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**Meeting Info**

- 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..... 7:00 pm
- Trails & Sidewalks Committee**  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month ..... 3:00 pm

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**Sidewalks Project**

Kennett Township was awarded an \$850k grant to install sidewalks on McFarlan and Rosedale Roads, from the Penn’s Manor development entrance on Old Baltimore Pike to Mill Road and on Cypress Street from Kennett Borough to Scarlet Road in New Garden Township. Construction has started and should be completed by December 2017. We are extremely proud and excited to have these sidewalks implemented to increase pedestrian access to the Borough and surrounding areas.

**Grants**

Kennett Township received \$3m in grants to implement projects within the last year. 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 the rehab of the Chandler Mill Bridge. We are currently waiting to hear about the award of additional grant funding.

**Economic Development and Zoning 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 received a joint County grant to amend the zoning in the focus areas in order to move forward with the implementation of the study. The Township and the Borough are hiring a joint Economic Development Director to work with both municipalities underneath Historic Kennett Square.

**Holiday Village**

Kennett Township, Kennett Borough and Historic Kennett Square worked together to hold the first Holiday Village in the Kennett Square area in December of 2016 held at the Creamery in the Borough. The Holiday Village was a huge success with over 5,000 in attendance. The 2017 Holiday Village will be held on **December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> from 11 am – 6pm**. There will be vendors, ice sculptures, live music, food trucks and craft lessons. In addition, we will have Santa Claus and live reindeer! Please check out the website for more information [kennetholidayvillage.com](http://kennetholidayvillage.com) \*Special thanks to Supervisor Hoffman for her vision to create such an amazing Holiday Village!

**Township Manager’s Corner**

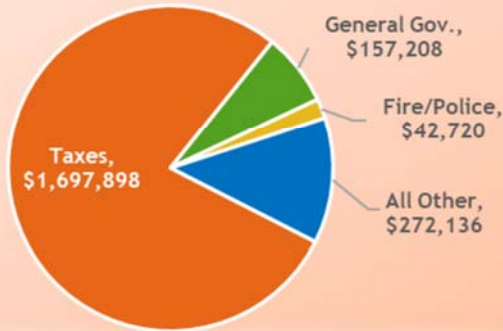
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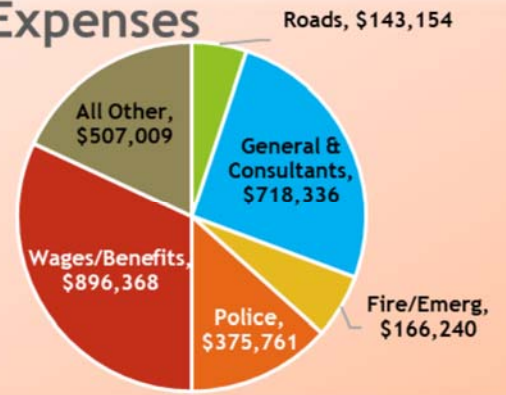
# 2017 - 6 Month Financial Snapshot

A brief review of major expenses and revenues

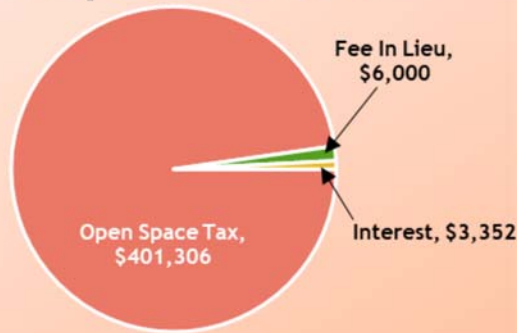
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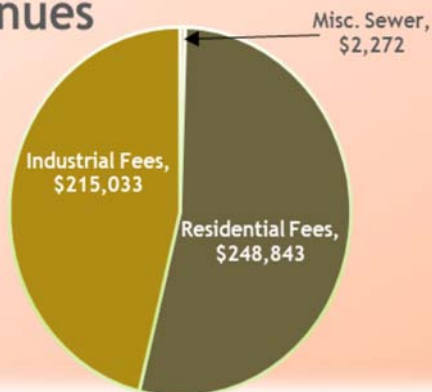
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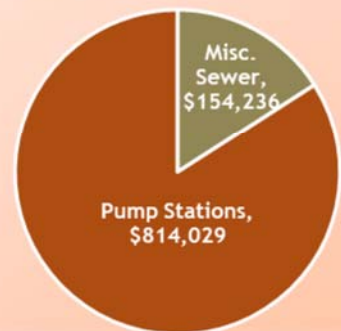
## Open Space Revenue



## Sewer Revenues



## Sewer Expenses



# THE JAMES WALTER HOUSE

*By Fredda Pennock, Historical Commission Member*

You may have noticed a vacant stone farmhouse set back from the road just south of the Borough on west side of Kaolin Rd before it meets Hillendale Road. A datestone on the house indicates it was built by James Walter in 1768. According to Walt Chiquoine, who has done extensive research on the movements of the British army in our area, Cornwallis' Division marched nearby in September of 1777 on their way to confront the army of General Washington. One could assume that the Walters could see them as they passed on their way to the confrontation that became known as the Battle of the Brandywine.

At the annual program of the Kennett Township Historical Commission, Mr. Chiquoine pointed out that local residents faced a harsh winter following the battle. Sixteen thousand troops marched through this area taking food and livestock as they traveled. The Walters family reported losses of deeds and

valuables when Hessian soldiers ripped open a featherbed mattress.

The ten-acre plot on which the house currently stands is slated for townhouse development. The Walter home will be renovated as a single-family home with a "front yard" of open community space. The later additions to the house will be removed. There is a separate stone structure that will be retained. It is thought to be an original outhouse.

We have been consulting with the developer on this project and are grateful that they have seen fit to retain this important piece of Kennett Township history. We are the Kennett Township Historical Commission, working to preserve our history for future generations. We invite you to join us—call Sara Meadows, Chair of the Historical Commission, at the Township office, 610-388-1300 .



## 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.

# Community-Based Land Stewardship

By Kathryn Pearlstine Freilich and Michael Guttman  
Kennett Township Sustainable Development Office

If you've recently visited Barkingfield, the new Township park on Bayard Road, you've probably noted lots of progress: a new parking lot, dog run, sunflower garden, and mowed trails. But perhaps you don't know that Barkingfield is also the first of several planned demonstration areas for an exciting new Kennett Township initiative called 'Community Based Land Stewardship' (CBLS), managed by the Township's Sustainable Development Office (SDO).

The CBLS initiative is designed to help our residents learn about and practice environmentally beneficial land management practices all across the Township. To ensure the long term success of the CBLS initiative, Kennett Township has already partnered with some of the most active and knowledgeable land stewardship organizations in the area: the Brandywine Conservancy, The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County, and the Brandywine Red Clay Alliance.

The pilot project at Barkingfield Park is intended to demonstrate to the public the concepts and processes of active land stewardship in the Township on a property that is accessible to all. While Barkingfield Park is relatively

undeveloped (i.e. 'open space'), its ecology is actually very similar to many other properties in the Township, even those already developed for residential, commercial, or industrial use. By observing and participating in what we are doing at Barkingfield – meadow and streambank restoration, controlling invasive species, propagating native plants, etc. - our residents and landholders will be able to learn a lot about how to manage their own properties in ways that help to restore, enhance, and maintain their landscape's natural features, making the township a greener place for us all.

In conjunction with the Barkingfield project, we have also started a "Livable Lawns and Landscapes" program, developed in collaboration with "Delaware Livable Lawns". Our "Livable Lawns" program provides expert advice on common home landscape issues including caring for streamside properties, managing invasive species, maintaining a healthy lawn, and landscaping with native plants. Visit the Sustainable Development Office (SDO) page on the Kennett Township website to access 'Livable Lawn' brochures as well as all CBLS initiative updates.

## WE JUST WANT TO SAY... **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to the **Kennett Lions Club** for their donation of 5 benches which have been installed throughout Barkingfield Park!



## We are everywhere!



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# Things you should do to maintain your septic system

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- Regularly inspect and maintain your septic system
- Pump your septic tank every 3-5 years
- Be water-wise
  - Quickly repair all leaky faucets and toilets.
  - Use "low flow" fixtures on faucets and shower heads (these may be found at most hardware stores) Spread laundry washing throughout the week and wash full loads
  - Dishwashers and washing machines should not be run at the same time
  - Don't flush anything except toilet paper into your septic system. Products labeled as "flushable" may not be suitable for a septic system.
  - Don't drain water from hot tubs or swimming pools into your septic system
  - Direct water from land and roof drains away from the drainfield
  - Landscape with love. Grass is the best cover for your septic tank and drainfield
  - Keep septic tank lids easily accessible



Contact a certified professional to repair your system. Prevent costly future system problems by contacting a certified professional.

## **Things you don't want to do when maintaining your septic system:**

- Don't use a garbage disposal. Garbage disposals add solids and grease which can build-up quickly and clog or choke your drainfield.
- Don't flush anything except toilet paper into your septic system
- Don't put household chemicals down the drain
- Don't park cars and trucks on your drainfield or septic tank
- Don't use septic tank additives. These products may be harmful to the system and can clog your drainfield. The chemicals can also pollute ground and surface water.

Don't drain water from hot tubs into your septic system. Large volumes of water can 'drown' your drainfield and chlorine can destroy important bacteria in your septic tank and drain field.

## **2017 HISTORIC RAINFALL IN KENNETT TOWNSHIP**

Michael Elling, former Kennett Township Supervisor, noted that on July 23, 2017, during a very heavy rain storm, his gauges recorded 6.3" of rain after 4 hours and 7.39" after 8 hours!

**The storm was accompanied by some thunder, but very little wind or lightning**



Kennett Township Police Emergencies Dial: 9-1-1

# Police News

By Lydell E. Nolt, Chief of Police

## KENNETT TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT LAUNCH DIGITAL CRIME FIGHTING TOOL

*New Web site offers direct access to crime and public safety-related information*

**Chadds Ford, PA (2017)** – The Kennett Township Police Department and Police Chief Lydell Nolt announced the launch of a new website that gives people who use social networks and mobile devices an easier, more effective way to help fight crime and stay informed.

The new [www.kennettwppd.org](http://www.kennettwppd.org) website was developed in partnership with CRIMEWATCH Pennsylvania and is part of the CRIMEWATCH Network ([www.crimewatchpa.com](http://www.crimewatchpa.com)). This online tool gives the public direct access to crime- and public safety-related information happening in their community.

“This new website is the perfect entry point for establishing better police and public partnerships. Technology gives us the opportunity to communicate with the public and the anonymity of the tech avoids the potential risks of sharing information with the police...many police departments throughout the region are having great success using this technology,” said Chief Nolt.

Kennett Township Police Department is the most recent police department to go live on the CRIMEWATCH Network; a communications platform developed specifically for Pennsylvania law enforcement agencies that allows for geographically targeted information sharing and intelligence gathering.

“Through this new web portal, the public can view and share community related crime information on social networks, through email and on mobile devices,” said Kennett Township Police Chief Lydell Nolt

The new Kennett Township Police Department Website can be found at [www.kennettwppd.org](http://www.kennettwppd.org) or at <https://chester.crimewatchpa.com/kennetttownshipd/>

This resource allows residents to do the following:

Sign up for a free account to receive e-mail alerts regarding public safety announcements and crime committed in certain areas,

Submit a tip to local law enforcement,

View recent arrests and “most wanted” lists,

File a right-to-know request,

Share information with others through social media, and

Get connected with resources and services.

For more information or to view the new Kennett Police Website visit [www.kennettwppd.org](http://www.kennettwppd.org) or to learn more about CRIMEWATCH Pennsylvania visit [www.CrimeWatchPA.com](http://www.CrimeWatchPA.com)



### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS ALL EMERGENCIES DIAL 9-1-1

#### Non Emergency Contacts:

Kennett Township Police	610-388-2874
Kennett Township Public Works Emergencies (after hours)	484-723-9338
Longwood Fire Company ( <a href="http://www.longwoodfireco.com">www.longwoodfireco.com</a> )	610-388-6880
Kennett Fire Company ( <a href="http://www.firestation24.com">www.firestation24.com</a> )	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

# THANK YOU JACK!

*By Margo Taylor, Kennett Township Resident*

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Jack Massau, father of resource protection in Kennett Township, passed on May 18. Though his voice is gone, his legacy will thrive for generations. I met Jack while we both served on Kennett Township's Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) in the 1990's. By then, Jack had already achieved significant accomplishments.

Jack's wife, Kay, served on Kennett's Open Space Committee (EAC predecessor.) A large property known now as Anson Nixon Park was slotted for development as an industrial park. The property had natural resources worthy of protection, a section of the Red Clay Creek, ponds, old growth forests, riparian corridors and critical open space for passive and active recreation uses. Kay urged Jack to take a look, and the value of protecting the land bit him immediately. A powerhouse partnership was formed between the Township, Borough, Delaware Nature Society, and community residents resulting in the purchase of the land as Kennett regions first multi-municipal park.

On a roll, Jack started digging into Kennett's land development guidelines, such as the Open Space and Recreation Plan, Comprehensive Plan, and Land Development Ordinances. You see, this is Jack's nature as a trained System Analyst for DuPont. His experience widened his view to take in the whole system, in this case municipal land development, identify the problem (protection of open space and natural resources), and then determine how to correct this problem and ultimately shore up the system! The problem was Kennett's land development guidelines lacked teeth to achieve real resource protection and preservation. Jack continued to dig and widen his view. He learned about other PA regulations and tools to protect land resources and slowly Jack formed a vision.

Next he wanted to know what the residents thought. He drafted and circulated a survey to Township residents to find out what was important to them. Their reply; save trees, open space and freshwater supplies. This got him going. He drafted by-laws forming the EAC and became its first chair. He and Kay initiated a Woodland Protection Ordinance and a collection of Natural Resource



Protection Ordinances designed to safeguard freshwater supply, and open space for active and passive uses.

He formed a group which drafted a charter for a Kennett Township Land Trust, an entity separate from the Township, but able to receive funds from the Township. The trust would play a proactive role in protecting natural resources in the Township either by land acquisition or conservation easements.

Next, money. Spirited by Jack's facts, Township leaders and volunteers agreed, themselves emboldened by successes in neighboring municipalities, Kennett Township needed a designated tax for open space protection. The matter was taken to the polls and passed.

Jack did not achieve all this alone. Instead he engaged others to support his vision. He did this by forging relationships and swaying opinions using facts. So thank you Jack for all you've done to preserve the place we call home.

## Food Cupboard Collection & Call for Volunteers

Did you know that over **400** families receive a week's worth of groceries from the Food Cupboard each month? Please help us serve people in their time of need by donating items listed on our website. Currently, there is an urgent need for canned soups, rice, dried beans, and canned mixed vegetables. Donations may be dropped off at the Food Cupboard (136 W. Cedar St.) on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 9 am and 5 pm and Wednesday between 10 am and 6 pm. If preferred, monetary donations are also gratefully accepted.

If you love working as part of team, interacting with people from a variety of economic and social backgrounds, and can maintain complete confidentiality—KACS would love to have you apply! Please complete an application online if you are interested. Current opportunities are listed below:

### **Receptionist - 1 day/week, Wednesdays 3 pm - 6 pm**

Answer phones, greet volunteers and participants, and complete basic office tasks. Ability to speak some Spanish. Basic knowledge of Word and Excel.

### **Farmer's Market Volunteers - 1 day/week, Fridays 3 – 5 pm or 5 pm - 7 pm**

Represent KACS/Food Cupboard either weekly or every two weeks while collecting donations at the Kennett Square Farmers' Market on State Street.

### **Food Donation/Drive Correspondent - 1 day/week, any day except Tuesday**

Need flexible hours and a quiet morning or afternoon? This position involves creating personalized thank you letters for food donations/food drives. Basic knowledge of Word required.

### **Food Demonstrations/Food Preserving – once a week or bi-monthly.**

Demonstrate healthy recipes and/or how to preserve food for our participants on Mondays and Wednesdays during Food Cupboard hours (12 -3 M or 3-6 W).

### **Receptionist - Resource Center - 1-2 days per week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) 10 am - 12 pm or 12 pm - 2 pm**

Answer the phone, screen calls, and greet participants. This position involves direct contact with individuals and families in crisis, so an interest in social services is desired. Some administrative duties as well as helping participants with various needs. Training provided. Ability to speak some Spanish helpful.

Contact [kate.miller@kacsonline.net](mailto:kate.miller@kacsonline.net) with any questions about food donations/drives or volunteer opportunities or call us at 610-925-3556. With your support, we can continue to work to improve people's lives!

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## RETIRING YOUR OLD AMERICAN FLAG

When the United States flag becomes worn, torn, faded or badly soiled, it is time to replace it with a new flag, and the old flag should be “retired” with all the dignity and respect befitting our nation’s flag.

Residents and business owners can drop off a worn American Flag to the Township offices during normal business hours. The worn flags are then given to Boy Scouts, who will properly retire the flags during an official ceremony which they conduct annually.



# DEER MANAGEMENT REPORT

By Marlyn Dietz, Chair Deer Management Committee

When the fall newsletter reaches you the hunting season will have begun. There have been a few changes recently which will affect our area. The antlerless deer permits issued by the Pennsylvania Game Commission were changed in our area. The Township has been changed into two Deer Management Areas. Previously we were one Zone 5C. The Game Commission has changed that now and the Township is now Zones 5C and 5D. The new dividing line is Route 82 in the Township. Hunters should have made that adjustment this season when getting their antlerless permits to insure they have the correct permits based on where they hunt. Further information can be obtained on the Pennsylvania Game Commission website at [www.pgc.pa.gov](http://www.pgc.pa.gov). Residents can review the entire Hunting and Trapping Digest for Pennsylvania on line.

This season 70,000 permits were allotted for Zone 5C, and 30,000 permits allotted for Zone 5D. When this newsletter goes to print in October, all permits in Zones 5C and 5D have been exhausted. I would like to also note that Zone 5C still appears to have the largest amount of permits issued by the Game Commission for any Deer Management Unit in the state. The current season will be underway as of September 16, 2017. The season to harvest deer by various methods will run through January 27, 2017 in our Township.

The Deer Management Committee is continuing to support and work with existing homeowners and groups who have had hunting agreements for several years. This past year we worked with several area residents who were putting programs together on their personal property. If property owners need assistance in the creation of a program, we are always available through the Township office.

Also we would like to remind hunters and property owners that the Hunter Authorization Forms are available on the Township website at [Kennett.twp@kennett.pa.us](mailto:Kennett.twp@kennett.pa.us). The form was created to help our law enforcement officials who deal with complaints about trespassing or other violations. This form, completed annually by the hunters and property owners, will assist in determining if a person currently has permission to hunt on the property they may be responding to. Permission needs to be renewed annually to avoid any conflicts. Hunters should know the property lines of the property they are hunting and also be aware of all safety zones within the property.

Since this ordinance has been enacted and the information is on file with the Township we have received fewer calls over the past few seasons. Please keep in mind that the Deer Management Committee has no authority regarding trespassing on private property however we can assist property owners with suggestions to help address this issue on private property.

In closing I would like to remind residents that the vast majority of the hunting in the Township is done on private

property with personal agreements between the landowners and their hunters. The Deer Management Committee looks forward to any input or suggestions from property owners, especially when it comes to getting a harvest count for deer in the Township. I would also like to thank our local Game Commission personnel, Pennsylvania State Police, and our own Kennett Township police force for the role they play in our area regarding hunting and safety. If you have questions regarding hunting, you can reach our local Game Commission personnel at Southeastern Region Office at 610 926-3136 or 3137. Any questions or concerns regarding Deer Management in our Township, please contact a member of the Deer Management Committee through the Township website or call 610 388-1300. We appreciate your support and look forward to serving you in our community.



**Experience Open Space throughout Kennett Township.**

The Kennett Township Board of Supervisors, assisted by the Land Conservancy Advisory Committee and The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County, is committed to conserving our natural environment, supporting agriculture, and connecting people to nature by protecting open spaces and natural areas.

To find more information about Barkingfield Park and other Chester County open space initiatives, visit [KennettLandAndTrails.com](http://KennettLandAndTrails.com).

**TOWNSHIP STATS**

SIZE	POPULATION	VOLUNTEERS
15.6 sq mi	8,965	Over 100

*Interested in becoming a Volunteer?*  
Visit [Kennett.pa.us](http://Kennett.pa.us) for opportunities.

**NOW OPEN**  
*Barkingfield Park*  
557 Bayard Road  
Kennett Square

**FEATURES:**

- 45 acres of rolling hills, beautiful greenery, & trails
- Two dog parks
- Open dusk to dawn

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# Importance of Recycling

Recycling is important in today's world if we want to leave this planet for our future generations. It is good for the environment, since we are making new products from old products which are of no use to us. Recycling begins at home. When you think of recycling you should really think about the whole idea; reduce, reuse and recycle. It's time to change; not just the way we do things but the way we think.

Recycling serves two purposes: 1) it avoids landfills and helps in reducing air and water pollution and 2) valuable material like aluminum cans, plastics, and glass are reused in other forms and not wasted.

In accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act (Act 101), Kennett Township has a mandatory curbside recycling program. Recycle bins are available through your individual trash hauler. All-one-Single Stream recycling includes mixed paper, newspaper, corrugated cardboard, tin/aluminum, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles, jugs and containers, milk cartons and drink boxes.



## Container Preparation:

- Remove all plastic bags – these can be disposed of at your local grocery store
- Corrugated cardboard should be broken down so it fits inside the container without jamming, so the recycle bin will empty completely
- All containers (jars, bottles, cartons, etc.) must be rinsed and free of all contaminants
- Remove and discard all corks, tops, rings, and metal bottleneck wraps

## Kennett Township Partners with Brandywine Red Clay Alliance for New Stream-Side Initiatives

*By James E. Jordan, Jr., Executive Director*

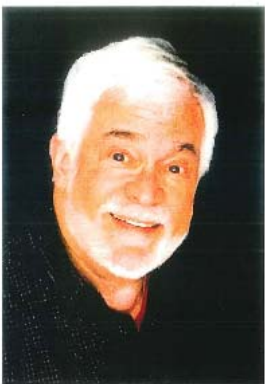
The streams and their tributaries that run throughout Kennett Township are loved for their bucolic beauty. We also need to protect these streams because of their impact on water quality, and lessen the severity of flooding during heavy rains and of course the other extreme – drought conditions.

However, the burden for the protection of the streams does not have to be borne by the property owner alone. Brandywine Red Clay Alliance (BRC) is partnering with the Kennett Township Sustainable Development Office on a new Stream-side Initiative to support property owners. For example, in Pennsylvania landowners have the responsibility to remove fallen trees that may impede stream flow. This is because fallen trees and other debris cause an increased risk of flooding and damage to both upstream and downstream properties. However, tree removal can often be complicated due to requirements for working in wetland areas. BRC will work with the Township to serve in an advisory capacity to help landowners navigate this process.

The new Stream-side Initiative will also include informational seminars and programs to provide tools and advice on land management techniques that protect streams, improve water quality, and reduce flooding.

Brandywine Red Clay Alliance (BRC) promotes restoration, conservation and enjoyment of the natural resources of the Brandywine and Red Clay watersheds. BRC has been working in Kennett Township since its inception in 1950 and views continued work with the Township is an important part of their mission. For more information about BRC's efforts and other projects, please visit [www.brandywineredclay.org](http://www.brandywineredclay.org).

## Remembering Felix



**Felix Asher Cohen**

August 11, 1943 - May 26, 2017

Sadly, we recently had to say goodbye to former Township Zoning Officer, Felix Cohen, who passed away on May 26, 2017. In addition to his work at the Township, Felix and his wife, Nancy, were caring and involved residents of our Community who showed their commitment to the community through their volunteer efforts.

Over the years, Felix had worked as an attorney-at-law but he capped off his career with the position of Kennett Township Zoning Officer for 5 years. He always gave intelligent, thorough and careful consideration to our Zoning ordinances as he carried out his duties.

After his retirement from the Township, Felix was still very visible in the Community, following his lifelong passion for music as an acoustic and electric bass player. He performed with a number of orchestras and numerous pickup bands and generously supported young musicians.

His dedication to the Community, his musical talent, his quirky sense of humor and bright smile, made him a unique and special person. He will be missed.

# ROADS UPDATE

The year 2017 has lots of memories for all of us. Most of us had a normal summer but others saw a lot of devastation due to heavy storm damage.

Parts of the Township suffered extreme flooding during a storm that dropped 7.5 inches of rain over a 4 hour period. No one is set up to handle this amount of water in such a short period of time, not even the Township's storm drain system. Many man hours and materials were used just trying to get back to normal. Homeowners insurance normally doesn't cover flood damage unless you have flood insurance. Check with your insurance carrier to be sure.

Also, remember snow turns to water when it melts so be careful where you push and pile snow during snow events. Don't block driveway or road swales during deep snow storms. Shovel a path around your house so water has a place to go in case of fast melt or a rain storm.

Summer projects are just winding down now due to weather problems which pushed the work schedule back all summer. Paving projects include the following: section of East Hillendale Road between Greenwood Road and Route 52, Bainswood Drive and Bainswood Circle, Burnt Mill Circle, Captain Robinson Drive, Letitia Aubrey Lane, Gregg Lane, and Moynahan Lane.

The following roads were Slurry Sealed: Walnut Valley Road, Raven Drive, Quail Lane, Oriole Drive, Falcon Drive, and Peacock Lane. Also, line painting was done on several roads, along with crosswalks, stop bars, and railroad crossings.

The sidewalk project is underway and will be finished by the end of the year. It will run from the Granite

Ridge Development to Kennett Square Borough line along McFarlan and Rosedale Roads. Also, from Penn's Manor Drive to Kennett Square Borough along West Baltimore Pike and West Cypress Streets from Scarlett Road to Kennett Square Borough line.



By Roger Lysle  
Public Works Director/  
Roadmaster

Barkingfield Park has had many upgrades this summer. A cherry tree grove was planted above the dog park and a path with benches was created around it. A new gazebo was built and picnic tables have been added. We also planted 4 acres of sunflowers hoping for a beautiful fall display but, unfortunately, the deer seemed to have eaten most of them.

The Yard Waste and Recycling Programs continue to be running well. We are grinding the pile of yard waste twice a year now, averaging between 800 to 1,000 tons yearly. Remember, woodchips, road sweepings, and ground black top millings from our roads are available to all residents, just call the Township Garage if you are interested.

Winter is coming, please remember not to push snow into the roadway. Place your trash bin in your yard, and do not park your cars on the road during snow events. Tree and brush trimming will take place all winter on Township roads. We try to clear 3 feet off the edge of the road and 16 feet high. Every effort will be made to work with the property owner on problem areas.

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

## How do I Sign Up for Emails and Electronic Communications from the Township?


Signing up for Kennett Townships Notify Me service is easy!

Go to the Townships website [www.kennett.pa.us](http://www.kennett.pa.us)



On the top of the page, click:



On the Notify Me page, follow these instructions:



### Notify Me®

1. Type your email address in the box and select Sign In.
2. If you want to receive text messages enter your phone number and select Save.
3. To subscribe or unsubscribe click  and/or  next to the lists to which you wish to subscribe/unsubscribe.

Once you subscribe, you will receive a confirmation email for each category which you will need to confirm by clicking on the link in the email.

If you have any questions or need assistance, contact the Township at 610-388-1300 or email [michael.obrien@kennett.pa.us](mailto:michael.obrien@kennett.pa.us)



## The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County

*By Albert Weinstein, Resource & Operations Coordinator*

From the cool crisp air to the warmth of bonfires and good company, fall has plenty to offer when it comes to the excitement of a new season. And here at The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County (TLC), there is much to share for good news and outdoor fun!

Since the previous newsletter, there has been great progress with the new **Interpretive Nature Center**, alongside the addition of a **pervious parking lot** and **wheelchair accessible paths**. These projects are approaching completion and we look very forward to announcing a grand opening. Stay tuned for more...

Just this August of 2017, TLC reached and surpassed a total of **1,000 acres of preserved lands**. The significance of this milestone is more than a large round number; it speaks to the dedication of Kennett Township and all of our donors, volunteers, partners, neighbors, staff, and interns who have come together for a common mission to protect our natural lands; it represents home for thousands of species of plants and wildlife—including bees, butterflies, and bald eagles—whose collective part in the ecosystem sustains both the open space we enjoy and the majestic creatures we admire. Thank you to everyone for all of your help!

The conservation work of TLC is an ongoing mission to ensure that protected lands remain as such, and to preserve new lands as an increasing portion becomes subject to urbanization. To get involved, please contact Barbara at [GetInvolved@TLCforSCC.org](mailto:GetInvolved@TLCforSCC.org), or 610-347-0347. We also have a variety of outdoor activities to enjoy which you can find below. We hope to see you there!

### **Bucktoe Creek Preserve Hawk Watch - Every Day, Sep. 1 thru Nov. 30, 2017 | 9am to 3pm**

432 Sharp Rd., Avondale, PA 19311 | Free

Come enjoy special access to this private preserve and help sight our migrating hawks and other extraordinary raptors including eagles, falcons, and vultures. Please contact Larry Lewis at [earlybirdtours@comcast.net](mailto:earlybirdtours@comcast.net) with any questions, or drop by to join him and other watchers.

### **Harvest Running Festival - Friday and Saturday, Oct. 13 and 14, 2017 | Please see website for schedule of events.**

3249 Appleton Rd., Landenberg, PA 19350 Please see website for pricing.

Run a 5k on Friday and/or a half-marathon on Saturday. Enjoy the outdoors, a bonfire, barn party, and a Blue Grass band! Proceeds benefit The Land Conservancy for Southern

Chester County, The West Grove Fire Company, and The Travis Manion Foundation. Please visit [www.harvestrunningfestival.com](http://www.harvestrunningfestival.com) to learn more.

### **Herp Search - Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017, 10am to 12pm**, 432 Sharp Rd., Avondale, PA 19311

\$5 TLC members; \$10 non-members

Join TLC and biologist Gary Stolz on National Reptile Awareness Day to spend time with live herps, explore the world of mysterious reptiles and amphibians, and search for salamanders, frogs, snakes, and turtles! For information or registration, please contact Stacey at (610) 347-0347, ext. 104.

### **Living History Hike - Sunday, Oct. 22, 2017 | 2pm to 4pm**

432 Sharp Rd., Avondale, PA 19311 | \$15 TLC members; \$25 non-members

Take a unique tour of historical sites within Chester County, led by architectural historian Jane Dorchester. Starting at the site of the former Chandler Mill, we will hike through the Chandler Mill Nature Preserve to encounter the Bucktoe Cemetery, which was the final resting place of African American troops from the Civil War, learn about the archaeology used to determine the site of a church, and explore the lands of the free African American community known as Timbuktu. Light refreshments will be provided. Please contact Stacey at (610) 347-0347, ext. 104, for information and registration.



*Annual run through the Stateline Woods Preserve*



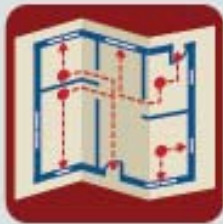
# Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!™

Fire Prevention Week | Oct. 8-14, 2017

How fast does fire move? Very fast. You could have less than 2 minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds.

## 7 steps to practicing your escape plan

1



Draw a map of your home. Include all doors and windows.

2



Find two ways out of every room.

3



Make sure doors and windows are not blocked.

4



Choose an outside meeting place in front of your home.

5



Push the test button to sound the smoke alarm.

6



Practice your drill with everyone in the home.

7



Get outside to your meeting place.

For more information about escape planning, visit:  
[www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov) and [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org).

Click here to add image.



The Official Sponsor of Fire Prevention Week Since 1922

# Rain Barrels & Cisterns

## What is it?

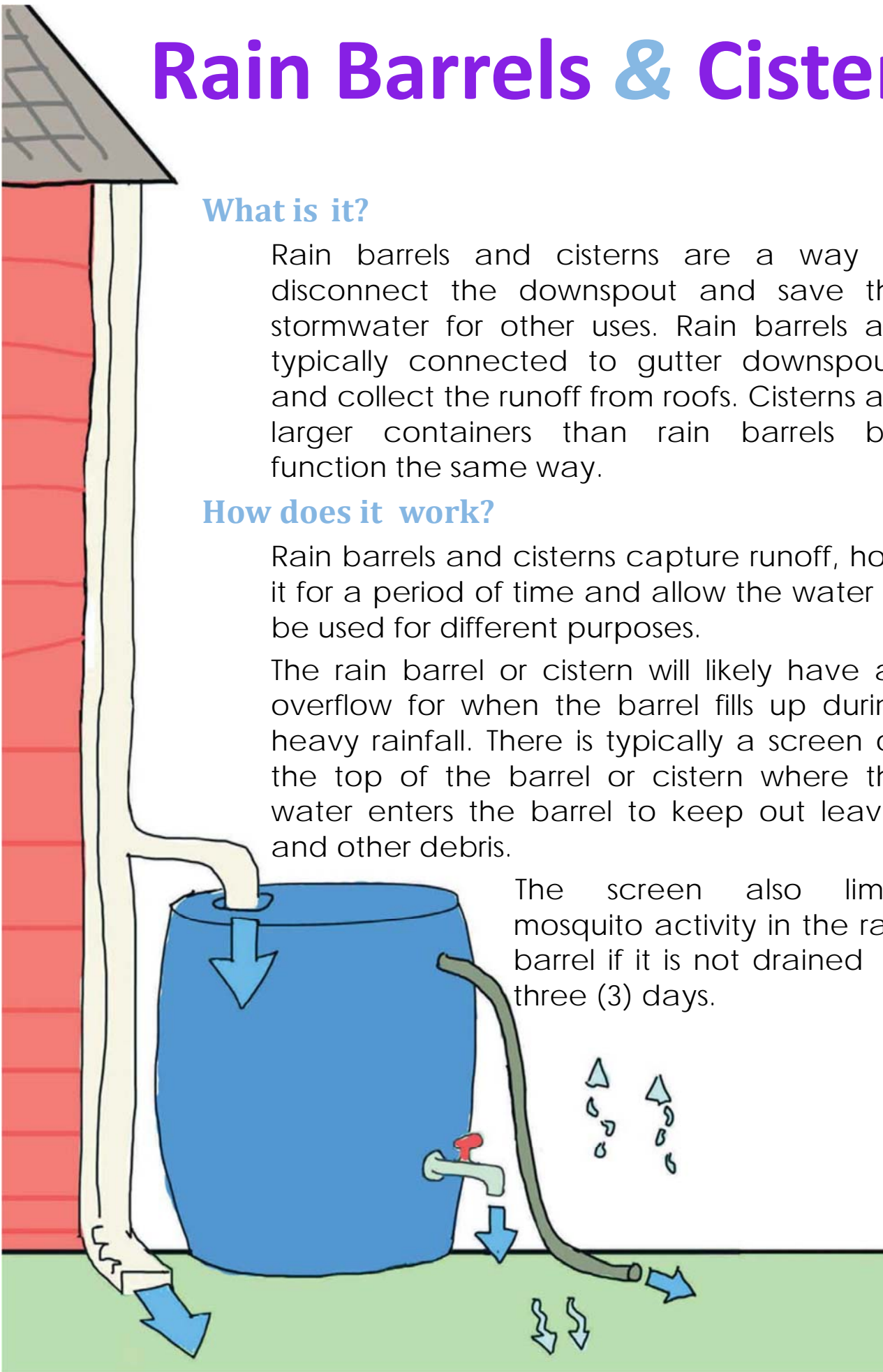
Rain barrels and cisterns are a way to disconnect the downspout and save the stormwater for other uses. Rain barrels are typically connected to gutter downspouts and collect the runoff from roofs. Cisterns are larger containers than rain barrels but function the same way.

## How does it work?

Rain barrels and cisterns capture runoff, hold it for a period of time and allow the water to be used for different purposes.

The rain barrel or cistern will likely have an overflow for when the barrel fills up during heavy rainfall. There is typically a screen on the top of the barrel or cistern where the water enters the barrel to keep out leaves and other debris.

The screen also limits mosquito activity in the rain barrel if it is not drained in three (3) days.



# How does a Homeowner maintain it?

## After Rain Events:

- Clean the screen by removing any leaves that could block the flow of water into the barrel/cistern.
- Use the water in the barrel/cistern so that it's empty and ready to collect runoff from the next rain.

## Annually:

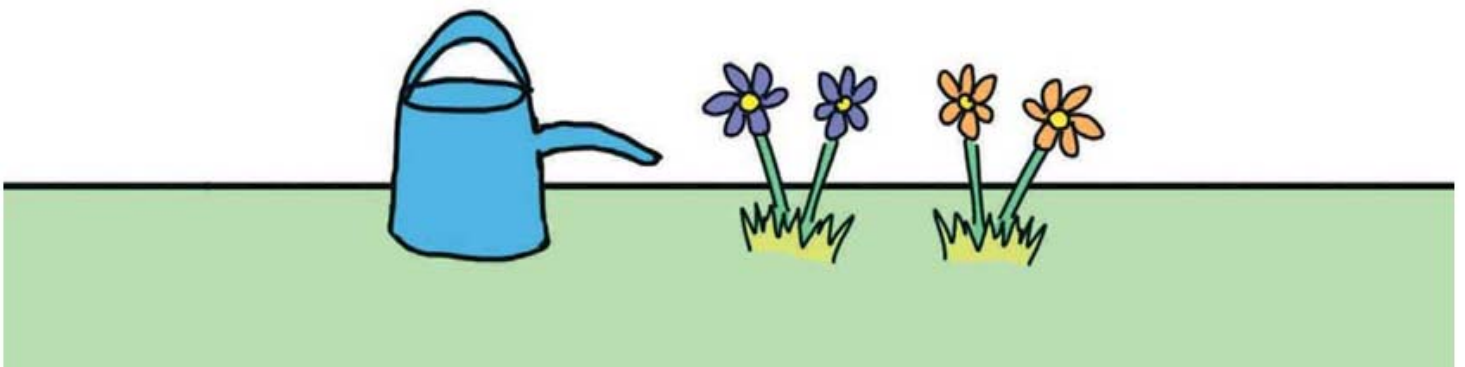
- Clean gutters to remove leaf debris that could clog the barrel/cistern.

## Special Winter Needs:

- In the fall, empty the rain barrel/cistern before the water could freeze.
- Rinse out the barrel/cistern to remove any accumulated sediment.
- Do not reconnect the barrel/cistern until spring. During the winter months, connect a piece of flexible gutter to the end of the downspout and direct the outlet to a grassy area of the yard.

## Additional Information:

- ◇ **Rain barrels and cisterns are great (and economical!) water sources for watering plants.** The spigot can fill a watering can or be connected to a standard garden or irrigation hose.
- ◇ **Safety note!** The water in a rain barrel or cistern is not safe for consumption without prior treatment.



# 2017 CHESTER COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS

RESIDENTIAL ONLY [www.chestercountyswa.org](http://www.chestercountyswa.org) 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**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017 GOVERNMENT SERVICES CENTER**

**601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA 19380**

For a list of items Accepted and Not Accepted go to: [www.chestercswa.org/DocumentCenter/View/1475](http://www.chestercswa.org/DocumentCenter/View/1475)

**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



**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 hosts two “take-back” events a year. Our next one will be **October 28th from 10AM-2PM** at the Kennett Township Building. If you are 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.

# Kennett Township's Indoor Agriculture Initiative

By Michael Guttman, Director, Sustainable Development Office

For the last 100+ years, Kennett has been the “Mushroom Capital of the World.” Today we produce 50% of the US fresh mushroom crop, all grown indoors under the tightly controlled conditions mushrooms need to be grown in commercial quantities. That’s some 500M pounds a year, or 1.5M pounds a day, shipped fresh daily across the country within 48 hours - an astounding feat unequalled anywhere.

Now there’s another agricultural revolution underway: a new generation of entrepreneurs are busily adapting indoor agriculture to support growing a variety of ‘green’ crops - leafy greens, herbs, tomatoes, berries, etc. Recent advances in lighting and robotics now make it possible to deliver lighting to ‘green’ indoor-grown plants at increasingly lower costs.

Moving these crops indoors provides the same advantages over outdoor growing that mushroom farmers have long taken for granted, such as protection from weather, soil erosion, most pests and weeds, and pollution, as well minimizing use of water and fertilizers. This in turn enables year-round production with predictable quality and quantity, available fresh and largely chemical-free every day.

As a result, ‘green’ indoor ag companies have quickly progressed from small experimental farms producing a few thousand pounds a year to massive industrial facilities churning out one or two million pounds of produce a year, sent directly to mainstream supermarket shelves. This is still tiny compared

to our yearly mushroom crop, but it’s more than enough to interest major food distributors, grocery chains, and their investors. For example, Jeff Bezos, CEO of Amazon (and now Whole Foods) is part of a group that recently invested \$200M into Plenty, Inc., a green indoor ag company.

In early 2016, Kennett Township’s Sustainable Development Office launched a new Indoor Agriculture Initiative to look at how ‘green’ indoor agriculture is likely to impact our region. The main opportunity leveraging our extensive existing indoor growing and distribution infrastructure to support other produce crops. Diversification would bring major new investments to the area and significantly increase the amount and variety of produce we grow and sell. This would also cushion us from sole dependence on the mushroom market..

One particularly exciting opportunity we are already actively pursuing is establishing a Center of Excellence (COE). The COE would support research, training, funding and advocacy across the whole indoor agriculture industry. No such COE currently exists anywhere, and hosting it in Kennett could both seriously accelerate the growth of the ‘green’ indoor ag industry, while helping to ensure that the Kennett area gets a major share of that growth. Currently we are leading a regional feasibility study to determine the best way forward to setting up the COE. Stay tuned for future developments, and feel free to contact me anytime about the COE or our Indoor Agriculture Initiative at ‘[indoorag@kennett.pa.us](mailto:indoorag@kennett.pa.us)’.



## Kennett Area Senior Center



427 South Walnut Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348, 610-444-4819, [www.kennettseiorcenter.org](http://www.kennettseiorcenter.org)

### **CRAFTS SHOWCASE AND BAZAAR - October 20, 2017 – 9:00 am to 6:00 pm and**

**October 21, 2017 – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.** Join us for this popular event! It’s like shopping at the mall but better. The Bazaar features crafts, needlework, boutique, antiques and collectibles, general store, fashion corner, books, baked goods, candy, specialty vendors, homemade soup by the quart, and for your convenience “food to go”.

**SUNDAY DINNER WITH FRIENDS.** Come join us for a **Louisiana Haunted Halloween. Sunday, October 29, 2017, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm**, and music by The Dixie Demons at 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

#### ~MENU~

Famer Joe’s Missing Hedge  
Louisiana Ho Swamp Water  
Baked Bone with Mozzarella  
Marinated in Tomato Sauce

The Kennett Area Park and Recreation Board has been promoting, encouraging, and supervising community recreational sports programs and events in the Kennett Square area since 1963. Support comes from local businesses and organizations as well as Kennett Borough, Kennett Township, New Garden Township and East Marlborough Township.



By Suzanne Geouque,  
Business Manager

Since 2006, the Kennett Area Park and Recreation Board (KAPRB) has managed Herb Pennock Park, on South Street in Kennett Square. A new playground has recently been installed and new landscaping surrounds the playground and Park. Part of the Kennett Greenway, the Parrish Trail connects with the walking trail at Pennock Park and winds through Kennett's natural landscape.

The Kennett Area Park and Recreation Board is a non-profit 501c3 organization. Board of Director meetings are held on the second Monday of every month. For more information please email [programs@kaprb.org](mailto:programs@kaprb.org) or visit our website at [www.bluedemonssports.org](http://www.bluedemonssports.org).

### Fall Programs

**KAPRB Blue Demons Field Hockey** – This youth recreational field hockey program is offered to K-6<sup>th</sup> grade children. Teams practice weekly and play against other local leagues.

**KAPRB Mushroom Festival 5K and 2 Mile Walk** – This event was held on September 10, 2017 at 8:30am. The event began in front of Kennett High School. Participants enjoyed a 5K or 2-mile walk. Refreshments were available after the run and awards were given out. All proceeds went to local charities.

### Winter Programs

**KAPRB Jr. Basketball** – This fun and competitive basketball program is for boys and girls in grades 3-8. Play begins in December and ends in March. Practices and games are held at local schools with games on Saturdays.

### Spring Programs

KAPRB Blue Demons Boys Lacrosse  
KAPRB Blue Demons Girls Lacrosse  
KAPRB Spring Basketball League  
KAPRB Co-Ed Softball League

### Summer Programs

KAPRB Summer Camp  
KAPRB Kids Cross Country Run  
Summer Clinics

## **THANK YOU!**

**Thank you to ALL the coaches, parents, and students who support KAPRB Programs!**

**Thank you to the KHS Track and Cross Country Teams! These dedicated athletes volunteer their time and act as course marshals at all KAPRB running events. KAPRB sincerely appreciates their contribution and commitment!**

*Sadly, the Historical Commission recently lost a devoted and enthusiastic member. John "Bob" Merhar passed away on September 11, 2017.*

*Bob and his wife Judy were not long-time residents of Kennett Township, but their love of history and their curiosity and interest in the area made them very special Commission members.*

*Bob was always willing to do what needed to be done, from exploring the Township to clarify and correct our records, to painting a door or hanging a picture.*

*He was always ready to voice his opinion and offer his ideas and he always did it with a smile and good humor and a willingness to work with everyone.*

*He was a good friend to all and helped to make our Commission work and made that work fun. We are really going to miss him.*





# Anson B. Nixon Park

The Anson B. Nixon Park was busy and bustling with excitement during the summer of 2017. Some of the many highlights at the Park included the opening of the beautiful **new entrance-way** into the Park. The **free summer concert series** was a success in part due to the wonderful Wednesday evening weather and the diverse musical genres and performers. A special thank you to the Kennett Flash for booking the amazing lineup.

What did you do or see at the Anson B. Nixon Park this past summer?

- Have you seen the new relocated and enhanced Community Garden?
- Did you attend any of the free 8 summer concerts?
- Were you able to participate in Unity Day in July?
- Did you attend the solar eclipse viewing party in August?
- Did you walk the trails, play tennis, basketball, volleyball, or disc golf?
- Did you slide down the slides, swing on a swing, walk the trails, or attend a party under one of our many beautiful pavilions?

**Rebranding the Park** - In the coming year, the Kennett Area Park Authority (KAPA) will be working with a branding and design firm to come up with new and updated signage, media, and new look and logo for the Park. Thanks to all who participated in the survey we posted to our Facebook page regarding branding.

**Dog Park** - KAPA will begin working on the creation of the long awaited dog park at Anson B. Nixon Park. The Park held its 3rd annual "FUN"raiser, Rock the *DOG* Park, featuring the band, **Love Seed Mama Jump** on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will go toward the creation of the future dog park at Anson B. Nixon Park. Thank you to the generosity of Lisa Moore and Brian Gore for donating the band.



*Please be a courteous and responsible pet owner especially when at the Park. Thank you!*

**Community** - "*All One Under the Sun*", Family Health Walk and Run hosted by LaComunidad Hispana, LCH was held on September 23rd. The community came together for this family friendly fundraiser 5K in Anson B. Nixon Park to support LCH's health center, social assistance services, and education and workforce development programs.



Like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram.

## Get Involved

The Kennett Township Board of Supervisors is looking to fill a position on the **Zoning Hearing Board**. Anyone interested in filling this vacancy, or in serving on other committees when positions become available, may send a resume with cover letter to Township Manager Lisa Moore, 801 Burrows Run Road, Chadds Ford, PA 19317. Benefits include the opportunity to meet other dedicated members of your community and a chance to make a positive impact on the Township where you live.

## 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, Nov 7, 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

November	December	January
1 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)	5 Trails & Sidewalks Committee	1 Holiday – Office Closed
7 Trails & Sidewalks Committee	6 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)	2 Organizational Meeting
7 Primary Elections - Office Closed	12 Planning Commission	2 Trails & Sidewalks Committee
8 Safety Committee	13 Safety Committee	3 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
10 Holiday - Office Closed	19 KA Park Authority	9 Planning Commission
14 Planning Commission	20 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)	10 Safety Committee
15 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)	21 Land Conservation Advisory Comm.	15 Holiday – Office Closed
16 Land Conservation Advisory Comm.	22 Holiday - Office Closed	16 KA Park Authority
23 Holiday - Office Closed	25 Holiday - Office Closed	17 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
24 Holiday - Office Closed	26 Planning Commission	18 Land Conservation Advisory Committee
28 Planning Commission	26 EAC	23 Planning Commission
28 EAC	26 Historical Commission	23 EAC
28 Historical Commission	29 Holiday - Office Closed	23 Historical Commission
February	March	April
6 Trails & Sidewalks Committee	6 Trails & Sidewalks Committee	3 Trails & Sidewalks Committee
7 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)	7 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)	4 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
13 Planning Commission	13 Planning Commission	10 Planning Commission
14 Safety Committee	14 Safety Committee	11 Safety Committee
15 Land Conservation Advisory Comm.	15 Land Conservation Advisory Comm.	17 KA Park Authority
19 Holiday - Office Closed	20 KA Park Authority	18 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
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