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RIVERDALE UPDATE



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Introducing the Garden Terrace

The Garden Terrace is the latest addition to the Riverdale Manor property. The Garden Terrace is an enchanted heated indoor/outdoor structure that will feature a large indoor-outdoor stone fireplace, a bronze chandelier with glistening crystals, Alaskan cedar flooring and clear sides that are remote controlled so they can be opened on a pretty evening and closed in a moment if there is a sudden storm. Ethereal lighting also provides a charming accent to this room. The new wraparound deck overlooks the river so you can enjoy the view anytime of the year. The Garden Terrace is an additional space for Cocktails and Hors D'oeuvres, dessert buffets, photo booths and smaller wedding ceremonies. Your bar can be out in the Garden Terrace room all night and all four seasons of the year.

Construction for the Garden Terrace was completed this March... just in time for the spring and summer weddings. We can't wait for the trees to be in blossom and for our summer flowers to be in bloom.

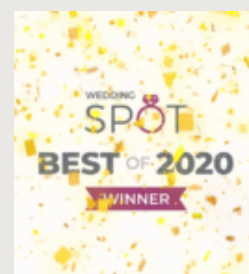
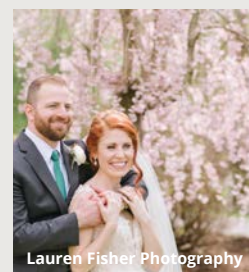
THE BEST OF, AGAIN!

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Riverdale Manor is pleased to announce that we have been selected as a 2020 winner in The Knot Best of Weddings in three regions. We are among the very best of Central Pennsylvania, Philadelphia and Baltimore. In 2020, only 2% of the 250,000 wedding professionals listed on TheKnot.com have received this distinguished accolade. The Knot Best of Weddings provides a “by couples, for couples” guide to the top wedding professionals across the country, and is a must have when it comes to selecting the best-of-the-best wedding resources.

Since Riverdale Manor has won the “Best Of Award” 13 years in a row we have been also given the Knot Best of Weddings Hall of Fame. Only exceptional wedding professionals who have earned four or more The Knot Best of Weddings are inducted into the prestigious The Knot Best of Weddings Hall of Fame. WeddingWire has also announced that Riverdale Manor as been selected to receive a WeddingWire Couples’ Choice Award 2020 for the sixth year in a row. The annual award recognized the top local wedding vendors from the WeddingWire Network who demonstrate excellence in quality, service, responsiveness and professionalism within the wedding industry. Riverdale Manor has received the WeddingWire Brides Choice Award from 2012 to 2020. Riverdale Manor is recognized as part of the top five percent of wedding professionals in the WeddingWire local vendor community. The Couples’ Choice Award recognizes the best local wedding professionals throughout the United States, Canada and abroad.

Additionally, Riverdale Manor ranked 3rd in the Wedding Spot’s Best Of 2020 award which lists the top ten wedding venues in Pennsylvania.





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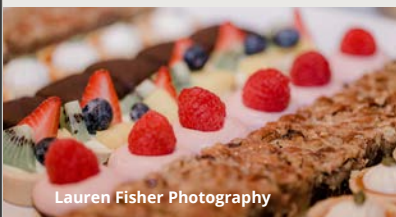


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The big day can be stressful and often brides and grooms get lost in the excitement of their day and forget to eat! We know how demanding getting ready for your wedding is and it is important to us that you and your bridal party are not “hangry”. We have revamped our bridal suite menu for this year by adding bite sized, energy packed snacks with a lighter feel to keep you going on your busy day!

First, we have added Lettuce Wraps; fresh pickled vegetables with your choice of either grilled chicken or grilled shrimp wrapped inside a leaf of fresh lettuce. This option packs all the flavors you are looking for without that heavy sandwich feel and mess! We are also offering a refreshing classic, an Afternoon Tea that includes pots of hot black and green teas; paired with a delightful combination of open-faced tea sandwiches.

To help keep everyone motivated, we have the Energy Break that includes mini yogurt parfaits homemade chocolate chip and peanut butter energy bars, and hummus with fresh vegetable crudités.



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Sweets

We'd like to think that our Dessert Menu features something for everyone! Chocolate fan? Check. Something rich and creamy? Check! Just a bite? Check! Fruity and classic? Check! Gluten free? Check!

Pick five for a dessert buffet, you've got it all covered. Did we forget to mention our Wedding Cakes? Our custom two-tiered cakes with a wide variety of flavors, fillings, accents and designs are a great value and provide that memorable photo-op. They can be complemented with sheet cakes, kitchen cakes or any of the other fun cakes on our Dessert menu or added to the Dessert Buffet.

Whether your style is elegant Viennese pastries or rustic fruit cobblers you will find your match on our Dessert Menu. Consider our custom favors that also offer great variety from Dessert Kebabs to adorable Gingerbread Bride and Groom cookies. Ice Cream Sundae Bars on a summer evening or S'mores and caramel apples in the fall, we have a dessert that highlights every season. Chocolate Fondue is fun and tasty anytime of the year.



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CORPORATE MEETINGS & EVENTS

Riverdale Manor and Thyme & Seasons Catering is more than just weddings! We host numerous corporate, non-profit and educational events here every year. Whether your workplace is planning a truly unique holiday party, an awards banquet or educational enrichment Riverdale Manor's location and convenience makes it the perfect venue. We work with local tech companies to provide all your a/v and tech needs.

Thyme & Seasons Catering offers a focused corporate menu that can suit any budget and we are always happy to create a custom menu that suits your style and helps you meet your goals. Thyme & Seasons Catering also caters events at your workplace. Planning a Grand Opening? We would love to be your partner in creating a fun menu and presenting it in a way that shows off your new facility. Do you just need lunch brought in for a long meeting? We are happy to deliver and set-up the buffet in your office. We are on-time, our staff are quiet and efficient and our food is delicious!

Our Corporate Catering Lunch menu for 2020 brings together menu ideas from around the country and the world! California Clubs, Veggie Poke Bowls, Banh-Mi Sandwiches, Irish Soda Bread Sandwiches, all sorts of wraps, homemade soups, fresh salads and delicious baked goods as well. Need beverages and snacks for breaks? We can supply them as well. We also have a Full Service Catering Menu to select from for your Dinner or Party and Event Planning needs.



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RIVERDALE MANOR FUN FACTS

1. The atrium at Riverdale Manor features a spectacular potted cactus. It is over 9 feet tall, and was started as a seedling by owner John Raezer 40 years ago.

2. Some of you may have noticed Riverdale's very own mascot, our friendly property cat named Catastrophe. She even has her own custom-made house outside of the kitchen doors.

3. Spring-Fall right outside of our kitchen doors and in pots around the property you will find fresh herbs such as basil, parsley, mint and rosemary. This is how we are able to offer the freshest possible food!

4. Each year our Chefs are given the challenge to create new menu items and present their selections at our internal menu tasting. The internal menu tasting is very much so like an episode of the shows "Top Chef" or "Chopped". Our culinary team led by Executive Chef Mike Baksa presents 25 to 30 new items to our team and only 10 of the items will make the menu package. This year we tasted desserts too. They were all winners!

5. Riverdale Manor is nestled along the banks of the Conestoga River. The Conestoga River is a 61-mile-long tributary of the Susquehanna River, and the first steamboat in America floated on the Conestoga in 1763.

6. Our 62 Pitney Road property has in the past been a working farm, has boasted a mill on the property, and has even previously hosted a library. We display our history proudly. On your next visit to Riverdale check out the display of historical artifacts found here on the property.



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WEATHER CONDITIONS & GROUNDS

Though it's not warm and sunny at all Riverdale Manor ceremonies, every wedding and reception has gone on as scheduled despite the weather. Our coordinators will work with you to create a "Plan B" using an indoor covered space that will be as beautiful for you as if it were a perfectly sunny day.

It has been our pleasure to read multiple thank-you notes and reviews from clients that begin with statements such as, "Although it rained, we held our ceremony in the pavilion and it was beautiful. We wouldn't have changed a thing."

Careful planning with our staff makes weather adaptations go smoothly and your guests will not even know there was a change. We diligently work on making the ceremony sites as lovely as possible, but sometimes the sites need more time to dry out after the rain ends. We are looking forward to warm and wonderful weather for every ceremony in the future!



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Something Borrowed



Riverdale Manor has several items that you are welcome to “borrow” from us for your ceremony and reception to help simplify your day! Arches, pedestals, easels, card boxes, place card holders, table numbers are just a few of the items available. Something Borrowed lists and pictures are available at RiverdaleManor.com on the vendor page.

Visiting Riverdale



Thank you for making an appointment to visit Riverdale Manor for every visit, even if you would just like to view the grounds. Please remind your vendors, friends and family to give us a call before they stop in so they don't accidentally walk into someone else's event.

Table Service



During dinner service, tables are served in numerical order. As a result, you should have all of the guests of honor seated at the lowest numbered tables. For example, parents and members of the bridal party should be seated at tables 1 through 4. They are served a little sooner to allow them more time for photos or socializing.

Placecards



Simpler is better! Easy to read place cards with the guest's name, table # and when appropriate, the entrée choice on the front of the card is the best way for our staff to serve your guests quickly. For served dinners each guest needs their own place card. Seating charts for buffet or station style events are fine. List your guests alphabetically by last name and the corresponding table #. Guests find their seats much easier this way.

Rehearsals



Rehearsals are scheduled at your finalization meeting 8-12 weeks prior to your event. Rehearsal time is based on our availability, is for one-hour only, and at no additional cost. Your officiant needs to attend the rehearsal. We only review general directions, not your vows and other details without them. Everyone who is part of your ceremony must arrive on time. Consumption of alcohol is not appropriate at the rehearsal. Most officiants will forbid this. Musicians do not have time to learn music at the rehearsal and must work out those details with you at a separate time.

Table Numbers



Riverdale Manor supplies table numbers and stands for your use. Table numbers guide your guests to their tables and allows us to get the proper meals efficiently to your guests. Easy-to-read table numbers and straightforward place cards greatly increase speed and accuracy of dinner service. If you are making your own table numbers, they need to be large and distinct enough for our service staff to see them from across the room. Some clients choose to give their tables a name in lieu of table numbers. Please be advised that these tables will also be numbered in order for our staff to properly serve your guests.



WINTER WHITE SPECIAL

Events booked for January 1, 2021-March 14, 2021 will receive a \$400.00 white chair ceremony credit from Riverdale Manor and a \$300.00 hors d'oeuvres credit* from Thyme & Seasons Catering



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DISCOUNTS IN CONJUNCTION TO OUR SPECIAL ARE ALSO BEING OFFERED BY OUR PREFERRED VENDORS:

- Petals with Style
- Floral Designs of Mount Joy
- Chris Rodkey - officiant
- Sealed with a Kiss by Kait-officiant
- Theresa Gilberti - officiant
- Big Party Photobooth
- Shining Star Photo Booth
- Courtyard by Marriott Greenfield
- Hampton Inn Greenfield
- Residence Inn Lancaster
- Vivace Live
- Cherrywood String
- Treasured Events
- Occasions Disc Jockeys
- Top Hat Entertainment
- Mixed Up Productions
- 30 West Entertainment
- DJ Andy M
- Bella Manse
- Rosie's Creative Cakes
- Kyle Keagy Photography
- Lauren Fisher Photography
- Nathan Desch Photography
- Tony Gible Photography
- Soul Focus Media

*Please contact these vendors directly for more information on their special packages and offers.
Based on minimum food, beverage and labor purchase of \$6,000