortage of events and activities throughout the First State this month. And with See You Outside, there are even suggestions and resources for activities that you can do yourself. The warm weather will get here - we promise - so make plans now to enjoy our beautiful outdoors!

### ***Sign Up for See You Outside!***

The See You Outside seasonal challenge is in full swing! The website, [www.syodelaware.org](http://www.syodelaware.org), lists activities and events. Last year, the sweepstakes yielded up a \$500 gift card to Trail Creek Outfitters. Special events and giveaways are in the works for this year's challenge, but you have to sign up to win. It's free - sign up [here](#)!

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