14HR rides. And with its house and garden tour. The next edition, on festival is Pennsylvania — inspires one of Old New Castle's big annual festivals. Delaware's independence day — June 15, 1776, when the New Castle, Kent and Sussex counties separated from winterthur.org/?p=1142 sunscreen — and layering is a weather gear and plenty of hounds, plus a chance to antique carriages and fox—(steeplechase and on sticks). as they watch horses race fancy hats for the thousands calls for fancy food, fancy Winterthur's Point-to-Point 1 Old New Castle's biggest festivals Delaware's independence day — June 15, 1776, when the New Castle, Kent and Sussex counties separated from Pennsylvania — inspires one of Old New Castle's big annual festivals. Separation Day (this year it's June 8-9, according to www.foxdele.com) includes re-actors, games, artshows and entertainment. Another favorite is a Day in Old New Castle, which started in 1924, making it America's oldest continually operating house and garden tour. The next edition, on May 19, partly carries out its 'Taverns, Tearooms and Tipping Houses' theme with a beer garden, in addition to classic drives like re-actors, period games and carriage rides. And with its Spirit of Christmas, New Castle Presbytarian leads the way in heralding the holiday with music, caroling, a tree lighting, house tours, shopping and Christmas cookies. The 18th edition is Dec. 8.

Firefly Music Festival

The Firefly Music Festival, which since 2012 has each summer brought tens of thousands of people to Dover for a weekend, traces its roots to a fan of the TV show "The Amazing Race." That was Joe Reynolds, founder of Chicago-based Red Frog events. Music remains front and center — this year's lineup includes Eminem, Kendrick Lamar, The Killers, SZA and Arctic Monkeys and about 30 others — but it's also done beach volleyball, yoga and a hot air balloon and it has continually supported St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. The event, billed as the East Coast's largest free jazz festival, each year brings stars and up-and-comers to Rodney Square in downtown Wilmington. Look for just about all sorts in the 15th edition, June 20-23.

ODESSA comes to Firefly this year. Clayton Knight of ODESSA preforms at SXSW in 2015 in Austin, Texas. ROBERTDREHER, GETTY IMAGES FOR SXSW

Beaches will be packed around Fourth of July, with fireworks, music and parades — and the actual beaches — drawing crowds. DN ON FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2018