

A Brief History of West Chester, PA

Originally know as “Turks Head, West Chester, PA was officially incorporated 1799, and West Chester is the seat of government in Chester county, the wealthiest county in PA. Easily the highlight of the town is the courthouse, which was designed by Thomas U. Walter, one of the main architects of the Capitol Building in Washington D.C. Turks Head Tavern can still be found in downtown West Chester, although the heyday of the Turks Head town name, hotels, etc has been long lost.

Location and Driving Directions From Philadelphia International Airport.

West Chester is between Paoli, Pa, and Philadelphia, PA. Upon landing at PIA, simply drive down I-95 for about a half an hour, and take the exit to West Chester on your right, drive down the road for about 10 min, and you will find yourself on the main street that goes through town. This is easily the fastest and most scenic route too!



Who was president when this town was founded? And, what was the political environment at that time?

The president of the United States of America at the time of the founding, and the official organization of West Chester, was John Adams, The year that my hometown of West Chester was founded, was the year the French revolution (1789-1799) ended. Pro and

anti Revolution groups were trying to influence American policy, in both domestic and foreign ways. The end of this war was very positive for the United States!

Oldest/Largest Businesses today.

One of the Oldest and most historic businesses in West Chester is the Famous West Chester University. People come in from some very far places to attend this university because of its many options, dorms, cleanliness, and the wealth of shops that offer student discounts, and homes to rent. It truly is a college town!



West Chester has a mayor system of government, and each mayor serves a four year term upon election. Our current mayor is Carolyn Comitta. This system has been the way West Chester operates since it's incarnation.

Why would I want to visit this historic small town

The main reason is to get a tour and visit the amazing university, or attend some of the awesome events that take place such as the Chili Cookoff, Restaurant festival, Swinging Summer Thursdays, Touch a Truck, and some other events. You may want to walk down Gay street, the very street that was used for the filming of the blockbuster movie "Marley

and Me” a few years back, where the whole block got a fake snow treatment! You would also lastly have to see the huge courthouse; it is a sight to see both outside, and in!



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