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Business Advisory Committee

As needed

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As Needed

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4th Tuesday each month 7:30 pm

Historical Commission

4th Tuesday each month 7:00 pm

Land Conservation Advisory Committee

3rd Thursday each month 7:00 pm

Planning Commission

2nd Tuesday each month 7:00 pm

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2nd Wednesday each month 7:30 pm

Trails & Sidewalks Committee

1st Tuesday each month 3:00 pm

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Kennett Township's First Ever Park

By Lisa M. Moore, Township Manager

Kennett Township opened the first Park on Bayard Road, adjacent to the Township Maintenance Garage facility. 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) 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. The Township received a \$200k grant from the County towards the purchase.

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. This project has been in the making for about one year and it took great efforts from everyone to realize our goal to bring the park to fruition. Without the collaborative efforts of everyone involved in this project we would not have been able to make it happen.

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. Michael Pia, Jr. purchased the development rights from the 56 acres, which he will transfer to a property on North Walnut Road to create a multi-use development. The Township and the Pia's worked with The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County who will hold a conservation easement over the 56 acres.

The Township installed the dog parks for small and large dogs and mowed natural trails around the perimeter of the park. We will begin working on the installation of sunflower and wildflower meadows, tree orchard, wood tot lot 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.



Supervisors Scudder Stevens, Whitney Hoffman, and Richard Leff cut the ribbon officially opening Barkingfield Park on October 23 2016.

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. Construction will begin in July 2017 and should take approximately 90-days to complete.

Grants

In 2016, Kennett Township received \$2.5m in grants to implement projects. They include sidewalks along McFarlan Road to Old Baltimore Pike and into Kennett Borough, resurfacing existing trails in the township, creation of an Active Transportation Plan, Implementation of a trail along Chandler Mill Road and a grant to reimburse the township for a portion of the Barkingfield Park purchase.

Economic Development Study and ReZoning for Kennett Township and Kennett Borough

Kennett Township and Borough of Kennett Square completed an Economic Development Strategy and Implementation Plan for redevelopment/development in focus areas within the Borough and Township. The study was completed using County grant funding and public and private funding utilizing **4ward Planning** as the consultant. 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 applied for a joint County grant to amend the zoning in the focus areas in order to move forward with the implementation of the study.

Holiday Village

Kennett Township, Kennett Borough and Historic Kennett Square worked together to hold the first Holiday Village in the Kennett Square area. The Holiday Village was held at the Creamery in the Borough the first weekend in December 2016. The Holiday Village was a huge success with over 5,000 in attendance. There were vendors, ice sculptures, live music, **food** trucks and craft lessons. The 2017 Holiday Village will be held on December 2, 3, 9 and 10, 2017 from 11 am – 6 pm each day. More information to come on our website, kennetholidayvillage.com

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.

Burnt Mill Bridge Reopening

The Burnt Mill Bridge finally reopened in January after being closed for over 2 years. PennDOT completed the construction.



From the Desk of Whitney S. Hoffman

Vice Chair of the Board



Spring is (finally) here in Kennett Township, and I'm excited about all of the things we've accomplished over the past year, as well as the exciting things on the horizon.

Over the past year, we partnered with Kennett Borough on an economic development study, to see what we could do to make sure we were attracting businesses and visitors to the area, and see what possible unintentional roadblocks might be keeping us from being successful. As part of the effort to execute on the goals of the economic development study, we formed a Sustainable Development office here in the Township that has had an outstanding year. They've been looking at how we can best leverage our local assets to make sure we are building a long-term stable and sustainable economic climate for everyone who works, lives or plays in Kennett Township.

As one of the steps towards implementing the economic development study suggestions, we worked together with Kennett Borough in December to have the area's first Holiday Village, modeled after the Christmas Markets you can see throughout Europe. We wanted this year to be a trial run, so the publicity was limited, and we still drew 5,000 visitors over the two days!

The idea behind the market was to create an event that would help bridge the time between the Holiday Parade and the Mushroom Drop on New Year's, and offer additional reasons for the many holiday visitors to Longwood could come into town and support local businesses. The Vendors were chosen and included Township and Borough residents as well as those in surrounding areas. Mike Bontrager offered the Creamery as a location, and even the school district participated by having high school students come and sing, showing off their holiday program to a wider community.

We are so excited that it was so successful! Some of the vendors even said they had to go home after the first night and stay up to make more items to sell on the second day, and it had been the most successful market they had participated in. Many vendors started asking about a 2017 market the day after it finished! In fact, it went so well, some of the organizers of

another big regional market, Clover Market, are now going to come to Kennett Square over Father's Day weekend, bringing additional business and excitement into the area. The Committee is also going to look at having the Market on two weekends this next year, taking small steps to make sure we are successful in trying to create a new holiday tradition that also meets very real economic development goals.

This may, at first glance, seem like a small, feel good project, but its accomplishments go well beyond warm holiday feelings. When we looked at the best practices for creating rural economic vitality, the list includes:

1. Creating Networks to Support Entrepreneurs and Micro Business Development
2. Thinking Local – Supporting Local Businesses First
3. Retaining and Growing Local Businesses
4. Helping Start New Businesses in Your Community
5. Implementing a Downtown Revitalization Program
6. Organizing Farmers Markets and Community Supported Agriculture (CSA).
7. Developing Visitor Amenities – Rural and Geotourism

The Holiday village meets many of these goals, supporting local artisans and craftspeople at a slower time of year, helping them to grow their businesses, and supporting existing businesses by attracting more visitors- many of the downtown businesses reported it was one of their best weekends through the whole holiday season, despite concerns it might "steal" shoppers. By creating another option for Longwood holiday visitors to do, we also have the ability to capture additional visitors and business that might not otherwise venture into the Borough.

Each project we take on in conjunction with other local municipalities is done with an eye to create a community that has a bright future, independent of whatever is happening in the local economies of Philadelphia or Wilmington. We want you to be proud of living in Kennett Township, and we're working hard to make sure that our future remains bright for a long time to come.



Mark Your Calendar!

A REMINDER FROM THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Don't forget the Kennett Township Historical Commission meets the 4th 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 to set up an appointment.

Connectivity and Public Access

The Secret Sauce for Preserving Open Space

by Jeff Yetter & Michael Guttman

When you drive around our Township and take in its many beautiful vistas, it seems to have a lot of open space and, in fact, about 50% of the Township is officially classified by land use as undeveloped. However, less than 40% of that (<20% of the Township) has been permanently preserved through conservation acquisitions and easements. The rest could be developed at any time, and that's an ever-present danger to the look, feel, and lifestyle of our lovely Township.

It is for that reason that the Township has a very active open space program, spearheaded by our volunteer Land Conservation Advisory Committee (LCAC), and supported by our open space fund, which receives its funding from the open space tax our voters overwhelmingly approved over a decade ago. Recently, for example, the Township used that fund to acquire the lovely Barkingfield Park, located next to the Township's maintenance facility on Bayard Road. The LCAC also works with regional conservation organizations, such as The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County (TLC-SCC), to help it identify potential acquisitions and manage the preservation process. For example, our lovely Stateline Woods was preserved in this way, with the Township providing much of the funding for TLC to acquire the property and then actively manage it.



Over the next decade, the LCAC has the goal of preserving an additional 10% of the Township, which would bring Kennett Township up to the Chester County average of about 30%. However, to reach that goal, the Township's own open space funding is simply not enough. For many of its larger open space projects, the Township depends on preservation grants from state and county agencies, which can sometimes finance up to 90% of acquisition costs, a great way to leverage our limited open space dollars.

But such grants are highly competitive. For example, this year PA's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), one of our major open space funders, has only \$8M in grant funding to award for the whole state! The only way our Township can hope to be

awarded any of those funds is to select properties that compellingly meet the various grant criteria.

Two of the key grant criteria are connectivity and public access, which are closely related. Connectivity means the property is adjacent to other open space that is already preserved, or is planned to be. The aim is to create corridors of open space that provide a continuous habitat for wild flora and fauna, and thus offer exceptional recreational opportunities for our residents and visitors.

But to truly offer such opportunities, properties also must have good public access, which basically means that

acquisitions include trail easements, optimally configured to integrate with a planned trail network that connects the whole open space corridor.

One of Kennett Township's great accomplishments over the last few years has been to combine LCAC's open space planning with the considerable trail planning efforts of the township's volunteer Trails and Sidewalks Committee (TSC). The result has been a

comprehensive system of planned open space and trails called the 'Kennett Greenway'.

When complete, the Greenway will sport a 13-mile 'multi-use' (bike and pedestrian) trail backbone that will directly connect most of our larger open space acquisitions, and, through spurs, connect them as well to as many residential neighborhoods and major destinations (downtown Kennett, Longwood Gardens, etc.) as possible. The Greenway also connects to other regional open space and trail systems like the Brandywine Creek Greenway and the Northern Delaware Greenway, both of which connect to the 800+-mile Philadelphia Circuit and the 2000+-mile East Coast Greenway.

This entire coordinated planning works in a number of ways to make Kennett Township that more competitive in gaining the funding we need to preserve as much as we can of the open space we all cherish. Meanwhile it also works to make sure our Township residents have the best possible access by bike and foot to the many open space and recreational opportunities that our Township - and its surrounding areas - has to offer.

Kennett Township's New Community Based Land Stewardship Initiative

By Kathryn Pearlstine Freilich, Land Stewardship Coordinator

We are all experiencing the impacts of rapid growth in Kennett Township and our surrounding areas. While many aspects of this growth such as economic development and new neighbors are welcomed, it also is putting pressure on our natural resources, including water quality, groundwater quantity, and air quality.

To help preserve these natural resources, Kennett Township is pleased to engage with the Brandywine Conservancy to launch a unique Township-wide 'Community Based Land Stewardship' (CBLS) initiative. This initiative aims to promote environmentally beneficial and sustainable land management practices in landscapes of all types, sizes and uses across the Township, ranging from residential yards to commercial and industrial sites to undeveloped areas and parkland. In doing so, the initiative supports the overall goal of the Township's Sustainable Development Office (SDO) to maintain and improve the overall natural and developed environment of Kennett Township, a key goal of our Township's Comprehensive Plan.

It's important to recognize that the land in this area has been managed by humans for centuries, both for essential needs such as food production as well as for aesthetic and recreational uses. As a result, we have made ourselves an essential part of guiding natural processes even for undeveloped land. Many long-term factors such as disturbances of soil, introduction of non-native plant species, and changes in overall ecosystem balance make comprehensive, coordinated and active stewardship necessary to restore and support the overall environment across every type of property.

- The benefits of such stewardship include:
- Protection of the quality and quantity of groundwater
- Reduction of flooding and stream bank erosion
- Appropriate habitat for native wildlife and flora
- Soil protection
- Healthy, attractive lands surrounding our homes, work, and recreation.

Pilot Project at Barkingfield Park

To kick-off the CBLS initiative, and to encourage public engagement, Kennett Township's new Barkingfield Park and the adjacent Township Municipal Services Area have been selected as sites for an initial pilot project for the Community-based Land Stewardship Program. These properties provide an excellent locale to demonstrate the concepts and process of active land stewardship. As part of this pilot project, all Township residents and landowners will have an opportunity to engage with the community-wide initiative and to learn about proven techniques to restore, enhance, and maintain natural areas in our region that are found in Barkingfield Park and are relevant to many properties in the Township.



Charles Gawthrop Shoemaker (1923-2017)

With the passing of "Chuck" Shoemaker on February 24, 2017, at the age of 93, Kennett Township said goodbye to a well known and respected member of our Community.

Chuck spent all but 10 years of his long life in Kennett Township, with many of them in service for the Township. He was a Committeeman for 18 years, a member of the Planning Commission for 4 years and a Supervisor for 12 years, from 1992-2003.

When he first became a Supervisor, he stated that he believed in 2 things- the good of the Township and the necessity of fairness to all citizens. He credited his Quaker education and its values for teaching him to think for himself, stand up for his beliefs and always do what he felt was best for the Township.

Today we remember and appreciate his service and involvement in the Community which helped make our Township what it is today. His warm relaxed friendliness and bright personality will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him.





INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE SCAMS

The following guidelines can help you see through any IRS scams that you receive:

Digital Communication – The IRS will never initiate contact with you via email, text message or social media, nor will they request personal or financial information over those channels. Do not click on any links or open any attachments. Instead forward the email to phishing@irs.gov.

Mail – The first contact from the real IRS will be through the mail. If you get a letter from the IRS that is unexpected or suspicious, it should have a form or notice number researchable on the IRS website, www.irs.gov. Compare what you find there with what you received. If it doesn't look right, call the IRS help desk at 1-800-829-1040.

Phone – A legitimate IRS agent will never make a call to demand immediate payment of a bill or ask you to provide your debit or credit card information over the phone. If you are suspicious, ask for the employee's name, badge number and phone number. A real IRS agent won't hesitate to provide this information. You can call the IRS at 1-800-366-4484 to confirm the person's identity.



Kennett Township Police Emergencies Dial: 9-1-1

Police News

By Lydell E. Nolt
Chief of Police

Township Ordinances regarding dogs at Township parks, athletic fields and public events.

Is your medicine cabinet full of expired drugs or medications you no longer use? How should you dispose of them?

Many community-based drug “take-back” programs offer the best option. Kennett Township Police Department usually hosts two “take-back” events a year.

Kennett Township Police hosted the drug take-back event on Saturday, April 29th. If you were unable to make this event, here are the FDA's instructions for disposing of unused medication .



Drug Disposal Guidelines and Locations

Follow any specific disposal instructions on the prescription drug labeling or patient information that accompanies the medicine. Do not flush medicines down the sink or toilet unless this information specifically instructs you to do so.

Take advantage of programs that allow the public to take unused drugs to a central location for proper disposal. Call your local law enforcement agencies to see if they sponsor medicine take-back programs in your community. Contact your city's or county government's household trash and recycling service to learn about medication disposal options and guidelines for your area.

Transfer unused medicines to collectors registered with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Authorized sites may be retail, hospital or clinic pharmacies, and law enforcement locations. Some offer mail-back programs or collection receptacles (“drop-boxes”). Visit the DEA's website or call 1-800-882-9539 for more information and to find an authorized collector in your community.

With warmer weather on the horizon we would like to remind dog owners of

In the parks, athletic fields and at public events within the Township, dogs shall be secured by a leash of sufficient strength for the owner or handler to maintain control of the dog at all times. Dogs are to be secured by a leash no longer than 12 feet in length. The leash is to be pulled in and shortened to a maximum three feet when approaching or being approached by other persons and/or animals.

The owner or handler of any dog brought to the parks, athletic fields or attending a public event with a dog shall diligently supervise the dog and shall be responsible for immediately removing fecal matter left by the dog and disposing of it in a safe and sanitary manner.



KENNETT TOWNSHIP'S NEW INDOOR AGRICULTURE INITIATIVE

by Michael Guttman, Sustainable Development Office

Nearly everybody around here knows that the Kennett area is the 'Mushroom Capital of the World.' Today we produce about 50% of the US mushroom crop, some 500M pounds a year, with a regional economic impact of an estimated \$2.6B per year. That means our local mushroom farmers not only grow and harvest nearly 1.5M pounds of fresh mushrooms each and every day of the year, but also manage to get it to market all across the country, most of it by the very next day – a truly amazing feat.

Once each day's freshly harvested crop leaves the tightly controlled environment of the many familiar mushroom houses that dot our area, it wends its way through an extensive infrastructure of lesser-known but equally important packing, storage and shipping facilities, collectively called the 'cold chain.' The refrigerated facilities of the cold chain make sure that - day after day - what our customers ultimately receive is reliably as fresh and safe as the moment it was picked.

Until recently, the only produce crop that could be profitably grown and delivered every day at such scale has been mushrooms. Since nearly every other crop needs light to grow, they are typically grown outside, subject to the seasons and the vagaries of the weather as well as pests, weeds, soil conditions, water quality, toxins, etc. This has made it impossible for any other produce crop to match the year-round reliability of our mushroom crop.

But all that's about to change. New computer-controlled lighting technology based on light-emitting-diodes (LEDs) now makes it possible to grow a wide range of produce crops – greens, herbs, tomatoes, berries, etc. - completely indoors year-round in tightly controlled environments similar to mushroom houses. Already, many of these 'green' indoor crops outperform their outdoor counterparts on quality and reliability. As soon as they can be grown in quantities similar to mushrooms, production costs will drop as well, making them

even more competitive.

That means exciting new opportunities for Kennett. Less than a year ago, Kennett Township's Sustainable Development Office (SDO) realized that indoor farmers of other crops who decide to place their facilities here will be able to almost instantly take advantage of something available nowhere else - our highly reliable and scalable year-round cold chain, the largest and most sophisticated in the world. That cold chain was originally built to support the mushroom industry, but little about it is actually crop-specific. That means it can easily be adapted to pack, store, and ship any kind of fresh produce, delivering it to the very same produce buyers who currently purchase our mushrooms.

The Township's SDO has since launched an Indoor Agriculture Initiative to inform the green indoor agriculture industry of our substantial advantages as a location for any indoor produce crop. At the same time, the Initiative also reaching the mushroom industry, regional economic development groups, regional agriculture schools and the broader community to help them better understand this opportunity and its considerable potential for our future economy.

Early results have been encouraging. The Initiative's message has been well received at Indoor Ag Con, the industry's largest conference, and several indoor agriculture companies have already visited Kennett to explore its potential as a location for new growing or research operations. Meanwhile a group of area universities have indicated interest in setting up an Indoor Agriculture Center of Excellence in Kennett to conduct and coordinate joint research, training, and technology innovation activities.

Anyone interested in more information about Kennett's new Indoor Agricultural Initiative should email us at 'indoorag@kennett.pa.us.'



ANNUAL RED CLAY VALLEY CLEAN UP

by Jim Jordan, Executive Director
Brandywine Red Clay Alliance

Over 700 volunteers turned out for the 29th Annual Red Clay Valley Clean Up on Saturday, March 25th. In less than four hours these volunteers collected over 90 cubic yards of trash and litter, enough to fill three 30 cubic yard dumpsters, in addition to 203 tires. The Clean Up expanded this year to cover nearly 90 miles of streams and roadways in the Red Clay Watershed, much of which is in Kennett Township. It also

this massive endeavor.

The Clean Up is co-sponsored by Brandywine Red Clay Alliance and the Delaware Nature Society with additional support provided by many local organizations and businesses in PA and Delaware, including Kennett Township, Kennett Area Park Authority, Phillips Mushroom Farms, Wild Birds Unlimited – Hockessin, DE, Kennett Golf & Country Club, Chatham Financial, Starbucks Coffee

included Anson B. Nixon Park, one of the staging areas for

Company, SECCRA and others.

Along with many residents Kennett High School came out in force with groups from Walk in Knowledge (WIN), The National Honor Society, The Humanitarian Club and others.

Jim Jordan, Brandywine Red Clay Alliance Executive Director and Chair of the Clean Up said he “continues to be amazed by the enthusiasm and dedication of our volunteers – from cub scouts, to high school students, local residents and the many businesses that supply trucks and crew; all working together towards a cleaner watershed.”

2017 CHESTER COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS

www.chestercounty.org

RESIDENTIAL ONLY

BUSINESSES AND CONTRACTORS WILL BE TURNED AWAY

NO ELECTRONICS WILL BE ACCEPTED

ALL EVENTS START AT 9:00 AM AND CLOSE AT 3:00 PM SHARP

For a list of items Accepted and Not Accepted go to:

www.chestercswa.org/DocumentCenter/View/1475

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 2017

OCTORARA HIGH SCHOOL (Proof of Residency May Be Required) 226 Highland Road, Atglen, PA 19310

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017

OWEN J. ROBERTS MIDDLE SCHOOL 881 Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA 19465

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017

COATESVILLE LEARNING CENTER 1635 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320
(Stone wall entrance-Veteran's Drive-Same entrance as CAT Brandywine – Route 30 across from Dairy Queen)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

OXFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE BLDG. 125 Bell Tower Lane, Oxford, PA 19363
(Proof of Residency May Be Required)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017

GOVERNMENT SERVICES CENTER 601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA 19380

Maximum Amount Accepted – 25 Gallons or 220 Lbs.

No Metal Drums

No Freon Appliances

PLEASE TAKE YOUR CARDBOARD BOXES HOME TO RECYCLE AT THE CURB OR LOCAL DROP OFF

Kennett Area Park and Recreation Board

By Claire Finfrock, Recreation Coordinator

Kennett Area Park and Recreation Board (KAPRB) promotes, encourages, and supervises recreational activities in the Kennett Square community. Funding from local municipalities allows participants to pay moderate fees. Board meetings are held on the second Monday of each month and KAPRB is looking for interested community members to join our Board. Program registration information is available by visiting www.bluedemonssports.org.

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.

Herb Pennock Park Renovations: In 2007, the Borough of Kennett Square named KAPRB as the organization to manage Herb Pennock Park located on South Street, Kennett Square. Under the management of KAPRB, the Park has undergone many renovations. Recent renovations include new scoreboards, new bleachers, and a new playground at the park. KAPRB continues to work on park beautification by planting many new trees at the park.

KAPRB is always looking for new, active KAPRB Board Members. For more information please email our Recreation Coordinator, Claire Finfrock at kaprb@verizon.net or call at 610-444-6314. To register for KAPRB programs: visit www.bluedemonssports.org.

KAPRB SPRING and SUMMER Programs OPEN for Registration:

Program	Program Dates	Times	Fees
Spring Golf Clinic	Children learn golf skills including putting, driving, and chipping		
Location: Golf Better Center, Kennett Square, PA	April 22 – May 20 th [Saturdays]	9:30am – 10:30am	\$120
Summer Camp	Fun filled, action-packed summer camp for children ages 5-12. Children enjoy arts and crafts, games, science, cooking, sports, swimming, bowling, and many fun filled trips.		
New Garden Elementary School	June 12-July 7 (no camp July 3 or 4)	9:30am – 10:30am (Mon-Fri)	\$815 for 8-week session. \$175 individual weeks. <i>Registration fees include the cost of all field trips and transportation.</i>
Bancroft Elementary School	July 10-August 4	8:30 AM-2:30 PM (Mon-Fri)	
Summer Basketball Clinics	Students in grades 3-8 are invited to register! Basketball drills, game strategy instruction, and scrimmages help players develop basketball skills!		
Kennett Middle School	June 19-23	9 AM-12 noon	\$60
Bancroft Elementary School	July 10-14	9 AM-12 noon	
Summer Field Hockey Clinic	Girls in grades 1-8 will learn game rules and game strategy through fun games and instructional techniques.		
Kennett Middle School	July 10-14	9 AM-11:30 AM	\$60
Kids Cross-Country Race	Children enjoy a 1.5-mile race, prizes, T-shirts, food and fun! Children age 14 and under may register		
Anson B Nixon Park	July 13, 2017	7 PM	FREE
New Garden Airport Run the Runways 5K	Enjoy a fabulous 5K run on the New Garden Airport runway! Prices, breakfast, and T-shirts for participants		
New Garden Airport	August 20, 2017	8 AM	\$30 adults \$20 children under 12
Mushroom Festival 5K Run or 2 mile walk	Fun, beautiful run or walk through the Kennett Borough in Kennett Township. All proceeds from this event go back to local charities and nonprofit organizations.		
Kennett High School, 100 E. South St., Kennett Square	September 10, 2017	8:30 AM-race start	\$25 adults Children under 12 FREE
Blue Demons Boys Lacrosse Program	Our spring Boys Lacrosse Program involves practices twice weekly and competitive games each week. Children ages 5-14 may participate		
Blue Demons Girls Lacrosse Program	Our spring Girls Lacrosse Program (ages 5-13) involves weekly practices, competitive games, great instruction on game strategy and development of Lacrosse skills.		
Spring High School Basketball League	This league is for boys in grades 9-12. Fun and competitive games will be played on Monday and Wednesday evenings at KHS Auxiliary gym and KMS gym. The season runs from March-May.		
Coed Adult Softball Leagues	The league is played at Pennock Park in Kennett Square. Must be 18 years of age or older to play. Program runs April-August.		

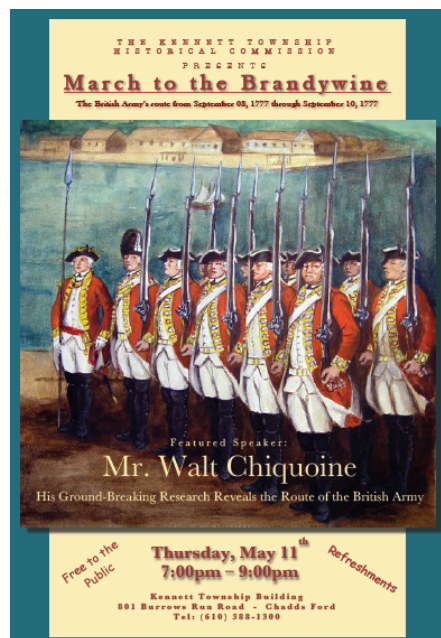
MARCHING to the Brandywine - 1777

by Fredda Pennock, Historical Commission Member

The Kennett Township Historical Commission is joining the year of marches! Our annual program, entitled “MARCHING to the Brandywine 1777”, celebrates the tercentenary of the Battle of the Brandywine. Our speaker, Walt Chiquoine, will describe the route the British took through our area (possibly near your current home) on their way to meet with Washington’s army.

Join us on Thursday, May 11, 2017, at the Township Building, 801 Burrows Run Road. The program starts at 7pm, but come a little early for refreshments and fellowship.

MARCH ON OVER AND JOIN US!



BARKINGFIELD PARK

by Sara Meadows
Kennett Township Historical Commission Chair

SAD NEWS

The Historical Commission has recently lost another long-time and valued member.

Jay Roland Minshall, passed away on February 21, 2017, at the age of 96, having lived a full and very interesting life.



Our “Roland” had a seemingly endless store of facts and amusing anecdotes about the Township which he enjoyed sharing and which we thoroughly enjoyed hearing – he was such a good story teller.

He kept us on our toes, correcting our Minutes and our mistakes, offering better solutions for our various projects and was always willing to help, AND he made us laugh. With his bright smile and a twinkle in his eye, he was a delightful and valuable friend and we will miss him.

many foxes on the farm when she lived there.

Today the name seems a fitting one because of the 2 fenced-in dog areas. It is also interesting to learn some of the history and understand how the name continues to be very appropriate even if you’re not looking for a fox.

There’s lots of excitement about our new Park and all the plans for it – fenced-in dog lots, trails, gardens and open meadows - - - BUT - - - I was filled with wondering about the farm’s name, especially after learning that Barkingfield Farm had been called that as far back as 1940 when Captain Hudson Dravo, US Naval Reserve, lived there with his wife.

According to the Township’s Historic Resource Survey, the farmhouse was built ca. 1800, and is probably much older. In 1883, the 63 acre farm was owned by John Proud. We’re not sure when the farm got its name, but our Historical Commission is planning on doing more research about this property to add to our understanding of the history of Kennett Township.

The creation of this Park was made possible through the efforts of the Township Supervisors, our Township Manager, the Township’s Land Conservation Advisory Committee (LCAC), The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County (TLC), the Michael Pia, Jr. family and the deLeeuw family.

The matriarch of the deLeeuw family was the former Jan Weightman, who grew up at Barkingfield Farm and graduated from Kennett High School in 1964. When asked about the origins of the name, she responded that fox hunting had been a very popular sport for early residents and was enjoyed by almost anyone who had a horse. She remembered being told “if a fox was needed for a hunt, one could always be found at Barkingfield Farm”. Hounds and foxes both “bark” so whether the Farm got its name from barking hounds or barking foxes, the name makes sense AND it makes a good story.

Jan added that there were still



ROADS UPDATE

After a taste of early spring, Mother Nature let us know that she is still in charge. This last storm was more sleet than snow, but it still made for a few busy days and a lot more headaches. Hopefully no more storms. THINK SPRING!!!

Plow posts will be removed, plows and spreaders will be checked and put away for the summer and mowing equipment will be put in their place.

Spring sweeping of the subdivisions is set up for the first week in April. This is done to remove loose anti-skid and debris from the roadway.

The annual spring clean-up of Township roads was on Saturday, 3/25/2017. This event was in coordination with the Red Clay Valley Clean-up event. The Township Road Crew picked up the filled bags along the roads. We thank all those who volunteered for making this annual event such a success.

The Township Yard Waste and Recycling Center is always busy. The yard waste pile was ground for mulch by Weaver Mulch the week of 3/20/2017. This is done twice a year as needed.

Barkingfield Park is open and will have many improvements over the summer. The grass walking paths will be established and mowed. Rain gardens will be installed, along with parking lot improvements. Trees will be planted around the dog parks. Sunflower and wild flower fields will also be installed.

Summer Paving: East Hillendale Road (Greenwood Road to Route 52); Banewood Drive, Banewood Circle, Captain Robinson Drive, Moynahan Lane, Gregg Lane, Letitia Aubrey Lane, and Burnt Mill Circle.

Surface Sealing: Walnut Valley Road, Elmwood Drive, Oak Lane, Pond View Drive, Orchard View Drive, Orchard Terrace, Raven Drive, Quail Lane, Falcon Drive, Oriole Drive, Peacock Lane, and Greenwood Road.

Mowing and trimming will be done as needed over the summer. Storm drains will also be installed in several areas throughout the Township.

Please drive safely and watch to bicyclists, walkers, and construction workers along our roads.

Contact me at the Maintenance Garage, 610-444-5130, with any issues or concerns regarding Township roads.



*By Roger Lysle
Public Works Director/
Roadmaster*

The Safety Committee is one of the oldest committee functions serving the residents of Kennett Township. The existence of a standing Safety Committee is also fairly unique compared to the majority of other Townships in Pennsylvania. Our Committee is composed of First Responders who serve our community, as well as residents who come from many of our Township's diverse life styles and backgrounds. It's a big table and we are all volunteers.

YOUR SAFETY COMMITTEE

by Bill Shelton, Safety Committee Chair

Our objective is to provide safety related guidance to the Township and to Township residents on any issue regarding public safety. We encourage attendance at our regularly scheduled meetings, or by contacting us for non-emergency matters through the Township front office. We conduct our meetings in a very informal manner, to encourage open discussion and different points of view. Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Township Building.

The Safety Committee's efforts, coordinated with our Police Department, Road Crew and others, helps to keep Kennett Township as a top-ranked place to live. **The municipality rating service, Safewise.com, recently ranked Kennett Township as the safest municipality in Pennsylvania.** That is news rarely reported but of high importance to our residents.



The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County

By Alex Delp

As the weather warms, our preserves shake away old man winter and start blooming. Exciting things are happening at The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County (TLC).

Construction has begun on the **Interpretive Nature Center**. Scheduled to open mid-summer 2017. This newly created space will be located adjacent to TLC's office. With additional space, we are anxious to expand our educational programs. Stay tuned for more information!

For our youngest friends, **Drop in on Nature** is the first of its kind in Southern Chester County. This outdoor classroom encourages children to explore, play, and create. With 7 acres of privately fenced in hiking trails, thousands of plants and tree species, a meandering stream, bridges, sandbox, sanctuary, art wood studio and bathroom, this is a truly special place to enjoy nature. Spring and summer sessions are offered. Visit tlcforscc.org for more information and to register or call Stacey at 610-347-0347 x 104.

Our spring session of **Nature Studio** combines hiking and exploring with a correlating art process. For ages 4 – 10, this program creates awareness and connections with nature. To learn more and to register, visit tlcforscc.org or call Stacey at 610-347-0347 x 104

Twenty-seven days of fun in the sun! Sign up for TLC's **Free Time Adventures** (Tuesday – Thursdays from July 18 – August 25). Our interactive outdoor summer program for ages 4 – 12, focuses on creating a common bond with the natural world, building independence, stewardship skills and an overall well being. Hiking, Reptile searches, Native Plant identification, Stream exploration and so much more. Registration and additional information can be found at tlcforscc.org or by calling Stacey at 610-347-0347 x 104

Join Delaware Nature Society staff as they hike Bucktoe Creek Private Preserve in search of birds such as Vultures, Hawks, Woodpeckers, Phoebes, Bluebirds, Mockingbirds, Finches, Warblers and more at our weekly **Adult Bird Walks!** Preregistration not required. This program is FREE and open to all! 8 – 11 am Sundays April – May.

Lace up those trail shoes and join us! **The 2017 Stateline Loop Run for Conservation 5k/10K Trail Race** is one of our largest events. Held on 82 acres of beautiful preserved field and woodlands, giving runners a first-hand look at some of our conservation successes. The annual Stateline Loop in-

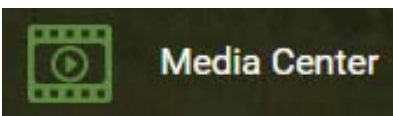


Drop in on Nature's Little Birders

cludes a supervised kid's corner during the race and a 1 mile kid's fun run. This is part of the Trail Creek Outfitters' Trail Run series. Make sure to check out the other races in the series! Race registration information at tlcforscc.org.

Not a runner, but still want to be involved? We love volunteers!! Please contact Barbara at GetInvolved@tlcforscc.org

Become a member and add your support to our mission! Our membership levels include individual, family, WHIP (ages 21 – 37), canine, equine, visionary and lifetime. In addition to members' only events, reduced program fees, discounts at local participating merchants, advanced notifications, know that your support is making a difference in the community for generations to come! **For additional information on programs (including registration), events and membership, please visit tlcforscc.org.**



View the Board of Supervisors Meetings LIVE on the first and third Wednesdays at 7pm by clicking the Media Center Icon from the Kennett Township homepage (www.kennett.pa.us)!

Kennett Library News

by Megan Walters,
Library Director

First, I would like to say hello and introduce myself. My name is Megan Walters and I am the new Library Director at Kennett Library. I started towards the beginning of January and have been absolutely loving my time here! I have moved many times in my life, since my father was in the military, and I can say that Kennett Square is fast becoming one of my favorite places. I love learning about and meeting new people so feel free to stop by and say hello! You will be guaranteed bad jokes, weird trivia, and hopefully good conversation.

The Home and Garden Tour is celebrating its 26th Anniversary to benefit children's and adult literacy programs at the Library and will be held on June 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tour goers will explore a variety of homes and beautiful gardens in scenic Southern Chester County. Visitors will be able to sample food and beverages from local restaurants and merchants. More information will soon be available on the Library website.

April has many exciting opportunities for patrons of all ages, and we would love for you to come and check it out! Some of these for adults include:

Spring Literacy Open Mic on Saturday, April 29 at 1 p.m. to share a poem, lyric, excerpt or fiction, or any other literary work by yourself or an artist you admire. Local Poet Tangerine Bell will headline with selections from her book, **Poems at 92**.

Score Seminars – Learn about small business topics from seasoned experts. In April, SCORE presented a two-part series about QuickBooks. Then, on Thursday, May 11 at 7 p.m., SCORE will be back for the seminar “Let’s Talk – Components of Marketing Your Business”.

We will have the summer reading program. This year the theme is “Build a Better World”. The idea of summer programming is to help your children avoid the “summer slide” and, by reading a little bit each day or being otherwise engaged, it helps with this issue. Other programs to look forward to are the Maker Camp and the Science Week. Be sure to watch for the

announcements of these programs, as they require signing up.

The Library has many other programs offered on a weekly basis: book clubs for different ages, Geek Gang for 8th-12th graders, story times and so much more! Schedules for these programs can be picked up at the Library or go online to kennettlibrary.org.

A valuable resource housed within the Kennett Library is the Adult Literacy Program. Its mission is to provide free literacy and language instruction for educationally-disadvantaged adults so as to equip them with the knowledge and skills necessary for gainful employment and self-sufficiency.

There are both day and evening classes of English as a Second Language, held from September to May, and free one-on-one tutoring. Tutors are volunteers from the community who are trained by the Adult Literacy Program Director who agree to teach an adult student, giving a couple of hours of their time each week. They help students to improve their literacy level, learn the English language, prepare for American citizenship, or to practice and prepare for the tests for the General Equivalency Diploma.

The program has a waiting list of students, so tutors are always needed! Training consists of two one-and-one-half hour workshops, all teaching materials will be provided, and the tutoring hours are flexible and set at convenient hours for both tutor and student. If you would like to help by becoming a volunteer tutor, please email Director Filomena Elliott at felliott@ccls.org or call the Adult Literacy Program office at 610-444-9118.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of the donors and volunteers that we have throughout the year. Half of our funding comes from the eight municipalities we serve and the rest from a variety of grants and other venues. We appreciate your continued support to make and keep Kennett Library an important part of our community.



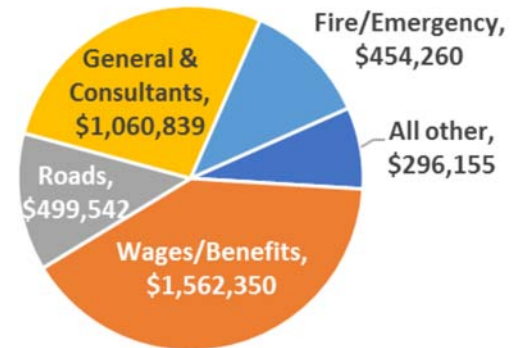
2016 Financial Snapshot

A brief review of major expenses and revenues

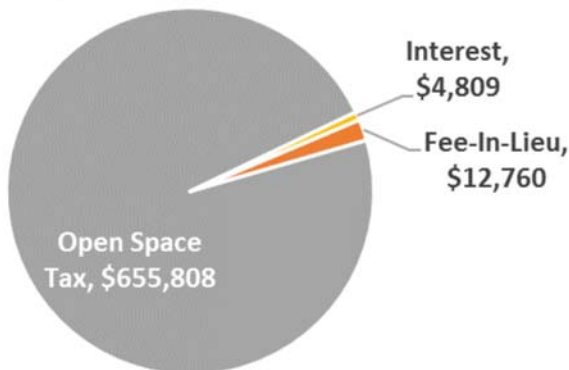
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General Expenses



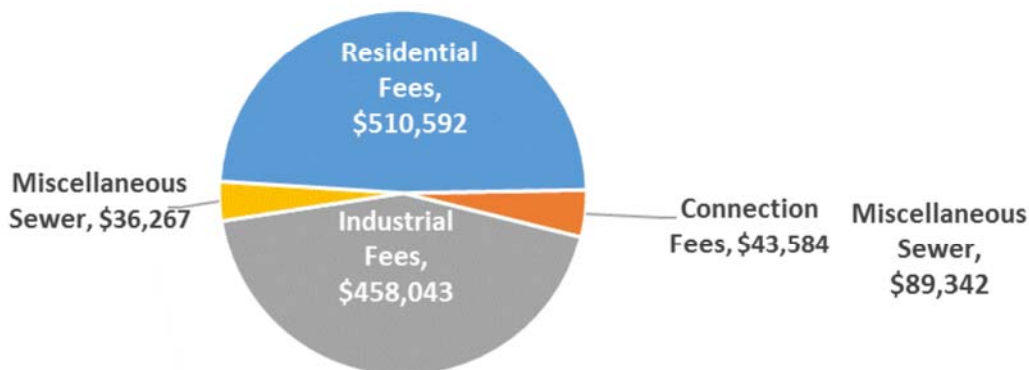
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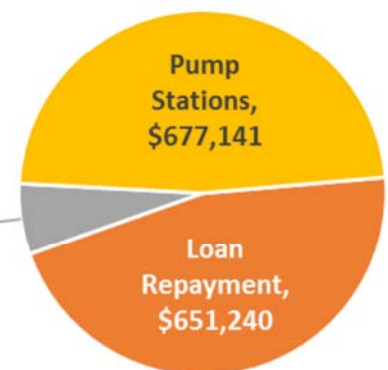
Notes

- The sewer loan was repaid in full to the general fund during 2016.
- Township tax revenue increased approximately 7% from 2015 due to an increase in the Earned Income Tax.
- General Expenses Police increased 39% from 2015 due to the hiring of two additional police officers.

Sewer Revenues



Sewer Expenses





Look What's "Springing Up" at Nixon Park

New Entrance into the Park: Located a short distance up North Walnut Street. look for completion by early April. In the meantime, parking is available a short distance up at the Tino Leto Athletic Fields. The project is funded by a generous grant from the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Chester County Open Space Program, and Kennett Township.

New Community Garden Location: The Community Garden, originally laid out in 2008, has been relocated to provide easier access to the parking lot and water hydrant. This project, which includes increasing the number of beds, was funded with a grant from the E. Kneale Dockstader Foundation and Exelon with volunteer work provided by the gardeners themselves, led by coordinator Steve Denno.

New Parking area: A new parking area to accommodate 18 cars (2 handicapped) will be created near the existing volleyball and basketball courts.

Mark your calendars!

March 25th – Brandywine Red Clay Alliance – Clean Up Day in the Park

April 29th – Garage Youth Give Back Day – Community Service in the Park

May 6th - Annual Trout Rodeo

May 16th – Bark in the Park

May 20th – Kennett Run. *Both the start & finish is in the Park this year!*

June 21st – Free 8 week Summer Concert Series 2017 starts!

Join us for our first concert on June 21 from 7pm-9pm. Hear amazing bands from a wide variety of musical genres

September 23th – La Comunidad Hispana – Family Healthy Living Day in the Park

September 24th – Our 3rd Annual Park FUN-draiser featuring the band, *Love Seed Mama Jump!*



The Park is open from sunrise to sunset *daily*.

We love dogs, but PLEASE be in control of your pet at all times, keep them leashed, and clean up after your pet. We have doggie clean-up bags available for your convenience. **Please be a responsible pet owner when at the Park. Thank you!**

What is Smart911 and Why Should I Use It?



Smart911 is a free system sponsored by Chester County Department of Emergency Services that allows citizens to provide the additional details that 9-1-1 call takers may need in order to assist them during an emergency. When you dial 9-1-1 today the information received by the 9-1-1 call center can be limited based on the type of phone you are calling on. With Smart911, anytime you make an emergency call from a phone registered with your Safety Profile, the 9-1-1 systems recognizes your phone number and automatically displays your profile on the screen of the call taker who receives your call.

Plan Ahead for Any Emergency

Sign up for Smart911 so first responders will be aware of important information to help you when you call 9-1-1.

- A free service – Provided by your community
- Private and secure – You control your information
- Saves time in an emergency – When seconds count

Smart911.com

At a time when you may be panicked, or unable to communicate, or it could be unsafe to communicate, Smart911 ensures that the details you would need to tell 9-1-1 are immediately available in the event you cannot verbally provide them. Smart911 is free, private and secure. Please review our Privacy Policy for further information.

Smart911 can help protect you, your loved ones, and other members of your household. By creating a Safety Profile with Smart911 during a calm moment, you can take the time to ensure that the information is correct and accurate and exactly what you would like to be communicated to emergency response teams in an emergency.

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

2017 ELECTIONS

Primary Election - Tuesday, May 16, 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

Spring/Summer Activities & Meetings

May	June	July
2 Trails & Sidewalks Committee	6 Trails & Sidewalks Committee	3 Holiday – Office Closed
3 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)	7 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)	4 Holiday – Office Closed
9 Planning Commission	13 Planning Commission	5 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
10 Safety Committee	14 Safety Committee	11 Planning Commission
11 Historical Comm. Annual Program	15 Land Conservation Advisory	12 Safety Committee
16 Primary Elections - Office Closed	20 KA Park Authority	18 KA Park Authority
16 KA Park Authority	21 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)	19 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
17 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)	27 Planning Commission	20 Land Conservation Advisory
18 Land Conservation Advisory	27 EAC	25 Planning Commission
23 Planning Commission	27 Historical Commission	25 EAC
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29 Holiday - Office Closed		
August	September	October
1 Trails & Sidewalks Committee	4 Holiday - Office Closed	3 Trails & Sidewalks Committee
2 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)	5 Trails & Sidewalks Committee	4 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
8 Planning Commission	6 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)	9 Holiday - Office Closed
9 Safety Committee	12 Planning Commission	10 Planning Commission
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