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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.



2021

RIVERDALE UPDATE









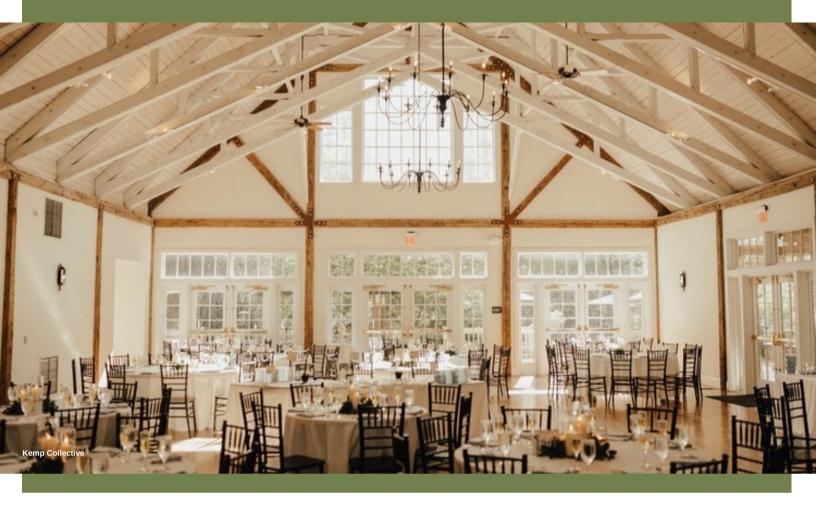
THANK YOU

As we take time to reflect on the past year, a few things come to mind. We want to acknowledge our extraordinary team and their adaptability to every challenge encountered. We have always maintained exceptional health and safety practices. But this past year, our staff members re-thought, re-imagined, and re-worked all food safety protocols and customer points of contact so everyone could be safe.

We would like to thank our clients and the community that we serve for all of the support we have received. We would also like to assure everyone that we will continue to do what we do best, create memories for you and your loved ones.

We are looking forward to a happy and healthy year ahead.

Maureen and John Raezer
Owners
Riverdale Manor and Thyme & Seasons Catering



THE BEST OF LANCASTER, PHILADELPHIA, & BALTIMORE!

Riverdale Manor is humbled and honored to announce we have once again been selected as a 2021 winner of The Knot Best of Weddings in three separate geographical regions. We are among the very best of Central Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and Baltimore. The Knot Best of Weddings provides a "by couples, for couples" guide to the country's top wedding professionals. It is a must-have guide to selecting the best-of-the-best wedding resources.

Having won the "Best of Award" for 14 years in a row, Riverdale Manor remains part of The Knot Best of Weddings Hall of Fame. The Knot is exceedingly selective with its Hall of Fame, inducting only those exceptional wedding professionals who have earned four or more of The Knot Best of Weddings.

WeddingWire has also announced that Riverdale Manor has been selected to receive a WeddingWire Couples Choice Award in 2021, which is the seventh year in a row we have earned this accolade. This award recognizes the top local wedding vendors within the WeddingWire Network who demonstrate excellence in quality, service, responsiveness, and professionalism. The award recognizes the best wedding professionals not only in the United States but also in Canada and abroad. Riverdale Manor has also been awarded the WeddingWire Brides Choice Award annually from 2012 through 2021. We are recognized as part of the top five percent of wedding professionals within the WeddingWire local vendor community.

Thank you to all of the couples who have made these awards possible. Riverdale Manor strives to be the area's premier wedding venue, and we are delighted to be recipients of these awards.























NEW DESSERT OPTIONS

Delectable, scrumptious, even sinful are all words used to describe our pastry chef Satoko's desserts. New additions like the Pear Caramel Mousse Cake or the classic combo of Peanut Butter Mousse Cake with Chocolate Ganache are simply irresistible. Satoko has also been hard at work putting together new wedding cake designs and accents for our 2 tier cakes. The quilted design is refined and classic. Whereas, the 3-dot pattern is simple and sweet. Celebrate the season with a fall birch tree concept or a whimsical winter scene. And who doesn't love a cookie cake? Add fresh fruit accents or a colorful drizzle to your cake to make it your very own. Earl Grey, lemon, and chocolate Madeleines with fruit compote or lemon curd would be a delightful addition to your suites menu as well. Here's to splurging on your big day!

FLAVOR & FUN!

THYME & SEASONS INTRODUCES NEW MENU ITEMS:

Every year our staff dedicates the winter months to creating new and enticing additions to our menu. This year's additions highlight not only the flavor but the fun you can have with your event's menu as well. Start the party off right with your cocktail hour! Our recently added Slider and Bruschetta Bars' extreme popularity have resulted in new combination hors d'oeuvres stations. Pique your guests' interest and taste buds with a Quesadilla, Spring Roll, Grilled Cheese, Mashed Potato, Tater Tot, or even a Nacho Bar! With so many selections, it may be hard to choose, but what fun! Keep these quick bites in mind as possible Late Night Snacks too!

Moving into the ballroom for dinner has never been more exciting with the newest mouthwatering dinner station, Little Havana. Starring pork shoulder rubbed with spices and marinated with citrus and slow-roasted and chef-grilled flat iron steak with house-made mojo sauce; the station will also include black beans topped with goat cheese, sweet and tangy braised collard greens, and Cuban spiced roasted sweet potatoes. Brandnew grilling station options will also be available and are always a crowd favorite, especially in summer. The fun isn't for station-style events alone. Get creative with your seated dinner with fresh and contemporary new entrees, which are also being added to the menu. Savor the miso salmon is a pan-seared filet topped with a sensational vinaigrette of miso, lime, ginger, and honey, or relish in the aroma of the juicy Moroccan chicken featuring the flavors of tangy lemon and salty Mediterranean olives. Don't overlook your vegan guests with the new Italian stuffed zucchini chock full of quinoa, black beans, walnut, and fresh herbs topped with our house marinara. With so much variety, our goal is to delight you and your guests as you dine and celebrate at Riverdale Manor.











CORPORATE MEETINGS & EVENTS

Riverdale Manor & 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 holiday party, an awards, banquet, or education enrichment, Riverdale Manor's location and convenience make it the perfect venue. Although we realize that 2020 and Covid-19 put a halt to many corporate celebrations, when you are ready to celebrate again, we will be here to help you plan and create a truly unique event.

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. Your employees have worked hard this year, juggling all that Covid-19 has thrown their way. Need a way to say thank you? Treat them to a surprise boxed grab-n-go lunch or provide those working remotely with a pick-up care package filled with an easily reheated family meal from Thyme & Seasons Catering. We would love to partner with you to create a new way to express your appreciation.

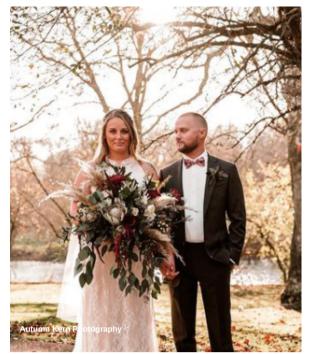






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STAFF UPDATE!

2020 was a big year for the staff of Riverdale Manor, both past & present! Former server Gregg, a Captain in The United States Air Force, was promoted to Launch Weather Officer at Cape Canaveral and will be overseeing forecasts for rocket launches for NASA and SpaceX. There were 2 high school and 2 college graduations to celebrate, and in December, coordinator Melanie Pritt married her sweetheart Spenser! Sous chef Shane is also recently engaged. Additionally, server John has been accepted to the local police cadet program, starting a career in law enforcement, and longtime server Donna, Thyme & Seasons' longest employee, has decided to hang up her black-tie, retiring after 26 years of service with the company!

As we enter the upcoming wedding season, all of the staff are hard at work prepping for the events ahead. The kitchen staff is recertifying their ServSafe credentials while servers and bartenders refresh their RAMP (Responsible Alcohol Management Program) certificates. We're refreshing our skills to make your day the safest and most magical experience for both you and your guests.

WEDDING TRENDS

- 1. Whether you choose a chuppah, altar, or any other type of wedding arch, these gorgeous and meaningful structures are a wedding tradition we love. One trend we're totally obsessed with right now is the circular wedding arch. These oversized wedding arches decorated with flowers are absolutely stunning and can be personalized by the bride's wedding colors and theme. We love circular wedding arches that take center stage at a wedding ceremony. They are such a dramatic wedding decoration idea that really takes a wedding ceremony up a few notches. We also love that the circle symbolizes eternity, which goes with the idea of marriage lasting forever. If you love this as much as we do, you can rent Riverdale Manor's circle arbor for \$100.00.
- 2. To identify a bohemian wedding or boho means it is an unconventionally-styled event, full of artistry and extra romanticism. Think of fairy-tales but with a plug of woodland enchantment instead of princess royalty. 1970's flair inspires most bohemian themes or styles. Think flowing hair and fabrics, Mother Nature's best details such as wildflowers, extra texture on the tables, delicacy, and romance woven through elements such as soft cotton and wood. Look to the outdoors for even more ideas and inspiration, and then soften them up with an ethereal touch. It's everything you would see in a true "fairy's" dream without too much fuss or crispness around the edges. Boho weddings incorporate an eclectic mix of natural, rustic, monochromatic, and vintage details into the design.
- 3. Candles and romance go hand-in-hand, so naturally, wedding candle decorations are a perfect fit when it comes to enhancing a reception space. Due to their sustainability and affordability, this trend isn't going anywhere soon.

Our helpful tips for doing candles the right way:

- More is more!
- Play with shape and asymmetry on your tabletops. Mix and match your candles and decorate with greenery for something a little more low-key.
- Browse vintage and second-hand shops to find unique and gorgeous treasures to incorporate into your centerpiece design, like tiles, mirrors, and runners.









EVENTS BOOKED FOR JANUARY 1, 2022- MARCH 13, 2022 WILL RECEIVE A \$400.00 WHITE CHAIR CEREMONY CREDIT FROM RIVERDALE MANOR AND A \$300.00 HORS D'OEUVRES CREDIT*
FROM THYME & SEASONS CATERING

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

- Petals with Style
- Floral Designs of Mount Joy
- Pearls & Petals
- Chris Rodkey officiant
- Sealed with a Kiss by Kait officiant
- Shining Star Photo Booth
- Courtyard by Marriott Greenfield
- Hampton Inn Greenfield
- Residence Inn Lancaster
- Vivace Live String Quartet
- Cherrywood Strings

- Occasions Disc Jockeys
- Top Hat Entertainment
- 30 West Entertainment
- DJ Andy M
- Bella Manse
- Rosie's Creative Cakes
- Kyle Keagy Photography
- Lauren Fisher Photography
- Nathan Desch Photography
- Tony Hoffer Photography
- Soul Focus Media

IT'S ALL IN THE DETAILS

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. Visit the Vendor Page on Riverdale Manor.com to see our Something Borrowed lists and pictures.

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.

SUITES



Hair, makeup, and dresses are ready, and day-of prepping for your wedding has begun! The Riverdale suites are available 3 hours prior to the start of your event and supply ample space and plenty of comfort for all members of your bridal party as you get ready on the big day. Remember to order lunch or snacks from Thyme & Seasons to keep everyone happy and their belly's full as the final preparations are made.

REHEARSALS



Rehearsals are scheduled at your finalization meeting 8-12 weeks prior to your event. Rehearsal time is based on our availability, is for onehour 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 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.

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.