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3rd Wednesday each month, 7:30 pm

Work Session – 1st Wednesday each month, 7:00 pm

Business Advisory Committee

2nd Wednesday Each Month if needed, 12:00 pm

Communications Committee

As Needed

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, 7:00 pm

Work Session – 2nd Tuesday each month, 7:00 pm

Safety Committee

2nd Wednesday each month, 7:30 pm

Trails & Sidewalks Committee

1st Tuesday each month, 3:00 pm

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2014: MY FIRST YEAR

By Dr. Richard Leff, Vice Chair Board of Supervisors

During my first full year as a Kennett Township Supervisor, we've made a number of what I consider to be positive changes. Some are easy to see and others will take more time to bear fruit. Some of the highlights are:

Volunteer Participation: We have increased the number of volunteers helping Kennett Township to 74 people, partially due to an expanded Land Conservation Advisory Committee and a new Trails and Sidewalks Committee. I can't say enough to thank the volunteers on all of the committees!

Employees: We have a new Zoning Officer, have increased our road crew by one, and also have new engineering and legal advisors.

Communication: There is much more content to our website (www.kennett.pa.us), including the monthly Township checkbook register and some wonderful photographs of the area (thanks to the talents of a local photographer and a Township staff member). Let us know what you like and what you'd like to see on our website, and we'll do what we can to accommodate your requests. Feedback from residents who have received email notifications and emergency alerts from Kennett Township have been overwhelmingly positive, so please get on our email distribution list by contacting our Township Manager at Lisa.moore @ kennett.pa.us or by signing up at the bottom of our website home page.

Open Space and Trails/Sidewalks: We've received two matching Chester County grants with the help of The Land Conservancy of Southern Chester County totaling \$640,000; essentially doubling our money for open space preservation on 70 acres of preserved land and future trails. We've received a Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Grant of \$850,000 for sidewalks to connect Kennett Township on the east and west sides of Kennett Borough. The Board of

Supervisors, after much public discussion, voted to preserve the Chandler Mill Bridge as a historic bridge for pedestrians, bicyclists and emergency vehicles, while also creating a 45 acre park and over 2 miles of trails.

Roads: A township-wide survey and subsequent plan to maintain our roads was completed. In-between resurfacing or

reconstruction of roads (of which there may be many after this past winter), we will be "fogging" or seal coating roads instead of the prior maintenance method of "oil and chip".

Resident Protection: For the first time, Kennett Township has a rental ordinance (see article on page 10) to protect renters and insure that housing is up to code. As the population of Kennett Township continues to grow and anticipating our future needs, we have also begun exploring regional policing.



Sidewalks Project

Kennett Township was awarded an \$850k grant to install sidewalks on McFarlan and Rosedale Roads, from the Penn's Manor development entrance on Old Baltimore Pike to Mill Road, and on Cypress Street from Kennett Borough to Scarlett Road in New Garden Township. We will meet with all residents affected by the project in late 2015. The project should be complete in 2016.

Stormwater – MS4

In order to comply with the PA State Stormwater/MS4 regulations, we are beginning to inspect the outfall pipes which discharge storm water. We will be contacting residents since some of the pipes that originate from the road discharge on private property so we will need permission to enter.

Chandler Mill Bridge

The Board of Supervisors voted to take over the Chandler Mill Bridge and convert it to a pedestrian bridge with emergency access. The Township is in the process of taking ownership from the County of Chester which should be complete by September 2015. Once the Township has ownership of the bridge, we will apply for grants to assist in the rehab of the

Bridge. The Land Conservancy (TLC) is going to create the Chandler Mill Preserve which will be open to the public and contains 2.5 miles of trail and a key link to the Red Clay Greenway Trail System. TLC will also have their Headquarters and Interpretive Nature Center at the site.

Township Manager's Corner

By: Lisa Moore



Regional Efforts

Kennett Township is working with surrounding municipalities on a regional police study and discussing regional emergency services for fire and ambulance.

Facebook & Email List

Our Facebook page is up and running. Please go to our website at kennett.pa.us and click the Facebook button on the home page to connect. We send out mass email notices for important events and updates. Please sign up by clicking subscribe on the website home page or by emailing Lisa.moore@kennett.pa.us.

Kennett Area Park & Recreation Board

by Claire Finfrock
Recreation Coordinator

Kennett Area Park and Recreation Board promotes, encourages, and supervises recreational activities in the Kennett Square community. Funding from local municipalities allows participants to pay moderate fees. Board meetings are held on the third Monday of each month. Registration information is available by visiting our web site at www.kaprb.com and www.bluedemonssports.org.

KAPRB coaches aim to create a positive and fun sports environment, teach effective skills, and help the players to develop a strong foundation of team work and sportsmanship.

SPRING PROGRAMS:

KAPRB Blue Demons Boys Lacrosse Program. Our Spring Boys Lacrosse program involves practices twice weekly and competitive games each week. Children ages 5-14 may participate!

KAPRB Blue Demons Girls Lacrosse Program. Our Spring Girls Lacrosse program (ages 5-13) involves weekly practices, competitive games, great instruction on game strategy and development of lacrosse skills.

KAPRB Spring High School Basketball League. This league is for boys in grades 9 – 12. Fun and competitive games will be played on Monday evenings at KHS Auxiliary gym and KMS gym. The season runs from March – May.

KAPRB Coed Adult Softball Leagues. The league is played at Pennock Park in Kennett Square. Must be 18 years of age or older to play. Program runs April – August.

SUMMER PROGRAMS:

KAPRB Summer Camp. An excellent, affordable program for children ages 5 – 12. Our camp runs for an 8 week period in June – August from 8:30am – 2:30pm. Children enjoy field trips, sports, arts and crafts, science projects, swimming, and more! Camp will be held at New Garden Elementary School.

KAPRB Annual Kid's Cross Country Race. This annual

FREE event will be held on July 16, 2015 at Anson B. Nixon Park. Registration opens at 6pm and the race starts at 7pm. Pre-registration is encouraged. Children run a 1.5 mile race, and enjoy prizes, tee shirts, snacks and ice cream, and trophies!

KAPRB Summer Basketball Clinic. Fun, instructional clinic held for one week. Boys and Girls in grades 2-7 are invited to register.

KAPRB Summer Field Hockey Clinic. Girls in grades 1-6 learn field hockey skills and strategies at this one week summer clinic held at local Kennett fields.

KAPRB Summer Volleyball Clinic. Girls and boys in grades 2-6 learn Volleyball skills, game strategy and enjoy a variety of fun camp games to help sharpen their skills and fitness level.

Projects Include:

Pennock Park Renovations: Last summer we installed new scoreboards. We are currently working to raise funds to purchase and install 8 new sets of bleachers. Annual volunteer clean up days help with the upkeep of the Park. More projects and enhancements to the Park are planned.

KAPRB is always looking for new, active KAPRB Board Members. For more information please visit our web site at www.kaprb.com, or email our Recreation Coordinator, Claire Finfrock at kaprb@verizon.net or call at 610-444-6314.

Police News

By Albert McCarthy

Winter Storms - The winter has been tough on all of us. We are fortunate our road crew has been on top of the severe storms we have faced. Depending on the time the storm arrives depends on how it affects traffic. A storm that arrives just before the morning or evening rush hours, doesn't give the road crew a chance to get salt down or the roads plowed. With the job they have done, the accidents have been held in check with last year's number, despite the number of storms.

Home Burglaries - During January and February there have been five home break-ins in the Township. Last year there were eighteen for the entire year. The police try to keep these down through effective patrol. As a property owner you must help. There are generally two types of break-ins: (1) what is termed smash-and-grab break-ins and (2) well-planned break-ins. In both cases, the suspects plan to enter your house when they believe no one is home, as they do not want a confrontation with anyone inside, and it usually takes sixty seconds to gain entrance.

Good locks and watchful neighbors can prevent most break-ins. Deadbolt locks on all doors provide extra security, but



be careful. Double-keyed locks prevent quick escape during a fire. Stolen property is easier to replace than a lost life. Many burglars have told police they have simply found a hidden key outside. Instead of hiding that extra key, give one to a neighbor. Leaving that second floor window unlocked also provides access to a thief. Always re-key your house following its purchase. If you lose a key or forget whom you gave one to, re-key. Install a peep hole in any solid door. Motion sensor lights are also effective – suspects hate them. Finally, make a list of your valuables recording brand, model and serial numbers.

Displaying Your House Number - Display your house number on both sides of your mailbox and on your house itself. Sometimes mailboxes are only on one side of the road. This means extra time will be spent by emergency responders when they try to find your house. Seconds in an emergency matter.

Vacation Tips - When on vacation, make sure your home has the appearance that it is occupied. Stop mail, newspaper and other deliveries. Go on the Township website and complete the Police Vacation Notice. This tells the police to pay extra attention to your house and also gives police a way to contact you if something occurs at your house.

If you have an alarm, use it both when you are at home and away. Yes, there is a False Alarm Ordinance in the Township. We only issue citations for false alarms when residents are repeatedly careless with their alarms. They are usually issued following a written warning.

Kennett Township has a low crime rate, but crime will occur. We need to continue to work together to keep our communities safe.

ACCIDENT REPORT

By Robert Hammaker, Supervisor

Unfortunately, the accident total for 2014 was 185, compared to 159 in prior year, a 16% increase or an average of two more per month.

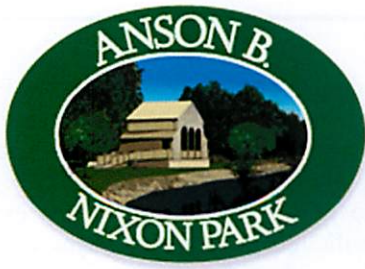
The Board of Supervisors approved changing the Hillendale Road intersections with both Bayard and McFarlan Roads to 4-way stops based on a combined recommendations from Chief McCarthy, Safety Committee and traffic engineer studies. Their impetus was accident history and limited site distance. Our Roadmaster completed the installation of new signs and advance warning signs with flashers earlier this year. Hopefully these two problem areas will be eliminated when people start stopping at these intersections.

Railroad signals have been added at the Burrows Run Road crossing.

PennDOT has approved changing the Center Mill and Burnt Mill Road intersections to a 4-way stop. Completion of this change is expected in several weeks.

Accident Report
2014 vs. 2013





KENNETT AREA PARK AUTHORITY Anson B. Nixon Park

By Heidi Hauptschein

Sometimes the best things in life aren't things at all but rather places. In this case, the Anson B. Nixon Park is

one of the many wonderful places to visit in Kennett Square. We have many exciting projects in the works that we want to share with you. The Kennett Area Park Authority (*the 9 person Board of Directors that manages the Park*) received a grant from the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) that will help us fund much needed Park improvements. Partnering with Kennett Township, the Borough, and other local organizations, the first priority is a new and safer entrance way into Nixon Park. The highly anticipated and every growing interest in a dog park is another project we have planned over the next few years.

The Kennett Area Park Authority would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the entire greater Kennett Square community who supported our 2014-2015 Fall/Winter Annual appeal. Every donation matters and we are so grateful for your support of the Park. Your donations go far in helping maintain the Park so that we can continue to provide our community with the best Park venue in the area! You can still make a donation by visiting our web site www.ansonbnixonpark.org and clicking on *Donate*.

Mark your calendars: Here are just a few of the wonderful things we have on tap for 2015.

- **Saturday, May 2nd** is our annual Trout Rodeo. If you've never been to our annual trout rodeo make this the year you plan to stop by. It's a great experience for all ages, families, singles, empty nesters, students- whether you fish or not - everyone always enjoys this fun experience!
- And of course our 8 week FREE summer concert series begins in June 24th and is always music to our ears! The concerts pull the entire community together for an exciting evening of music, food, and camaraderie.

And finally, with hints of spring in the air, the days are getting longer and pretty soon the Nixon park will be buzzing with the sounds of children's laughter playing on the playground, the swoosh of a basketball, the whack of a tennis ball, the sound of runners' feet hitting the pavement, walkers strolling along the many paths, and the clang of chains receiving the disc from a disc golf game. Make it your goal to come out to the Nixon Park. What sound will you make?

For updates and more information visit our web site www.ansonbnixonpark.org Find us and "like us" on Facebook.

Red Clay Valley Clean Up Celebrates 27th Year

The Red Clay Valley Clean Up, which has become an annual rite of spring for many residents in and around Kennett Township, was held on Saturday March 28th. Thanks to the efforts of several hundred dedicated volunteers, the trash was removed from over seventy-five miles of stream and roadways in the Red Clay Watershed, much of which is in Kennett Township. The Clean Up also covered Anson B. Nixon Park.

The Clean Up, which celebrated its 27th anniversary this year, was co-sponsored by the Red Clay Valley Association and the Delaware Nature Society, in partnership with Kennett Area Park Authority and Kennett Township. Additional support was provided by many local businesses including Phillips Mushroom Farms, Wild Birds Unlimited, WSFS, Exelon, Constellation, WAWA, Starbucks Coffee Company, SECCRA and others.



Jim Jordan, Executive Director of the Red Clay Valley Association and Chair of the Clean Up stated, "He continues to be amazed by the huge amount of support this effort receives each year. It truly is a community effort that encompasses two states and unites our residents, businesses, and local government."



Don't Forget to **Like Us** on Facebook— type Kennett Township into the Facebook search bar.



Land Conservancy Advisory Committee

By Jeff Yetter, Chair

In 2005 Kennett Township residents voted affirmatively to preserve Open Space funded by levying an Earned Income Tax (EIT) of .25%. This was a clear mandate from the residents voicing their desire to preserve and expand Open Space in the Township.

Currently preserved Open Space is 1,771 acres or 18% of Kennett Township's 9800 acres of land. The Board of Supervisors has established a goal of 30% for Open Space in the Township. Their vision is both an ambitious and achievable goal charged to the Land Conservation Advisory Committee (LCAC).

The LCAC has had a busy year last year and expect to be very busy for 2015.

In 2014, the Boot Jack Farm property easement was completed which will protect 36.8 acres from development along

Old Kennett and Bayard Roads. Aside from its scenic and environmental benefits, provisions are underway for trails,



which will link to a larger trail network to provide passive public benefit. There are several other large tracts currently in process that we expect to complete this year toward our goal. We will keep you advised as these projects finalize.

Through the generous donation of a local landowner, the 45 acre Chandler Mill Nature Preserve & Interpretive Center will become a reality opening soon at the foot of the bridge on Chandler Mill Road. It will be staffed and operated by The Land Conservancy of Southern Chester County, look for their announcement in this newsletter.

We at the LCAC want to let you know we are open for business and we stand ready, willing and able to assist any property owner wishing to explore preservation as a way to not only leave a legacy but preserve those qualities that endear us all to Kennett Township. If you wish to begin an informal dialogue, please contact Lisa Moore, Kennett Township Manager at (610) 388-1300 x 112 or lisa.moore@kennett.pa.us



Kennett Area Senior Center

By Liz Brown, Member Services Coordinator

There's always something great going on at the Kennett Area Senior Center (KASC)! Check out "Art on Canvas" on April 28 at 7:00pm. This interactive art class led by Amy Hathaway transforms the KASC into an art studio where you are the artist and you will create your own piece of art with her guidance! Cost is \$25 for supplies.

Exciting trips are available through the KASC. Adventurers are journeying to the Colorado Rockies this summer, and future destinations include Ireland and South Dakota.

Come enjoy delicious dining at two monthly events. The Sunday Dinner with Friends is on Sunday, April 26 at 1:00pm with dance music from the Dixie Demons. More great food awaits you at the

Walnut Street Breakfast Buffet on Wednesday, May 4 at 7:00am. Plan to start your day with friends, neighbors and business associates at KASC with a delightful meal.

Building community is alive and well thanks to recent changes in the Neighbors in Action program. This volunteer program addresses needs of people age 60 or older who want to remain in their homes. Volunteers provide services like minor home repairs and maintenance, yard work, transportation to medical and other appointments, grocery shopping, light housekeeping and telephone reassurance/companionship. Volunteers are able to choose assignments that suit their schedule/interests. Thanks to a grant from the Chester County Department of Aging, services are free to all clients. While there is a need to verify the in-

come of the consumer, the eligibility for services is not dependent upon income.

If you are interested in volunteering, or are age 60 or older and would like to receive services, please contact the Neighbors in Action Coordinator, Berta Rains at 610-444-4143.

The Information and Assistance Department helps members of the community by offering assistance with enrollment in Original Medicare, Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D. We also help qualifying seniors identify sources of assistance such as property tax rebates, prescription drug discounts and food programs.

The Assisted Senior Program (ASP) offers an affordable option for families of seniors who are experiencing the effects of early short-term memory loss and/or mobility impairment. The ASP is a mildly structured supportive environment, allowing caregivers to feel confident that their loved one is being well cared for.

For more information on any of these activities, call 610-444-4819.

Longwood Fire Company Spring Reminders

by A. J. McCarthy, Fire Chief

2014 was a record year for Longwood Fire Company. Our primary response area saw 619 Fire/Rescue incidents and 2,411 EMS incidents. We faced several severe weather emergencies which always account for an increase in activity for our members. Our dedicated volunteers staffed our fire station around the clock for 5 straight days during the February ice storms, handling over 40 emergencies in a 40 hour period. February also saw a total of 95 Fire/Rescue emergencies which is a record number for a single month.

When not responding to 911 calls, our members spent hundreds of hours training so we can be prepared for any situation that may arise. Since we provide many different types of service, our members are required to learn and remain proficient in almost every aspect of emergency services. We train every Tuesday starting at 7:00pm, feel free to stop by and see our personnel in action.

In 2014 we also began an initiative to

improve our public protection classification. This classification is what your insurance company utilizes to determine your insurance premium. While not every aspect is within our control, we strive to improve any area we can. We have already realized improvements in our rating and hope to continue our process in 2015 to ensure our resident's receive as many insurance benefits as we can provide.

With the assistance of the Board of Supervisors we were able to order a new fire engine to replace an aging unit. This unit is expected be delivered in late May 2015 and will allow the Fire Company to continue providing safe and reliable service to our community partners and membership.

With the spring season quickly approaching, we would like to remind our residents to avoid driving through flooded roadways. While the water may not look very deep, it only takes a few inches of water to move your vehicle. In April of

2014, we rescued two elderly subjects who drove through a flooded roadway and were swept into the Brandywine River. Please take extra precautions during flooding events and seek an alternate route of travel. This will not only keep you safe but allows us to avoid a dangerous rescue operation.

We would also ask that you trim any low hanging trees and branches

from your driveway. Our apparatus are very large and cannot negotiate the same environment that smaller personal vehicles can.

Thank you for your continued support. Without our residents' support, we would not succeed in our mission of public safety.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

ALL EMERGENCIES DIAL 9-1-1

Non Emergency Contacts:

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| 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 | 610-444-3473 |

Important Contact Numbers:

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| Kennett Consolidated School District | 610-444-6605 |
| Kennett Township Earned Income Tax-Keystone Collections | 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 |

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. **Promise:** No Spam! And you can unsubscribe anytime.



Historical Commission News

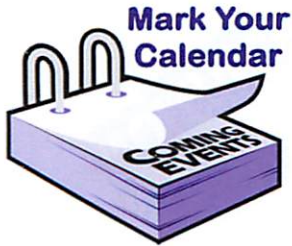
By Fredda Pennock

The Kennett Township Historical Commission announces two very exciting events. On Thursday, May 14, we will present a program at the Township building entitled “Follow the Drinkin’ Gourd”. It



will include a short discussion of the Harriet Tubman Freedom Trail by Chester County Historic Preservation Officer, Karen Marshall.

We will also have Chris Densmore, curator of the Friends Historical Library at Swarthmore, to talk about Kennett Township and the Underground Railroad.



On **June 25**, we will be hosting one of Chester County’s popular *Town Tours and Village Walks*. Our walk will set off from the Longwood Progressive Meeting and feature a visit to the cemetery across the street. Many abolitionist families lie in the cemetery as well as Civil War veterans. Guides will highlight the notable people buried there. The Progressive Meeting broke from the traditional Quakers in the area in 1853 as “an open door to all who recognize the Equal Brotherhood of the Human Family”.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us to mark the sesquicentennial of the end of the Civil War.

Your Township Staff



Kneeling, left to right— Sara Meadows, Tim Leto, Roger Lysle, Felix Cohen. Standing, left to right – Lisa Moore, Jeff Lawrence, Andrew Earle, Del Nolt, Cathy Rowe, Albert McCarthy, Diane Clayton, Bob Hammaker, Mark Vitanza, Megan Cadreau, Scudder Stevens, and Rich Hicks. Not pictured: Richard Leff and Eric Petrucci

2015 CHESTER COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS

RESIDENTS ONLY BUSINESS CONTRACTORS WILL BE TURNED AWAY

NO ELECTRONICS WILL BE ACCEPTED

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

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| Saturday, April 11, 2015 | CAT PICKERING CAMPUS 1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460 |
| Saturday, April 25, 2015 | OCTORARA HIGH SCHOOL 226 Highland Road, Atglen, PA 19310 |
| Saturday, May 16, 2015 | OWEN ROBERTS MIDDLE SCHOOL 981 Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA 19465 |
| Friday, June 26, 2015 | COATESVILLE LEARNING CENTER 1425 East Lincoln Highway Coatesville, PA 19320 (Stone wall entrance-Veteran's Drive-same entrance as CAT Brandywine-Route 30 across from Dairy Queen) |
| Saturday, September 12, 2015 | OXFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING 125 Bell Tower Lane, Oxford, PA 19363 (Proof of residency may be required) |
| Saturday, October 10, 2015 | GOVERNMENT SERVICES CENTER 601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA 19380 |



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL GUIDELINES

- **No commercial waste** – the County will not accept any commercial or industrial generated hazardous waste.
- **No illegal materials** – the County will not accept any materials that cannot be legally disposed of at a hazardous waste facility.
- **No mixing** – do not mix materials.
- **Tighten all lids** – if containers are leaking, pack in a larger container with newspaper to soak up the leaks.
- **Items must be identifiable** – bring all substances in original containers with labels.
- **25 gallon/220 pound limit** – the maximum amount accepted is 25 gallons or 220 pounds.
- No 25 or 50 gallon drums or metal drums accepted
- No Freon appliances

ROADS UPDATE

By Roger Lysle, Public Works Director/Road Master

As spring slowly shows itself, the Township is already busy working on proposed summer projects. Due to the very cold temperatures this winter, many winter projects had to be postponed.

The annual spring clean-up was held on Saturday, March 28th, along with the Red Clay Valley Association. Thank you to the many volunteers and organizations who participated in the clean-up.

Weaver Mulch grinds the ever growing yard waste pile at no cost to the Township. In return, Weaver hauls away the ground material that is produced. Last year Weaver ground 510 tons of yard waste. Due to time constraints, they were not able to fully complete the grinding. In March they returned to grind what was left. More than likely they will be back later this year to do more of the yard waste grinding.

There will be some changes in the way residents will be required to dispose of yard waste at the Township recycling center. Grass clippings and leaves must be separated from the tree limbs and brush. We are currently in the process of making separate bins for yard waste, one for grass only and one for leaves only. There will be a separate area assigned for tree limbs and brush. Signs will be

posted to show you where to dump your yard waste. Disposal of yard waste is for residents only. Landscapers are not permitted to dump at the Recycling Center. Yard waste does not include construction trash such as old decking or fence posts and rails.

The Township continues to offer free raw woodchips to residents. Just call the Maintenance Garage to arrange delivery. These chips consist of green wood and pine needles and are not landscaping quality. They are best suited for ground cover away from the house, unpaved driveways, pathways or parking areas.

The summer road projects will consist of **surface sealing** of Ashford Drive, Leslie Road, Milkwood Drive, Wren Lane, West South Street, Balmoral Drive and Circle, and Edinburgh Road. **Paving** will include reconstruction of East Hillendale Road between McFarlan and Bayard Roads, Skyview Lane, Canterbury Drive, Westover Avenue, Regents Court, Cambridge Circle, and Yorktown Circle.

Throughout the summer, road banks will be mowed and trimmed as needed. Several drain pipes will be installed along with needed patching of troubled areas. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the continued road maintenance throughout the year which may result in temporary road closings.

As always, if you have any issues or concerns regarding Township roads, please contact me at the Maintenance Garage, 610-444-5130.

By Tim Plemmons
Trails and Sidewalk
Committee Member

CONNECTING PEOPLE AND NATURE

Trading the hustle and bustle of life and the confines of my office cubicle for time spent hiking and biking through the woods renews my spirit and prepares me to tackle what life has to throw at me. I am thankful to be part of a team whose mission strives to connect the residents of Kennett Township to our natural beauty and to each other through sidewalks and trails that promote health, safety and a sense of community.

The team I speak of is the recently formed **Kennett Township Trails and Sidewalk Committee**. This Committee has quickly come together to form the foundation necessary for Township residents to one day have more miles of off-road trails and sidewalks upon which to enjoy the great outdoors and live more active and healthy lifestyles. Recent Committee accomplishments include developing a Township trail and walking map and reviewing multiple transportation, land development and conservation plans, to provide input on and advocate for the inclusion of trails and sidewalks. Our efforts have already led to the development of trails and numerous shovel ready projects.

It is wonderful to be part of the change taking place in Kennett Township. Last summer, I was bicycling with my daughter along some of our roadways and we simply didn't have that great of an experience. I imagine we will have a better experience one day as will many other dads and daughters as a result of the efforts being put forth today by the Trails and Sidewalk Committee, The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County, the Township Supervisors and other noteworthy partners.

One effort that is garnering a lot of Committee attention is the planned 10 mile Red Clay Greenway. As envisioned, this loop trail would link together many of the Townships historic, scenic and recreational resources with a ribbon of green through which bicyclist and walkers will enjoy the Township's many wonderful outdoor places. For more information on this project visit www.ksqtrails.com.



Happenings in Kennett Township

By Gwen Lacy, Director



When One Bridge Closes a Nature Preserve Emerges. After close to a decade of advocacy, the **Chandler Mill Bridge** has been saved from demolition thanks to Resolution 2015-8 passed by Kennett Township Supervisors, Stevens and Leff. This National Historic Register site will become a pedestrian, bicycle, and emergency vehicle access-only bridge, a key link in the emerging **Red Clay Greenway** trail system. Thanks to the extreme generosity of a local landowner and conservationist, 45 acres, currently part of the private Bucktoe Creek Wildlife Refuge and Nature Preserve, will be donated to TLC to create the **Chandler Mill Nature Preserve**.



These donated lands contain some of the richest most biodiverse ecosystems in Kennett Township, with a rare plant meadow, woodlands, wetlands, Audubon Important Bird Area, 100-year-old

specimen trees, and historic sites linked to the Freeman's Village and the Underground Railroad.

Chandler Mill Nature Preserve, officially set to open in late 2016, will be TLC's fifth nature preserve, and will contain 2.5 miles of interpretive nature trails for hiking and nature study. TLC will have an active presence at the preserve, both in our daily stewardship of the land, and in our new Headquarters and Interpretive Nature Center at Walnut Hill, adjacent to the bridge.

The preserve will strengthen the Kennett community by providing a haven for outdoor passive recreation and environmental education. The trail connection to the **Red Clay Greenway** will result in a more walkable community. Just imagine having lunch in Historic Kennett Square and then a leisurely hike to the Chandler Mill Nature Preserve.

LAND CONSERVATION UPDATE - As a nationally accredited land trust, TLC holds conservation easements and/or owns outright over 500 acres of permanently protected lands in Kennett Township. Our most recent conservation easement partnership with Kennett Township was the 36 acre Bootjack Farm. Willing landowners are the lifeblood of conservation. If you are interested in learning about the benefits of conserving your land, contact Gwen Lacy at 610-347-0347 x 102 or email director@tlcforscc.org.

7th Annual Run for Conservation

Stateline Loop 5K/10K Trail Race for Conservation



FREE SUPERVISED KIDS ACTIVITY CORNER during the race and **1 MILE KID'S FUN RUN** following the race.

Saturday, May 9th
Stateline Woods Preserve
814 Merrybell Lane, Kennett Square

Races begin 9 a.m.
Registration opens 7:30 a.m.

Register online at
www.runreg.com or
tlcforscc.org
Key word event - Stateline Loop

Come explore the beauty of permanently protected lands by joining TLC for Race #4 of the Trail Creek Outfitters Trail Race Series. Runners will traverse two of TLC's nature preserves as well as State of Delaware Parklands.

Kennett Township Rental Ordinance is in Effect!

By Rich Hicks, Codes Enforcement Officer, and Diane Clayton, Zoning Officer

In our previous fall/winter Newsletter the Kennett Township Rental Registration & Inspection Ordinance (RRIO) was introduced. The Ordinance requires all property owners who rent all or a portion of their property to register with the Township and obtain a rental license for each unit on an annual basis. A fee of \$100 per rental unit is to be submitted with each registration form annually.

In order to ensure that rental properties are maintained in a manner which complies with all Township codes as well as the minimum

housing and safety standards, an annual inspection of each unit will be performed by the Township Codes Department. Inspections have already begun on several of the established rental properties within the Township.

Application for rental licenses began in 2014, for the calendar year 2015. All rental properties were to be registered by November 2014. There are however a number of rental units which have not registered with the Township. Notification will be going out soon to those property

owners who have yet to register their rental property.

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.

If you have a rental property, and have yet to register it, 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, as well as a copy of the Ordinance, is available on our website.



The Chester County Art Association is undergoing a lot of exciting changes. We have new staff, new faculty (and many valued returning faculty) and we've been actively organizing our space to match our new and exciting development plans. With tending to a building you begin to feel it's soul - this one has a lot of it. We've hosted thousands of classes, exhibitions and events over the years. We are making headway with our renovation plans as our board members lay out specific projects to implement. These plans include improvements to our galleries, grounds and ceramics room this spring. Revitalizing this wonderful fifties style building is an endeavor close to our hearts and interests.

We are always excited to have a presence throughout Chester County. The Borough of Kennett Square has housed many of our efforts at the Garage Community Center and the Market @ Liberty Place. Each has proven to meet our needs of bringing art to the community.

This year we will offer free Saturday art classes until April 11th. We will have new offerings soon after. Please check our website for details. We are looking forward to our **Plein Air** event this April 28-May 1. Artists will have their blank canvases/papers stamped and dated and create outdoors in Chester County in true plein air style (no retouches or studio work involved). The artwork will be on display in West Chester at Gawthrop Greenwood and in the Borough of Kennett Square at the Market @Liberty Place May 1, 5 to 9pm. Hope to see you there. For further inquiries and ways to become involved visit www.chestercountyarts.org, or call 610.696.5600 x12.

Mandatory Curbside Recycling

- Pennsylvania's Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act (Act 101) MANDATES recycling in municipalities with populations between 5,000-10,000.
- In accordance with Recycling Ordinance #178, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on December 15, 2008, Kennett Township initiated a mandatory curbside recycling program as required by Act 101.
- Contact your current trash hauler for their specific recycling guidelines and arrange for them to pick up your recyclable materials.
- Included in this **STATE MANDATE** is yard waste. As part of their recycling program, trash haulers working in Kennett Township are required to pick up yard waste (leaves, brush, and tree limbs) twice a year (spring and fall), and also a special Christmas



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

tree pick up in January. Check with your individual trash hauler for their guidelines on the recycling of yard waste.

- Additionally, yard waste can be taken to the Township Maintenance Garage at 557 Bayard Road. Hours of operation are Monday-Saturday from dawn to dusk, and on Sunday from 10:00 am to dusk. Yard waste does not include construction trash such as old decking, fence posts and rails.
- Disposal of yard waste at the Maintenance Garage is for **residents only**. Landscapers are not permitted to dispose of their yard waste at the Maintenance Garage.

2015 REAL STATE TAX COLLECTION
For your convenience, a representative from **Berkheimer Associates**, Kennett Township Tax Collector, will be at the Township office, lower level public meeting room, on the following dates to collect Township Real Estate taxes:

Thursday, April 30th, 9:00 am – noon
Tuesday, June 30th, 9:00 am – noon

2015 ELECTIONS

Primary Elections - Tuesday, May 19th, 7:00 am – 8:00 pm
Municipal Elections - Tuesday, November 3rd, 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 2015 Activities & Meetings

| MAY | JUNE | JULY |
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| 5 Trails & Sidewalks Comm. | 2 Planning Commission | 1 BOS Work Session |
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| 6 BOS Work Session | 3 BOS Work Session | 7 Planning Commission |
| 13 Safety Committee | 10 Safety Committee | 7 Trails & Sidewalks Committee |
| 14 Historical Commission Annual Program | 16 KA Park Authority | 8 Safety Committee |
| 19 Primary Elections | 17 Board of Supervisors | 15 Board of Supervisors |
| 19 KA Park Authority | 18 Land Conservation Advisory Committee | 16 Land Conservation Advisory Committee |
| 20 Board of Supervisors | 23 EAC | 21 KA Park Authority |
| 21 Land Conservation Advisory Committee | 23 Historical Commission | 28 EAC |
| 25 Holiday – Office Closed | 30 Berkheimer Tax Collection | 28 Historical Commission |
| 26 EAC | | |
| 26 Historical Commission | | |
| AUGUST | SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER |
| 4 Planning Commission | 1 Planning Commission | 6 Planning Commission |
| 4 Trails & Sidewalks Committee | 1 Trails & Sidewalks Committee | 6 Trails & Sidewalks Committee |
| 5 BOS Work Session | 2 BOS Work Session | 7 BOS Work Session |
| 12 Safety Committee | 7 Holiday – Office Closed | 12 Holiday – Office Closed |
| 18 KA Park Authority | 9 Safety Committee | 14 Safety Committee |
| 19 Board of Supervisors | 15 KA Park Authority | 15 Land Conservation Advisory Committee |
| 20 Land Conservation Advisory Committee | 16 Board of Supervisors | 20 KA Park Authority |
| 25 EAC | 17 Land Conservation Advisory Committee | 21 Board of Supervisors |
| 25 Historical Commission | 22 EAC | 27 EAC |
| | 22 Historical Commission | 27 Historical Commission |