

The Active Consumer

'Tis The Season To Be Shopping—In Pennsylvania

(NAPSA)—If checking things off your holiday list is taking longer than you'd like, you may want to steer the reindeer to a state known for exceptional shopping opportunities—Pennsylvania.

Some of the Valley Forge-area and Montgomery County locations that holiday shoppers love to visit include:

- **The King of Prussia Mall.** Featured on *Forbes* magazine's "World's Top 10 Largest Malls" list, the King of Prussia Mall boasts more than 400 luxury retailers, including eight department stores and more than 40 restaurants to satisfy nearly every craving.

- Bargain hunters are in luck when Montgomery County welcomes Philadelphia Premium Outlets, opening in Limerick on November 8, just in time for holiday gift giving. More than 120 outlet stores will offer the best designer brands. You may want to be there when it gets the jump on Black Friday, kicking off the region's after-Thanksgiving sale at midnight, November 23.

- **The Plymouth Meeting Mall** in Plymouth Meeting is in the midst of a major expansion and renovation project slated for completion in 2008. Additions include a 65,000-sq.-ft. natural and organic foods market and four new themed restaurants.

- **Montgomery Mall**, in North Wales, features four major department stores and 150 specialty shops. Shoppers can find respite from retail rigors with wine tastings (and purchases), sweet treats and coffee.

- **Willow Grove Park Mall** was built on the site of a well-loved old amusement park.

The mall, which features several department stores, revived



If you don't have a roomful of elves, you may want to visit a mall with more than 400 luxury retailers.

its Victorian roots with a carousel reminiscent of one manufactured by the Philadelphia Toboggan Company in the 1800s, food court tables inlaid with park memorabilia and a Nostalgic Mosaic Wall.

- The prestigious Main Line's Historic Village of Wayne is a retail "mallternative." Named after Revolutionary War General "Mad Anthony" Wayne, the town has charmed shoppers and diners of the western suburbs for more than 100 years.

The retail menu varies from quaint antique shops to one at which you can buy materials to create and assemble your own designs for jewelry and accessories, with the assistance of a knowledgeable staff.

The one-time Quaker settlement also offers fine dining from renowned Philadelphia-area chefs.

For more information, visit www.valleyforge.org.