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### Board of Supervisors

Public Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 7:00 pm

### Business Advisory Committee

As needed

### Communications Committee

As Needed

### Environmental Advisory Committee

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month 7:30 pm

### Historical Commission

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month 7:00 pm

### Land Conservation Advisory Committee

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month 7:00 pm

### Planning Commission

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month 7:00 pm

Work Session—4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month 7:00 pm

### Safety Committee

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month 7:30 pm

### Trails & Sidewalks Committee

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month 3:00 pm

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## FROM THE DESK OF SUPERVISOR WHITNEY HOFFMAN

It's been an exciting time in Kennett Township since I was sworn in in January. One of the first things I wanted to accomplish was to learn more about the day to day operation of the Township, and to help make sure the residents felt more informed about what was happening. Here are a few highlights:



- The first thing I did was to take video of the inside of The Pines/Fussel House, to help everyone get a sense of its current condition and what needs to be done to help restore it. The quick video was shown at a Township meeting and shared widely, so I hope we'll be able to create more short videos to help all residents see the progress we're making on different projects.
- I had an excellent opportunity to ride with our road master, Roger Lysle, during our big snowstorm, and it gave me a true appreciation for how hard our road crew works during an emergency, and what it takes to keep our roads safe and clear. Did you know after a big storm, it can take up to 8 hours, with all hands on deck, just to finish clearing the snow out of all the cul de sacs in the Township? Neither did I. Riding around in the big plow and watching Rodger help people who got stuck in snow banks helped me further appreciate how important having good shoulders on our roads is for safety all year long, and that the move to make new roads wider is important, especially during emergencies and bad weather.
- I also had a chance to spend a morning with our Police Chief, Chief Nolt, learning about the responsibilities of our police officers, and I had a chance, along with Scudder Stevens, to observe one of the DUI checkpoints this spring. The first hand experience of witnessing what our officers do helps me, and hopefully all of our residents in turn, understand what it takes to keep our community the safest in the Commonwealth.
- I've gotten a chance to see the new fire engine, and the new ladder truck is able to get to the top of any building in the borough or the Township. It's one thing to get the perspective of being in the "bucket" on a nice summer day, but to imagine everything our volunteers go through when they are dealing with an emergency, in the snow and ice, in heavy gear in the bucket is something else entirely. Again, seeing how these vehicles function and the room they need to set up in an emergency certainly puts perspective on the Township ordinances requiring that new roads be 24 ft wide. One trip in the big truck down some of our more roller-coaster-like roads, and the impact of our decisions on paper becomes clear.
- I'm also very pleased that we have opened up a Sustainable Development office in the Township. By combining the talents of our grant writer and a development director, we are looking for opportunities to solve some of the long-term challenges we face- preserving open space, but encouraging sensible, smart development. This is taking many forms, from looking at ways to improve our infrastructure, to ensuring that our codes and ordinances encourage the growth we need. Many ordinances envisioned a future involving business parks that are now out of favor, so sensible revisions for changing economic conditions need to be considered. Now that more people are telecommuting or looking for opportunities to share office space just a few days a week, the nature of work has changed, and we need to change with it. We're consulting with local business, developers and our conservation agencies to make sure that any proposed revisions meet the needs of everyone concerned.

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## Township Manager's Corner

By: Lisa Moore



### Sidewalks Project

Kennett Township was awarded an \$850k grant to install sidewalks on McFarlan and Rosedale Roads, from the Penns Manor development entrance on Old Baltimore Pike to Mill Road and on Cypress Street from Kennett Borough to Scarlett Road in New Garden Township. The project should be completed in the Spring of 2017. We applied for another grant to install sidewalks along McFarlan Road from Rosedale Road up to Old Baltimore Pike and then into Kennett Borough.

### Chandler Mill Bridge

The Township officially owns the bridge, and we have applied for grants to assist in the rehab of the bridge and to construct an innovative trail system along Chandler Mill Road. The Land Conservancy (TLC) now has their headquarters and an Interpretive Nature Center at the Chandler Mill Bridge which will be open to the public, containing 2.5 miles of trail and a key link to the Red Clay Greenway Trail System. The Township is going to issue a bid package for the rehab of the bridge in the Fall of 2016. Construction for the rehab of the bridge will begin in the Spring of 2017.

### Economic Development Study for Kennett Township and Kennett Borough – Completed

Kennett Township and Borough of Kennett Square received a grant to hire a qualified, professional planning consultant for completion of an Economic Development Strategy and Implementation Plan for redevelopment/development focus areas within the Borough and Township. **4ward Planning** is the consultant that was hired and they focused on the following (7) seven focus areas: The State Street Corridor; the Cypress Street corridor; the Birch Street corridor from Walnut Street to Broad Street; the area known as Millers Hill, which is on the eastern border between the Borough and the Township; the Ways Lane area of the Township; the area on the west side of Mill Road in Kennett Township; and the former NVF site in the Borough. The study is complete and available on the Township website. The Township and the Borough will work together on steps moving forward for implementation of the study.

### Holiday Village

Kennett Township, Kennett Borough and Historic Kennett Square will work together to hold the first Holiday Village in the Kennett Square area. The Holiday Village will be open the first weekend in December at the Creamery on Birch Street. More information to come....

### Stormwater Management

The Township is continuing to inspect basins and outfalls in accordance with our MS4/Storm water requirements. We will need cooperation from property owners to provide access to outfalls and basins on private property so they can be inspected as required by the Department of Environmental Protection.



## Please Remember

### The Supervisor and Planning Commission Meeting

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**Board of Supervisors' Public Meetings** – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

**Planning Commission Public Meeting** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month at 7:00 pm

**Planning Commission Work Session** – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month at 7:00 pm

Please refer to the Fall/Winter Activities on the back cover

As this year goes on, I'm trying to spend time on the job with all of our Township departments, so I better understand everything our staff does, and so we can also do a better job explaining it to you, our residents.

As part of this initiative, we looked at the website and realized it could use an upgrade to make it more user friendly, and easier to use on your phone or tablet. The new design was implemented at the end of the summer, and we encourage you to check it out! We're adding additional features to help people pay bills online, and make it easier to find out what's going on and what's coming up. You can also sign up for the newsletter, and text alerts in case of an emergency or road closure. We encourage every resident to do so, and we promise that we won't abuse the privilege of contacting you unless it's necessary.

My goal is to try, through pictures, video, Facebook and our website, to make sure you feel informed about what is happening in the Township, and understand what goes on to make our community function. Some projects, like the Burnt Mill Bridge repair, often take longer than any of us would like, and it can cause frustration all around. We're discussing ways to make sure we're communicating the timeline and stage of projects, so you'll always know what's going on by checking the website. It's a work in progress, so I ask for your patience.

A large part of making sure you know the benefits of living in Kennett Township is to make sure we are doing a good job of communicating information to you. One of the purposes of our newsletter is certainly to list our accomplishments over the past 6 months and to let you know what projects we're working on. I think it's equally important to encourage you to consider becoming more involved in our local community. There are always opportunities to volunteer for a Township or regional committee, attend a meeting, and we always appreciate hearing from you by email or phone if you have any questions or concerns.

As a citizen, I often wondered what exactly the day to day operations of our local government involved. Now I have a much better look at what happens every day, and I feel a great responsibility towards every resident to make sure we are making prudent decisions with every tax dollar spent.

Local government can be effective and responsive- at least where we have control. We can't always get the State or County to move as fast as we like, but we pride ourselves in working cooperatively with other municipalities and governmental agencies to get things done. If you have any ideas, comments, concerns, or things you think we can work on improving, please email me at [whitney.hoffman@kennett.pa.us](mailto:whitney.hoffman@kennett.pa.us). I'd love to hear from you, and get feedback on how we're doing. Local government is about neighbors and community, and we think ours is one of the best in the State.

**We are asking for your support for a community Public Safety Forum** headed by the Kennett Township and Kennett Borough Police Chiefs. This forum will enable the police leaders to present community safety issues, where the public can freely discuss their thoughts and concerns about all aspects of public safety. A relationship with the communities we serve is the foundation to the Township and Borough Police Departments' mission. Together, both departments provide public safety service to over 15,000 residents daily and as such, these relationships are not only critical but vital in our desire to provide health and safety services. This public forum will be held several times a year throughout the community, with each event highlighting a public safety issue of interest, followed by questions and discussion from the public. A featured guest speaker from the public safety field is planned along with comments from police officials. **Our first forum is scheduled for October 11, 2016, at 7 PM** in the lower atrium of the Genesis Healthcare building, 101 E. State Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348. We are hopeful for your support to make this forum a success. More frequent

and meaningful dialogue between the communities and the police departments is imperative. Please view our website for details on future police forums.

**School Student Safety Tips for Drivers.**

**For twenty three million students nationwide, the school day begins and ends with a trip on a school bus. The greatest risk is not riding the bus, but approaching or leaving the bus. Before children go back to school or start school for the first time, it is essential that adults and children know traffic safety rules.**

When driving in neighborhoods with school zones, watch out for young people who may be thinking about getting to school, but may not be thinking of getting there safely. Active school zones are posted a 15 MPH while school is in session.

**SLOW DOWN.** Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in neighborhood. Also watch for children playing and congregating near bus stops.

**BE ALERT.** Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.

**By Lydell E. Nolt  
Chief of Police**



Learn and obey the school bus laws in your state. Learn the "flashing signal light system" that school bus drivers use to alert motorists of pending actions:

- **Yellow flashing lights** indicate that the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.
- **Red flashing lights** and extended stop arms indicate that the bus has stopped, and that children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop sign is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again.

**HERB PENNOCK PARK RENOVATION PROJECT CONTINUES!**

Funding from Kennett Township, KAPRB, Kennett Borough, Constellation, Suburban Realtors Alliance, Kennett Run Charities, The Mushroom Festival and over 60 local companies contributed to the successful installation of a beautiful new playground at Herb Pennock Park. The playground features 5 sliding boards and many interactive play stations and climbing apparatuses. New kiosks were constructed in 2016 by Eagle Scout Cody Brown and his volunteer team. KAPRB also installed additional fencing and is currently working to plant several new trees at Pennock. Funding for the new trees was made possible by the E. Kneale Dockstader Foundation Grant and Genesis Healthcare. Please visit the park soon at 675 W.

**Kennett Area Park & Recreation Board**

*by Claire Finfrock, Recreation Coordinator*

South Street in Kennett Square, PA to enjoy this wonderful park in our town!

**OUR PROGRAMS:**

KAPRB offers the community a vast number of recreational programs! Funding from local municipalities allows participants to pay moderate fees. KAPRB coaches aim to create a positive and fun sports environment, teach effective skills, and help the players to develop a strong foundation of team work and sportsmanship.



**BLUE DEMONS SPORTS**

**KAPRB – Serving Youth in the Kennett Square Area**

Jr. Basketball League

Summer Camp

High School Spring Basketball

KAPRB Kids Cross Country Race

Girls Field Hockey

Mushroom Festival Race

Girls and Boys Lacrosse

New Garden Run the Runway Race

Youth Volleyball

Adult Softball Leagues

Golf

Summer Clinics: Basketball, Field Hockey and Volleyball

*KAPRB is a non-profit 501c3 organization that offers quality recreational programs in the Kennett area and improves, develops, and maintains Herb Pennock Park.*

**[www.bluedemonssports.org](http://www.bluedemonssports.org) or email [kaprb@verizon.net](mailto:kaprb@verizon.net)**

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**ALL EMERGENCIES DIAL 9-1-1**

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- Kennett Township Public Works Emergencies (after hours)..... 484-723-9338
- Longwood Fire Company (www.longwoodfireco.com) ..... 610-388-6880
- Kennett Fire Company (www.firestation24.com) ..... 610-444-4810

**Important Contact Numbers:**

- Kennett Consolidated District School Taxes – Keystone Collections Group ..... 888-519-3903
- Kennett Township Earned Income Tax - Keystone Collections Group ..... 724-978-0300
- Chester County Treasurers Office-Chester County Real Estate Taxes..... 610-344-6370
- Chester County Assessment Office ..... 610-344-6105
- Berkheimer Associates-Kennett Township Real Estate Taxes ..... 800-360-8989
- Chester County Health Department ..... 610-344-6237

# Conserving Open Spaces Yields Big Dividends

By Jeff Yetter, Chair, Land Conservancy Advisory Committee

At the request of the Township in 2004, the Brandywine Conservancy prepared a “*Cost of Community Services Study*” that illustrates clearly the increased tax burden of residential development upon taxpayers. Open space and farmlands result in substantial savings to Township taxpayers as do commercial and industrial properties. The following excerpt from the Conservancy’s report paints a clear picture of the value of open space.

“While it is clear that the conversion of farmland and open space to new houses has an inevitable and irreversible impact on the scenic, historic, and natural landscape, it is less obvious what the impacts of this growth are to the financial health and stability of an area.” This study by the Brandywine Conservancy analyzed the fiscal relationships of municipal and education services to the four major land uses - residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural - in Kennett Township. The Conservancy documented here exactly what other reputable sources have concluded elsewhere – **tax revenues and other fees provided by new residential development do not cover the costs of municipal services and educational demands that such development generates. At the same time, farmland generates a net budget surplus.** Based on recorded revenues and expenses for 2001, this study concludes that:

- residential development contributes to a permanent, large public school budget shortfall;
- moreover, residential development will continue to stretch the township budget as demands for services and administrative requirements increase;

- by contrast, the remaining farmland in Kennett Township is an 'economic engine' equivalent to commercial and industrial land uses in generating budget surpluses; and,
- property owners will almost certainly experience continued upwardly spiraling taxes, especially district taxes, to make up the shortfalls.

The following table compares revenues to expenditures for the four major land uses both as ratios and in actual dollar

	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Farmland
<b>Ratio</b>	1 : 1.05	1 : 0.11	1 : 0.09	1 : 0.11
Net dollar differences	-\$747,098	\$1,250,152	\$64,388	\$100,251

differences. Using farmland as an example, the ratios mean that for every dollar attributable as revenue from farmland uses, only 11 cents in services were spent.

Thus, the residential use yielded a net loss of approximately three-quarters of one million dollars in 2001, while the other land uses yielded net surpluses that in part served to subsidize the residential land use. “

A 2014 study by the Conservancy for East Nottingham Township showed residential costs for services increasing there to \$1.08 for every dollar received in taxes and open space declining to just \$.03 for every dollar received in taxes.

It is pretty clear that it makes real cents to conserve Kennett Township’s open spaces. If you are interested in learning more about conserving your property, please contact Lisa Moore at [lisa.moore@kennett.pa.us](mailto:lisa.moore@kennett.pa.us).





# Anson B. Nixon Park

By Heidi Hauptschein

Thank you for telling us what you think about Nixon Park and its future! Residents had the opportunity to complete a survey to help the Kennett Area Park Authority identify how the Park meets community needs and the vision for the next five-ten years. The information provided will be used in the development of KAPA's strategic plan.

Thank you for making the 2016 summer concert series a huge success. Each year we see attendance growing. We feel the connection between the music and the community fosters a feeling of goodwill. The season culminated with our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual fundraising concert featuring the sounds of *Love Seed Mama Jump* on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

### New Entranceway

**UPDATE:** Construction for the newly anticipated entranceway will begin in the fall 2016 without any interruption to the park. The new entranceway will be

located a short distance up North Walnut Street.

### Wow! I didn't know that.... A few interesting facts about the Anson B. Nixon Park

- The Park is owned and operated by The Kennett Area Park Authority (KAPA). KAPA was established by the Borough and the Township in 1988 as a joint municipal authority for the sole purpose of establishing and operating a Park on property straddling both municipalities. Approximately 1/3 of the Park is located in the Borough, while the remaining acreage is in the Township.
- KAPA is made up of a nine to eleven person volunteer board appointed by the Borough and Township. KAPA employs up to four people on a part time seasonal basis, including two groundskeepers and an administrative person.

- The park is one of only a few parks in Pennsylvania that does not receive dedicated tax dollars (millage). Main sources of funds come from usage fees, grants, and donations from the public, business community and the Borough and Township. The public also supports the Park through its annual appeal. Donations from local business for specific projects, such as the summer concert series and trout rodeo, are also an important source of funding.

The park got its name from Anson B. Nixon. Mr. Nixon was a longtime resident of Kennett Township and a township supervisor. He chaired the Regional Landfill Authority (forerunner of SECCRA) where the ball fields now are. His dream was to create a park on the landfill site and some adjacent properties.

For updates, more information or to make a donation, visit our web site [www.ansonbnixonpark.org](http://www.ansonbnixonpark.org), Facebook, Instagram or email us at [ansonbnixonpark@gmail.com](mailto:ansonbnixonpark@gmail.com). We would love to hear from you!

## A New Season for Trails and Open Space

By Tom Janton  
Trails & Sidewalks Committee

Fall is a perfect time to enjoy the beauty of Chester County, and the development of the Kennett Greenway trail is well underway. Recent efforts have focused on building new trail connections to the current trails as well as spreading awareness about open trailheads. Additionally, the Kennett Greenway recently launched a new website to accompany its fresh branding. The website highlights this initiative, driven largely by the Kennett Trails Alliance, and provides an illustrated map of the current and proposed trails that create a 10-12 mile loop.

In conjunction with the Kennett Greenway, the Kennett Township has a proud, proactive, and progressive team committed to innovation and leadership through the provision of services enhancing the quality of life in our community. As



supporters of the Kennett Greenway and open space in the township, they recently created a larger initiative for conservation called "Kennett Land & Trails" or "KLT" for short. This initiative is a collaboration of various interest groups in the township who are committed to the community's engagement with natural beauty. In addition to complementary branding to the Kennett Greenway, KLT will be launching a website that aims to provide information about trails, sidewalks and open spaces locations as well as the groups driving these initiatives and how community members can get involved.

To learn more, visit [www.KennettGreenway.com](http://www.KennettGreenway.com), and be on the lookout for the new Kennett Land & Trails site in the coming months!

# SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROWTH FOR THE LONG HAUL

by M. Patricia Muller, Economic Development Director

The Sustainable Economic Development office of Kennett Township is working to facilitate the kinds of economic development that will provide desired improvements to unimproved areas and incentivize “smart” growth. We compliment Township environmental initiatives and encourage the “greening” of our commercial fringe surrounding Kennett Square Borough.

**Transportation Initiative** - Dedicated to addressing the needs of our transportation infrastructure, the Transportation Initiative is a Kennett Township driven coalition of area businesses, local municipalities and County agencies. The Transportation Initiative is seeking ways to ease heavy-duty truck flow through our area and to plan for future transportation needs.

**Kennett Arts Alliance** – Comprised of representatives from Kennett Township, Historic Kennett Square and area artists, the Kennett Arts Alliance is seeking to support and enhance the Kennett area’s vibrant arts presence. Working through Historic Kennett Square, Kennett Arts will market the arts in Kennett, provide a “go to” web presence to discover all things “Art” in our town. 2017 is our target date!

**BILD – Business Innovation Land Development** – “If you BILD it they will come!” Economic Development that is Sustainable recognizes that Township needs change over time and that “code” written years ago may not encourage the current desired development outcome. The BILD District is a re-envisioning of the Business Park Planning Code designed to encourage sustainable “green” growth and encourage a “live/work” environment. Currently in the concept phase, BILD when codified, promises to be a vibrant addition to our community’s development.

**Economic Incentives** – Encouraging “smart” growth requires *select* incentives. As we explore various economic incentives that we might wish to employ, we are in the process of developing a set of protocols define the boundaries of usage.

**Indoor Agriculture** – Working in concert with the Sustainable Environmental Development office, Indoor Agriculture provides a “next generation” approach to Kennett Township’s current mushroom industry. Defining the parameters of that “new” industry and developing the appropriate planning code is a current initiative of the Economic Development Office.

**Business Friendly WEB Presence** – Finding available properties to buy or lease in Kennett Township and Kennett Square Borough has never been easier. As part of the Township’s new WEB site, the Economic Development Office has current listings of all available properties for sale or lease as well as available land for sale. We have also added a link to a detailed accounting of “When a Permit is Required” to assist making development a smooth process.

## Winter's Coming - Be Prepared!



**Safe Electricity® Storm Safety Kit**

-  Drinking water & food
-  Blankets, pillows, & clothing
-  Basic first-aid supplies
-  Prescriptions
-  Basic toiletries
-  Flashlights
-  Battery-operated radio
-  Battery-operated clock
-  Extra supply of batteries
-  Phone
-  Cash and credit cards
-  Emergency numbers
-  Important documents (in a waterproof container)
-  Toys, books, & games
-  Baby supplies
-  Pet supplies

# First Half 2016 Financial Review



The 'Net' for the first six months was (\$181.6)K which was 70% better than last year and 122% higher than budget. During the first half, the sewer fund repaid the general fund \$400,000 and the general fund transferred \$290,000 to the capital fund. Thus, the general fund had an ending cash balance of \$6MM.

**General Fund Revenue** during the first six months was \$2.1 million 5% higher than both the same period last year and the budget. Taxes provide 80% of the Township revenue and versus last year same period were up 1.7%

**Expenses** for the first six months were \$2.3 million, down 5% from budget but up 51% from last year due to lower earned income tax. The all other category, while up substantially versus last year, was only up 4% versus budget. The variance was due to an insurance premium paid during the first six months of this year but last year's payment was during the second half.

## Other Township Funds

### Open Space

This fund generated \$364K in revenue, mostly from open space taxes. Revenue for the first six months was 20% lower than last year and 8% lower than budget. Expenses were \$1153K mostly consisting of property purchases. The net income was (\$789K) and the fund had \$3,023K in cash on hand as of June 30.

### Sewer

The sewer fund had revenues of \$456K mostly consisting of industrial fees and residential fees. Expenses were \$446,000, mostly for pump stations. In addition, the fund repaid \$400,000 of its loan to the general fund leaving a balance of \$146,240. Net income, including the loan repayment was (\$390)K and the fund had an ending cash balance of \$169,528 as of June 30.

### State

The State fund ended the first six months with \$306K in revenue, mostly from the liquid fuels reimbursement from the state. \$184K was spent on paving leaving a net income of \$122K. This fund had an ending cash balance of \$123K.

### Library

The Library fund generated \$146K from the library tax and a small amount of interest income and distributed \$74K to the Kennett Library during the first six months ending with a net income of \$72K. The ending cash balance was \$74.6K and this, along with any additional taxes received, will be distributed to the library by the end of the year.

### Capital

This fund generated \$45K mostly from fixed asset sales and spent \$338K on capital projects and capital equipment during the first six months ending with a net income of \$2.7 K. The cash balance was \$25.2K including a \$290K transfer from the general fund during the first six months.

### Township Investment Fund

At the end of June, the Township portfolio had a value of \$5.7 million, 1% higher than December 31, 2015.

### Township Balance Sheet

The detailed balance sheet to the right shows assets of \$22.2 million.

Kennett Township Balance Sheet	
ASSETS	
	6/30/2016
<b>Current Assets</b>	
General Fund	\$6,005,383
State Fund	\$122,786
Open Space Tax	\$3,023,004
Library Tax	\$74,562
Capital Fund	\$25,245
Sewer Fund	\$169,528
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$9,420,508</b>
<b>Property, Plant, Equipment</b>	
6/30/2016	
Maintenance building equipment	\$416,220
Maintenance building tools	101,230
Maintenance building vehicles	620,512
Maintenance buildings	1,003,340
Police vehicles	175,200
Pump stations	1,465,420
Township building	2,800,150
Township building equipment	223,650
Township building land	400,000
Township building, outside equipment	25,656
Traffic signals	1,125,000
Sewer Connection EDUs	4,279,860
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$12,636,238</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>	
Loan to Sewer Fund	146,240
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>\$146,240</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$22,202,986</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Other Current Liabilities	72,300
Loan from Gen Fund to Sewer Fund	146,200
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$218,500</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$218,500</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$218,500</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
Opening Balance Equity	6,126,567
Net income	-1,131,156
Retained Earnings	16,989,075
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>\$21,984,486</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$22,202,986</b>

# Kennett Township Barkingfield Park

by Lisa M. Moore, Township Manager



We are excited to announce that we will have a Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening for the Barkingfield Park, which is the first Kennett Township park on Bayard Road, adjacent to the Township Maintenance Garage facility. At this event on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3 p.m. we will have a ribbon cutting ceremony, refreshments and events for children and the local fire companies and our police department will attend. We will present an overview of the layout of the park and will have the trails mowed for all to enjoy.

The Township Park Committee has worked together over the past six (6) months to create the concept plan below, which will be implemented over the next couple years. This will be a passive recreation park which will include trails, sunflower and wildflower meadows, two separate dog parks and a mowed grass area where children can throw a football or play some soccer. Access to the park will be through the maintenance garage entrance and will be open from dawn to dusk.

The Township worked in a collaborative effort with Michael Pia, Jr. and Stephanie Pia, the Deleeuw Family, the Township Land Conservation Advisory Committee (LCAC) and The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County (TLC) (who hold an easement on the

property) to purchase this property and preserve 45 acres which will become a Township park for passive recreation for the entire community to enjoy. Open Space Funds were used to pay for the \$782,000 purchase of the site; almost 80% of this may be able to be recouped through grant funds in the future.

This property is truly bucolic with rolling hills, many beautiful trees and a beautiful row of Osage orange trees staggered along the road. The entire property originally consisted of 56 acres, of which the Pia family purchased the original historic home and barn with 11 acres, and the Township purchased the other 45 acres. Not only is this the first ever Kennett Township park, it is the first property in the Township to utilize Transfer Development Rights to enable high density development in a more suitable area of the Township and restrict the development on this property, which is located in a high priority open space area.

We hope to see you all at the park!

## Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Sunday, October 23 from 3-5 PM



# REPLACING THE RAILROAD BRIDGE AT ROSEDALE – 1918

by Sara Meadows, Chair, Historical Commission

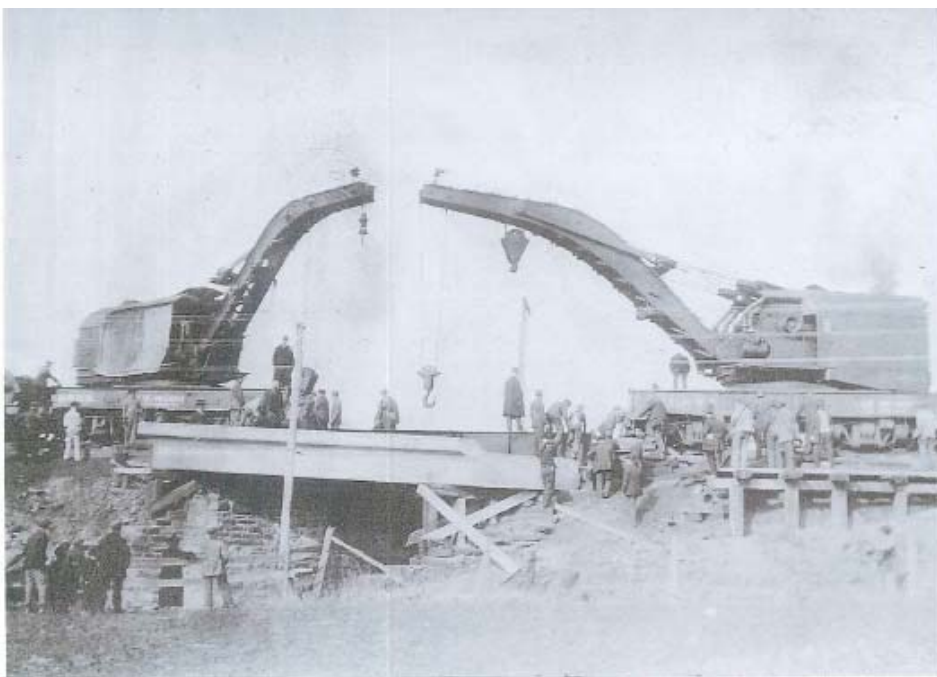
This old photograph shows the replacement of the wooden railroad bridge on Hillendale Road just west of the Township building.

It looks as though most of the residents of the small village of Rosedale and the surrounding farms were there to watch the 2 large cranes install the pre-cast concrete lintels.

Today this nearly 100 year old bridge is still there, is still being used and despite being marked “caution 9 ft 6 in”, is still having vehicles getting stuck under it. In spite of that, the bridge continues to do its job, carrying East Penn freight trains over the road, often twice a day. This “relic” from the past remains an important part of the railway system that serves and passes through the Township.

Kennett Township Historical Commission member Jim Jacoby has recreated this original scene with great accuracy and attention to details in a special exhibit in the showcase in the Township’s Public Meeting Room.

Among the many objects in the display, you can find a steam engine chugging along, a Model T Ford, a horse drawn wagon loaded with milk cans for shipping on the train and a warehouse porch loaded with packages, some with goods for the Rosedale General Store and some with items ready to be shipped out.



The railroad provided an important link to the world beyond the Township and Jim’s display illustrates this well.

Try to stop in and see the diorama and the next time you go under the Hillendale Road railroad bridge, think about this bit of history and all the changes it has witnessed.

## A SAD NOTE

*It is with great sadness that we report the passing of David Shepherd on July 26, 2016.*

*David was a Township resident and long time member of both The Historical Commission and The Planning Commission.*

*David was always ready to do whatever he could to further the goals of these two groups. His opinions, suggestions and comments were well thought out and wise and made to create unity. He cared greatly about the Township and he worked tirelessly to preserve our past and insure our future. He will be missed.*



# Mark Your Calendar!

## A REMINDER FROM THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Don't forget the Kennett Township Historical Commission meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Township building on Burrows Run Road.

All are welcome to join us as we focus on collecting, preserving and sharing our Township's history.

If you'd like to see what we've got, or if you have any items you'd like to donate, please let us know.

We welcome contributions of books, pamphlets, letters, photos and other memorabilia.

Contact Sara Meadows at 610-388-1300 or [sara.meadows@kennett.pa.us](mailto:sara.meadows@kennett.pa.us) to set up an appointment.

*Summer is at its end and major projects are winding down only to be replaced with a whole list of other jobs that need to be done.*

The following summer jobs were completed:

**RECONSTRUCTION and PAVING:** Dogwood, Holly, and Buttonwood Drives in Old Hamorton Village; South Fairville Road, along with a section of East Hillendale Road between Route 82 and Kaolin Road; a section of Walnut Valley Road; and Davenport Road and Donny Lane.

**STREET SEALING with SLURRY SEAL:** Whitney, Hart, Knoxlyn Farms, Kennett Ridge, Overbrook, Twin Creek, Montana Drives, and the Hamorton Cut-Off.

Line painting, crosswalks, stop bars, and railroad crossing were also done on Township roads.

Several drainage projects are still to be done this fall. A bank restoration project will be underway later this fall on Marshall Bridge Road. The road will be closed for thru traffic during the project. Completion is expected before the winter.

Tree trimming is also scheduled for the fall. We try to clear 3 feet off the road edge and 16 feet high. Every effort will be made to work with the property owner on problem areas. Sight distance and safety are our first priority.

Weaver Mulch ground and hauled away a total of 793 tons of yard waste at the Maintenance Garage this summer. This tonnage is reported to the County in our annual recycling report.

Fall is a nice time to take a walk around your property and check on things that could use a little attention. Check your mailbox to be sure it is strong enough to withstand snow pile-up from snowplows and passing traffic. Remove any solid non-breakaway structures in the right-of-way that could cause damage to the snowplows if struck. Remember, when clearing driveways and sidewalks, do not throw snow into the street, as this creates a safety hazard. Refrain from parking in the street and putting trash bins in the roadway during a snow storm.

As always, call me at the Maintenance Garage, 610-444-5130, with any concerns or problems.



*By Roger Lysle  
Public Works Director/  
Roadmaster*

## STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

*by Lisa Moore, Manager*

Storm water is rainwater and melted snow that runs off streets, lawns, and other sites. When storm water is absorbed into the ground, it is filtered and ultimately replenishes aquifers or flows into streams and rivers. In developed areas, however, impervious surfaces such as pavement and roofs prevent precipitation from naturally soaking into the ground. Instead, the water runs rapidly into storm drains, sewer systems, and drainage ditches and can cause:

- Stream bank erosion
- Increased turbidity (muddiness created by stirred up sediment) from erosion
- Habitat destruction
- Changes in the stream flow hydrograph (a graph that displays the flow rate of a stream over a period of time)



## How to Manage and Control Storm Water Runoff

Residents can:

- Disconnect rain gutters and downspouts from nearby sewer lines
- Install a rain garden or rain barrel to capture storm water runoff
- Avoid planting trees, shrubs and bushes on your property near the sewer line. As plants' roots deepen, they can enter, block and damage sewers
- Reduce your water use, especially during rainy weather
- Check whether the sewer line that leads to your house has cracks or separated joints and report damage to the Township
- Reduce fertilizer and pesticide use and lawn watering
- Properly dispose of household hazardous waste like cleaning products, motor oil and paints
- Collect and dispose of trash and pet waste properly
- Reduce impervious surfaces (blacktop, concrete, etc.) on your property where possible.



## *The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County*

*By Alex Delp*

Get outside this fall season and enjoy one or all of the many programs offered by The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County (TLC)!

- Join TLC's apiarist for an inside look at the busy world of honeybees at **Open Hive Day** on Sept. 17th and Oct. 22nd from 10 AM–12 PM.
- Keep an eye out for local birds of prey during the **Hawk Watch** at Bucktoe Creek Preserve, held from Sept. 1st –Nov. 30th, 9 AM–3 PM daily.
- Listen for creatures of the night in Bucktoe Creek Preserve's woodland habitat during the **Full Moon Owl Prowl** on Oct. 14th from 6 PM–7:30 PM.
- Join the **Living History Hike** on Oct. 22nd from 2 PM–5 PM for a unique tour of significant local historical sites. Get a sneak peek of the Chandler Mill Nature Preserve opening in 2017 to learn about area history while exploring home sites, ruins, and the site of the Chandler Mill and its working elements. Then visit the **Bucktoe Cemetery**, final resting place of at least 8 members of the Civil War Colored Troops.
- As the weather gets colder, ditch shopping and come hiking! Collect items in nature to make seasonal decorations with the **Black Friday Celebration** on November 25th, 10 AM–12 PM at Stateline Woods Preserve.

Registration and location details for these and other programs are available at [www.tlcforscc.org/education](http://www.tlcforscc.org/education).

Fall prep and planting on your Agenda? Make use of TLC's **Conservation Land Improvement Program (CLIP)**. CLIP will assist landowners to become better stewards of their properties by helping landowners with a variety of projects to improve the ecological significance of their land. CLIP can also help to develop sustainable practices through consulting, planning, and management. Call TLC Land Manager Sequoia Rock at 610-347-0347 ext. 106. to schedule a consultation.



## Have **You** Signed Up for the Kennett Township eNewsletter?

If not, don't waste any more time. The eNewsletter provides important breaking news, critical alerts, and brief updates on issues —information that can be very beneficial to you and your family. Send an email to [ktnewsletter@kennett.pa.us](mailto:ktnewsletter@kennett.pa.us) with your name and we will include you in the newsletter distribution list. **Promise:** No Spam! And you can unsubscribe anytime.

# Kennett Library News

By Ivy Weir, Program Coordinator

The Kennett Library heads into the fall with exciting changes in store. With the help of Carl Francis of Envisian, the library's Board of Trustees has created a name and branding that speaks to our present, future, and rich history within Kennett Square and Chester County. With a revitalized dedication to preserving the history of our area and a clear vision for how to look to the future, the Kennett Library is in an exciting position to continue to be a source of information, connection, and inspiration for our community as we pursue a new library building. Be sure to visit the library lobby, which will feature new display panels that will enlighten our patrons about Bayard Taylor and his history as a literary inspiration, as well as other local historical figures.

Even though the busy Summer Reading season is over, the library will remain bustling throughout the fall.

**A VISIT WITH WILLIAM FILI** was held on September 24 presented by Mr. Fili, a veteran of World War II. He spoke about his experiences and his book, *Passage to Valhalla*.

**CHESTER COUNTY HISTORY** was presented on September 28 by Ellen Endslow of the Chester County Historical Society who had a very interesting slideshow detailing the diversity and history of our area.

**ALEXANDER HAMILTON: A MORE PERFECT UNION** was presented on October 8 by historian and author Gene Pisasale. He delivered a fascinating lecture – in character as Hamilton himself!

And upcoming...

**A VISIT WITH KEITH CRAIG, AUTHOR OF HERB PENNOCK: BASEBALL'S FAULTLESS PITCHER** on October 22 at 2 PM. Learn about one of Kennett Square's most famous residents, Hall of Fame pitcher Herb Pennock, and pick up a copy of Keith Craig's new book.

**CHILLING REALITY: CHESTER COUNTY'S ARCTIC EXPLORERS** on November 9 at 6 PM. We welcome back the Chester County Historical Society as they regale listeners with tales of the brave individuals from Chester County who explored the arctic.

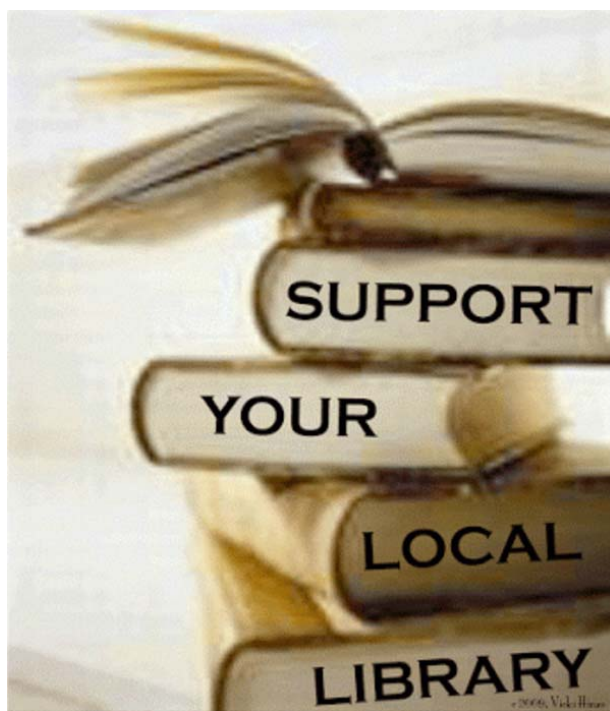
**MODIGLIANI: THE ACCURSED PAINTER** on November 17 at 7 PM. Barnes Foundation docent and art historian Fred Dixon will detail the fascinating life of this avant garde painter.

For children, we are pleased to offer a slate of programs that encourages creativity, a love of reading, and a connection with nature. Toddlers can explore Anson B Nixon Park at our **BACK TO NATURE CLUB**, meeting on Thursdays at 9:30 AM between September 8 and October 6. Tuesday night **ART CLASSES** for ages 7 to 10 will have children exploring a variety of methods for creating every week at 6 PM. Wizards and Muggles of all ages won't want to miss the fun activities at our **HARRY POTTER HALLOWEEN** on October 29 from 10 AM to 1 PM, with a variety of magical games and crafts for the whole family.

Even though their schedule gets busier in the fall, teenagers can still relax at one of our comic book reading groups or weekly **TABLETOP GAMING NIGHT**, Thursdays from 5 – 7 PM, September 7 until November 3. **VIDEO GAME CLUB**

also makes a Fall comeback, transforming the library into an arcade for 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders on Friday nights from 6 – 8 PM between September 30 and October.

Registration for all programs is available online at our website, KennettLibrary.org, or in person at the library. Fall is a wonderful time to curl up with a good book or try a new class. We hope you will come and see us at the Kennett Library!



# ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM (ESP)

by Mike Guttman, Environmental Sustainability Director

Kennett Township, our immediate neighbors, and indeed all of Chester County are some of the fastest growing areas in the region. As our overall economy continues to improve, the question is not whether this growth will continue, but how it can best be directed and managed so as to preserve the qualities of the natural and built environment – open space, historic towns, air and water quality, etc. – that make our area so special.

To this end, the Township recently established the Sustainable Development Office (SDO). The SDO is charged with promoting our Township’s economic, environmental and social development in a consistent, coordinated, and sustainable way. Within the SDO, the Environmental Sustainability Program (ESP) currently manages four major initiatives designed to protect and enhance the natural and built environment of the Township for the benefit of the overall community:

- Kennett Greenway – develop a 12 mile preservation corridor with a multi-use recreational trail that connects all the major protected open space and parkland within Kennett Township and the Borough of Kennett Square, and connects to neighboring and regional trail systems. Previously this was called the Red Clay Creek Greenway.
- Active Transportation – improve our Township’s overall transportation infrastructure and policies to develop a network of safe routes that make it safer and easier to walk or bicycle to work, school, shopping, parks, etc., all around Kennett Township and the Borough of Kennett Square.
- Land Stewardship – support more ecologically beneficial and sustainable land management practices to land owners and managers across the Township.

As varied as these initiatives may seem, they all strongly support the overall goal of making sure that the Township is able to attract residents, visitors, and businesses that will help it grow in a sustainable way. For example, both the Kennett Greenway and our Active Transportation initiative are designed to create a more walkable/bikeable community both to improve the lives of current residents and to attract new environmentally-conscious residents, residential and commercial developments and businesses. Similarly, our Land Stewardship initiative, unique in this region, is designed to work closely with established conservation organizations to help our current and future land owners and managers implement land management and development practices that protect and enhance air and water quality and support natural plant and animal habitats across all of Kennett Township, not just within our protected open spaces.

- Indoor Agriculture – promote leveraging the extensive existing infrastructure of our world-class mushroom industry to support the introduction of other year-round indoor crops such as greens, herbs, and fruits.

Coming from another direction, our Indoor Agricultural initiative is aimed at expanding and diversifying our largest industry – mushroom farming - in a sustainable way. Today, this industry generates \$500M/year of fresh product, which contributes \$2.6 billion to the local economy. But recent improvements in growing technology, such as LED lighting, are now making it economically attractive to grow a variety of green crops indoors as well, and this opportunity is starting to attract significant investment from all around the world.



For our current mushroom farmers, green indoor agriculture offers the opportunity to diversify into more profitable crops that also have far less environmental impact than traditional mushroom farming. At the same time, we believe outside investors will find the Township an attractive area to build new green indoor agriculture facilities because they can easily leverage our existing mushroom industry infrastructure– packing, cold storage, shipping, transportation, logistics, and service – thereby significantly reducing startup times, operating costs, and overall business risk. Our Indoor Agriculture initiative will be providing proactive support to both these groups, while helping the Township develop new rules, regulations, and plans that make sure this exceptional opportunity develops sustainably.



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# Pennsylvania's Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act

(Act 101) MANDATES recycling in municipalities with populations between 5,000-10,000.

In accordance with Recycling Ordinance #178, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on December 15, 2008, Kennett Township initiated a mandatory curbside recycling program as required by Act 101.



Contact your current trash hauler for their specific recycling guidelines and arrange for them to pick up your recyclable materials.

Included in this STATE MANDATE is yard waste. As part of their recycling program, trash haulers working in Kennett Township are required to pick up yard waste (leaves, brush, and tree limbs) twice a year (spring and fall), and also a special Christmas tree pick up in January. Check with your individual trash hauler for their guidelines on the recycling of yard waste.

Additionally, residents, not landscapers hired by residents, can dispose of their yard waste at the Township Recycling Center, 557 Bayard Road. Hours of operation are Monday-Saturday from dawn to dusk, and on Sunday from 10:00 am to dusk. Yard waste does not include construction trash such as old decking, fence posts and rails.

## OUTDOOR BURNING

**Outdoor burning is prohibited in Kennett Township by order of the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).** Exceptions are restricted to agricultural businesses and ceremonial fires. Burn Permits are required for these two exceptions and can be obtained at the Township office. There is no charge for these permits. Agricultural burn permits for bed boards only, are good for 90 days. Ceremonial burn permits are only in effect for the day of the event.



## Know Your Polling Location

- Precinct 1** Kennett Township Building
- Precinct 2** Church of the Advent
- Precinct 3** Kendal at Longwood Auditorium
- Precinct 4** Greenwood Elementary School

## 2016 ELECTIONS

**Presidential Election** - Tuesday, November 8, 7:00 am – 8:00 pm

You must re-register to vote if you changed your name, address, party affiliation, or have not voted in 5 years. Voter Registration applications and Absentee Ballots can be obtained at the Township office. For additional information, call Voter Services, 610-344-6410 or email [www.chesco.org](http://www.chesco.org)

# Fall/Winter Activities & Meetings

### November

- 1 Trails & Sidewalks Committee
- 1 Planning Commission
- 2 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
- 8 Presidential Election - Office Closed
- 9 Safety Committee
- 11 Holiday - Office Closed
- 15 KA Park Authority
- 16 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
- 17 Land Conservation Advisory Committee
- 22 Planning Commission
- 22 EAC
- 22 Historical Commission
- 24 Holiday - Office Closed
- 25 Holiday - Office Closed

### December

- 6 Trails & Sidewalks Committee
- 7 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
- 13 Planning Commission
- 14 Safety Committee
- 15 Land Conservation Advisory Committee
- 20 KA Park Authority
- 21 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
- 23 Holiday - Office Closed
- 26 Holiday - Office Closed
- 27 Planning Commission
- 27 EAC
- 27 Historical Commission
- 30 Holiday - Office Closed

### January

- 2 Holiday – Office Closed
- 3 Trails & Sidewalks Committee
- 4 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
- 9 Organizational Meeting
- 10 Planning Commission
- 11 Safety Committee
- 16 Holiday – Office Closed
- 17 KA Park Authority
- 18 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
- 19 Land Conservation Advisory Committee
- 24 Planning Commission
- 24 EAC
- 24 Historical Commission

### February

- 1 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
- 7 Trails & Sidewalks Committee
- 8 Safety Committee
- 14 Planning Commission
- 15 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
- 16 Land Conservation Advisory Committee
- 20 Holiday - Office Closed
- 21 KA Park Authority
- 28 Planning Commission
- 28 EAC
- 28 Historical Commission

### March

- 1 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
- 7 Trails & Sidewalks Committee
- 8 Safety Committee
- 14 Planning Commission
- 15 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
- 16 Land Conservation Advisory Committee
- 21 KA Park Authority
- 28 Planning Commission
- 28 EAC
- 28 Historical Commission

### April

- 4 Trails & Sidewalks Committee
- 5 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
- 11 Planning Commission
- 12 Safety Committee
- 14 Holiday - Office Closed
- 18 KA Park Authority
- 19 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
- 20 Land Conservation Advisory Committee
- 25 Planning Commission
- 25 EAC
- 25 Historical Commission