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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
1st Tuesday each month..... 6:30 pm
2nd Tuesday each month 7:00 pm

Safety Committee
2nd Wednesday each month..... 7:00 pm

Trails & Sidewalks Committee
1st Tuesday each month 1:00 pm

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PSATS Award

We received an award from the **Pennsylvania State Association for Township Supervisors** for Outstanding efforts and achievements in citizen communication.

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.

Grants

Kennett Township received \$2m in grants to implement projects that will begin in the summer of 2019. They include upgrading the Pennock Park and the Parrish Trails to a multi use surface, installing a multi-use trail through the Penns Manor Development connecting the the Borough, installing a multi-use trail along West South Street connecting the Pennock Park trail to Kennett Borough boundary, installing a multi-use trail along a portion of Chandler Mill Road and rehabbing the Chandler Mill Bridge. All work should be completed by the end of 2019.

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. In addition, through the grant a consultant was hired to work with the Township and the Borough to amend the codes related to the economic development study. The revisions to the code should be completed in 2019.

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 Townships public meeting room.

Township Manager's Corner

By Lisa M. Moore





The Kennett Area Park and Recreation Board (KAPRB) promotes, encourages, and supervises recreational activities in the Kennett Square community. The mission of KAPRB is to provide quality programs for families to enjoy and to improve, develop, and renovate park facilities.

KAPRB Summer Adventure Camp

This is a fun-filled, action packed summer camp for children in Kindergarten through 8th grade. The camp is known for the many field trips taken each week. Children enjoy arts and crafts, sports, science, and cooking, as well as three field trips per week. Field trips are taken to locations such as Longwood Gardens, Ashland Nature Center, Bette’s Family Fun Center, Stroud Water Center, a local movie theater, bowling alley, and more. Every Friday is spent at a local park and the Jennersville YMCA pool.

Date: June 13 – August 10th

Location: Bancroft Elementary School

Cost: Per week \$225; Full Summer Session \$1250

Pennock Park and Athletic Fields

Pennock Park has seen many improvements and the latest is the new parking lot and the soon-to-be completed new trail surface. Several tournaments will be held at the softball fields this spring and summer. Come out and enjoy the playground, picnic tables, softball fields, and the Pennock trail.



Please visit
<https://www.kaprb.org>
for more information

SAFETY COMMITTEE NEWS

By Gus Teipelke, Chairman

This year the Safety Committee members will be divided into four teams within the Township’s four Precincts. They will drive on the Township roads twice a year, April and September, looking for any safety related issues.

There are thousands of vehicles a day driving through our Township, so the first hand safety issues gathered from the Teams’ drive-thru can assist our Police and Roadmaster, as well as the general public.

Safety Committee meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Township Office.

Residents are always welcome to attend.



CCAA CELEBRATES STUDENT ART IN CHESTER COUNTY!

Each spring Chester County Art Association proudly hosts 3 student art exhibitions in our West Chester and Exton Square galleries. Each exhibit is unique and showcases art education programs. All art exhibits are free and open to the public.

- **MARCH-APRIL:** The opening reception for the Art Goes to School West Chester Elementary program is on Thursday, March 28th, 6:30pm to 8pm, at CCAA's Exton Square Studio Gallery. The exhibit is up from March 28 to April 23, and features the projects the children created in response to the famous art reproductions they viewed and the accompanying classroom discussion that helped them to better appreciate the work's subject, composition, and techniques.

- **APRIL:** The awards reception for the 45th Chester County High School Art Festival is on Tuesday, April 23rd, 5pm to 7pm, at CCAA's main location in West Chester. The art show is available for viewing Thursday, April 11, through Saturday, April 27.

This annual art show features over 500 artworks from high school students from public school districts in the county. The following 18 Chester County high schools showcase their students' work: Avon Grove, Coatesville Area, DHS East, DHS West, Downingtown Cyber Academy, Downingtown STEM Academy, Great Valley, Kennett, Octorara Junior/Senior, Owen J. Roberts, Oxford Area, Phoenixville, Conestoga, Tredyffrin/Easttown, Unionville, West Chester East, West Chester Bayard Rustin, and West Chester Henderson.



- **MAY:** The opening reception for the Technical College High School's Commercial & Graphic Arts program is on Saturday, May 11th, 1pm-3pm, at CCAA's Exton Square Studio Gallery. The exhibit is up from May 2 to 25, and features student's design projects in a variety of media. Their creative ideas and range of technical skills are impressive and focus on different career paths.

CCAA is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating, inspiring and connecting people of Chester County to and through the arts. Seasonal programming includes classes, open studios and workshops—as well as monthly art exhibits and artist talks—for adults and children in many different art mediums: ceramics, oil painting, watercolors, acrylics, drawing, sculpture, jewelry, photography, printmaking, mixed media, digital art, fiber arts, and more. Artists of all ages and abilities are encouraged to think creatively and experience the truly transformative power of art!





Chester County Art Association | www.chestercountyarts.org
100 N. Bradford Ave., West Chester, PA 19382, 610-696-5600
Exton Square Mall, 1st level by Boscov's, 610-524-1925

THE FUTURE OF SPAR HILL FARM!

We are looking for residents to join the Spar Hill Farm Committee. Committee members will brainstorm, gather ideas, and make recommendations on what will happen with the newly acquired Spar Hill property open space! Interested residents are encouraged to fill out the Volunteer application form on the Townships website by clicking the "Volunteer Opportunities" button on the main page or contact Michael O'Brien at michael.obrien@kennett.pa.us

Warm breezes, twittering birds, the greening hue of the landscape...spring has arrived! After the browns and grays of a long winter, vibrant spring colors are a welcome treat.

During April and May, Mt. Cuba Center's gardens abound with dazzling wildflowers, delighting our guests while supporting early season pollinators. Evolving together over thousands of years, our native bees and wildflowers have become synchronized. Flowers, just the right size for a specific bee species, bloom at the same time the bees emerge and begin looking for nectar. For your enjoyment and to support our native pollinators, consider adding these Mt. Cuba Center favorites to your yard:

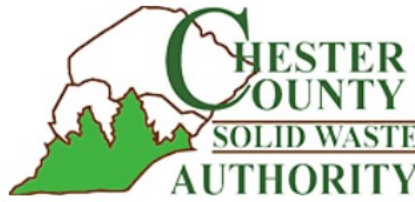
<p>Virginia Bluebells</p> <p><i>Mertensia virginica</i></p> <p>Stunning early spring perennial. Use in woodland gardens or under trees & shrubs that bloom later in the season.</p>	<p>Bright blue flowers of above fresh green foliage. Grows 18" tall and thrives in moist well-drained soils. Prefers bright sun in early spring followed by shade later as the forest canopy expands. By summer, Virginia bluebells die back to the ground allowing other perennials to extend the gardening season.</p>	
<p>Wild Columbine</p> <p><i>Aquilegia canadensis</i></p> <p>Use in woodland gardens, naturalized areas, cottage gardens, rocky outcrops, and open shade gardens.</p>	<p>Drooping, bell-like, 1-2", red and yellow flowers. Prefers rich, moist soils in light to moderate shade. Freely self-seeds and will naturalize to form large drifts. Foliage remains attractive throughout the summer as long as soils are kept moist. Flowers are attractive to hummingbirds.</p>	
<p>Redbud</p> <p><i>Cercis canadensis</i></p> <p>Small ornamental tree. Use in the landscape as a specimen or place in naturalistic groups at the edge of the woodland.</p>	<p>Clusters of rose-purple flowers line the stems before the foliage emerges in late April. Heart-shaped leaves are a cool blue-green. Typically develops a rounded habit as it matures. Prefers partial shade to full sun. Mature at 20-30 feet tall.</p>	
<p>Moss Phlox</p> <p><i>Phlox subulata</i></p> <p>Evergreen perennial phlox is a vigorous, mat-forming groundcover, with outstanding early spring flowers that cover the plants. A Mt. Cuba Center favorite cultivar is 'Emerald Blue'</p>	<p>Blooms from early to mid-spring in colors ranging from lavender and blue-purple to pink and white. Best with full sun & tolerates hot and dry exposures. With a height of approximately 6 inches, it is best displayed at the front of the border, and give the garden a tidy, intentional look.</p>	

Not sure where to find plants? Visit mtcubacenter.org/action/nursery/ to find local retailers offering native options. Several organizations host native plant sales in the spring including at the Brandywine River Museum, Delaware Nature Society, and Tyler Arboretum. Visit their websites for details. Beginning at our Wildflower Celebration on Sunday, April 28th, Mt. Cuba Center will sell native plants in limited quantities.

Mt. Cuba Center's gardens open April 3rd and are open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm, and until 8 pm on Fridays from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Visit mtcubacenter.org for details on tours, classes and upcoming events!

Residential Only

Businesses and Contractors
Will Be Turned Away
www.chestercountyswa.org



Please Note:
No Electronics Will Be Accepted
No Freon Appliances
Maximum Amount Accepted:
25 Gallons or 220 lbs
No Metal Drums

2019 Chester County Household Hazardous Waste Events

All Events Start at 9 AM and Close at 3 PM Sharp

Saturday, April 6, 2019	CENTER for ARTS & TECHNOLOGY Pickering Campus (Technical College High School) 1580 Charlestown Road Phoenixville, PA 19460
Saturday, April 27, 2019 (Proof of Residency May Be Required)	OCTORARA HIGH SCHOOL 226 Highland Rd. Atglen, PA 19310
Saturday, May 18, 2019	OWEN J ROBERTS MIDDLE SCHOOL 881 Ridge Rd. Pottstown, PA 19465
Friday, June 21, 2019 (Stone wall entrance-Veterans Drive, same entrance as CAT Brandywine-Route 30 across from Dairy Queen)	COATESVILLE LEARNING CENTER 1635 E. Lincoln Hwy. Coatesville, PA 19320
Saturday, September 7, 2019 (Proof of Residency May Be Required)	OXFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING 125 Bell Tower Ln. Oxford, PA 19363
Saturday, October 12, 2019	GOVERNMENT SERVICES CENTER 601 Westtown Rd. West Chester, PA 19380

BIRD TOWN!

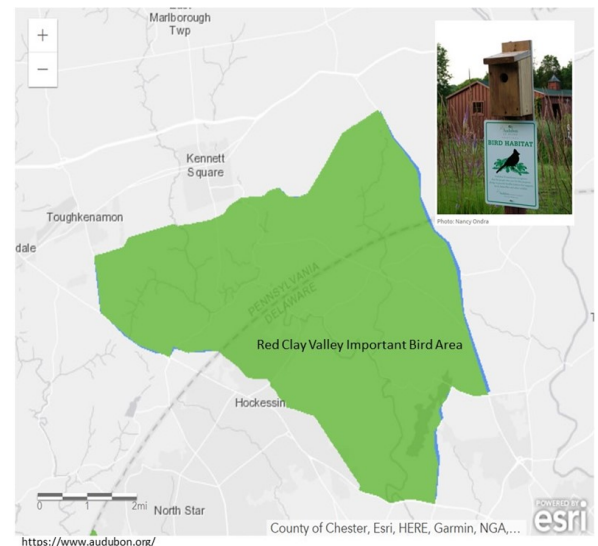
Kennett Township passed a resolution on March 20 to become an **Audubon Bird Town**. A large area of the Township is part of the Red Clay Valley Important Bird Area where significant populations of woodland bird species, especially Wood Thrush, are found. The Important Bird Areas (IBA) are the most critical regions in the Commonwealth for conserving bird diversity and abundance.



You can help to keep our community a bird-friendly place to live! Properties located within and adjacent to an IBA can have marked impacts. And maintaining and improving bird habitats also provide other benefits such as improved water quality and slowing of storm water runoff. The most important step you can take is to include native plants in your landscaping. Native plants are critical to the ecosystem that birds need to thrive.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to enroll in the “Audubon At Home” habitat recognition program. You will receive a yard sign and more information on how to make your yard and our Township more bird friendly. The application is available on line at: <http://pa.audubon.org/audubonhome> or pick up a paper copy at the Township building.

Also be sure to watch for upcoming bird related events and programs that will be offered this year through joint efforts of our Community-based Land Stewardship Initiative, the Pennsylvania Audubon Society, and The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County (TLC).



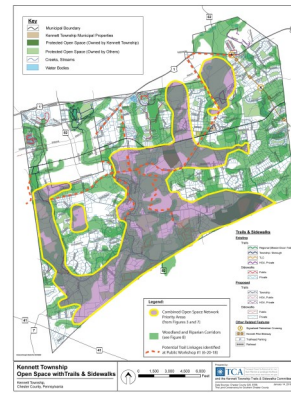
Open Space, Trails, & Parks Master Plan and Needs Assessment Plan

By Tom Comitta, Township Landscape Architect

Thomas Comitta Associates drafted the Kennett Township Open Space, Trails, & Parks Master Plan and Needs Assessment Plan with the assistance of a Steering Committee with members of various Township Boards and Commissions. In order to effectively assess the needs and desires of the community, the preparation of the Plan has included Public Involvement through a Needs Assessment & Community Survey, as well as two Public Workshops. The top priorities revealed from the Community Survey and Public Workshops included: improving the Township-wide Trail Network and preserving the Rural Character and Open Space.

Based upon the community feedback and input, the Open Space, Trails, & Parks Master Plan and Needs Assessment Plan includes:

1. recommendations focusing on land acquisition for Open Space;
2. the identification of key conservation areas within the Township;
3. needs for Active and Passive Recreational facilities;
4. the creation of enhanced programs for public education;
5. stewardship strategies; and
6. implementation initiatives.



Note: this map was provided by Tom Comitta to accompany his article, however it would require a full-page display in order to be readable. You can view this map on the Township website at

<https://www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/3262/Open-Space-with-Trails-updated-Jan-2019>

Kennett Township plans to enhance the total network of Open Space, Trail, and Park resources through the conservation of Open Space, and the expansion of the Trail and Recreational Facilities. In addition, Kennett Township plans to utilize the Open Space, Trails, and Parks as part of a holistic strategy to enable many other initiatives in the Township relative to stewardship, sustainability, the economy, and quality of life.”

Office Hours Kennett - presented by Kennett Township - is a free series of 10 intimate talks by local professional and acclaimed experts in their field, designed to inform and empower area business professionals and entrepreneurs.

Our roster of speakers cover topics on Social Media, Tax Law and Accounting, as well as Marketing and topics relating to the unique challenges of small businesses.

Office Hours comes to you with an expanded format, new location and time and a host of new topics, speakers, networking opportunities sure to inspire and power up your business! Our new expanded 10 month format brings you a host of amazing speakers and topics designed especially to engage the small business owner and entrepreneur.

Check in with Office Hours Kennett regularly to see our evolving calendar of speakers and blog posts.

www.officehourskennett.com also on Facebook: **Office Hours Kennett**

Coming up next:

April 25	Business Succession Planning - Financial Perspective - Diamond State Financial
May 23	Business Succession Planning - Legal Perspective
June 27	It's Never Too Soon - Investment Planning & Strategies - presented by Kennett Young Professionals and Kennett Township - Suzanne Heron, Lovett Advisors, LLC
July 25	“APPY” Hour - Attendee driven competition for the best productivity app currently in use. Audience voted



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ANSON B. NIXON PARK KENNETT SQUARE

The Kennett Area Park Authority Board continues to make sure the Anson B. Nixon Park is a place which offers a sense of community and belonging and an enjoyable experience with every visit. We hope you will enjoy the Park this Spring.

The new Dog Park is now officially open! We did our best to make it environmentally sustainable and aesthetically pleasing, while keeping it functional and fun for our furry friends! Please keep your dog on leash and **make sure the latches are locked** when going to and from the dog park. **Please use** the doggie clean up bags which are available for your convenience. **Thank you for being a responsible pet owner.**

If your kids need a place to run and have fun we encourage you to explore with them the Park's three playgrounds, walking trails throughout the Park, the fishing pier, creeks and large pond. Other Park features include a disc golf course throughout the Park's woods, tennis, basketball, and volleyball courts.

The Park's walking trails, playgrounds, restrooms and free parking areas are open to the public daily from dawn to dusk. Two new handicapped parking spots and a wheelchair ramp have been added recently to offer easier access into the Park via the trail nearest to the pier.

Some 2019 highlights include:

The 24th Annual Trout Rodeo Adults and children should make sure to come out to the Park on Saturday, May 4th from 8-2pm. This is a ticketed event for those fishing and prizes are awarded for several categories. The public is invited to watch anglers vie for awards for the largest or heaviest weight fish.

Free outdoor summer concerts in the Park's beautiful surround-

ings bring the community together! This year the free eight-week series runs from Wednesday, June 19 through August 14 from 7-9 pm. The wide range of musical performances includes rock, jazz, blues, and a different local food vendors/restaurant offer delicious suppers and ice cream for purchase during each concert.

Pavilion rentals What better place to celebrate with family and friends than at one of our lovely picnic pavilions? Each pavilion accommodates up to 70 people and many come with a water spigot, a charcoal grill and electricity. Email ansonbnixonpark@gmail.com if you would like to have your next celebration at the Park.

Community Garden How about growing vegetables this summer? The Park has a thriving Community Garden and plots for the 2019 season are available for \$25. If interested email steve.denno1@verizon.net for more information.

Mark your calendars

- May 4 – The 24th Annual Trout Rodeo*
- May 5 - Happy Cinco de Mayo!
- May 11 - Kennett Run The start & finish line is in the Park again this year!
- May 11 & Sept. 28 – Sky Tour by Chester County Astronomy Club
- May 19 - St. Mary Parish - 150 year jubilee in the Park
- June 19 - Free 8 week Summer Concert Series 2019 starts! Join us for our first concert on June 19

You may contact us with comments, concerns or questions at ansonbnixonpark@gmail.com. Visit our Facebook and Instagram.

* Participation fee

SCRAP METAL RECYCLING STATION

Acceptable Materials

- ✓ STEEL
- ✓ ALUMINUM
- ✓ COPPER
- ✓ BRASS
- ✓ STAINLESS
- ✓ APPLIANCES



WARNING



Materials Not Accepted/Restricted

Propane Tanks - Closed Vessels/Containers including Gas Tanks - Boilers - Heat Exchangers
Fire Extinguishers - Aerosol Cans - Dirt/Debris - Asphalt/Concrete - Batteries
Hazardous Waste - Asbestos Containing Materials - Radioactive Materials - Explosives
Chemicals - Furniture including Mattresses - Wood - Household Garbage - Porcelain Toilets
Televisions - Computers/Monitors - Copiers

*If you have any questions about what can/cannot be recycled...
please contact us at... 610-388-1300 or www.kennett.pa.us*

Township Land Conservation in 2018 and Beyond

By Jeff Yetter, Chair, Land Conservation Advisory Committee

Thirty years ago over 80% of Chester County voters approved a referendum to fund open space and farmland preservation. Since then, the Commissioners of Chester County implemented one of the most comprehensive and sustained land conservation efforts in the country. As a result, today almost 30% of Chester County has already been preserved. Following suit in 2005, over 75% of Kennett Township voters approved a local referendum that provides additional dedicated funds that further enables our Supervisors to support land conservation. As a result, about 2,000 acres (20% of the Township) has already been preserved, and our Supervisors expect to reach a goal of 3,000 acres (30%) by 2030.

Land conservation protects our beautiful vistas and fresh air, and provides public access to many outdoor recreational opportunities. But just as importantly, it also acts to limit the kind of suburban sprawl that we see in many nearby areas. Such sprawl not only undermines quality of life, but also ends up increasing taxes to pay for all the infrastructure and services it requires. We are fortunate that our voters and public officials have had the foresight to proactively preserve what remains of our precious open space, helping to protect our way of life.

At the beginning of 2018, Kennett Township's conserved open space already included four large preserves owned and maintained by the Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County (TLC), plus the Township's own Barkingfield Park on Bayard Road next to the Township Maintenance Garage. The current Supervisors purchased and opened the Park in 2016 and, as its name would seem to imply, contains a very popular dog park. All of these remain open daily to the public for their use and enjoyment, giving Kennett Township residents and guests some of the best outdoor recreation opportunities in the area.

During 2018, the Supervisors negotiated the \$3.1 million purchase of the gorgeous 103-acre Spar Hill Farm from the Shutt Estate trustees, finally closing in October. A \$1.2 million grant from the Mt Cuba Center and an expected \$500,000 grant from Chester County have helped to finance the purchase. Spar Hill adjoins the beautiful woodlands of the 63.8-acre Lord Howe property that the Supervisors purchased in 2017, also with help from a Chester County grant and a private donor. Together this will create a whole new 167-acre Township park, almost twice the size of the largest TLC preserve, and almost four times the size of Barkingfield Park.

Also in October 2018, Kennett Township facilitated the \$701,478 purchase of 20 acres by TLC from the Muller family which will add an additional 20 acres to their 80-acre Marshall Bridge Preserve. Helped by \$100,000 from the Mt Cuba Center, TLC was able to secure a total of \$429,500 in grants to make the purchase possible. Finally, in December, TLC received a donated conservation easement on an additional 10 acres of the Berndt property on Burnt Mill Road. Kennett Township provided \$12,124 to cover the closing and endowment costs.

All told, our Supervisors helped to conserve 133 acres (1.3% of the Township) in 2018 alone, a remarkable accomplishment. Stay tuned for more developments in 2019, as we continue our push to conserve 30% of the Township by 2030.

SPRING & SUMMER FUN WITH TLC

*By Abbie Kessler, Preservation Director
The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County (TLC)*

As the weather warms and the flowers bloom, take the opportunity to get outside with TLC. There are a variety of programs on the schedule for all ages and interests with more added regularly.

Starting April 27th, join us for our Longwood Community Read inspired Garden Growers series where kids and young adults can help plant and tend fruits and veggies at Stateline Woods Preserve. This 5-part series will introduce the basics of gardening and teach techniques for growing success.

TLC's annual summer program, Free Time Adventures, will run July 9th- August 15th on Tuesdays-Thursdays for kids aged 5-12. The program has weekly themes to cover a variety of fun topics such as Scaly & Slimy and Wildlife Detectives with lots of stream time to mitigate the hot summer sun.

The Cooking with Nature series continues May 5th with strawberries and July 21st with Summer Vegetables. Learn, cook, and eat as we enjoy

nature's bounty together. The series wraps up in October with Nuts and Mushrooms!

Check the website in May for FREE Summer Solstice hikes. Take the opportunity to visit an unexplored TLC preserve with a staff member guide while enjoying the longest day of the year.

For the 7th year, TLC will host PA Master Naturalist (PMN) training beginning August 20th. Adults interested in expanding their knowledge of the natural world should look at the full schedule of dates and topics listed on the PMN website.

Details on these and other programs are available at tlcforscc.org/education/. Follow TLC on Facebook for up to date program and event news. See you on the land!



Kennett Township Rental License Ordinance Amendment

By Diane Hicks, Zoning Officer

In our previous newsletters the Kennett Township Rental Registration & Inspection Ordinance (RRIO) was introduced. Since its adoption in 2014, the ordinance has undergone several changes. The original ordinance required that the rental properties be registered and inspected on a yearly basis. That was amended in 2015 to require a registration and inspection every three years, unless your tenants changed in the interim.

In an effort to provide for all life safety concerns of non-owner occupied residences, the Township again amended the Rental Ordinance in October of 2018. The new amendment, referred to as the Kennett Township Rental License Ordinance, defines the terms “rent” and “tenant” as follows:

RENT: To allow a tenant the use and enjoyment of land, a building, or a part of a building, in exchange for money or other consideration paid to a landlord/property owner (i.e. to lease).

TENANT: A person, other than the property owner, to whom a landlord grants temporary and exclusive use of land or a part of a building, usually in exchange for rent or other considerations.



The change will now affect those property owners who allow their friends/family, co-workers, or employees to use their residence in lieu of a monetary payment. Owners of residential property who rent, as defined, all or a portion of their residential property must apply for a rental license with the Township. The proposed rental license must be renewed every three years, and when a tenant change occurs. An inspection will follow any re-registration or new tenant change. The fee for registering your property remains \$100 per unit.

If you have a rental property, and have yet to register it, or your rental status has changed due to the revisions made, please contact our office at 610-388-1300 to begin the process. We would be happy to assist you with any questions or clarification regarding the Rental Ordinance. The Rental Registration Form and Inspection Sheet, as well as a copy of the Ordinance, are available on our website.

Those individuals who violate the Rental Registration Ordinance may be issued a citation and be subject to fines of not less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000 per rental unit, plus any court costs incurred by Kennett Township.

Kennett Library News

by Megan Walters, Library Director



Kennett Library

Begin your journey here

starting a seed library that will allow anyone to come and choose from multiple options for their personal garden. We also have multiple popular book group options: International Book Group, Comic Book Group, Short Story Group and the longstanding Book Group.

We recently started a new program for youth, Level Up, a homework based program where kids get help on homework and then play games. Our Maker Camp will also be back this summer. It is a fantastic opportunity to create and invent a multitude of items through a guided program. The most popular program for this age group is our Video Game Club, which is held every Friday throughout the summer. Last year we hit our record of over 100 participants! Every summer we partner with our local school district to host summer reading book groups. Check out which book groups are occurring this year and see if your school and age group is participating.

For our youngest patrons, we are going to have one session of Science in the Summer this year. We definitely love seeing kids have fun learning and participating in experiments in a hands on way! In connection to learning we also have a Together for Education pro-

gram, which is geared towards low level readers to facilitate reading in a fun way. Culinary Literacy is a new program we will be introducing this year: kids will read a book, follow a recipe and make their own snack!

The Adult Literacy Program classes will end the third week in May, but there will be a conversation class in July at the library. The classes will resume at the start of the academic year in September. Our tutors will continue to assist their students with English, General Equivalency Diploma tests or American citizenship throughout the summer.

We offer so many other programs that it is impossible to list them here! Go to kennettlibrary.org to see everything we have planned in the coming months!

Thank you for your support!

New Building Project Update

There is excitement brewing at the library. Building plans are progressing including space for free parking and a spacious 2 floors with comfortable seating throughout surrounding the adults and children's collections. The library is most excited about the plan to include multiple meeting rooms comprised of classrooms, tutor rooms, group, study and program rooms, and a 110-seat auditorium. The new building will not only provide ample space for the considerable number of free library programs offered but also will have sufficient space for other local organizations to use for their meetings or to provide local programming. In other words, the library will realize its goal to become **a true and needed community center for this area.**

ROADS UPDATE

THE WINTER THAT WON'T END!!! This year has been one for all types of weather - heavy rains, sub-zero temperatures, snow, freezing rain and sleet. Our crews were out for 20 storms since November. We ordered 800 tons of salt this season in order to keep the barn full for emergencies. However, so far we did not use all of it.

Spring is coming and we are already lining up spring work. Sweeping is set up to begin the week of April 8th. This will include all subdivisions. Damaged areas as a result of snow plowing will be repaired, winter road damage will be evaluated and repaired, and finally the plow posts will be removed.

Plows and spreaders will be stowed away after being repaired and painted, making them ready for next winter. 2019 bids for materials have gone out and awarded to the contractors.

The annual spring clean-up was held on Saturday March 30th. This event was in conjunction with the Red Clay Valley Association. The Road Crew picked up the filled bags along the Township roads. We thank all of those who volunteered for making this annual event such a success.

Barkingfield Park was used quite often during the winter. The dog park will be closed temporarily in early spring for reseeded and installation of agility equipment.

Summer projects will include: Paving - West Hillendale Road (Five Points to Chandler Mill Road), Chandler Mill Road (Kaolin to Ewart Roads), Elmwood Drive; Oak Lane, Montbard Drive, and Normandy Drive. Surface Treatment - Burrows Mill Road, Willow Glen Drive, Willow Glen Circle, Mill Race Road, Huntsman's Path, Patricia Lane, Deerfield Lane, and Hannum Road.

The Recycling Center is located at 557 Bayard Road. Acceptable materials are posted on the front of each dumpster. There is also a metal recycling dumpster for scrap metal. We also accept yard waste (woody brush) from residents.

As always, please drive carefully and watch out for bicyclists, walkers, construction workers, and emergency vehicles along our roads. Feel free to contact me at the Maintenance Garage, 610-444-5130, with any issues or concerns regarding Township roads.



*By Roger Lysle
Public Works Director/
Roadmaster*

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

**Curious about the life of a volunteer firefighter?
Interested in becoming a first responder?**

Join the **Kennett Fire Company** on **Saturday April 13, 2019** for an entertaining and informational session discussing how you can become a member of our team! This event, running from 12:00 - 4:00pm, is a series of firefighting demonstrations open for all ages to enjoy.

Attendees will later learn how they can become a volunteer for Kennett Fire Company, Station 24.

Refreshments will be provided, so just bring your eyes and ears to learn about how you can make a difference in the Kennett Square Community!

- 12:00 - 12:30 Meet and Greet
- 12:30 - 1:00 Hand line Demo
- 1:00 - 2:00 VRT Demo
- 2:00 - 2:30 Apparatus Demo (bucket tower)
- 2:30 - 3:00 Water rescue demo
- 3:00 - 4:00 Q&A

No RSVP required. This is an Eagle Scout Project for Scout Troop 24 in Kennett Square.

Address: [301 Dalmatian Street, Kennett Square, PA, 19348](#). Call Kennett Fire Company for more information at 610-444-4810



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**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS
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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

SDO UPDATE

By Michael Guttman, Director,
Sustainable Development Office

Since it was created in 2016, Kennett's Sustainable Development Office (SDO) has been helping our Township Manager create, manage and coordinate a number of related programs designed to position Kennett Township for environmentally and economically sustainable growth in the coming decades. Here is a brief summary of each program and its current status:

Kennett Greenway – The Greenway is a ~12-mile multi-use circuit trail that will run throughout the Township. It has been primarily designed as a recreational facility that will allow residents and guests to walk or bike safely to and from all our major parks and preserves, with minimal interference from automotive traffic. Over the last few years, the SDO has helped to obtain \$3M+ in state funding for building about 4 miles of the Greenway, plus a 1-mile connector across Kennett Borough. The first funded section will be constructed this spring, with the rest over the next 2-3 years. More sections totaling another ~4 miles are currently in advanced planning, awaiting additional funding. The final sections await additional land acquisitions and easements that will ultimately enable the Township to fill in the remaining gaps and complete the full Greenway circuit.

Active Transportation Network – The Kennett Greenway is also a component of a larger network of sidewalks, bike lanes, and multi-use trails designed to provide safe routing for bicyclists and pedestrians to all major destinations across the Township, plus connections to regional trail systems such as the Northern Delaware Greenway, the Brandywine Greenway, and the Philadelphia Circuit. The SDO has helped the Township complete a comprehensive Active Transportation Plan, funded in part by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development, which had already won two prestigious transportation awards. The Plan analyzes the likely requirements for the network over the next 20 years and makes a variety of planning recommendations, many of which have already been applied to the design of the Greenway, and to obtain additional funding for it.

Community Based Land Stewardship (CBLS) – CBLS is an innovative program for improving land stewardship all across the Township on both open space and developed lands. Kennett's CBLS partners with regional land conservation organizations like the Brandywine Conservancy, which helped author the original plan for Kennett's CBLS, and by The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County (TLC), which administers a Longwood Foundation grant which helps to fund our CBLS. Additional support comes from the PA Audubon Society through its Bird Town program, and from Mt. Cuba Center. With this help, our CBLS already sponsors a popular educational series on such subjects as controlling invasive species, wildlife habitat restoration, and streambank remediation. CBLS has also coordinated a number of hands-on planting, weeding and signage projects in Township parks and preserves such as Barkingfield Park and Stateline Woods.

Indoor Agriculture – Kennett Township sits in the very center of the mushroom complex, the area's largest business by far, and the largest concentration of indoor produce production in the world. Until recently, mushrooms were the only significant commercial produce crop grown in indoor vertical farms under controlled conditions. However, due to recent technology improvements, especially lighting, it has become possible to profitably grow a variety of 'green' crops in a similar manner. The SDO has been studying the best way to leverage Kennett's indoor ag expertise and infrastructure to diversify into other indoor produce crops such as leafy greens and herbs, which have enormous growth potential. This includes creating a permanent Indoor Agriculture Center of Excellence (COE) in Kennett where area mushroom farmers and 'green' indoor farm companies from around the world can develop partnership opportunities and do research in this very promising area.



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Safety Profiles can include:

- ◇ -People living in your household
- ◇ -Phone numbers associated with your family
- ◇ -Pets, service animals, and livestock
- ◇ -Medical conditions and allergies
- ◇ -Medications and medical equipment
- ◇ -Property details, layout, and utility information
- ◇ -Vehicle descriptions
- ◇ -Emergency contacts



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Help Us Keep Trash Out of our Waterways

Did you know that over a million tons of plastic enter our rivers each year ultimately ending up in the ocean? It can decades or even centuries for plastics to decompose and since most are less dense than water, they never sink to the bottom. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch located between California and Hawaii is the most egregious example. Its twice the size of Texas. But its not just plastics. Anyone who's ever participated in a stream cleanup or adopt-a-highway program can attest to the amount of cigarette butts, food packaging



containers, and aluminum cans among other items discarded inappropriately.

Trash in waterways can be a safety or health concern. Glass and metal can cause severe cuts and needles and syringes often carry diseases. Plastics can wrap around boat propellers and block cooling intakes. Trash in waterways can also be dangerous to wildlife. Its been estimated that as many as two million birds and 100,000 marine mammals die each year when they ingest debris or become entangled in ropes, fishing

line, fishing nets, and other debris.

We all can make a difference by reducing the amount of solid waste we dispose of each year and by assuring that wastes are disposed of properly. While Kennett Township does not collect trash at the curb, residents must sign up with an independent hauler and are expected to adhere to their procedures. And all of the residents are required to recycle by the State. Recycling is easiest when the three "Rs" are practiced – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. The United States produces about a third of the world's solid waste each year even though we have less than five percent of the world's population. We all can make an impact if we:

- Recycle plastics, glass, metals, and paper (see below) and buy recycled goods whenever possible.
- Buy reusable items instead of disposable ones.
- Choose items that have the least packaging.
- Compost kitchen and yard waste.
- Use rechargeable batteries and recycle them when expired.
- Use a cloth bag to carry groceries and other items.
- Use cloth napkins, dishtowels, and handkerchiefs.

Kennett Township's Recycling Center is located at the Township Maintenance Garage, 557 Bayard Road, between Rosedale and Hillendale Roads. Additional information is available at:

<https://www.kennett.pa.us/165/Recycling>

Further information is available from the Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority at: <https://seccra.org/where-to-recycle>

From the Codes Department

Spring is here and summer is not far behind. If you are considering installing a shed, pool, deck or patio, these items require permits. Please visit our website at www.kennett.pa.us and check under forms for information on your project. Remember you can always stop in and talk with the friendly people in the Codes Department. We are here to help!

Community-based Land Stewardship Initiative - Upcoming Events

“Gardening Naturally: Small Steps for Big Impact!”, Wednesday, April 10, 7pm

Presented by Eileen Hazard from Mt. Cuba Center at the Township Public Meeting room

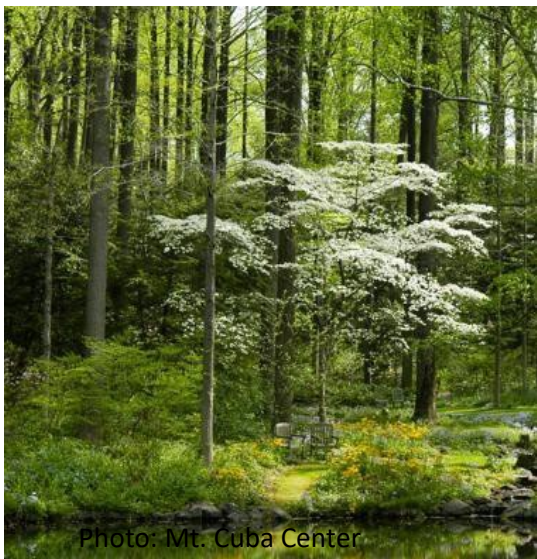


Photo: Mt. Cuba Center

Learn how to make gardening simpler and more fun by using eco-friendly techniques to create beautiful and environmentally sound landscapes. Join Eileen Hazard, Mt. Cuba Center Audience Development Coordinator, and learn how taking small steps in your yard can positively impact our environment.

Mt. Cuba Center’s stunning naturalist gardens provide food and shelter for our birds, butterflies and other pollinators; benefit our local water resources; and provide healthy spaces for our guests to enjoy. Eileen will share eco-friendly gardening actions, practical examples, and plenty of native plant suggestions so you can do the same at home. You’ll be inspired to enhance your yard and community garden with native plants, and will be equipped with practical advice to get started eco-gardening this spring!

“Establishing a Residential Meadow”, Wednesday, May 22, 7pm

Presented by Kelly Gill, Xerces Society and US Natural Resources Conservation Service, at the Township Public Meeting room

Native meadows make a great lawn alternative to provide biodiversity and improve water management on residential properties. Get practical advice on establishing and maintaining a meadow in Kennett Township.



Photo: xerces.org

“Wild Neighbors: Loving, Protecting, and Peacefully Coexisting With Wildlife”, Saturday, June 22, 2pm

A family program presented by Wildlife Rehabilitation Support of PA (WRSPA) at the Township Public Meeting room.



Photo: Wildlife Rehabilitation Support of PA

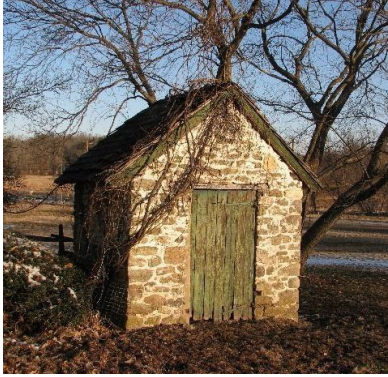
Learn about the work wildlife rehabilitators do, and find out how we can be better stewards of our environment by reducing the negative human impact on our local wildlife, supporting vital wildlife habitats, and fostering peaceful coexistence with our wild neighbors.

This program features live wild animals and will also provide an opportunity to touch, feel, and explore wildlife through biofacts (feathers, shells, bones/skulls, and fur replicas).

200 YEARS OF KENNETT TOWNSHIP HISTORY

By Diane McGovern, Kennett Township Historical Commission

Spar Hill Farm was purchased by Kennett Township last November. Its 100 acres are adjacent to the Lord-Howe property of 70 acres which was purchased by the Township in 2017. Both parcels are located on Burnt Mill Road.



Ice House

Spar Hill has gone by many names over the years – Way Farm, Spar Hill Turkey Farm, Schutt Farm. The name Spar Hill is derived from the feldspar deposits that were mined there in the late 19th century. Two abandoned quarries can be found in the woods at the top of the property.

The Spar Hill property was once part of the estate of an English Quaker

named George Harlan. He purchased the acreage from William Penn's daughter and son-in-law in 1713. Held by the Harlan family until nearly the end of the 18th century, the property passed to Caleb Hoopes and then John Way in 1804.

John Way settled the property at the time of his purchase. The existing stucco farmhouse, carriage house (now a dwelling), original barn, stone barnyard, and ice house were built around 1848. The Ways raised livestock and farmed the property.

The farm was sold by the Way family to Edward Buffington in 1925 when he converted it to a dairy farm. He added numerous buildings including a stable, cow barn, hay barn and machine shed. At one time there were three grain silos on the property. One remains standing today.

The Buffingtons sold the farm to Harold Schutt in 1935. In the 1940s, the focus turned to turkey farming. The turkey house and two tenant houses dating from that era stand at the end of the farm lane. Farther up the hill cinder block foundations remain from some of the 19 brooder houses and rearing platforms that were used for

the turkey operation. Turkey farming ended about 1957.

Additional sheds and barns were added to the property in the 1950s and 1960s while other buildings were demolished. More recently Spar Hill was used to house miniature horses. Unfortunately, because Spar Hill was used for so many different endeavors over the years it probably would not qualify for listing in the National Register of farm properties. But it is a lovely property in its own right. There are scenic views from the hilltop. And Burrows Run and a tributary meander through the lower fields and woods.

Spar Hill is also the home to one of the arc stones that delineates the Delaware/Pennsylvania border. This stone was set in 1892 and can be found in the woods between Center Mill Road and the lower farm lane.



Arc Stone

Now Spar Hill is entering a new era as a park for Kennett Township residents. Paths are being constructed in the Lord-Howe woods that will pass by the old quarries and extend to the hilltop above the farm. Come see Spar Hill to share in its history and to enjoy its serenity.

2019 ANNUAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION PROGRAM

By Sara Meadows, Chair

Curious about **Longwood Gardens history**? Bring your questions to our annual program on **Thursday, May 16, 2019**, when we welcome Colvin Randall, Longwood Historian. Mr. Randall will be speaking on “Longwood Gardens-100+ Years of Garden Splendor”. We begin at 7 PM with fellowship and refreshments at the Township building, 801 Burrows Run Road. There will be a Q and A following the lecture.

We are the Kennett Township Historical Commission, working to preserve local history.

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

2019 ELECTIONS

Primary Election - Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

General Election - Tuesday, Nov. 5, 7:00 am – 8:00 pm

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

Spring/Summer Activities

MAY

- 1 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
- 7 Trails & Sidwalks Committee
- 7 Planning Comm. Work Session(6:30pm)
- 8 Safety Committee
- 14 Planning Commission
- 14 Emergency Services Comm. (5:00 pm)
- 15 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
- 16 Land Conservation Advisory Committee
- 16 Historical Commission Annual Program
- 21 Primary Elections - Office Closed
- 21 KA Park Authority
- 27 Holiday - Office Closed
- 28 EAC
- 28 Historical Commission

JUNE

- 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
- 25 EAC
- 25 Historical Commission

JULY

- 2 Planning Comm. Work Session (6:30 pm)
- 2 Trails & Sidwalks Committee
- 3 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
- 4 Holiday - Office Closed
- 5 Holiday - Office Closed
- 9 Planning Commission
- 9 Emergency Services Commission (5pm)
- 10 Safety Committee
- 16 KA Park Authority
- 17 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
- 18 Land Conservation Advisory Committee
- 23 EAC
- 23 Historical Commission

AUGUST

- 6 Planning Comm. Work Session(6:30pm)
- 6 Trails & Sidwalks Committee
- 7 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
- 13 Planning Commission
- 13 Emergency Services Comm. (5:00 pm)
- 14 Safety Committee
- 15 Land Conservation Advisory Committee
- 20 KA Park Authority
- 21 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
- 27 EAC
- 27 Historical Commission

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Holiday - Office Closed
- 3 Planning Comm. Work Session (6:30 pm)
- 3 Trails & Sidwalks Committee
- 4 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
- 10 Emergency Services Commission (5 pm)
- 10 Planning Commission
- 11 Safety Committee
- 17 KA Park Authority
- 18 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
- 19 Land Conservation Advisory Committee
- 24 EAC
- 24 Historical Commission

OCTOBER

- 1 Planning Comm. Work Session (6:30 pm)
- 1 Trails & Sidwalks Committee
- 2 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
- 8 Planning Commission
- 8 Emergency Services Commission (5 pm)
- 9 Safety Committee
- 14 Holiday - Office Closed
- 15 KA Park Authority
- 16 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
- 17 Land Conservation Advisory Committee
- 22 EAC
- 22 Historical Commission