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Meeting Info

- Board of Supervisors**
Public Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesday .. 7:00 pm
- Business Advisory Committee – as needed**
- Communications Committee – as needed**
- Emergency Services Comm.....**5:00 pm
2nd Tuesday each month
- Environmental Advisory Committee**
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
1st Tuesday each month..... 6:30 pm
- Safety Committee**
2nd Wednesday each month..... 7:00 pm
- Trails & Sidewalks Committee**
1st Tuesday each month 1:00 pm

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TMACC Award

We received an award from **Transportation Management Association of Chester County** for the Active Transportation Plan that the Township completed with the Borough of Kennett Square. The plan studied the pedestrian access in both communities and will assist in future planning for bike paths, sidewalks, walking trails and road markings.

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 has been completed and the sidewalks are being used every day.

In addition, we received an additional grant in the amount of \$700K to extend the sidewalks from McFarlan and Rosedale Roads to Old Baltimore Pike. The construction for those sidewalks will begin in the Fall of 2019. We also applied for grants to extend the sidewalks from Old Baltimore Pike to Schoolhouse Road to provide a connection to Walmart and from Old Baltimore Pike to Kennett Borough. 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 approximately \$5M in grants to implement projects within the last two years. They include sidewalk projects as listed above, resurfacing existing trails in the Township so they have a more durable surface to last a long time, creation of an Active Transportation Plan, implementation of a trail along Chandler Mill Road and the rehab of the Chandler Mill Bridge, trails in Penns Manor Development and along South Street from Pennock Park to Kennett Borough. The work will begin in the Fall of 2018.

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 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 hired an Economic Development Director to work with both municipalities underneath Historic Kennett Square. The Township and the Borough of Kennett Square meet quarterly to discuss the progress with the department.

County Ordinance Review

The Township is working with the Chester County Planning Commission on a comprehensive review of Township Ordinances, paid for by a Vision Partnership Grant. Work will be done during the Planning Commission's monthly work sessions, which are now the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Township's public meeting room.

5 Points Intersection

We have decided, with the input of residents, to apply for grants to install a Round-a-bout at Five Points (Kaolin, Hillendale and Old Kennett Roads). A grant was submitted to PennDOT in the amount of \$2.8m. We will wait for the results of the bids.

Township Manager's Corner

By Lisa M. Moore



Landscapes 3 Public Meeting

As part of the Steering Committee for the Chester County Planning Commission Landscapes 3 it is important to receive input from Township residents. Our next public meeting to receive input is on October 2nd from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at The Chester County Intermediate Unit, Downingtown. We hope you will attend and provide us with valuable input.

Holiday Village

Kennett Township, Kennett Borough and Historic Kennett Square will hold the third annual Holiday Village in the Kennett Square area on December 1, 2, 8 and 9, 2018 from 11 am - 5 pm at the Creamery in the Borough. The Holiday Village was a huge success with over 8,000 in attendance. There will be vendors, ice sculptures, live music, food trucks and craft lessons. In addition, we will have Santa Claus! Please check out the website for more information kennetholidayvillage.com
*Special thanks to Supervisor Hoffman for her vision to create such an amazing Holiday

THE WILEY/CLOUD HOUSE

By Fredda Pennock, Historical Commission Member

Kennett Township abounds with historic treasures. Some are visible along our many back roads. Others, such as the Wiley/Cloud house are hidden down long, former farm lanes or behind old stands of trees.



The Wiley/Cloud house is a remarkable piece of pre-Revolutionary architecture and is one of the finest and largest examples of plank house construction in southeastern Pennsylvania. The land on which it stands originally belonged to William

Penn's daughter, Letitia. In 1726, it was purchased by Caleb Prew. The land then passed to Prew's daughter, Betty. Alan Wiley and Betty Prew married in 1739. It is assumed that their son, William, built the house c.1760.

The property stayed in the Wiley family for 100 years. For the last 173 years, the house has been home to generations of family members of the current owners. They have cared for the house and maintained its integrity, down to the basement kitchen hearth which still exists.



Although the building has undergone some changes and modernization over the last 250 years, the original residents would easily recognize both the exterior and interior of their home.

We are the Kennett Township Historical Commission, working to sustain our history. We meet the fourth Tuesday of each month and welcome visitors.



The Kennett Area Park and Recreation Board (KAPRB) offers quality recreational programs for families to enjoy!

Funding from local municipalities allows for affordable registration. Support from local businesses and the dedication of an unparalleled team of volunteers is an integral part of the success of this community organization. For more information or to volunteer visit kaprb.org.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Boys and Girls Lacrosse
Field Hockey
Jr. Basketball - Winter
High School Spring Basketball

Summer Camp
Summer Kids Cross Country Run
Summer Sports Clinics
Adult Softball Leagues

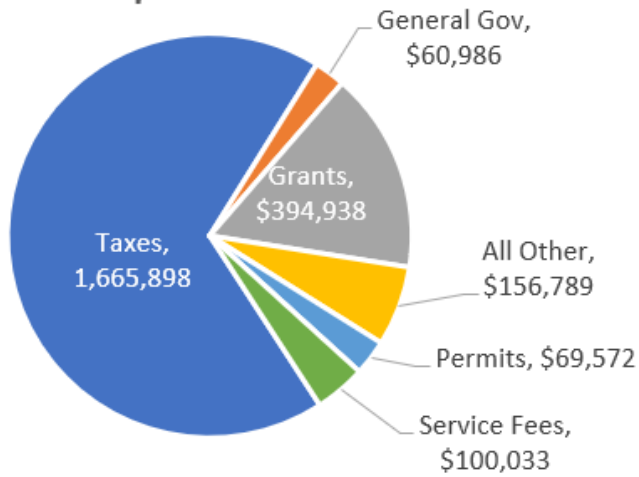
KAPRB also improves, develops, and maintains Park facilities. Visit Pennock Park at 650 W. South Street in Kennett Square for immaculately maintained sports fields and a new playground! The Pennock Park trail connects with the scenic Parrish Trail.

kaprb.org or bluedemonssports.org

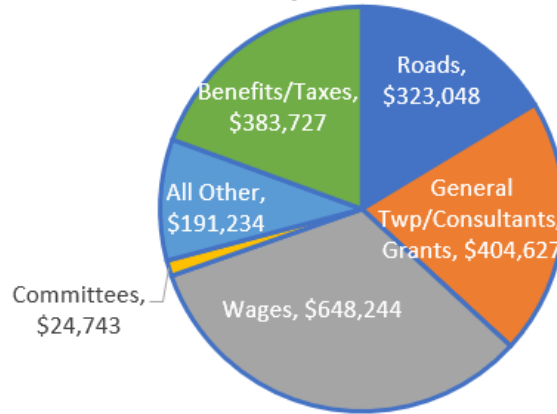
2018 - 6 Month Financial Snapshot

A brief review of major expenses and revenues

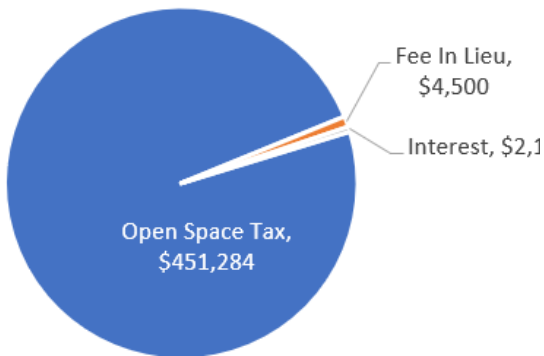
General Revenues \$2.45M



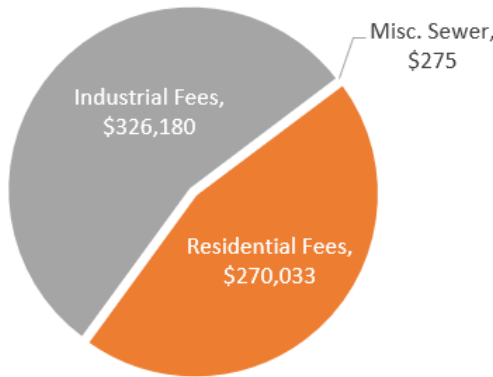
General/Capital Expenses \$1.98M



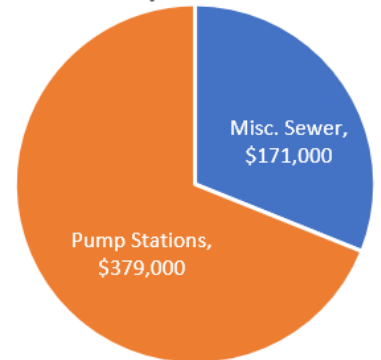
Open Space Revenue \$457.9K



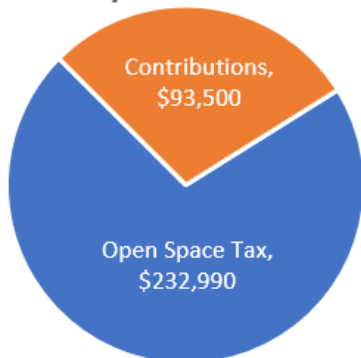
Sewer Revenue \$596.5K



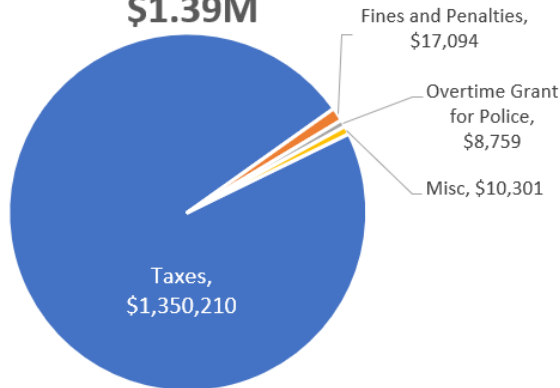
Sewer Expenses \$550K



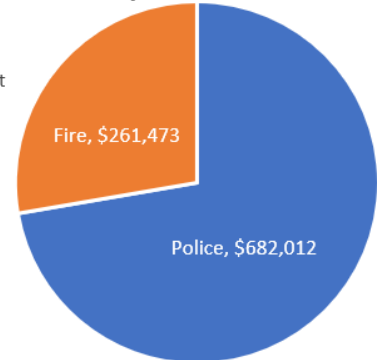
Open Space Expenditures \$326.5K



EMS Revenue \$1.39M



EMS Expenses \$943.5K



BEAUTIFUL AND BENEFICIAL LANDSCAPES ACROSS KENNETT

By Kathryn Pearlstine Freilich, Land Stewardship Coordinator

The recent Township Open Space Needs Assessment Survey reaffirmed the high value that Kennett residents place on maintaining the rural character of our Township, reducing the impact of development, and providing habitat for birds and other wildlife.

The Community-based Land Stewardship (CBLS) Initiative's aim is to help promote these goals by providing information and assistance with beneficial land management practices.

A priority focus is on the Kennett Greenway contiguous green corridor, emphasizing water quality, stream health, and native plantings. Connected greenways, particularly along streams, provide ecosystem benefits such as flood control and improved water quality along with providing corridors to keep migrating wildlife off busy roads and other heavily used areas.

Even the smallest residential yards play an important role within the greater landscape and perform a variety of ecological functions to maintain water, land, and air quality. No matter how small or large- *Every Yard Counts!*

Here are some steps that you can take on your own property:

1. Grow streamside buffers. Planted buffers of meadow grasses, shrubs, or trees provide shade and filter run-off from heavy rains to keep streams healthy. Let native grasses grow or plant shrub or woodland buffers rather than mowing to the stream edge.

2. Convert unused lawn areas to gardens, meadows or woodland. Turf lawn is great for outdoor play, sports, or entertainment areas needing easy walkability or high foot traffic tolerance. But many of us have more lawn than we need for those purposes. Reducing unused lawn area and replacing it with gardens, meadows, or woodlands reduces cost and pollution from mowing and fertilizers and increases rain water filtration into the ground, which reduces flooding and improves water quality.

Grow native! Native plants support our native pollinators and protect our food supply and environmental health.

Upcoming CBLS events include:

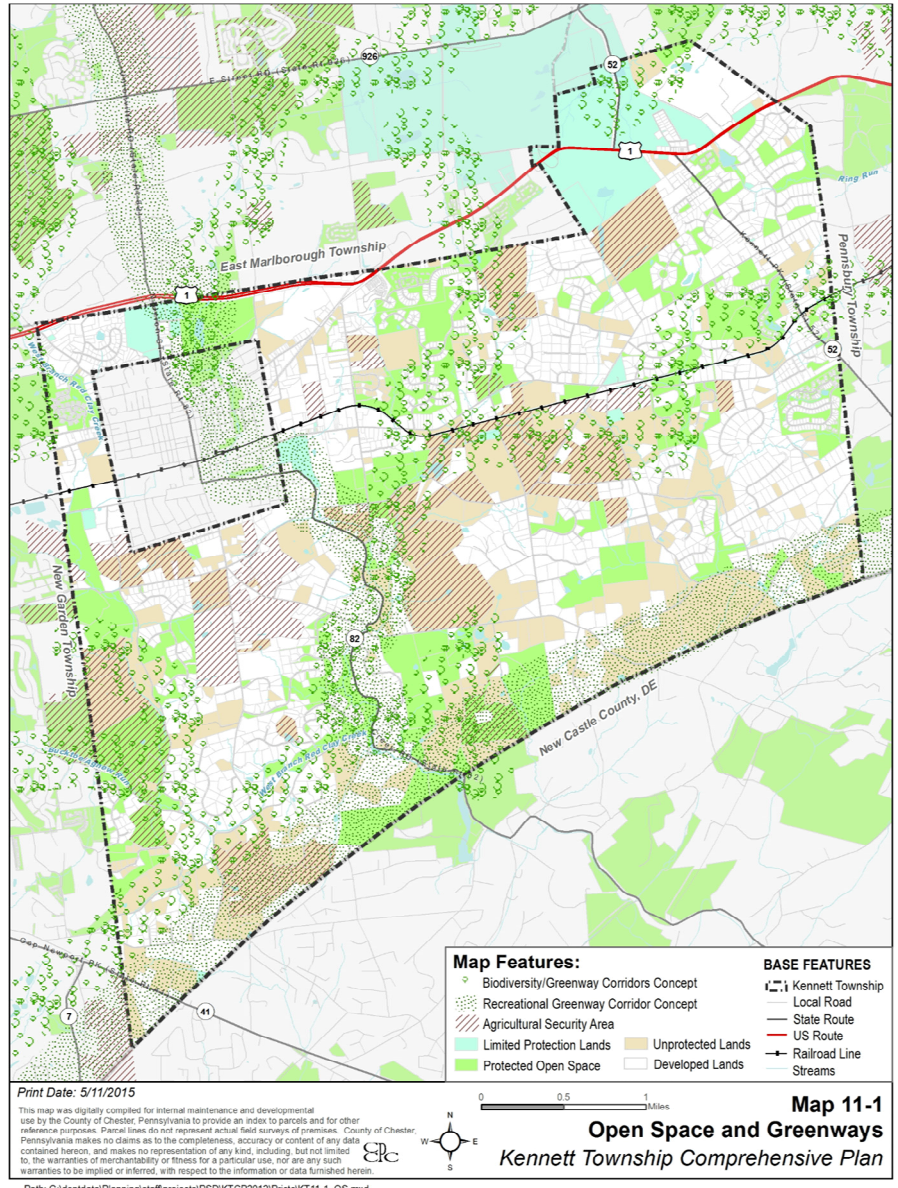
- [Advice and assistance for streamside property owners to help with questions regarding landscaping and stream bank restoration for flood reduction and water quality.](#)
- [Invasive and native plant programs at Barkingfield Park. Learn how to best manage invasive species and get recommendations on native plants to replace them.](#)

Event details and dates will be posted on the Township website and Facebook.

Please Notice This



Beginning in 2019, the Township will offer the newsletter electronically making it available on the website and by email using the Township email distribution listing. Residents can request a printed copy mailed to their address by calling the Township or by email to Kennett.twp@kennett.pa.us.



SOLICITING IN KENNETT TOWNSHIP

By Lydell Nolt, Chief of Police



Pennsylvania law requires that all municipalities allow lawful solicitations. To help keep everyone safe, Kennett Township requires soliciting permits for most vendors: magazine or vacuum cleaner salespeople, window, siding or paving companies, energy providers, etc.

NOTE: Non-profit Groups, Religious organizations, and Political affiliates are EXEMPT from the solicitation rules.

Applicants must apply in person to the Police Department, pay a fee, and provide a government-issued photo ID. After a background check, each solicitor is issued his/her own individual permit, like the one see here. Solicitors must carry their permit with them at all times.

Solicitor's License for Kennett Township Chester County PA		
Issued To:	<u>John Doe</u> <small>Print Name</small>	
	<u>John Doe</u> <small>Signature</small>	
For:	<u>Sample Business</u>	
	<u>Business or Activity</u>	
<u>8/1/2018</u> <small>Date Card Expires</small>	<u>Chief of Police Signature</u> <small>For Kennett Township</small>	

Keep your personal safety in mind at all times. If solicitors knock, your first option is to not answer the door. If you do speak with them, your first questions should be to ask to see their soliciting permit. If they do not have a permit issued by the Police Department, stop the conversation and tell them to leave.

CALL 911 if you feel threatened, if they do not leave, or you see them approaching a vulnerable neighbor, such as an elderly person or latch-key kids.

Ask the dispatcher to inform the patrol officers that unpermitted solicitors are in your neighborhood. Give a physical description of the person(s). If possible, give a vehicle description or license plate number.

To limit solicitations, residents can clearly place "NO SOLICITATION" signs at the end of their driveways or at their doors.

2018 CHESTER COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

Residential only-That and contractors will be turned away-That electronics will be accepted

Saturday, October 13, 2018

Government Services Center , 601 Westtown Rd., West Chester

EVENT STARTS AT 9:00 AM AND CLOSSES AT 3:00 PM SHARP

For a list of items accepted, go to: www.chestercswa.org/Documentcenter/view/1803
Maximum amount accepted – 25 gallons or 220 pounds – no metal drums, No Freon appliances

When in doubt, throw it out

Nancy Fromnick, County Recycling Coordinator

Please, please throw it out! That may not be the message some want to hear, but the truth is "too zealous recyclers have contaminated the recyclables with trash." They are ruining the ability to market the material nationwide. Chester County residents are great recyclers but shouldn't be tempted to be too passionate putting items in the bin that do not belong and "trashing" the recyclables. Properly prepared and collected recyclables are valued commodities sold on a global market. When too many non-recyclables (trash) are mixed in with the recyclables it all becomes "trash", is too costly to separate and requires disposal at a landfill. Meanwhile too much money has been spent on collection, transportation and processing material that wasn't worth collecting in the first place.

Scrap metal, hangers, pieces of rope or hose, pieces of wood, yard waste and children's toys are just a few of the items that "contaminate" the recyclables. Scrap metal may be taken to a scrap dealer, yard waste should be composted and reusable children's toys may be donated or thrown away if broken. Do not put them in the recycling bins.

Plastic bags present another problem. Plastic bags are not

recyclable in most curbside programs. They jam the source separating equipment at recycling facilities. Plastic shopping bags can be returned to your local grocery store. Containers are located at grocery store entrances.



Most curbside programs in Chester County collect mixed paper, flattened corrugated cardboard cut down to 18" x 24", glass bottles and jars, steel and aluminum cans, plastic bottles and containers #1-5 plus 7. Our programs also collect clean aluminum foil and pie tins and empty steel aerosol cans. No Styrofoam, polystyrene, foam. Everything else should be thrown away and that's okay.

Remember only plastic containers and bottles with recycling symbols can be recycled. If there is no recycling symbol, throw it out. Most recyclables will come from the kitchen or in the mail as paper or corrugated cardboard. If you

really want to do something positive for the planet, do it right. **If in doubt, throw it out!**

Still unsure or want to know more? Contact your hauler, municipal recycling coordinator or visit www.chestercountyswa.org for more information.

The Future of Walking and Biking in Kennett Is Looking Bright

By Michael Guttman, Director, Sustainable Development Office (SDO)

Southern Chester County, three major projects are now moving from the drawing board towards construction.

The first project is Phase 1 of our proposed ~12-mile Kennett Greenway multimodal circuit trail. PennDOT, which is providing this project with more than \$2M in PA state grants, has recently approved the final plans, which will soon go out for bidding. Phase 1 will connect the NW corner of the Township (near the intersection of Pemberton and Mill Roads) to the SW corner (at Chandler Mill Bridge), a distance of ~3.5 miles. Construction is likely to begin late this fall or early next spring.

Meanwhile, the Township is also working with PennDOT and Pennsbury Township on a second project to add ~4.5 miles of fully delineated bike lanes along both sides of Route 52 from Route 1 to the Delaware border. These bike lanes will upgrade existing unmarked bike lanes along Route 52 in Kennett Township, and extend them through Pennsbury to join up to similar bike lanes along Route 52 in Delaware which are part of the extensive Northern Delaware Greenway system. If all goes well, the new bike lanes will be included in a major PennDOT repaving project that is currently scheduled for 2019, and be constructed at no cost to either township. This project will be one of the first to take advantage of a new PennDOT initiative to enhance its repaving projects with such facilities if they are requested by affected municipalities and deemed feasible.

Finally, the Township has been involved in a third project called 'Safer Kennett Active Transportation Routes', a ~2-mile multimodal facility through Kennett Square Borough primarily along Walnut and South Streets connecting Anson B. Nixon Park

to Pennock Park, where it will also connect with the new Kennett Greenway. As part of a grant that the Township and Borough submitted, the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) recently awarded nearly \$1M towards the construction of this project, which is likely to begin late 2019 or early 2020.

All of these projects are part of the recently completed Kennett Area Active Transportation Plan, developed jointly by the Township and Borough and funded with a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA-DCED). The Active Transportation Plan and the 'Safer Kennett Active Transportation Routes' projects have each received an award from the Transportation Management Association of Chester County.

These projects will provide about 10 miles of pedestrian and bicycle transportation facilities in the Township and Borough, but they are really just the beginning of implementing our new Active Transportation Plan and completing the Kennett Greenway. Several other related projects have already been submitted for funding and, over the next year, the Township expects to complete a detailed Kennett Greenway Plan, which will help us get additional funding. Future projects will include more connections to the Greenway within the Township and to neighboring municipalities, plus extended linkages to the 30-mile Brandywine Creek Greenway and the 700-mile Philadelphia Circuit. Stay tuned for more updates!



KENNETT TOWNSHIP & HISTORIC KENNETT SQUARE

PRESENTS THE

2018 Kennett Square Holiday Village Market

SATURDAY DECEMBER 1st, SUNDAY DECEMBER 2nd

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8th & SUNDAY DECEMBER 9th

from 11-5 pm at The Creamery of Kennett Square



Barkingfield Park

Dog Park

557 Bayard Rd (just south of the KT Maintenance garage)

I'm sad because my owner won't take me to Barkingfield for a run today. I love that place!



Anson B. Nixon Park

New Entrance Sign: We love the look of the new entrance sign into the park and to the soccer fields!



The Red Clay Stream Restoration project: With the help of a grant from the Dept. of Environmental Protection and other agencies, KAPA has partnered with the Brandywine Red Clay Alliance to restore the old infrastructure of the stream that runs through the park. Be on the lookout for the wet meadows being installed.

Sewer Connection project: With the help of a generous grant by the Dockstader Foundation, and working with the Borough of Kennett Square, the restrooms will now be tied into the sewer system and no longer be on septic system.

Dog Park: The Dog Park is in its final stages of completion. The goal was to create an ecologically friendly, functional and sustainable dog park with a separate area for both little and big dogs to enjoy as well and their owners. Let us know what you think!

Continued Favorites at the Park

Rock the Park: This annual fundraiser continues to thrill the community featuring the band Love Seed Mama Jump. Thank you to the band for donating their time and to the community and sponsors who supported this fundraiser.



Ponds: The health of the ponds continues to be a main attraction to the park and a source of spectacular beauty.

Concert Series: The free 8 week summer concert series concluded on August 8th and brought the joy of music to the community in a lovely outdoor setting. Special thanks to the collaborative effort with the Kennett Flash who books the talent and the community sponsors who continue to support the series.

Reservations: Pavilion reservations continue to be another highlight of the summer season. The community continues to use these lovely pavilions to celebrate life events at a minimal fee.

Trout Rodeo, playgrounds, trails, disc golf, tennis, basketball, volleyball, or just sitting on one of the many benches scattered throughout. The Anson B. Nixon Park has something for everyone so get out and enjoy it!

TREAT Yourself to a Fabulous Fall Landscape





By Eileen Hazard, Audience Development Coordinator,
Mt. Cuba Center



Cool, crisp air; trick-or-treating; the stunning display of a golden and crimson landscape – no wonder many consider autumn to be the best time of year. Between Eagle’s games, soccer tournaments, and harvesting the last crops from your vegetable garden, take time to enjoy yourself outdoors by adding colorful fall flowers and foliage to your yard. Along with decorating your doorstep with mums and pumpkins, consider planting native perennials to provide beauty and function – for this season and years to come.

Besides looking great, fall-blooming plants offer pollinators, like bees and butterflies, their last food source before winter arrives. Stunning berries displayed on our native shrubs and trees provide just the right nutritional mix to birds as they begin their migration south or prepare to overwinter in our region. Vertically layered gardens, with trees, shrubs, and ground cover, give different species of birds and beneficial insects the shelter and food sources they need, as well as a treat for our human eyes.

Enhance your garden by adding these Mt. Cuba Center suggestions. These plants make a fine combination in a sunny location or on a south-facing woods edge.

<p>Appalachian Spring flowering dogwood <i>Cornus florida</i> ‘Appalachian Spring’</p>	<p>Small tree with apple green foliage and bright red fruits. Leaves turn red to purple in fall. This cultivar is resistant to anthracnose fungus.</p>	
<p>Red Sprite winterberry <i>Ilex verticillata</i> ‘Red Sprite’</p>	<p>Shrub grows 2-3' tall and has an upright, rounded habit. Produces profuse, red berries which are attractive in fall and winter.</p>	
<p>October Skies aromatic aster <i>Symphotrichum oblongifolium</i> ‘October Skies’</p>	<p>Small, daisy-like flowers with blue to blue-purple rays and yellow centers bloom in profusion in fall. Typically grows to 18” tall.</p>	
<p>Golden Fleece autumn goldenrod <i>Solidago sphacelata</i> ‘Golden Fleece’</p>	<p>Bright golden wands of flowers on compact plants that create a spectacular display in early autumn. The broadly rounded foliage also creates an effective groundcover when planted in mass.</p>	



MT. CUBA CENTER
Gardening on a Higher Level
3120 Barley Mill Road, Hockessin DE
302.239.4244 mtcubacenter.org

Mt. Cuba Center offers gardening, conservation, art and wellness programming year-round. Hayrides offered Saturdays in October. Gardens open Wednesday – Sunday, 10 am – 4pm, through November 18

NATIVE PLANTS

By Judith Hanford

Decided on a garden? Wondering about native plants? Plan now for spring.

First, you need to know your USDA planting zone - 7a.

Second, you need to know your sun and shade exposures. Watch the places you're thinking about planting. Look three times a day: morning, at noon, and after 4:00 pm to see how the sun and shade move over these spots. Do it for a week. Then, follow the sun through fall, and winter to see how the light changes.

Spring planting time is after the last hard frost – about mid-May.



Celandine Wood Poppy Shade Garden

Third, you need to know what type of soil you have - test it. What's in your soil – or not - will determine how well the garden grows. Soil testing IS that important!

Using native plants requires changing how you think about landscaping and gardening. Native plants have often been thought of as weeds; plants that must be removed in favor of plants that are common in the nursery industry. These plants

are mass produced and distributed all over the country. Gardening magazines and websites teach use of these “industrial” plants. If a location won't support them we're told to change the characteristics of this location: removing soil that is already there and bringing in special soils; installing an irrigation system, using fertilizers, pesticides, and synthetic ornamental mulches. The other choice is to match the plants to the place!

“Native” plants are trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants (annuals and perennials) that occur naturally or have developed in the same area over many years.

Together with animals, birds, and insects they form a unique, fully interdependent ecosystem. Kennett's ecosystem has adapted to our local conditions: light, temperature, moisture, soil nutrients, and pH.

Because of this adaptation, native plants don't need extra water (except when first planted), fertilizer, or biocides – saving work. Once established, native plant gardens take care of themselves. And, they're beautiful.

Buy plants from garden centers, plant sales, and growers specializing in native plants. Ask questions.

Opening a new garden is big work. Start small. Select a combination of plants that spread (horizontal plants); and those that mostly grow upward (vertical plants) as accents. Put them in groups of odd numbers: 3,5,7. Use only leaf mulch until the garden fills-in – around year three. Plant what you like and see what happens!

Sources:

Brandywine.org
Brandywine Conservancy Wildflower
Seed and Native Plant Sale
gatewaygardens.com
redbudnativeplantnursery.com

Soil Testing: Penn State County Extension Office in West Chester, PA.

Native plants have formed symbiotic relationships with native wildlife over thousands of years, and therefore offer the most sustainable habitat. A plant is considered native if it has occurred naturally in a particular region, ecosystem, or habitat without human introduction.

Kennett Library News

by Megan Walters, Library Director

The summer has come and gone at the Kennett Library and we are amazed at how quickly time passed. We had a great time hosting FIFA related programs, which ultimately culminated in a France victory over Croatia. Lots and lots of chocolate was consumed at our Family Bingo Night and many dogs were read to with our partnership “PAWS for Reading”. We had the best turnout EVER for Video Game Club with over 110 kids from 4th-8th grade coming to the library after hours to play video games and hangout with their friends. This is not to forget all of the programs that are year-round such as the three different adult book clubs (regular, international, and graphic novel), Tea & Board Games Night and learning about Ernest Hemingway in Cuba taught by local historian Gene Pisasale.

Kennett Library offers all of these things and more if you check out our website at kennettlibrary.org. Be sure to sign up for our weekly newsletter for information regarding the different programs that are provided, as well as news about special announcements. Also, don't forget to check out the **new** Community Calendar on the website homepage!

The library building project is moving forward as the project team is delicately balancing building design and functional needs with cost. The project is quickly moving to the end of the schematics phase where the functional design will be completed. At the present time, the library design has 25,000 square feet consisting of two floors and a 116-seat auditorium along with various meeting and program rooms to support the hugely successful programming events which numbered over 1000 in 2017. Stay tuned for more information which will be disseminated through our website and other social media channels.



Kennett Library

Begin your journey here

ROADS UPDATE

Our major summer projects are winding down and we are getting ready for winter.

The following summer jobs were completed: Line painting, crosswalks, stop bars, and railroad crossings were done on Township roads. Paving and surface sealing were done per budgeted plans. Our sidewalk projects have been completed.

Fall projects will include several drainage problems that we are working on. Tree trimming is also scheduled to be done. We try to clear 3 feet off the road edge and 16 feet high. Every effort will be made to work with the property owner on problem areas. Sight distance and safety are our first priority.

Weaver Mulch ground and hauled away 1,000 tons of yard waste from the Maintenance Garage. This tonnage is reported to the County in our annual recycling report.

We are now taking metal appliances at the maintenance garage. These appliances are part of the metal recycling program. Microwaves and appliances with Freon are not accepted.

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

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



By Roger Lysle
Public Works Director/
Roadmaster

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

If not, don't waste any more time. The eNewsletter provides important breaking news, critical alerts, and brief updates on issues —information that can be very beneficial to you and your family. Send an email to ktnewsletter@kennett.pa.us with your name and we will include you in the newsletter distribution list.

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The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County

This fall, The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County (TLC) will continue to expand its

Education Programs. TLC's Education programming has evolved into a comprehensive suite of offerings for all ages and stages, from events to workshops to in-school instruction on biodiversity, wildlife (Wildlife Clubs!) and outdoor recreation. TLC threads its education offerings through a new *Continuum of Conservation* that serves Preschool-K, 1-8 grades, 9-12 grades, and adults and families with distinct programs and member offerings that provide more complementary hands-on activities in Land Management and Maintenance.

For *preschool (pre-K3-5) to kindergartners*: TLC's Drop-in on Nature program coordinator gained Forest Kindergarten accreditation—the first on the East Coast!—and will adapt and implement the accreditation guidelines for a total outdoors, nature-based learning for children pre-K3 through pre-K5. In addition, TLC Education Staff will implement an “ICP” plan for each child participant and their family — a conservationist development plan around early

and learning lifelong conservation skills and green outdoors exercise for each child and their family.

For *1st through 8th graders*: TLC is offering more curriculum, lesson plans, communication materials, and outdoors activities for teachers and youth workers to implement in partnerships with TLC's education staff both in classrooms and on the preserves.

For *9th through 12th graders*, TLC continues to strengthen its

Teens Turning Green, which pays teens to work with our Land Managers, and

Trail Blazers, an unpaid internship program for teens and young adults

TLC's education program will also add year-round “citizen scientist” activities for these older students, as well as for adults and families, through a structured series of volunteer Land Maintenance activities with our Land Managers, and through partnerships with area watershed conservation organizations and school STEM programs. Participants will receive TLC Steward Certificates of Achievement.

Are you a TLC member? Memberships drive our programming and support our efforts to protect the natural beauty and resources of Southern Chester County! Join today!

www.tlcforscc.org/membership



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Non Emergency Contacts:

Kennett Township Police	610-388-2874
Kennett Township Public Works Emergencies (after hours)	484-723-9338
Longwood Fire Company (www.longwoodfireco.com)	610-388-6880
Kennett Fire Company (www.firestation24.com)	610-444-4810

Important Contact Numbers:

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

Like it or not, winter weather is fast approaching. Here are some tips to get you and your home ready for the winter season!

PROTECT YOUR PIPES

We all know water expands as it freezes. If water inside your pipes freezes, it will expand too, which can cause your pipes to crack and burst. Pipes also can burst when pressure builds up behind a chunk of ice, which is why it's a good idea to leave faucets dripping in very cold weather. Either way, a burst pipe can cause massive damage. Take a few steps to winterize your pipes and avoid a potentially catastrophic claim.

- Drain water from outdoor faucets and sprinkler systems to keep those pipes from freezing.
- Disconnect and store outdoor hoses; cover outdoor faucets with foam insulators
- Protect water pipes that run through unheated areas of your home with insulation, such as the attic, basement, or garage

Pro Tip: Know where your water shutoff valve is so that you can turn off the water in case of an emergency. Typically it's located in the basement or buried near the road.

CHECK THE HEAT!

The time to be sure you're going to stay warm all winter is before the weather gets too cold. Check your furnace by turning on the heat and the blower to be sure they're operating as they should.

- Change your furnace filter at the start of the season and then every two to four months. Filters get dirty more quickly if your home is dusty or if you have furry or feathery pets. Clogged or dirty filters are less efficient, which means your home might not warm up properly.
- Consider installing a programmable thermostat if you don't have one. Programming it to be cooler at night and when you're not at home will save you money. You can program it to be warmer for when you return home or get up on cold winter mornings.

Pro Tip: Reverse the direction of your ceiling fans. Everybody thinks of using fans in the summer, but they can help you stay warm in winter too. Set the blades to turn clockwise to circulate warm air from the ceiling down into the room.

PREVENT ICE DAMS!

Ice dams form when heat escapes through the roof and melts snow that's settled there. That snowmelt flows to your roof's edge and refreezes, usually at the eaves. Those pretty icicles can signal an ugly ice dam underneath. The problem with an ice dam is that snow that later melts can't properly drain, so it has to go somewhere... and that might be through a leak in your roof, causing water damage in your home.

Fortunately, a few simple steps before the temperature starts to drop can go a long way toward preventing all of this:

- Clogged gutters and downspouts are the No. 1 cause of ice dams. Clean them out to keep water flowing during the winter.
- Seal places that may allow warm air to leak from your home to your attic, such as around vent pipes, exhaust fans, chimneys, attic hatches, and light fixtures.
- Be sure soffit vents, which are along the eaves of the house and allow air to flow into the attic are clear.

If you've had problems with ice dams before or have reason to suspect you might this year, you can take these additional steps:

- Install snow and ice slides to prevent ice and snow from "bonding" to your roof.
- Install a rubberized ice and water shield beneath the roof shingles, going three to six feet back from the eaves.
- Hire a roofer to install a heat cable along the eaves to melt the ice.
Add additional insulation to your attic floor.

CLEAN AND STORE LAWN EQUIPMENT:

After a summer of yard work, gas-powered equipment such as mowers, trimmers, tillers, and chippers can all benefit from service before being stored for the winter. This basic checklist will get you started on equipment maintenance, but be sure to check the owner's manual for any specific requirements for your machines.

Empty all of the fuel. Gas can degrade all the time, and the ethanol in E10 gas can



damage fuel lines and other components while sitting unused. Try to use up most of the fuel during the last mowing season. You can remove what is left with a meat baster, and then run the engines until they stop. Check with your local waste management or public works department for guidance on how to dispose of the fuel.

- Clean the machine of oil and yard debris, and sharpen the blades.
Store them for winter in a basement, garage, or covered storage shed where they will be safe from the weather.

INSPECT THE FIREPLACE AND CHIMNEY:

There's nothing like the glow of a fire to warm up a winter evening. But before you light up that first log, make sure your fireplace and chimney are clean and critter-free.

A professional chimney sweep can clean out soot and other debris that could catch fire. Keep your home's warm air from escaping out the chimney when you're not using it by keeping the flue closed all the way. You shouldn't be able to feel any cold air coming down the chimney.

You can also install glass fireplace doors or a chimney inflatable that blocks cold air from coming down the chimney and keeps in warm air.

SEAL WINDOWS AND DOORS:

Gaps around windows and doors can make it tough to keep your house warm in winter. Caulk around windows and install weather stripping around doors as needed. This minor and inexpensive task can help you save on heating costs.

If your windows and doors are older, they may be inefficient single-pane windows or uninsulated doors. Consider upgrading to double- or even triple-pane windows and insulated doors and garage doors to boost the energy efficiency of your home.

Another option is to add storm windows and doors. Remove, wash and store screens for the spring before you have them installed.

STOCK UP ON COLD-WEATHER ESSENTIALS:

When winter storms hit, they often come with power outages. To ensure you and your family are prepared for anything Mother Nature throws at you this winter, you will want to have an emergency kit ready. Explore this one for ideas of what to put in it, and consider having these cold-weather specific items on hand as well:

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- First Aid Kit
- Personal Medications
- Non-Perishable Food for 3-5 days (including baby formula)
- Canned Food/Manual Can Opener
- Clean Water, toilet paper, soap
- Emergency Blankets
- Matches, flashlight and extra batteries
- Emergency Blankets
- Battery Operated Radio
- Working, fully charged fire extinguisher
- An alternative heat source, such as a generator, wood-burning stove, or fireplace

Sand, ice melt, and a shovel if where you live is prone to ice and snow (avoid using kitty litter, as it doesn't provide good traction and can make a mess).

You should also develop a plan for communicating or meeting up with family in case you aren't together when a winter storm hits.

And get your car ready too. Whether you live in a cold-weather climate or just plan to visit one, you will want to keep [these essentials in your car](#) for winter-weather emergencies:

- ◆ [First Aid Kit](#)
- ◆ [Flashlights, Flares and Reflective Tape](#)
- ◆ [Clothes and Blankets, Hand and Foot Warmers](#)
- ◆ [Water, Food](#)
- ◆ [Batteries and Chargers](#)
- ◆ [Shovel, Brush and Scraper](#)

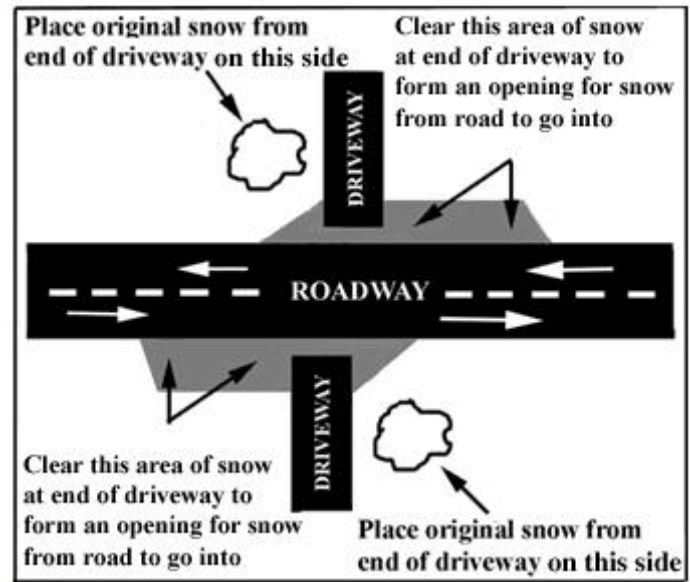
A storm or power outage in winter can be dangerous, even when you're in your car or home. Be prepared this winter to weather the storms and cold.

Always remember to prepare your property before leaving

for extended periods of time during the winter. Turn off water, disconnect hoses, close foundation vents, insulate pipes, ensure all windows and doors are closed and sealed.

When it **SNOWS**, remember to always:

- Keep your driveway plowed as much as possible to help in the case of an emergency
- Clear Fire Hydrants from snow
- Do not park on streets, cul-de-sacs
- Stay off of roadways so that snow plows can best do their jobs
- Use the diagram below for clearing snow from your driveways



There are many other important items to consider when preparing for the winter, visit these websites for helpful tips:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/index.html>,
- <https://www.pema.pa.gov/planningandpreparedness/readypa/pages/winter-storms.aspx>, and
- <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/winter-storm.html>

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Rain Gardens The Basics

Rain gardens are a simple and resourceful way to use the storm water from your gutters productively as a garden.

In its most simple design, a rain garden is a type of garden strategically located so that it can intercept storm water and allow it to soak into the soil. You can select the location of your rain garden by first taking a good look at your property and determining where your storm water goes, where it runs off, where there may be wet spots in your yard. Most residential rain gardens are located near the house since the greatest amount of storm water on residential properties comes from the roof and the driveway. Rain gardens can be located near downspouts, next to the driveway or sidewalks, or out in the yard. You can allow the rain to naturally collect in the rain garden, or you can direct storm water from the downspout or gutter with a length of plastic pipe. You can also bury the connection pipe, just make sure you do it so the water still flows correctly from your gutters (you don't want to cause water to back up!). The rain garden should be located at least 10 feet from the house (yours or your neighbors) to avoid any possibility of creating moisture problems to the house or basement.

Plan your rain garden so that its deepest part is about six inches. This will allow the rain garden to drain within a proper time frame. This depth will provide a good water regime for the plants you'll be using. Although there are plants that can withstand deep water (in excess of 8 inches), a six inch depth is well in the range that water tolerant plants can withstand. With this depth you won't need to worry about drowning your plants or about the water standing for too long. To begin your construction, you will need to select the area and begin making a shallow depression. Remove topsoil and store it separately from other soil material (you'll want to put it back after your finished excavating). Then you will need to loosen the subsoil in your garden. Go ahead, get in there and turn up that soil! The soil does not have to be smooth, and you don't need an even grade throughout the garden. Rather, you should have areas of varying depth, ranging from ground surface level (0 inches) up to 6 inches below the ground. This way, when it rains, the water will flow into the various "holes" first and will slowly fill up the other areas. Some areas of your rain garden may have only an inch or so of water and some might have six inches!

Next, return the topsoil and amend with compost if needed. Remember that clay soil is not ideal as it inhibits drainage. You may need to add compost to lighten the soil if you have heavy soil. Ideally, the water from your rain garden should drain within 12 hours, or a within 24 hours at the most. This length of time will ensure that mosquitoes will not breed in your rain garden.

When you are done planting, you can add a layer of hardwood (resists rotting better than pine bark) mulch if you want. The mulch may shift and move around during rain events. There is a bit of maintenance at first, while the plants are getting established, but no more than any other type of garden! Remember to weed out undesirable plants. Instead of cutting back the foliage once the plants are hit by frost, leave the whole plant as a seed source and shelter for overwintering birds and butterflies. In spring, cut the foliage back to allow for new growth.

The rain garden can be designed in a three zone approach: the lowest zone is the area that will hold water most often. The middle zone will have water (up to a few inches) but will drain more quickly. The upper zone is the transition zone between your rain garden and your non-garden area. This area will only receive water infrequently when there are very heavy rains and this area will dry out first. Remember that the rain garden will dry out between rain events and the plants you use must be able to withstand varying conditions.

Calculate Your Storm water Yield:

Follow this formula to get an estimate of the amount of storm water runoff your roof produces each year:

- 1 inch of rain on a 1000 square foot roof yields 623 gallons of water.
- To calculate the amount of storm water your roof yields, take the square footage of your house and multiply by 623. Then divide that number by 1,000.
- To calculate the average yearly amount of storm water generated by your roof multiply the number above by the average amount of annual rainfall in our area. (Audubon, Sept. 2003 and Cumberland Conservation District 2006)

The average rainfall amount in our area is about 42 inches. That's a lot of storm water, isn't it? Think about how much water can go back into our groundwater table by using rain gardens!

Did You Know?

- Five minutes of running the hose uses 25 gallons of water. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean decks, sidewalks, and other paved areas.
- As much as 30% of the water used can be lost to evaporation by watering lawn during midday. If watering lawn, water during the coolest part of the day (preferably morning) and never on windy days.
- Grass turf requires 30-50% more water than shrubs and other groundcovers. Limit grass areas and use trees, shrubs, and other native plants that typically require less water.

An average uncovered pool loses about an inch of water a week because of evaporation. Cover pools to prevent evaporation. (Cumberland County Conservation District, 2006)

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Source: PennState Extension

<https://extension.psu.edu/rain-gardens-the-basics>



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2018 ELECTIONS

General Election - Tuesday, Nov. 6, 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

Fall/Winter Activities

NOVEMBER	
6	Trails & Sidwalks Committee
6	Planning Comm. Work Session(6:30pm)
6	General Elections - Office Closed
7	BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
12	Holiday - Office Closed
13	Planning Commission
13	Emergency Services Comm. (5:00 pm)
14	Safety Committee
15	Land Conservation Advisory Committee
20	KA Park Authority
22	Holiday - Office Closed
23	Holiday - Office Closed
27	EAC
27	Historical Commission

DECEMBER	
4	Trails & Sidwalks Committee
4	Planning Comm. Work Session (6:30 pm)
5	BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
11	Planning Commission
11	Emergency Services Commission (5 pm)
12	Safety Commission
18	KA Park Authority
19	BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
20	Land Conservation Advisory Committee
24	Holiday - Office Closed
25	Holiday - Office Closed
31	Holiday - Office Closed

JANUARY	
1	Holiday – Office Closed
2	BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
8	Planning Commission
8	Emergency Services Commission (5 pm)
9	Safety Committee
15	KA Park Authority
16	BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
17	Land Conservation Advisory Committee
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