



Moving to the Main Line

Your guide to Philadelphia's most beloved suburbs

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Thinking about a move to the Main Line? You're looking at one of the most beloved corners of the Philadelphia region — a string of historic, leafy towns with top schools, gorgeous homes, and an easy ride into the city. This guide gives you the lay of the land, and I'm always here to help you find the right fit. Welcome to the neighborhood.

START HERE

Where Is the Main Line?

The "Main Line" is a chain of suburbs running west from Philadelphia along what was once the Pennsylvania Railroad's main line. It isn't an official boundary — it's a collection of towns with a shared character, spread across Montgomery, Delaware, and Chester counties. Heading out from the city you'll pass through:

- Narberth, Wynnewood, and Merion
- Ardmore, Haverford, and Bryn Mawr
- Rosemont, Villanova, and Radnor
- Wayne, Devon, Berwyn, and Paoli
- Plus nearby favorites like Gladwyne and Bala Cynwyd

Towns blend into one another, and many people fall in love with a particular block long before they pick a town — which is exactly where having a local guide helps.

THE TOWNS

A Quick Feel for Each Area

- **Narberth** — a small, walkable borough with a real town center and strong community feel.
- **Ardmore** — a lively hub with Suburban Square shopping, great dining, and easy rail access.
- **Bryn Mawr** — a classic college town with a historic village and beautiful homes.
- **Wayne** — a storybook downtown of boutiques and restaurants in highly regarded school districts.
- **Gladwyne** — a leafy, prestigious enclave of larger estates and top Lower Merion schools.
- **Villanova** — a spacious, prestigious address anchored by Villanova University.
- **Wynnewood & Haverford** — leafy and convenient, with classic homes close to the city.

FAMILIES

Schools & Family Life

Schools are a top reason families move here. The Main Line includes some of Pennsylvania's most respected public districts — Lower Merion, Radnor, and Tredyffrin/Easttown — alongside a deep set

of well-regarded private and parochial schools.

One important note: school district lines don't always match town names. Always confirm the exact district for a specific address — I'll help you check.

LOGISTICS

Getting Around

- **Train:** SEPTA's Paoli/Thorndale Regional Rail runs straight through the classic Main Line towns and into Center City in roughly 25–45 minutes.
- **Highways:** the Schuylkill Expressway (I-76) and the Blue Route (I-476) connect you across the region; Lancaster Avenue (Route 30) is the area's historic spine.
- **Airport:** Philadelphia International is about 30–40 minutes away.

LIFESTYLE

Life on the Main Line

There's a lot to enjoy close to home: college-town energy from Villanova, Bryn Mawr, and Haverford; standout shopping at Suburban Square and nearby King of Prussia; farmers markets, country clubs, and a strong restaurant scene; and green space everywhere — Valley Forge National Historical Park, the Wissahickon, and miles of trails. It's traditional and leafy, but lively and well-connected.

BEFORE YOU MOVE

A Few Things Worth Knowing

- Housing spans the full range — condos and twins to grand stone estates — so there's an entry point at many budgets.
- Property taxes and local services vary by township and county; it's worth comparing as you narrow towns.
- Good homes can move quickly. Being pre-approved and clear on your priorities pays off.
- If you're selling elsewhere, we'll coordinate the timing so you're not caught between two homes.
- Visiting from out of town? I can walk you through homes over live video so you never miss a great one.

WITH YOU

How I'll Help You Relocate

- Match you to the right town for your commute, schools, lifestyle, and budget
- Live video tours so you can shop confidently from anywhere

- An honest, on-the-ground read on each neighborhood
- A vetted team — lender, inspector, attorney, and movers
- Coordinating your purchase with the sale of your current home
- Help getting settled and finding your favorites after closing

Let's Find Your Spot

Whether you're months out or ready now, I'd love to help you land in the right place. Reach me at (215) 403-4096 or johnlynch2nd@kw.com, or visit johntherealtydon.com for a free home valuation, listing alerts, and more. And if you'd like a guide tailored to your exact needs, just ask. — John, The Realty Don