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**Board of Supervisors**  
Public Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 7:00 pm

**Business Advisory Committee**  
As needed

**Communications Committee**  
As Needed

**Environmental Advisory Committee**  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month 7:30 pm

**Historical Commission**  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month 7:00 pm

**Land Conservation Advisory Committee**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month 7:00 pm

**Planning Commission**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month 7:00 pm  
Work Session—4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month 7:00 pm

**Safety Committee**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month 7:30 pm

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

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## Kennett Township's First Ever Park

By: Lisa M. Moore, Township Manager

Kennett Township Board of Supervisors are excited to announce that they will create the first Kennett Township park on Bayard Road, adjacent to the Township Maintenance Garage facility. The Township worked in a collaborative effort with Michael Pia, Jr. and Stephanie Pia, the Deleeuw Family, the Township Land Conservation Advisory Committee (LCAC) and The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County (TLC) to purchase this property and preserve 45 acres which will become a Township park for passive recreation for the entire community to enjoy. Open Space Funds were used to pay for the \$782,000 purchase of the site; almost 80% of this may be able to be recouped through grant funds in the future.

This property is truly bucolic with rolling hills, many beautiful trees and a beautiful row of Osage orange trees staggered along the road. The entire property originally consisted of 56 acres, of which the Pia family purchased the original historic home and barn with 11 acres, and the Township purchased the other 45 acres. This project has been in the making for about one year and it took great efforts from everyone to realize our goal to bring the park to fruition. Without the collaborative efforts of everyone involved in this project we would not have been able to make it happen.

Not only is this the first ever Kennett Township park, it is the first property in the

Township to utilize Transfer Development Rights to enable high density development in a more suitable area of the Township and restrict the development on this property, which is located in a high priority open space area. Michael Pia, Jr. purchased the development rights from the 56 acres, which he will transfer to a property on North Walnut Road to create a multi-use development. The Township and the Pia family worked with The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County who will hold a conservation easement over the 56 acres.

The Township will begin working on a passive recreation park which will include trails, sunflower and wildflower meadows, a community garden, two separate dog parks and a mowed grass area where children can throw a football or play some soccer. Access to the park will be through the maintenance garage entrance and will be open from dawn to dusk.

We are delighted that the Deleeuw and Pia families agreed to work with the Township, the LCAC and TLC to facilitate this amazing open space acquisition. We look forward to continued collaborations with the families and the community at large to ensure the preservation of this beautiful property and the creation of the first Township park for all residents to enjoy. We congratulate and applaud everyone involved in this acquisition, which will help protect and preserve 45 acres for the enjoyment of everyone who works and lives in the Kennett Township area as well as for future generations. Through this project, the Kennett Township Board of Supervisors, assisted by the LCAC and TLC, is conserving the natural environment, supporting agriculture, and connecting people to nature, by protecting open spaces, natural areas, and creating open space for everyone to enjoy.



### 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. We will meet with all residents affected by the project in the spring of 2016. The project should be completed in the Spring of 2017. We applied for another grant to install sidewalks along McFarlan Road from Rosedale Road up to Old Baltimore Pike and then into Kennett Borough.

### Chandler Mill Bridge

The Township officially owns the bridge. We have applied for grants to assist in the rehab of the bridge and to construct an innovative trail system along Chandler Mill Road. The Land Conservancy (TLC) now has their headquarters and an Interpretive Nature Center at the Chandler Mill Bridge which will be open to the public, containing 2.5 miles of trail and a key link to the Red Clay Greenway Trail System.

### Economic Development Study for Kennett Township and Kennett Borough

Kennett Township and Borough of Kennett Square received a grant to hire a qualified, professional planning consultant for completion of

an Economic Development Strategy and Implementation Plan for redevelopment/development focus areas within the Borough and Township. 4ward Planning is the consultant that was hired and they will focus on the following (7) seven focus areas: the State Street Corridor; the Cypress Street corridor; the Birch Street corridor from Walnut Street to Broad Street; the area known as Millers Hill, which is on the eastern border between the Borough and the Township; the Ways Lane area of the Township; the area on the west side of Mill Road in Kennett Township; and the former NVF site in the Borough. The study should be completed by the end of July 2016. The next public meeting is April 7th at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Building in Kennett Borough.

### Stormwater Management

The Township is continuing to inspect basins and outfalls in accordance with our MS4/Storm water requirements. We will need cooperation from property owners to provide access to outfalls and basins on private property so they can be inspected as required by the Department of Environmental Protection.

## Township Manager's Corner

By: Lisa Moore



## PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM A BURGLARY

Home burglaries resulted in \$4.6 billion in lost property in 2015, and the average dollar loss per burglary was \$2,119, according to the FBI. While the cost of lost property is significant, even more significant is the emotional toll it takes when your home's security is compromised.

It's impossible to completely safeguard yourself from becoming a victim of burglary, but there are ways to reduce your risk. Employ these four tactics to help keep your home safe from thieves.

- **Install exterior lighting.** Make sure the outside of your home is sufficiently lit, and consider installing lights in shadowed areas. Better yet, install motion sensor lights. Motion sensor lights are more likely to scare off a would-be burglar when they click on.
- **Become a dog owner.** Although this shouldn't be your only line of defense, adopting or buying a dog can help prevent home burglaries, since some burglars might be deterred from breaking in if they hear barking.
- **Consider a home alarm.** Home alarm systems are great and

the options are endless. Consider choosing alarm systems that includes a surveillance system as well.

- **Make your home look occupied.** Homes are prone to burglary when thieves have reason to believe the owners are on vacation or the home is vacant. If your house looks maintained and full of activity, burglars are less likely to make it a target.

By Lydell E. Nolt  
Chief of Police



Kennett Township Police Emergencies Dial: 9-1-1



### Please Remember

The Supervisor and Planning Commission Meeting  
Times were Changed in January 2016

**Board of Supervisors' Public Meetings** – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

**Planning Commission Public Meeting** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month at 7:00 pm

**Planning Commission Work Session** – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month at 7:00 pm

Please refer to the Spring/Summer Activities on the back cover

# Active Transportation Initiative

by Michael Guttman  
Grant Coordinator

Everyone living in the Kennett area over the last few years has experienced the negative impacts of development, including increased

traffic volume, more congestion, and reduced roadway safety. But especially for pedestrians and bicyclists, the situation has become dangerous. There are few safe and easy bicycling routes, limited local trails and paths, with the few available largely associated with recreation on protected lands, not day-to-day transportation to schools, work, shopping, and entertainment.

This lack of good transportation alternatives is particularly hard on some of our most vulnerable populations, including children, the elderly, and the working poor, who may not always have access to a personal automobile. Even substantial improvement in public transportation won't necessarily solve their problems if they have no way to safely walk or bike to it.

For this reason, the Sustainable Development Office (SDO) of Kennett Township, with strong support from Kennett Square Borough, has recently launched an initiative starting March 1 to develop a comprehensive Active Transportation Plan (ATP). 'Active transportation' means all forms of personal transport not involving automotive vehicles, principally biking and walking.

The ATP initiative will first look at the area's overall transportation needs based on demographics and the current infrastructure of streets,

sidewalks, trails and common destinations to determine the best way to lay out a set of interconnecting routes to move people among their typical day-to-day activities. It will then determine the most cost-effective way to upgrade the current infrastructure incrementally over time to make those routes safer and more convenient. This is pretty much the same as planning an automotive transport system, except with pedestrians and bicyclists foremost in mind.

The Township is already working with a nationally recognized consultant in active transport, Alta Planning, who has done similar plans in Lancaster and other PA communities. Alta is now conducting some preliminary research which will help the Township to apply grants to help pay for the full development of the ATP and later its staged implementation. The Township has recently applied for a PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Municipal Assistance Program (MAP) planning grant. That grant will pay for both further research and an extensive outreach effort to foster public engagement in the planning process.

Further population growth in of our highly desirable area is probably inevitable, but with proper planning it doesn't necessarily have to result further sprawl and traffic congestion. With initiatives like the ATP, the Township has a chance to promote and manage its on-going development in a sustainable way, continuously improving the lives of both our residents and visitors for years to come.

## Connecting the Community through Trails & Sidewalks

By Tom Janton  
Trails & Sidewalks Committee

With a clear vision and actionable goals, the community can accomplish great things. It is with this belief that the Trails and Sidewalks Committee [TSC] was formed. The ultimate goal is to increase walkability, recreational opportunities and non-vehicular greenway corridors for people to enjoy the natural beauty of Kennett Township. Additionally, the TSC is charged to connect residents and visitors to the area's major nature preserves, parks, and downtown amenities. By increasing walkability and creating trail ways, Kennett will join many other local communities committed to connecting their communities to nature.

Goals for trails include establishing and constructing a 10-12 mile trail loop or greenway within the Township and Borough. In collaboration with multiple stakeholders, this recently renamed "Kennett Greenway" will ultimately aim to connect to surrounding regional trails. Wherever possible, the TSC will aim to achieve a consistent surface for trails to ensure trail users know what surfaces they may be walking or biking on.

Goals for sidewalks include connecting residential developments to the borough and increasing walkability in general. When possible, they aim to create sidewalks on both sides of the street in high-density areas.

Progress is being made on all fronts with much-needed collaboration. Recently, the Township was awarded an \$850,000 grant project that will connect the borough in different parts of the Township. Additionally, the Township also applied for a \$4 million grant to add bike and pedestrian paths to Kennett's trails, which if granted, will be matched by the Township. The Kennett Greenway will be launching a new website soon, and opening a new segment of the trail at Magnolia Place, adjacent to Victory Brewing Co! Stay tuned for more information on the date of that opening.

The Trails and Sidewalks Committee is committed to making Kennett Township a great place to live and work, and through their efforts, they are playing their part in this vision!

**Follow your trail.**

**Creating a Connected Community**

Once completed, the Kennett Greenway will be a **10-12 mile** contiguous pedestrian and bicycle trail loop—linking Kennett's beautiful preserved open space, numerous recreational facilities, and other community assets in southern Chester County.

**KENNETT greenway**

# 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 second Monday of each month. Registration information is available by visiting our web site at [www.kaprb.com](http://www.kaprb.com) and [www.bluedemonssports.org](http://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.

**Pennock Park Renovations:** In 2007, the Borough of Kennett Square named KAPRB as the organization to manage Herb Pennock Park located on South Street in the Borough of Kennett Square. Under the management of KAPRB, the Park has undergone many renovations. Recent renovations include new scoreboards and new bleachers. We look forward to installing a new playground at the park this year. 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](http://www.kaprb.com), or email our Recreation Coordinator, Claire Finfrock at [kaprb@verizon.net](mailto:kaprb@verizon.net) or call at 610-444-6314.

## 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 and Wednesday evenings at KHS Auxiliary gym and KMS gym. The season runs from March – May.

**KAPRB Spring Golf Clinics.** Clinics are held at the Golf Better Center in Kennett Square. The clinic runs on Saturdays for a six week period of time and all clinics are coached by Frank Wright, PGA certified golfer.

**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 Greenwood Elementary School.

**KAPRB Annual Kid's Cross Country Race.** This annual FREE event will be held on July 14, 2016 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 two weeks this summer. 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.

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# Kennett Township Wins Prestigious Award

By Michael Guttman, Grant Coordinator

On March 10, Kennett Township was awarded the prestigious 2015 Natural Lands Trust Growing Greener Communities Award at the March 10th conference of the Chester County Association of Township Officials (CCATO). According to National Lands Trust, the award "recognizes and honors a deserving Chester County township that has engaged in a dynamic initiative designed to save land, steward natural resources, and/or connect people to nature." That initiative is the Kennett Greenway, a ~12-mile universal access multi-use pedestrian and bicycle trail currently under development, and the first major project of the Township's new Sustainable Development Office (SDO). Township Manager Lisa Moore accepted the award on behalf of the SDO, thanking the National Lands Trust for recognizing the Kennett Greenway as one Chester County's outstanding initiatives. The following description of the Kennett Greenway served as the basis for the award:

Kennett area residents have long dreamed of constructing a local network of recreational trails. In 2015, Kennett Township launched a major initiative to plan and construct the "Kennett Greenway" a ~12-mile circuit trail backbone for such a network. During the planning process, the original concept was reimaged and expanded into a robust alternate transportation system that provides area residents with safe, convenient bicycle and pedestrian routes between residential areas, commercial centers, parks, preserves, historical sites, schools and other facilities throughout the Township and Kennett Square Borough, the area's urban center. Also included are a gateway area with parking and playground, plus connections to regional trail systems, including the Brandywine Creek Greenway, an adjacent 24-municipality trail and open space network.

The new initiative specifically addresses improving regional connectivity, public health and safety, and economic justice, while

reducing traffic, noise and air and water pollution, helping to fulfill many of the sustainability objectives of the Township's and County's Comprehensive Plans. One of the initiative's most innovative aspects is repositioning the Greenway as the backbone for a multi-purpose alternative transportation system that can expand flexibly and incrementally over time. As new and existing locations and resources connect to the Greenway system, the value of that system increases,



left to right: Molly Morrison, Natural Lands Trust, Whitney Hoffman, Kennett Township Supervisor, Lisa Moore, Kennett Township Manager, Scudder Stevens, Chair, Kennett Township Board of Supervisors, Kevin Herr, CCATO, and Don Vymazal of Senator Dinniman's office

inspiring yet more connections and progressively involving the whole regional community.

The 2015 Greenway initiative leverages years of advocacy and planning by local municipalities, homeowner associations, land conservancies, park authorities, trail groups and private landowners, many of whom generously agreed to contribute funding, expertise, easements, land, construction materials, and/or volunteers to the initiative. To bolster these resources, in 2015 the Township applied for \$3+M in state grants for a \$4+M Phase 1 project which will construct ~6 miles of connected trails and sidewalks over the next three years, about half the projected ~12-mile backbone. In only one year, we've come a very long way!

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Kennett Fire Company (www.firestation24.com) .....	610-444-4810

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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



# Anson B. Nixon Park

By Heidi Hauptschein

Tell us what you think about Nixon Park and its future! Residents will soon have the opportunity to complete a survey to help the Kennett Area Park Authority identify how the Park meets community needs and the vision for the next five-ten years. Look for more information on the Park's website ([ansonbnixonpark.org](http://ansonbnixonpark.org)) as well as links in communications from Kennett Township and the Borough of Kennett Square. The information provided will be used in the development of KAPA's strategic plan.

As we say goodbye to winter, we say hello to getting out and enjoying the fresh air outdoors for healthy living. The Kennett Area Park Authority (KAPA) has been busy planning for an exciting 2016 season. Some highlights:

**New Entranceway:** The design plans are just about completed for the new safer entranceway into the Park. Construction is tentatively to begin this summer without any interruption to the park. The new entranceway will be located a short distance up North Walnut Street.

**Reforestation:** About 40+ declining locust trees were removed and have been replaced with new healthy native species. Thanks to a grant from the Dockstader Foundation, Kennett Run Charities, and proceeds from the Park fundraising concert featuring *Love Seed Mama Jump*, we will continue our reforestation efforts through spring.

**Disc Golf Course:** Kennett Area Park Authority is working with

the Kennett Square Disc Golf Club group to make improvements to the nationally acclaimed disc golf course. The course is free and open from dusk to dawn.

**Pavilion Reservations:** Reserve one of our lovely pavilions for \$65 for your next gathering. Email [ansonbnixonpark@gmail.com](mailto:ansonbnixonpark@gmail.com) for more information.

Mark your calendars!

**May 7<sup>th</sup>** - Annual Trout Rodeo. Sure to be lots of fun whether you fish or not!

**May 14<sup>th</sup>** - Kennett Run. The Park is home to the finish line! Come join the festivities and cheer on the participants.

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Free 8 week Summer Concert Series 2016 starts! Join us for our first concert on June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7pm-9pm. Hear amazing bands from a wide variety of musical genres.

**September 19<sup>th</sup>** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Park FUN-fundraiser featuring *Love Seed Mama Jump!*

And finally, thank you to all that donated during to our fall 2015 annual appeal. We greatly appreciate your tax deductible donations. Every dollar matters toward the daily operations of the park.

For updates and more information visit our web site [www.ansonbnixonpark.org](http://www.ansonbnixonpark.org) or Facebook page.

## Do You Recognize this Building?

By Sara Meadows, Chair, Historical Commission

This is Chester County's Brandywine Valley Visitors Center, located just outside the entrance to Longwood Gardens, right behind the Longwood Fire House. Here, visitors will find information about what to see and do in the area - well worth a visit, even for long time residents, but more interesting is the story of the building itself.

Still looking much as it did when it was built in 1855, The Longwood Progressive Friends Meeting House stands as a reminder of the people who built it and how they worked for reformation - in women's suffrage, Indian rights, prison and labor issues, and an end to capital punishment and war. But perhaps most significant was the role its members played in the anti-slavery movement.

The Meeting was open to all "Seekers after Truth", not just Friends (Quakers). Members were described as "long-haired men and short-haired women who plotted revolution". Many were conductors on the Underground Railroad - they were the radicals of their day.

It is not easy to understand just how much courage it took to defy the



law, following their beliefs, risking arrest and imprisonment, as well as society's disapproval. The Meeting House united these "truth seekers" and provided a platform for many well-known and out-spoken abolitionists. Sojourner Truth, William Lloyd Garrison and Susan B. Anthony are just a few who spoke here.

Yearly Meetings continued to be held here until 1940, when the group disbanded and Pierre S. duPont assumed ownership. Today, Longwood Gardens still owns the property, preserving this important historic resource.

When you go inside the Meeting House, you can see what a very "progressive" Friend's Meeting House it is, with its tall windows, creating a large bright space.

Many of the original members of the Meeting are buried just across Greenwood Road. A walk through the cemetery, past the worn tombstones, provides a glimpse into the past. The Visitors Center has copies of a Self-Guided Walking Tour which identifies some of the graves and provides brief accounts of those buried there, making History come alive. Be sure to stop by soon.

As reported in the fall Newsletter, the hunting season began early in September and ended this past January. We are still getting some numbers back from a few groups but believe we are on the same track as last season in regards to the harvest.

Moving forward we hope to continue partnerships with hunters and property owners as we move through the summer months into the fall. We certainly believe that our deer management programs are making a positive impact on the current overpopulation. It is not an easy task since participation is limited to volunteer residents to allow access to property to reduce the deer population. Overall hunters are saying they have seen some reduction in the amount of deer sightings during the season.



From speaking with our area Township officials and the Pennsylvania Game Commission the deer population is still a concern in our area. Property damage, vehicle accidents, and the high prevalence

# Deer Management Report

By Marilyn Dietz, Chair

of Lyme disease continue to be serious concerns.

Recognizing these problems, the Game Commission is continuing to modify the hunting regulations in our area of southern Chester County in hopes of increasing the harvest. Our county is a special regulations county and continues to get increased permits and more hunting days to help reduce the deer population. We anticipate this will continue next season. I would like to point out that one major change took place this past season when the Game Commission separated our Township into two different Deer Management Areas. Hunters and property owners who allow hunting need to be aware of the change to ensure they obtain the correct antlerless deer permits. Route 82 is now the line for Deer Management Areas 5C and 5D.

This past season the Deer Management Committee received very few complaints regarding issues or concerns. We believe

the cooperation between our Township Police Department, Game Commission and our Committee has help address issues and keep residents and hunters informed. We appreciate the quick and professional response them when we did get a call or concern.

In closing I would again like to thank the property owners who have worked with us for several years and the groups of hunters who have provided statistical data year after year to help us better understand the impact our programs are making. With spring right around the corner we again remind everybody that we continue to be one of the highest areas regarding incidents of Lyme Disease. Please feel free to stop by the Township building and pick up free literature to better prepare yourself for this upcoming spring and summer. Again members of the Deer Management Committee for Kennett Township can be contacted through the Township office, 610-388-1300, for help and answers to your questions.



## Kennett Area Senior Center

By Liz Brown, Member Services Coordinator

### Programs and Activities

Come travel with us! KASC, in conjunction with Collette Travel is planning a trip to the Wild West. The *America's Cowboy Country* trip through Wyoming and South Dakota is scheduled for August 26 through September 2. Contact the KASC now for more information and to reserve your spot!

Come enjoy delicious dining at two monthly events. The KASC offers a monthly Walnut Street Café Community Breakfast the first Monday of every month from 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. Please join us for a fabulous meal including a variety of choices made to order. The price of this delicious menu is \$5.75/ member and \$6.75/non-member. In addition, one Sunday each month KASC hosts a Sunday Dinner with Friends. A scrumptious home-cooked meal is paired with an afternoon of dancing to music provided by live entertainers, including local favorites

**Dixie Demons.** Dinner is \$10.00/KASC members and \$12.00/non-members. Meet new friends and learn what is going on in your community! Please call KASC for exact dates, times and details.

### Need Respite?

The Assisted Senior Program (ASP) offers a flexible and 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, available from one hour a week to twenty-five hours a week, providing caregivers much needed respite and the confidence that their loved one is being well cared for.

### Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

The program benefits people age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and

older. The income limits are: \$35,000 for homeowners and \$15,000 for renters. Applicants can exclude one half of their social security income. The maximum rebate is \$650. The deadline to apply is June 30, 2016. Application forms and assistance are available at the Kennett Area Senior Center.

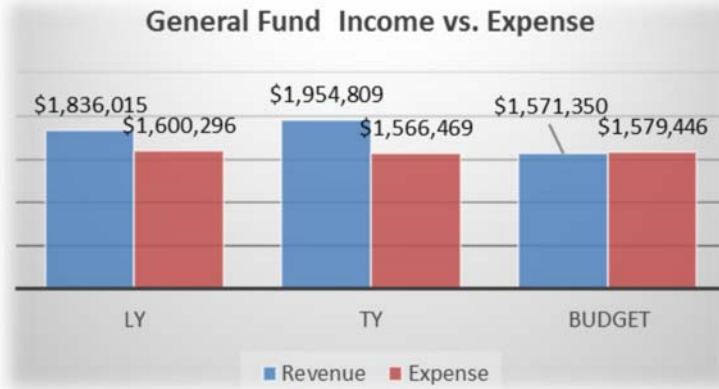
### Medicare Counseling Services

APPRISE is a free health insurance counseling program designed to help Pennsylvanians age 60 and over with health insurance concerns. APPRISE counselors are specially trained volunteers who can answer your questions about Medicare, with objective, easy-to-understand information. Counselors are available for one-on-one counseling most Thursdays at the Kennett Area Senior Center. Please contact the KASC for more information or to make an appointment.

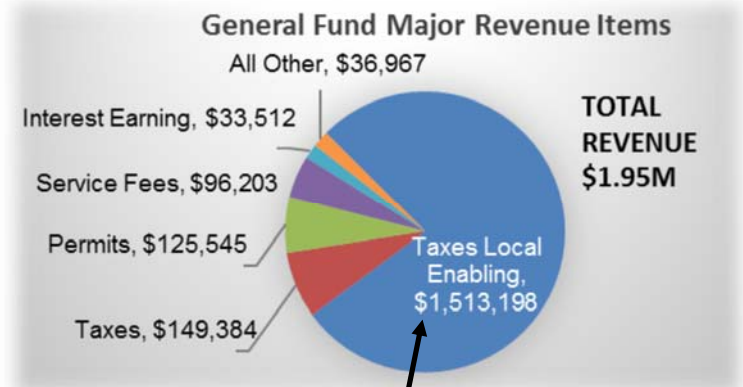
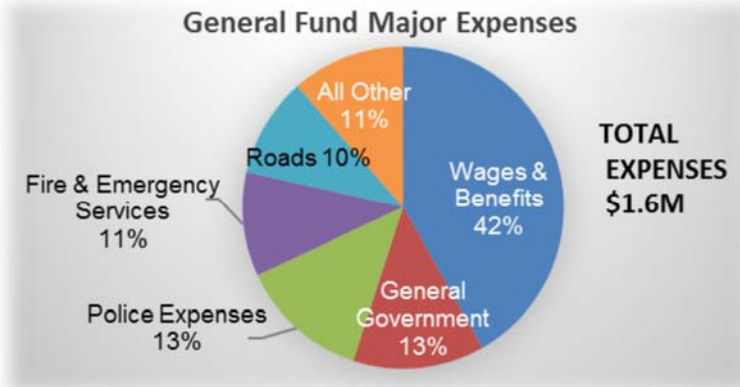
The KASC will host a **Medicare 101** information session on Tuesday, May 17 at 7:00pm. If you are turning 65 this year, you don't want to miss this valuable presentation. Call ahead to reserve your spot.

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

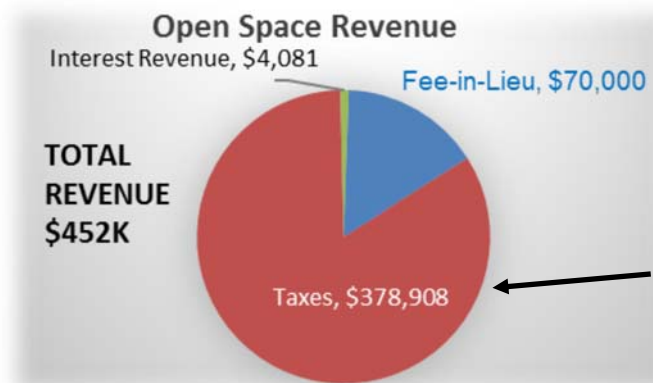
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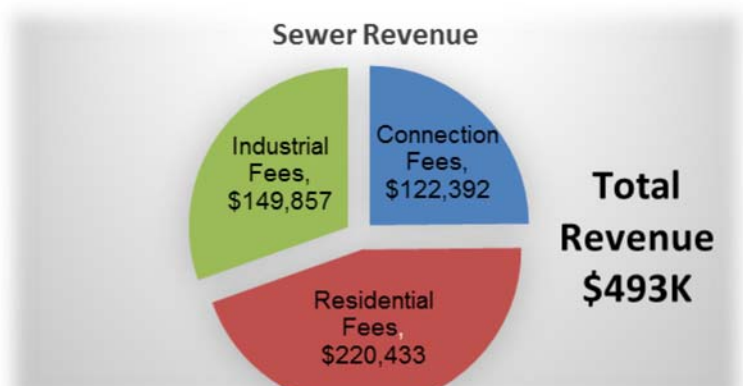
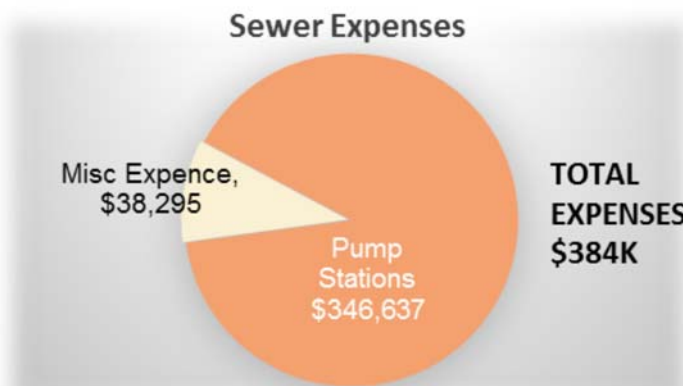
Year to date income increased in 2015 vs. 2014 and expenses were slightly lower. The revenue was over budget due to higher tax revenue.



Note that Taxes Local Enabling (Earned Income Tax) was \$1.5m – approximately \$200k higher than expected.



Tax revenue of \$378K is the major revenue item, which is based on earned income. Fee-in-Lieu is revenue from a development that was approved.



We generally break even on pump stations cost vs income. In 2015 we had to replace several pumps at the stations which increased the costs.

# SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

## ARTICULOS RECICLABLES



## 2016 Chester County Household Hazardous Waste Events

**RESIDENTS ONLY – business contractors will be turned away. No electronics will be accepted.**

### 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

ALL EVENTS WILL START AT 9:00 AM AND CLOSE AT 3:00 PM SHARP	
Saturday, April 16, 2016	<b>CAT PICKERING CAMPUS</b> 580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460
Saturday, April 30, 2016	<b>OCTORARA HIGH SCHOOL</b> 226 Highland Road, Atglen, PA 19310
Saturday, May 21, 2016	<b>OWEN J. ROBERTS MIDDLE SCHOOL</b> 881 Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA 19465
Friday, June 24, 2016	<b>COATESVILLE LEARNING CENTER</b> 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 10, 2016	<b>OXFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING</b> 125 Bell Tower Lane, Oxford, PA 19363 (proof of residency may be required)
Saturday, October 8, 2016	<b>GOVERNMENT SERVICES CENTER</b> 601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA 19380

# Land Conservancy Advisory Committee

By Jeff Yetter, Chair

“Since 1989, the Commissioners of Chester County have created and funded one of the most comprehensive and sustained efforts in the Country to promote a high quality of life. The programs are designed to preserve the most productive non-irrigated agricultural soils in the world, provide adequate local and County park and recreation opportunities, preserve significant natural areas, and encourage revitalization of developed areas.” <http://www.chesco.org/179/Open-Space-Preservation>

Your Land Conservation Advisory Committee (LCAC) has been working hard to support efforts of the Commissioners of Chester County and their goal of preserving 30% of Chester County by 2019. Currently, 18% of Kennett Township (1,813 acres) has been conserved for the residents. Your committee is currently focused on 14 different properties that could add an additional 525 acres to the 1,813 acres currently preserved. We have far to go to reach the County’s goal of 30% or 3,000 acres.

Over the last 12 months, 3 properties have been preserved.

- Last year, a 2.6 acre lot on Hillendale Road across from the Township Building was generously donated to the Township by Sara and David Meadows. Plans are still being formulated for its eventual use.
- Recently Kennett Township funded a purchase for the Langsham property, which is located on Creek Road at the border of Delaware containing 4.66 acres. The Township provided a grant of \$200k to the Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County for the purchase of the lot which appraised at \$260k. This property provides connectivity to over ten miles of linked trails across three nature preserves in Kennett Township and a direct link to additional trails and acreage via Delaware’s Auburn Heights Preserve. These lands will become part of The Stateline Woods Conservation Corridor, a contiguous conservation corridor, which began with the purchase by TLC of a 15 acre parcel in 2000. The Conservation Corridor currently encompasses over 500 acres of pre-

served land and trails for the benefit of area residents and the protection of wildlife.

- On February 12th, Kennett Township acquired the 45 acre Barkingfield Park thanks to a public/private partnership with Michael & Stephanie Pia, Jr. Mr. Pia had long admired the beautiful stone house at the corners of Hillendale and Bayard Roads. When he heard that the owner had passed away, he reached out to the family as they were discussing their plans for the property and negotiated a purchase. The large 56 acre farm was more than they needed for their new home so they approached the Township to see if it might be interested in acquiring a substantial portion of the property. The talks resulted in your Township purchasing the 45 acres for \$782,000 of which we anticipate and have applied for \$700,000 in grants from the County to reduce the cost of the park to the Township. The Pia family retained 11 acres which included the house, the barn and the pond. They also retained the development rights for the entire property that can be transferred to another property utilizing the Township’s Transferable Development Rights (TDR) program. A conservation easement was placed on the entire 56 acre property as required by the Township’s TDR ordinance. This innovative approach to land conservation has been used in many areas of Chester County but this is the first time it has been done in Kennett Township. Preliminary park plans call for 2 fenced dog parks, trails and fields for the public to enjoy.

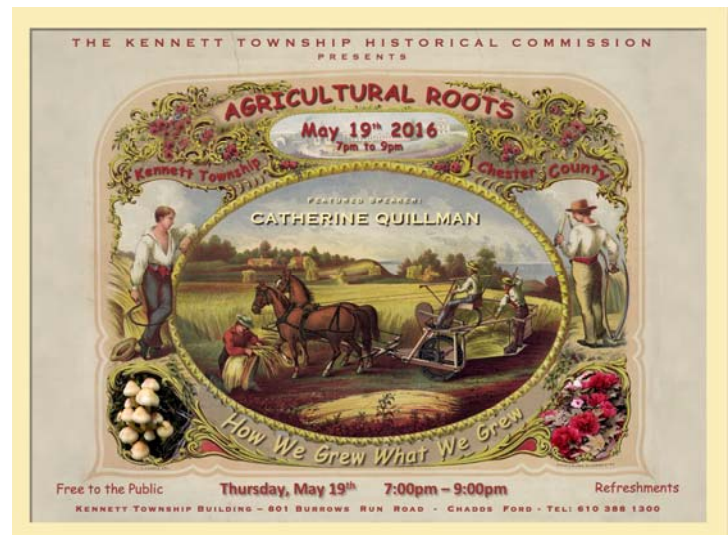
Three different parcels, protected three different ways. This clearly illustrates the flexibility needed to conserve lands. Each landowner’s situation is different. Whether it be a piece of family property that they want to donate, a building lot that is no longer needed or the death of the landowner with no children wanting to live on the property, the LCAC will try and find an outcome that meets the needs of the property owner. In the end, we need to work with willing landowners that recognize the value of conserving their land for current and future generations to enjoy.



## Mark Your Calendar!

Did you know the first iron plow in Pennsylvania was made in 1810 in a blacksmith shop just off of Bayard Road? Join the Kennett Township Historical Commission for our annual program to learn more of the history of agriculture in the Township during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Our speaker is Catherine Quillman, noted historical columnist. So mark your calendar for Thursday, May 19, 2016, at 7:00 pm at the Township building.

Join us on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm to learn more about how the Historical Commission works to record and retain the history of the Township.



# ROADS UPDATE

Daylight savings has come and time has moved ahead and so have many jobs in the Township. Winter projects must be closed down before we can begin our spring and summer projects. Plow posts are being removed, lawns are being repaired, winter equipment is being inspected, repaired, and painted before being stored away for the summer.

Kennett Township and the Red Clay Valley clean-up was held on Saturday, March 19th. Many volunteers helped with this project. The Township provided two trucks to pick up the trash bags left along the roads and the RCV provided the dumpsters. A big “thank you” to all of the volunteers who helped make this annual event a huge success. We would also like to thank those of you who pick up trash along Township roads throughout the year. Remember, we provide trash bags, gloves and safety vests for our volunteers who clean up the roads.

The Township Recycle Center is very busy all year long and is open from dawn to dusk, Monday thru Saturday, and on Sunday from 10:00 am to dusk. The yard waste program is very successful. Weaver ground 1,090 tons

of mulch in 2015 as compared to 510 tons in 2014. Grass clippings and leaves must be separated from tree limbs and brush. There are two bins for yard waste, one marked grass only and the other marked leaves only. A separate area in the field is designated for tree limbs and brush. Signs are posted to show you where to dump your yard waste. Yard waste does not include construction trash such as old decking, fence posts, or rails.

Landscapers are not permitted to dump at the Recycling Center. We have video cameras in place and fines will be enforced.

Free raw wood chips, sweeping stones, and millings are available to our residents. Call the Maintenance Garage, 610-444-5130, to arrange delivery.

Summer road projects, including tree and brush trimming, are already underway. Additional projects include Surface and Sealing of the Hamorton Cut-off, Montana Drive, Twin Creek Drive, Overbrook Drive, Kennett Ridge Drive, Hart Drive, and Whitney Drive.

Paving will include reconstruction of East Hillendale Road (from Route 82 to



*By Roger Lysle  
Public Works Director/  
Roadmaster*

Kaolin Road), South Fairville Road, Walnut Valley Road (from the cul-de-sac to the gate), Holly Drive, Buttonwood Drive, Dogwood Drive, Davenport Road, and Donny Lane.

Throughout the summer, road banks will be mowed and trimmed as needed. Several under-drains will be installed along with the installation of inlets and cross-pipes in problem 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, contact me at the Maintenance Garage, 610-444-5130.

## Spring Cleaning with Red Clay Valley Cleanup

*By Jim Jordan  
Executive Director  
Brandywine Red Clay Alliance*

An annual rite of spring for many residents in and around Kennett Township, the Red Clay Valley Clean Up on Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> was a tremendous success. Thanks to the efforts of nearly 650 dedicated volunteers, trash was removed from 86 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.

Celebrating 28 years, the Red Clay Valley Clean Up was co-sponsored by Brandywine Red Clay Alliance (BRC) and the Delaware Nature Society, in partnership with Mt. Cuba Center, Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway Alliance, Kennett Area Park Authority and Kennett Township. Additional support was provided by Phillips Mushroom Farms, Wild Birds Unlimited, WSFS, Constellation, Chandler Funeral Home, DE State Senator Greg Lavelle, Starbucks Coffee Company, SECCRA, SUEZ Water Delaware, Bike Delaware and others.



Along with many residents, area participation included 50 Kennett High School students including The Humanitarian Club, Walk in Knowledge (WIN), The National Honor Society, Longwood Rotary and Boy Scout Troop 22. Kennett Township, Phillips Mushroom Farms, Kennett Square Golf & Country Club and others generously supplied trucks with crews to manage refuse removal.

Jim Jordan, BRC Executive Director and chair of the Clean Up stated, “It is truly an honor to be a part of such a great community effort. The Red Clay Valley Clean Up encompasses two states uniting our residents, businesses, and local government all in the name of clean water.”



**Earth Day-April, 22nd**

Volunteer 10-2 at Stateline Woods. Please bring work gloves and sturdy shoes.

**Free Time Adventures in Nature-July 12<sup>th</sup>-August 18th**

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am – 2pm for children aged 5-12. This program introduces kids to those “lost arts of childhood” such as playing in the creek, skipping stones, building forts, searching for salamanders, and free time exploration.

Too young for Free Time Adventures? **Drop-in on Nature** is for children aged 0-5 on Thursdays from 9am- 11:30am. Drop in for 20 minutes, or the whole time as we explore Bucktoe Creek Preserve.

Join TLC on Saturday, May 14th at 10am for our annual **5K/10K Run for Conservation**. The course begins and ends at TLC’s Stateline Woods Preserve, off Old Kennett Pike. Enjoy moderate hills and a few stream crossings on a course with beautiful views, getting a firsthand look at one of our local conservation successes. Stay for the debut of Victory Brewing Company’s limited-edition, “**TLC honey brown ale**.” Register online: [runreg.com/run4conservation](http://runreg.com/run4conservation). Volunteers needed! 610-347-0347 x103.

**Pennsylvania Master Naturalist**-A statewide initiative aims to create “master volunteers and service providers” to offer education, outreach, and stewardship related to natural areas of our local communities. This program connects people with local ecosystems through intensive natural science training and volunteer service. Training held Tuesday evenings August through October with field trips every other Saturday. Visit [www.pamasternaturalist.org](http://www.pamasternaturalist.org) for more information.

**Enhanced Tax Incentives for Conservation Made Permanent**- In December the Federal government passed a law making the enhanced tax incentives for conserving land permanent. Landowners who donate a conservation easement can deduct up to 50% of their adjusted gross income (AGI) for 16 years (or until the value of the donation is met). Even better, farmers can deduct 100% of their AGI for up to 16 years. Contact TLC today to learn more about the tax benefits of conserving your land.

**Volunteers/Interns**

High School and College aged Interns needed to assist with all summer programs. Contact [education@tlcforscc.org](mailto:education@tlcforscc.org), and visit [www.tlcforscc.org/education](http://www.tlcforscc.org/education) to see upcoming education programs.

**Land Steward Internship May-August**

This internship provides hands-on field experience for those interested in ecologically sensitive land management. Tasks include improving wildlife diversity, riparian buffer maintenance, invasive species control, public trail access, and management of park land infrastructure. Must be reliable, have a willingness to work outdoors, ability to work independently and with a team. Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9-3. If interested submit a short write-up of your contact info, interests, and experience to Sequoia Rock – [landmanager@TLCforSCC.org](mailto:landmanager@TLCforSCC.org)



*2014 Graduating Class visiting TLC’s Apiary at the New Leaf Eco Center on Rosedale Road*

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






# How to Survive a Power Outage

by Bill Shelton, Chairman, Safety Committee

The Safety Committee started this article over a year ago, wanting to address how to survive a 5-day power outage in Kennett Township with our water wells and other modern electrical dependencies. We found some practical answers in old-time practices.

## Safe Electricity® Storm Safety Kit

-  Drinking water & food
-  Blankets, pillows, & clothing
-  Basic first-aid supplies
-  Prescriptions
-  Basic toiletries
-  Flashlights
-  Battery-operated radio
-  Battery-operated clock
-  Extra supply of batteries
-  Phone
-  Cash and credit cards
-  Emergency numbers
-  Important documents (in a waterproof container)
-  Toys, books, & games
-  Baby supplies
-  Pet supplies

### Treat yourself to meals in local restaurants with back-up power.

A country store used to be the place to find out the local news while getting supplies. In addition to providing a much-needed break from a powerless home, a local restaurant can give info on current conditions (which stations have fuel, which roads are closed, which stores are open, etc.) and the status of repairs (from the linesmen having a meal). With permission, you can recharge your personal devices during your meal.

### Use all the daylight hours to organize your house and perform daily tasks.

Early to bed, and early to rise is definitely wise when the power is out.

### Plan in advance for your emergency water needs using recycled containers.

We keep 30 gallons of emergency water in 5-gallon containers for a 3 person, no pets household. We keep empty beverage bottles to fill with fresh drinking water after the power goes out and before the water pressure drops. We keep empty spray bottles to fill with water for efficient washing without faucet water.

These containers cost nothing if gathered over time, and can provide virtually free, reliable water during an emergency.

### Do not open refrigerator or freezer doors.

We routinely open refrigerator doors by habit. When we open the doors, warm air fills the box and the compressor automatically compensates. If we continue this habit even occasionally during a power outage, our food will quickly warm. By strictly following this simple rule we have been able to keep ice cream and milk for 5 days without power. We also use the centuries-old idea of an ice chest during a power failure.

### Please share your experiences with us.

Send us your thoughts in an e-mail through [cathy.rowe@kennett.pa.us](mailto:cathy.rowe@kennett.pa.us). In this brief article we have not touched on caring for those with special needs, pets, farm animals, back-up heat or light, or the popular topic of installing a power generator.

Thanks to **FIGKENNETT.COM** for their permission to reprint this article from their Spring 2016 issue. To view the online magazine about people and events in and around Kennett Square, go to [figkennett.com](http://figkennett.com) and click on Magazine. It is a great site!



## AUTHENTIC: LISA MOORE

**“EVERYDAY IS DIFFERENT,”** says Township Manager Lisa Moore. Whether managing employees, subdivisions, developments, ordinances, grants, or working with the budget, Moore’s litany of tasks ultimately benefits the residents of Kennett Square.

Moore earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in business with a minor in finance. She has happily worked for the township for twenty years and is constantly energized by new projects and initiatives.

“We got an \$850,000 grant for a sidewalk project that will connect the borough in different parts of the township,” she says,

adding that cooperation between the two has been extremely successful.

The township also applied for a \$4 million dollar grant to add bicycles and pedestrian paths to the Kennett Trails, which the township will match if they get the grant. “We’re definitely committed to making this a walkable community,” she says.

Additionally, the township and borough are working together on an economic development plan to establish a guide for developers. “It’s important that everyone works together,” she says, acknowledging the professionalism and support of board supervisors, staff, township officials, and volunteers.

“Our goals for the future include managing smart growth in the township, continuing to make this a walkable community, and preserving as much open space as possible,” she says.

When she’s not working hard for the community, she loves to shop downtown, ride dirt bikes with her family, go to the beach, and take her dog, Ollie, for hikes.

“I was born and raised here. I feel that we have an exceptionally beautiful community and it’s well run. We’re going to continue to do great things.”

Learn more at [kennett.pa.us](http://kennett.pa.us).



## Creativity: It May Be More Important Than You Think

by Angela Deal Meanix, Marketing and Communications

*“What is certain is that creativity is increasingly recognized as a key to success in our rapidly changing world”.*  
-CCC, Center for Childhood Creativity

You already know that you want the best for your child. You want them to spend their time in ways that engage creative thinking and offer real, hands on experiences. You want them to have FUN. Summer is a time to loosen the frays of scheduled, focused agendas and explore.

Exploring art, as it turns out, is a great way to encourage and develop problem solving, independent thinking, planning and execution.

When your child enters our care and our teachers engage them in the arts, they will not only love it, they will benefit from it. The instructors (most of them artists, themselves) engage, encourage and support our young learners in a completely welcoming, studio atmosphere. The goal and challenge is to inspire, express and create. There are NO grades, there is NO judgement. Only pure love of

the arts and an interest in seeing the children thrive. Paint brushes in hand, clay stuck to palms and crazy handmade hats make for a memorable and uplifting day for your child. The art experiences also support a foundation for success. When students actively use their minds and hands together to create something personal and invent out of their very own minds, it builds confidence, empowers and generates more ideas.

9 months of the year, CCAA is host to many exhibitions and classes. 3 months of the year during our Summer Art Program, the center is at a creative peak. Every studio is filled with enthusiastic instructors and happy, creative students. There is a certain magic to each week as the kids settle in, decide on their projects, then get started.

***Editor’s note:** CCAA is the Chester County Art Association located at 100 N. Bradford Ave., West Chester, PA 19382, Telephone 610-696-5600, [info@ChesterCountyarts.org](mailto:info@ChesterCountyarts.org). They are having a plant sale and art show on May 14 where the proceeds will benefit this organization. Call for more information.*



## Chester Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee Program

by Bill Adams, Apprenticeship Program

In the Philadelphia Building Trades, Joint Apprenticeship Committees, consisting of both Management and labor, work together by developing and administering local apprenticeship training programs.

Apprenticeship and training opportunities in the construction industry are available every year with the: electricians, steamfitters, bricklayers, plumbers, operating engineers and many more. Apprentices in the various training programs earn prevailing wages, healthcare, and pension benefits during their training.

The building trades programs are Joint Labor Management administered programs, which are privately financed and with minimum qualification requirements for applicants to be accepted. Each year collectively, these programs spend millions of dollars in training, and hundreds of thousands of man hours, both on the job and in the classroom. When apprentices finish their training, they receive certificates of completion of apprenticeship. In Pennsylvania, they are issued by the state apprenticeship agencies or, in those states not having such an agency, by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training in accordance with its recommended standards.

**The next application dates are April 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Please call (610) 494-2820 for more information



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# Kennett Library News

By Donna Murray, Director

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Home and Garden Day Tour to benefit children's and adult literacy programs at the Library will be held on June 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tour goers will explore a variety of homes and beautiful gardens in scenic Southern Chester County. As always, visitors will be able to sample food and beverages from local restaurants and merchants. Many homes will feature floral arrangements and local artists. More information will soon be available on the library website.

Funds raised from the 2015 Tour have enabled the Library to host a visit from author Margie Palatini, whose whimsical books have been delighting children for 20 years. Margie is the author of such wonderful titles as PIGGIE PIE, MOOSELTOWE, BEDHEAD, EARTHQUACK, and BOO HOO MOO. Margie will visit the library on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 10 a.m. thanks to support from the Special Events Committee, host of the Home & Garden Day Tour.

April is National Library Month and a great time to check out all the exciting opportunities available at the Kennett Library. Adults can get their fill of interesting and informative lectures, including:

**THE BEATLES: BAND OF THE 60's** on Saturday, April 9 at 2 p.m. with America's only Beatles scholar Aaron Krerowicz

**THE 20 GREATEST PAINTINGS OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY** with author, historian and former Barnes Foundation docent Fred Dixon on Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m.

**COLOR YOURSELF CALM** on Saturday, April 16 at 10:30 a.m. Experience the therapeutic benefits of coloring. Another coloring session is planned for Saturday, May 14.

**TURNING POINT ELECTIONS** on Monday, April 18 at 6 p.m. Learn about four historic elections that changed America with historian Roger Arthur.

**10 DAYS IN PARIS – AN HISTORIC WALKING TOUR** with popular author and historian Gene Pisasale on Saturday, April 23 at 2 p.m. as part of the Bayard Taylor Travel Talks series

**SCORE SEMINARS** – Learn about small business topics from seasoned experts. In April, SCORE will present a two-part Quickbooks seminar on two Thursdays – April 7 and 21—at 7 p.m. The SCORE experts come back in May for “What is the ideal tax entity to minimize taxes paid?” on Thursday, May 19 at 7 p.m.

**PERSONAL FINANCE** – The experts from the UFinancial Group will present two workshops at the Library – Family Finance on Wednesday, April 6, and Saving for College on Wednesday, May 4.

**COMMUNITY SHRED** – Area residents will have a chance to shred their sensitive documents when the library hosts its annual shred event April 23, to coincide with the Kennett Square Spring Clean-Up. Sponsors are being sought for the shred event; interested parties can contact library development officer Maureen Snook at [msnook@ccls.org](mailto:msnook@ccls.org) or call 610-444-2702.

In May, the Kennett Library will be hosting a cookbook challenge for chefs of all ages! Check out a cookbook from the collection – 641.5 in the adult or children's non-fiction section – choose a recipe and bring your creation to the Cookbook Challenge Potluck at noon on Saturday, May 21! All foodies, Food Network fanatics, bakers and amateur chefs are invited!

Teen programs at the Library continue offer fun, thought-provoking gathering space for middle and high school students. Teens can join us for tabletop gaming night on April 14 and May 12 and check out some of the coolest and most unique board and card games. Comic book fans can stop in for a meeting of Graphic Novel Book Club (5th-8th grade) or Geek Gang (8th-12th grade) and explore storytelling through the medium of comics.

## Learning English the ALP Way

by Filomena Elliott

Director, Adult Literacy Program

The Adult Literacy Program at the Kennett Library has been offering literacy services to the community for 37 years and has served more than 6500 adult learners. It is the place for speakers of other languages to register to take classes to learn to speak, read, and write in English, and to have the opportunity to be assigned a personal tutor to help in this endeavor. The mission of the program is to provide free English instruction to community adults and to improve the literacy of the educationally disadvantaged to levels of proficiency necessary to function on the job, in the family, and in society.

English as a Second Language classes are offered from September to May during the day and also in the evening. On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, classes are held at the Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square from 9:00 until 11:30 a.m. Evening classes are at the Kennett High School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. Students may also attend a computer English language lab on Tuesdays from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. in the Literacy office at the Library.

A unique component of the program is the opportunity for each student to also receive a tutor with whom he may work weekly to help him hone his English skills. Tutors are community volunteers who are trained to work one-on-one with students to better help them to succeed with the rigors of the English language. They are trained by the Adult Literacy Program Director, Filomena Elliott, and are given appropriate educational materials to use with their student. No foreign language ability is required, no teaching experience is necessary, and the hours for tutoring are flexible and are set by the tutor and student. We are always welcoming new volunteer tutors, as we have a long waiting list of students. If you would like to assist in this rewarding experience, please call the Adult Literacy Program office at 610-444-9118 or contact Filomena Elliott at [felliott@ccls.org](mailto:felliott@ccls.org)



Teacher Spencer Gates prepares to do a speaking and writing activity with his Level 3 English as a Second Language class.

For more information about the Adult Literacy Program, visit the Library website at [www.kennettpubliclibrary.org](http://www.kennettpubliclibrary.org) and click on Adult Literacy.

Area residents who have difficulty getting to the Library are eligible for Mail Order Delivery providing Library materials through the mail.

All Chester County residents who are homebound due to physical disability, visual impairment or chronic serious health conditions are eligible. For more information, call 610-280-2644 or email [avarley@ccls.org](mailto:avarley@ccls.org).

### 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

### 2016 ELECTIONS

**Primary Elections** - Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 am – 8:00 pm

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

## Spring/Summer Activities & Meetings

May	June	July
3 Trails & Sidewalks Committee	1 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)	1 Holiday – Office Closed
4 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)	7 Trails & Sidewalks Committee	4 Holiday – Office Closed
10 Planning Commission	8 Safety Committee	5 Trails & Sidewalks Committee
11 Safety Committee	14 Planning Commission	6 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
17 KA Park Authority	15 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)	12 Planning Commission
18 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)	16 Land Conservation Advisory Committee	13 Safety Committee
19 Land Conservation Advisory Committee	21 KA Park Authority	19 KA Park Authority
19 Historical Commission Annual Program	28 Planning Commission	20 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
24 Planning Commission	28 EAC	21 Land Conservation Advisory Committee
24 EAC	28 Historical Commission	26 Planning Commission
24 Historical Commission	30 Berkheimer Tax Collection	26 EAC
30 Holiday - Office Closed		26 Historical Commission
August	September	October
2 Trails & Sidewalks Committee	5 Holiday - Office Closed	4 Trails & Sidewalks Committee
3 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)	6 Trails & Sidewalks Committee	5 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
9 Planning Commission	7 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)	10 Holiday – Office Closed
10 Safety Committee	13 Planning Commission	11 Planning Commission
16 KA Park Authority	14 Safety Committee	12 Safety Committee
17 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)	15 Land Conservation Advisory Committee	18 KA Park Authority
18 Land Conservation Advisory Committee	20 KA Park Authority	19 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)
23 Planning Commission	21 BOS Public Meeting (7 pm)	20 Land Conservation Advisory Committee
23 EAC	27 Planning Commission	25 Planning Commission
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