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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ONLY FIVE MAPS STILL AVAILABLE

The Historical Commission acts as an advisor to the Board of Supervisors and other Township committees and works to identify and preserve the Township's historic sites. We also work to promote an awareness of Township history by gathering and preserving the records and stories of the Township. Please visit with us and consider becoming a volunteer. We're in the Township History Room every Thursday from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Monthly meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. For more information contact the Township office at 610-388-1300.



1847 Chester County Historic Map – Kennett copy of the Painter and Bowen 1847 Chester County Map. This copy is approximately 30" x 34" and can be purchased for \$ 75.00. Contact the Kennett Township Historical Commission for more details at 610-388-1300.

Fall/Winter 2014-15 Activities & Meetings

OCTOBER

- 1 BOS Work Session
- 7 Planning Commission
- 7 Trails & Sidewalks Comm.
- 8 Safety Committee
- 13 Holiday – Office Closed
- 15 Board of Supervisors
- 16 Land Conservation Advisory Comm
- 21 KA Park Authority
- 28 EAC
- 28 Historical Commission
- 28 PC Special Meeting – "Future Land Use Map"

NOVEMBER

- 4 Municipal Elections
- 4 Trails & Sidewalks Comm.
- 4 Planning Commission
- 5 BOS Work Session
- 11 Holiday – Office Closed
- 12 Safety Committee
- 18 KA Park Authority
- 19 Board of Supervisors
- 20 Land Conservation Advisory Comm
- 21 25 EAC
- 25 Historical Commission
- 27-28 Holiday – Office Closed

DECEMBER

- 2 Planning Commission
- 2 Trails & Sidewalks Comm.
- 3 BOS Work Session
- 10 Safety Committee
- 16 KA Park Authority
- 17 Board of Supervisors
- 18 Land Conservation Advisory Committee
- 24–26 Holiday – Office Closed
- 31 Holiday – Office Closed

JANUARY

- 1-2 Holiday – Office Closed
- 5 Organizational Meeting
- 6 Planning Commission
- 6 Trails & Sidewalks Comm.
- 7 BOS Work Session
- 14 Safety Committee
- 15 Land Conservation Advisory Comm.
- 19 Holiday – Office Closed
- 20 KA Park Authority
- 21 Board of Supervisors
- 27 EAC
- 27 Historical Commission

FEBRUARY

- 3 Planning Commission
- 3 Trails & Sidewalks Comm.
- 4 BOS Work Session
- 11 Safety Committee
- 16 Holiday – Office Closed
- 17 KA Park Authority
- 18 Board of Supervisors
- 19 Land Conservation Advisory Comm.
- 24 EAC
- 24 Historical Commission

MARCH

- 3 Planning Commission
- 3 Trails & Sidewalks Comm.
- 4 BOS Work Session
- 11 Safety Committee
- 17 KA Park Authority
- 18 Board of Supervisors
- 19 Land Conservation Advisory Comm.
- 24 EAC
- 24 Historical Commission

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Meeting Info

Board of Supervisors
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 p

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 & Sidewalk Committee
1st Tuesday each month 3:00 pm

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FIRE

by Scudder G. Stevens, Chair, Board of Supervisors



At a special Township meeting in the Spring held at the Kennett Fire Hall concerning the Chandler Mill Bridge, a local resident spoke up, pointing out that in her experience, response times for fire trucks was irrelevant because once a building begins to burn, it always burns to the ground! I acknowledge that I took the statement as a cynical position designed to convince that response times did not matter. However, on further reflection, the comment is an important statement that we, as residents of the Township, should ponder.

Two recent fires come to mind, the Christmas fire on Indian Springs, and the recent Granite Ridge fire. Both illustrate the significance of the comment by the local resident. Each fire completely consumed its respective building in a few minutes, such that by the time the fire companies were able to arrive, the buildings were already gone.

While this scenario is not true of 100 percent of all fires, it seems to be true for the vast majority of them. I asked the fire company personnel why this was so, and was advised that new construction uses manufactured wood products constructed, in part, of highly flammable glue products. Once ignited, they burn like a struck match!

I draw only one conclusion to this, and it is the point of this article. If you find yourself in a building fire, get out of the building as fast as you can! Of course, wake up and warn the other occupants. And by all means, as quickly as possible, call 9-1-1 to report it. But with only minutes, literally, to spare before the building is a full conflagration, **GET OUT.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

FUTURE OF KENNETT TOWNSHIP

By Jim Guthrie, Chair Planning Commission

The Kennett Township Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, October 28th at 7:00 pm at the Kennett Township office building. The Commission will review and discuss the "Future Land Use Map" to be included in the forthcoming revised Comprehensive Plan. The "Future Land Use Map" is a critical component of the Comprehensive Plan. It depicts the anticipated future growth patterns in the Township.

- It will serve as a basis for any future changes to the Zoning Districts
- It will introduce a new proposed category of high density residential uses mixed with commercial uses.

The Commission has been carefully studying the areas that surround the Borough of Kennett Square in light of inquiries from landowners and developers for greater density and alternative uses. Your input is important before we move forward. We welcome your questions, concerns and comments.

The Second Hundred (or so) Days of 2014

By Richard Leff, MD, Vice Chair

Well, we've made it through one of the coolest summers on record, so I hope that you have enjoyed it. Since our Spring Newsletter:

- We now have a new Trails and Sidewalks Committee, which will be very active in the coming months to years. I can't say enough to thank the volunteers on all of the committees! We also have a different Zoning Officer, Diane Clayton, so feel free to contact her with any relevant concerns.
- 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 two key properties. This will result in 70 acres of preserved land and future trails. We've also received a Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Tap Grant in the amount of \$850,000 with the assistance of our engineering firm, Remington Vernick and Beach, led by Tom Wilkes, to aid in the installation of **sidewalks** to connect Kennett Township on the east and west sides of The Borough. These will make it safer for people to be able to walk in heavily trafficked areas near The Borough; it will however take a couple of years until it is installed. On the topic of walking, after 2 years the **trail** crossing on Hillendale road near the bridge is now open, and is a key in our getting trails in Kennett Township connected.
- A township-wide survey and subsequent plan to maintain our **roads** has also been completed. Instead of "oil and chip" (which few of us appreciate), starting in 2015, we will try changing to "fogging" (a sealer is placed 3 weeks after the oil and chip) or seal coating on a schedule, in-between resurfacing or reconstruction of roads. As resurfacing and reconstruction of roads is expensive, funding such preventative maintenance should help lower our costs in the long term. We have also had a township-wide assessment of needs. One key area identified in our survey of needs is an update to the heating and cooling systems, especially at the Maintenance Garage. We're exploring a variety of options, including geothermal heating and cooling (a very efficient system, which should pay for itself in a matter of years). We have applied for a grant to install the geothermal at both the Township Building and Maintenance Garage.
- We've also begun placing money into a **capital fund**, for items such as road reconstruction, emergency vehicles, road equipment and vehicles and other long-term projects. That type of budgeting should make it easier to determine how we can obtain a higher rate of return from our money in the coming years.
- **Chandler Mill Bridge** has been a topic of much discussion within the Township and also with The County, which owns the bridge. Before us is a variety of options to maintain this historic bridge, and maybe preserve open land and obtain more trail easements. In addition, we have also been evaluating impact upon traffic, safety and pedestrian/



bicycle usage of the roads. The options under consideration by your Board of Supervisors (costs include building, planning and the County's \$250k already spent) besides just leaving it as is for pedestrians and bicyclists (the lowest cost option) are:

1. Build a new one-lane bridge and re-open it to one-way regular vehicular traffic (done by the County). Cost to the Township is \$0, time 8-10 years, total costs about \$2.5 million (federal and state money).
2. Preserve this historic bridge for the next 100 years, and re-open it to one-way regular vehicular traffic. Cost to the Township is about \$1.25 million (minus grants and other money), time 2-3 years.
3. Preserve this historic bridge for the next 25 years, open to pedestrians and bicyclists, and re-open to emergency vehicles. Cost to the Township is about \$0.75 million (minus grants and other money), time 2-3 years.

If no option chosen, the County is planning a new two-way, two-lane bridge. Cost to KT is \$0, time 6-8 years, total costs about \$3 million (federal and state money). Stay tuned, as we will be continuing our discussion of how to proceed later this year.

On the other side of our township, a state-owned bridge on Burnt Mill road was also recently closed. Despite repeated requests to PennDOT, we don't have any idea or know of any timeframe regarding their plans. When we know more, we'll let you know.

- We now have a **rental ordinance** to protect renters and insures that housing is up to code. A similar ordinance has been successfully implemented in The Borough. A revised firearms **discharge ordinance** is under discussion, and we look forward to hearing from all residents.
- The Township **website** continues to be refreshed, now including several forms and instructions, and now also has information from our Kennett Township Police Department (KTPD). So 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.
- Finally, please get on our **township email** distribution list by contacting Lisa Moore at lisa.moore@kennett.pa.us or subscribe by signing up at the bottom of our web site home page www.kennett.pa.us, as that is one way we can try to communicate with you in emergencies.

Take care and looking forward to the rest of the year, and beyond.

Sincerely,
Rich

FIRE-LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS

By Rich Hicks, Code Enforcement Officer



Annual inspections of commercial properties will be performed by the Codes Department to assess and mitigate potential fire-and-life safety hazards in buildings. While many people may look at the fire-and life-safety inspection process negatively, these inspections benefit the building/business owners, as well as those who use the building, by offering:

- A safer working/living environment for employees/residents
- A safer building for unfamiliar occupants (visitors, shoppers, clients, etc.)
- A better-maintained building for possible improved resale value.

The following are some of the items your Inspector will be looking for...

Maintaining the means of egress is critical to providing proper life safety in your building.

Making sure all exit doors are always accessible, open properly, and are clearly marked is important. Make sure that fire-rated areas, such as stairways and corridors, have features like fire doors, self-closing devices, releasing mechanisms, and latches that have been installed properly and are operating. No combustible materials can be stored in any portion of the means of egress, and no storage can reduce the required aisle width or block exits. Storage of combustible materials must be maintained in an orderly fashion and away from flame-producing appliances. Any combustible or flammable liquids must be in approved containers and storage cabinets.

There are also items that need to be addressed to help emergency-response personnel do their jobs better, including making sure the building address is clearly visible from the street, and that access to the building is not restricted.

Following the inspection the Codes Official will provide a written report of the inspection along with any corrections that may be necessary. If you have any questions regarding Life Safety Inspections and how they may affect you, please contact our Codes Inspector.

Rental Registration & Inspection Ordinance

Improving and preserving safe and healthy housing for all Kennett renters

by Diane Clayton, Zoning Officer

What Is the Rental Registration & Inspection Ordinance?

The Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance (RRIO) was established by the Kennett Township Supervisors after an extensive review process. The new ordinance will help to ensure that all rental housing in Kennett Township is safe and meets basic housing maintenance requirements. Starting in 2014, all rental property owners in Kennett must register their properties with the Township by November 15, 2014. A rental inspection will be done annually for a fee of \$ 100 per rental unit. Inspectors will make sure all registered properties comply with minimum housing and safety standards. This will also allow Kennett Township to have a more accurate recording of all persons residing in the Township.

Why Does Kennett Township Need It?

As with many municipalities, Kennett Township relied on a complaint-based system to address rental problems, and it has been determined that many rental properties are not maintained as well as owner-occupied properties. Unfortunately renters often do not complain about their living conditions until they are prepared to vacate and want to secure their deposit. Additionally we have found it difficult to deal with the absentee landlord. In these instances our inspectors were somewhat limited as to the scope of their investigations. The Rental Registration and Inspection Program create a system to address issues, even when renters do not complain. The program creates increased awareness of housing standards among existing and future property owners, managers, and renters.

How will a Rental Registration Program benefit Kennett Township Residents?

The Rental Registration and Inspection Program will help improve and maintain the quality of the Township's rental housing over time. The program will benefit Kennett Township residents by:

- Preserving neighborhoods and quality of life
- Educating property owners, inspectors, and renters about the rental standards and encouraging proper maintenance of rental housing
- Ensuring all rental properties meet the same minimum standards through periodic inspections
- Creating clear communication methods between rental property owners and the Township in the event of emergencies

Whether you're a property owner, manager, renter, or a homeowner considering the possibility of renting your home, we encourage you to visit the Townships web site to learn more about this program and any actions that you may need to take. A copy of the "Checklist" which our Inspectors will be utilizing is also on line.

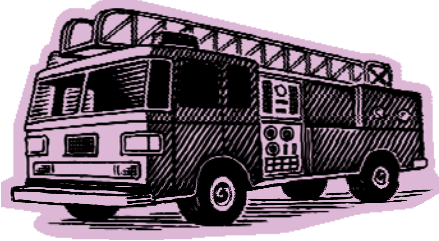
Longwood Company Fall Reminders

by Gina Puoci, Vice President

As fall approaches we would like to provide you with a few suggested safety tips.

If your home is equipped with a wood burning chimney or stove, have the structure inspected and cleaned prior to use. Many times each year, Longwood responds to a chimney fire, which extends into the living portion of the residence causing severe damage. Most of the time, these fires are the direct result of neglected maintenance.

All trees on your driveway should be trimmed. Our apparatus are very large and require significant space to access your home. We ask that your driveway have a vertical clearance of 13 feet and at least 10 feet in width. Also make sure that your house numbers are visible, day and night, from the street. If we can't find you we can't help you. In an emergency, every second counts.



Don't drive through flooded roadways. Heavy rains occasionally cause flooding conditions. We remind everyone that flooded roadways are extremely dangerous. It only takes 6 inches of moving water to move your vehicle. If you can't see the roadway, it is too dangerous for you to travel through. We would also remind everyone not to drive around road-closed signs. In 2013 the State amended the vehicle code to make this a traffic offense that will result in a bill being submitted by the fire company to the offending owner of the vehicle, as well as additional penalties.

With the possibility of another harsh winter and loss of power, we remind everyone to keep all gas powered generators a considerable distance from your home. Never run a gas-powered piece of equipment inside your garage or home. During the ice storm of 2014, Longwood responded to approximately 30 carbon monoxide related incidents due to gas-powered equipment inside enclosed structures.

We would like to invite all residents to our Open House on Thursday, October 23, 2014 from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. There will be many fire prevention activities and events as well as light refreshments. We hope to see you there.

Thank you for your continued support, we wouldn't survive without it. Longwood Fire Company has been providing Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services since 1921. If you are interested in volunteering, please see our website, www.longwoodfireco.com, for more information.

Township Manager's Corner

By Lisa Moore

Please visit our new website www.kennett.pa.us for lots of information regarding the Township for our residents. We encourage everyone to sign up for our email distribution list on the website or by emailing me at lisa.moore@kennett.pa.us. Through this email list we will send you alerts, meeting notices and other pertinent information regarding the Township. Your email address will not be distributed.

I am very excited about all the new projects and programs being implemented in the Township. Here are just a few:

We received a grant from DVRPC to install sidewalks in several areas of the Township to provide safe pedestrian traffic. For specific locations please visit our website.

We paid to have a study done for the Fussel/Pines Historic House, located on Baltimore Pike in front of the Fairfield Inn, to determine the cost to rehab the house. The study is complete and will be discussed with the owner to hopefully preserve the house.

I have been making quarterly financial presentations at the Board of Supervisors public meetings now for a couple of years. The reports can be obtained on the website. We created a Capital Fund for future projects and equipment to better manage the reserve funds needed for the future.

The Board of Supervisors is working with the Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County (TLC) to preserve approximately 71 acres of open space in the Township, which will benefit all residents. The Township will contribute monies towards the easements. Grants were obtained by TLC for approximately 50% of the easement cost. Thanks to TLC for all their hard work.

The Board of Supervisors are doing great things this year. For information on the rest of the new projects and programs please read Supervisor Leff's article.

Please feel free to call or email me with any questions and/or concerns. The Supervisors, myself and the entire staff are always available to answer questions or assist in any way we can.

NEW ZONING OFFICER—DIANE CLAYTON

BY Lisa Moore, Township Manager



I am very proud to announce that we hired a new full-time Zoning Officer on July 7th. Diane Clayton has a very extensive background and experience with Zoning, Land Use and Code Enforcement in the municipal field. She previously worked for West Goshen Township prior to coming to Kennett Township full-time. She is certified in all areas of Zoning, Property Maintenance and Housing and Emergency Management. Diane is a resident of East Marlborough Township. Please don't hesitate to contact Diane if you need assistance with Zoning at (610) 388-1300 x 121 or via email at diane.clayton@kennett.pa.us. Diane is a great addition to the Kennett Township team.



Kennett Bike Path Nears Completion

Landscape Effort to Commence

By John Haedrich & Tom Nale

The Bike Path project along PA52 from Hamorton to just south of Mendenhall is nearly complete. The shoulders have been widened (5 feet on each side) to permit safer pedestrian and bicycle passage to share the road. A few punch list items remain to be completed to address minor items. Due to limited funds, the widened shoulders were only provided where the existing shoulder was deemed to be inadequate.

The resulting improvement is classified as a "share-the-road" bicycle facility following PennDOT specifications. Currently these types of facilities display the standard "Share the Road" signage; no on-pavement symbols are permitted. For additional safety, PennDOT required rumble strips to keep both the bikers and the motor vehicles in their proper lanes. The "rumble" also provides an audible sound to bikers and pedestrians to alert for errant vehicles.

The punch list items should be completed this fall. The next phase of improvement is a Greenway Landscaping project to enhance the scenic quality of this section of roadway, as it is designated as the Kennett Township section of the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway. The effort will focus on removal of invasive brush and trees, creating a more easily maintained roadside, and planting of appropriate shrubs and street trees. These efforts will require close cooperation between landowners and the Township. With limited funds, we are particularly interested in finding those landowners who share the desire to make the Kennett Pike a truly pleasant scenic travel experience.

Future plans include improving the shoulder of PA 52 south to the Delaware line in Pennsbury Township and construction of an off-road path from Hamorton to the Longwood Gardens Visitor Center in cooperation with Longwood Gardens.

The project is being jointly led by John Haedrich, longwood-inn@gmail.com, and Tom Nale, tomnale-kennett@comcast.net.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

ALL EMERGENCIES DIAL 9-1-1

Non Emergency Contacts:

- Kennett Township Police 610-388-2874
- Longwood Fire Company 610-388-6880
- www.longwoodfireco.com
- Kennett Fire Company 610-444-3473
- www.firestation24.com
- Kennett Township Public Works Emergencies (after hours) 484-723-9338

Important Contact Numbers:

- 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..... 800-360-7214
- Chester County Health Department 610-344-6237



Kennett Area Senior Center

Fall 2014

NEIGHBORS IN ACTION

The Kennett Area Senior Center continues to grow the Neighbors in Action program in Chester County. This intergenerational program addresses the needs of elderly residents, as well as people of any age, in need of services regardless of socioeconomic status. The goal of the program is to help people stay safe and healthy in their homes. Helping residents age in place with a little friendly assistance - now that's building community - that's Neighbors in Action! Contact Berta Rains at 610-444-4143 to see how to become a member or a volunteer.

ASSISTED SENIOR PROGRAM

The Kennett Area Senior Center offers a unique program that provides an affordable option for families with a loved one enduring the early stages of dementia or moderate mobility difficulties by providing a safe, mildly structured environment for these individuals. Assisted Senior Program (ASP) participants engage in a variety of activities, stimulating memory and cognitive function, and are provided gentle guidance as they enjoy on-going events of their choice at the center.

MEMBER PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

KASC has continued to expand programming to include: language classes, ballroom dancing, dance aerobics and much more. The KASC offers a delicious breakfast, open to all, every 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 7:00am - 9:00am. Also, our ever-popular "Craft Showcase and Bazaar... Galleria Style" is coming up in October. Come on down and check out what the center has for you! See our website: www.kennettcenter.org, or "Like" us on Facebook for more details.

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 December 31, 2014. Application forms are available at the Kennett Area Senior Center. For assistance call Liz Brown at 610-444-4819.

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 at the Chester County Department of Aging Services by calling toll free at 1-800-692-1100, ext. 5004. Call the Kennett Area Senior Center for more information.

Chief's Corner: Police News

I want to thank the Township residents for their assistance on a number of issues that have affected us during the last few months. Some new issues that have arisen recently are fireworks, calls to the 911 system, scams and solicitors.

Fireworks

Fireworks annoying and endangering the Township should not occur at all. Fireworks are prohibited under state law, except on the 4th of July or if you are a licensed pyrotechnician and have a permit. Fireworks endanger property by starting fires on wood shingled roofs or landing on dry land. If you see fireworks in the Township, you should report this by calling 911.

911 System

Speaking of the 911 system, many residents tell me they understand that all calls for service in Chester County go to 911 but they feel uncomfortable calling 911 because they have become so accustomed to it being used for emergencies. Leaving messages on the Township voicemail system does not address the problem while it is occurring. The County Police Radio phone number is 610-268-3171. This number still goes to the 911 system and will generate a response from the Township or State Police.

Scams

During the past few months there has been a surge in phone scams across the country as well as here in Kennett Township. Many times the scam artists disguise themselves as IRS agents and demand your personal information, claiming it needs to be verified and that failure to provide information will result in a huge fine. These suspects are very good at convincing you that they are real. There are others that will use



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Kennett Township One-Room Schoolhouses

by Margaret Woodward Ostrom

"Back to School" had a very different connotation for Kennett Township children of yesteryear from that of today. No new tank tops or tees, but rather the first day of school featured home made and hand-me-downs. No cars nor buses; rather long walks down dusty roads and across farm fields. Students of long ago lived mostly on farms. They were up by dawn's early light to carry in wood, make the fire or stoke the stove, milk the cows, feed the chickens and pigs, help cook the large farm breakfasts, and pack their siblings' and their own lunches. Some students' attendance might be delayed or interrupted by the need for extra hands for harvesting.

Harkened by the bell of the one-room schoolhouse, students took turns helping their young female teacher prepare for the school day. Again, a fire in the old stove had to be made, a bucket of fresh water drawn from the pump with the tin dipper nearby, and help given to settle the young children.

Such was the beginning routine for the six one-room Township schoolhouses of the past. The Pennsylvania Act of 1834 established the free public school system. Kennett Township voted against the Act, as did Chester County. Five of the schools still stand, but are now privately owned:

1. Greenwood School at the intersection of Greenwood and Hillendale Roads; 2. Fairview School on Fairville Road; 3. Pleasant Bank on Kaolin Road; 4. Ashland on the defunct Starvegut Road near Old Kennett Road; and 5. Hamorton, the only 2-story schoolhouse, on Rt. 52 near Rt. 1. Independent School #1 on Rt. 1 was razed for the Rt. 1 By-Pass. The Township had its own Board of School Directors, who appointed each year's roster of teachers. At times, a young, unmarried female teacher would board at the home of one of the directors.

The one-room schools accommodated grades 1-8; a high school education was available at the Mulberry Street School in Kennett Square. With the arrival of the railroad in 1859, the older students could ride the train to and from such stations as Mendenhall and Rosedale. All the one-room schoolhouses were closed in 1932 with the opening of the Kennett Consolidated School in Kennett Square.

More information, reminiscences, photos, and paintings can be viewed at the Township History Room, open to the public Thursdays, 10-12 or by appointment.



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different methods to steal your identity or gain your banking information. **NEVER** provide anyone with your information over the phone. If they say they are representing your bank, hang up and call your bank to confirm they are attempting to contact you. The IRS will always contact you in writing - never over the telephone.

Solicitors

In the past the Township, like many other municipalities, had an ordinance prohibiting all solicitation of residences in the Township. A few years ago a higher court struck down the total prohibition of solicitation by sales people. In its ruling, the court did allow municipalities to license sales people. Anyone wishing to solicit in the Township must complete an application first. The police department will then verify the information on the application before a permit is issued. Your police will check for that permit when responding to solicitation complaints. Private developments can still prohibit solicitors by posting NO SOLICITING signs in their developments. If you have solicitors approach your residence and they do not have a Township permit, call the police at 610-268-3171 or 911 and report it.

Chester County Art Reach Association

ArtREACH Kennett

Chester County Art Association is about to start up its popular Saturday **FREE Art Classes** at The Garage Community and Youth Center on



Union Street in downtown Kennett Square. All of CCAA's teaching-artists have degrees in the arts and many show their work regionally. Classes start on Saturday, September 27 and run through Saturday, December 13, 2014. The class from 11:00am-12:30 is for children 12 and under. The class from 1:00-2:30 is an Anime and cartooning class for ages 12 and up. There will **be no class on Saturday, November 1 and Saturday, December 6.** Classes as **FREE** thanks to generous local sponsors, and all materials are provided. Please call, 610-696-5600 x 13, or check CCAA's web-site www.chestercountyarts.org for updates.

KENNETT FIRE COMPANY SAFETY TIPS

by Gina Puoci, Vice President

SMOKE ALARMS

Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly!

- Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area, on every level of the home; and in the basement. Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- There are two kinds of alarms, Ionization smoke alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires. Photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires. It is best to use both types of alarms in the home.
- A smoke alarm should be on a ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet from the stove.
- People who are hard of hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a gas. It has no odor. CO gas is poisonous. It can make a person feel sick and can be deadly. In the home, heating and cooking devices that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

- CO alarms should be installed outside each sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. It is best to use interconnected alarms. When one sounds, all CO alarms in the home sound.
- Follow the instructions on the package to properly install the CO alarm.
- Test Co alarms at least once a month.
- Replace CO alarms according to the instructions on the package.
- Know the sounds the CO alarm makes. It will sound if Co is detected. It will make a different sound if the battery is low or if it is time to get a new CO alarm.
- If the battery is low, replace it.

If the CO alarm sounds, you must get fresh air. Move outdoors, by an open window or near an open door. Make sure everyone in the home gets fresh air. Call the Fire Department from a fresh air location; stay there till help arrives.

PREVENTING CO POISONING

- When warming up a vehicle move it out of the garage. Do not run a fueled engine indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not blocked. Clear snow away.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow build up.
- Clear all debris from dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace vents
- A generator should be used outdoors. Use it in a well ventilated location away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas and charcoal grills can produce CO. Only use them outside.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather set in.
- Open the damper when using a fireplace for adequate ventilation.



HISTORICAL COMMISSION ANNUAL PROGRAM

The Civil War ended on April 9, 1865. On May 14, 2015, the Kennett Township Historical CommiThe Civil War ended on April 9, 1865. On May 14, 2015, the Kennett Township Historical Commission will mark the sesquicentennial anniversary by presenting a program entitled “**Follow the Drinking Gourd**”. The first part of the program will be a brief explanation of the Harriet Tubman Freedom Trail, which runs through Kennett Township. Karen Marshall, former Chairperson of the Commission will explain the trail. Our main speaker, Chris Densmore, will discuss the Underground Railroad and Kennett Township.

ROADS UPDATE

By Roger Lysle, Roadmaster

Where did the summer go? ... this seems to be the question I’m hearing from everyone. The summer started off with the upgrading of the Township Recycling Center. The final top coat of black top was installed to the parking lot. Another recycle bin was installed to help with the volume of material we are receiving. For security reasons, a new gate was installed. The gate is open from 5:30 am until 8:00 pm, so you still will be able to get in to drop off your recyclables and yard waste.

The yard waste pile was the largest we ever had due mainly to last year’s storms which took out so many trees throughout the Township. Weaver Mulch moved in and ground down the pile for one week. A grand total of 510 tons of mulch was produced. Due to their work schedule, they were unable to finish grinding the entire pile, leaving about 1/3 still to be ground. They hope to return later this year to complete the grinding.

The sight distance at Bayard and E. Hillendale Roads was addressed. Permission was received from the property owner to remove trees and slope the banks back, allowing for a clear sight line. This intersection is much safer now.

This year a new road treatment of oil and chip was tried on the following roads: Indian Springs Drive, Cold Springs Drive and Raven Drive. All three roads were oiled and chipped followed by a fog seal, which was applied to the top of the road, to lock in the stone. This process made the road surface dark in color.

Paving consisted of Clifton Drive (from Southridge Drive to the cul-de-sac), Bayard Road (from East Marlborough Township line to Rosedale Road), Cedarwood Lane (from Burrows Run Road to Whitetail Drive), and Whitetail Drive (from Cedarwood Lane to the cul-de-sac).

Line painting was also done throughout the Township, including cross walks and stop bars.

As fall moves in, tree trimming will get underway, and road shoulders and pipes will be cleaned. Township roads will be trimmed back 3 feet from the edge of the roadway, and up to 16 feet high. We will make every effort to work with property owners on problem areas. Sight distance and safety are our first priority.

As a reminder of the Township’s policy regarding salting and plowing, salting begins as snow starts to fall and is continued as needed. Plowing begins when the snow reaches a depth of 2 inches, and will continue until the storm is over. Remember, when plowing your driveways and/or walkways, do not throw snow into the street as this creates a safety hazard.

Please refrain from parking in the street and putting trash bins in the roadway during a snow storm. Remove any objects placed along the edge of the road in the right-of-way as this can cause damage to the snow plows.

Mailboxes damaged during snow removal have been a concern of residents in the past. The following guidelines are given for mailbox placement. The face of the mailbox must be at least 12 inches from the edge of the road, and the post supporting the mailbox at least 3 feet from the edge of the road. Mailboxes should be placed a short distance away from driveways and intersections to avoid vision-restricting snow banks and damage to mailboxes. Mailbox bases should be strong enough to withstand flying snow and slush from traffic and snow plows. Damage to Township plowing equipment, caused by permanent, non-break-away structures in the road right-of-way, will be billed back to the homeowner.

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



Elections are on Nov 4th!

The 2014 Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4th from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm. You must update your registration information if you changed your name, address, or party affiliation. Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Applications can be obtained at the Township office. You may also contact the offices of Voters Registration at 610-344-6410 or at www.chesco.org

Know your polling location:

Precint 1	Kennett Township Building
Precint 2	Church of the Advent
Precint 3	Kendal at Longwood Auditorium
Precint 4G	Greenwood Elementary School

REQUEST FOR YOUR IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES DURING POWER OUTAGES

By Bill Shelton

The Safety Committee is planning on publishing an article on how we, in the Township, survive electric power outages. We particularly want to know the practical things that you have found helpful in the day-to-day coping with this problem. We look forward to your input.

Please send your comments by e-mail to Cathy Rowe at cathy.rowe@kennett.pa.us



KENNETT AREA PARK AUTHORITY
ANSON B. NIXON PARK

by Heidi Hauptschein



If you haven't been to the Anson B. Nixon Park lately you must put it on your fall "to-do" list! You may notice that the Park has added a parking lot where the former Borough of Kennett Square maintenance facility used to be. It overlooks a beautiful green meadow with bordering trees and woodlands and is very convenient to the adjoining tennis courts.

Why don't you give our disc golf course a try? It is located in the woods throughout the park. The course begins near the main parking lot and golfers are always on the course from dawn to dusk. The Anson B. Nixon Park was named #6 out of the top ten disc golf courses in the nation as voted by The SkiBum Magazine. Learn more about the course at http://www.discgolfscene.com/courses/Anson_B_Nixon_Park.

The summer concert series was music to our ears. It was wonderful to see the community come together to hear incredible music, taste delicious foods from our local restaurants, and relax in an intimate, natural setting. The free 8-week summer concert series is something not to be missed and plans have begun for another free, eight week summer concert series beginning in June of 2015. Mark your calendars and add this to your summer 2015 "to-do" list.

We were excited to announce that the 4th annual Vive Tu Vida health fair sponsored by La Comunidad Hispana in Kennett Square on September 27th was a huge success. Thousands of attendees experienced a fun free day of physical activities, live

music, health screenings, and raffles. Close your eyes and picture this.... A new and easier entrance to the Park, a dog park, a community events building...all at the Anson B. Nixon Park. The Park has this and more built into a Master Plan. We need you to help and support with some of the great ideas and initiatives in our future. People interested in a future dog park are encouraged to help with the initial grassroots effort to bring this to fruition. Drop us a line at ansonbnixonpark@gmail.com.

Did you know that the Kennett Area Park Authority is a Public Municipality designated to operate Anson B. Nixon Park? As such it does not receive allocated tax support which means we rely on donations from our community to support the operations of the Park. KAPA is a 9 member community base of volunteers, chaired by Kennett Square resident Richard Lyon. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Anson B. Nixon Park. You may visit our web site www.ansonbnixonpark.com to make a donation and to learn more about the Park and how you can make a difference with your tax deductible donation.

Finally, we hope you take time this fall to visit the park, hold a family function at one of our lovely pavilions, take a walk on the many trails available, or just sit on one of the benches found throughout the Park. Take in the beauty of your community Park. Hope to see you there!

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 forms for all programs are available in the lobbies of all elementary schools in Kennett Consolidated School District or 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.

KAPRB FALL PROGRAMS

KAPRB Blue Demons Field Hockey Program. This youth field hockey program is offered to K- 6th grade children. This instructional program involves weekly practices and games scheduled against other local leagues.

KAPRB Volleyball. This instructional program will teach young boys and girls in grades 1 - 6 basic volleyball skills and game instruction. Practices will be held twice weekly in September and October at local Kennett Schools.

KAPRB Soccer Shots Program. This soccer program will be held at local Kennett Schools. This fun clinic is open to children in grades Pre K - 5. Players will enjoy playing the game of soccer and will sharpen soccer foot skills and learn the strategy of

the game of soccer. This program is offered in the fall, winter and spring.

KAPRB Mushroom Festival 5K Race. This event was held on Sunday, September 7, 2014 at 8:30am. All proceeds go to local charities. Children age 12 and under ran or walked in the race for FREE!

WINTER PROGRAMS

KAPRB Jr. Basketball Program. Children in grades 3-8 enjoy this fun and competitive basketball program. All children make the team! Play begins in December and ends in March. All games and practices are held at local Kennett Schools.

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!

See KAPRB on Page 7

Single Stream Recycling Guidelines		
Recycling chart	What to Recycle	Do Not Include ANY items contaminated by food are not acceptable for recycling
Mixed Paper 	Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mail and envelopes (windows are OK) Magazines and catalogs Writing or ledger paper Paperback books Paper bags Greeting cards Wrapping paper Shredded paper (Place in paper bag) Fax paper Computer paper 	Mixed paper items not acceptable include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mixed paper items not acceptable include: Paper towels, facial tissues Cigarette packs Candy wrappers Waxed or plastic-coated paper Wrapping tissue Foil wrapping paper
Thin cardboard 	Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shoebboxes Cereal Boxes Pasta Boxes Toilet Paper Rolls Frozen Food Boxes Gift Boxes Cake Mix Boxes Toothpaste Boxes Tissue Boxes Paper Egg Cartons Soda or Beer Packaging Soap or Laundry Detergent Boxes 	Thin cardboard items not acceptable include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boxes with sober or foil coatings Anything dirty, greasy or plastic coated
Newspapers (including all ads and inserts) 		
Corrugated Cardboard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boxes and other corrugated cardboard should be flattened and folded so they fit in the cart. Pizza boxes (with greasy liner removed) 	Corrugated cardboard items not acceptable include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dirty or greasy cardboard
Tin/aluminum, scrap metal 	Examples Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aluminum and tin cans Foil and pie plates Wire clothes hangers Empty steel aerosol cans 	Tin/aluminum, scrap metal items not acceptable include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scrap metal Paint cans Hypodermic needles (please contact the health department for proper disposal information)
Glass bottles and jars 	Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayonnaise jars Wine bottles Beer bottles Applesauce jars Spaghetti sauce jars Salsa jars Vinegar bottles Baby food jars 	Glass bottles and jars not acceptable include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broken glass Cups, dishes, glass windows, plates, Pyrex, ceramics, mirrors, light bulbs, crystal
Plastic bottles, jugs and containers 	This includes all rigid plastic containers with symbols 1 through 7 on the bottom; examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soda and juice bottles Salad dressing bottles Milk jugs Detergent bottles Juice bottles Shampoo bottles Window cleaner Saline solution bottles Fabric softener or bleach bottles 	Plastic bottles, jugs not acceptable include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plastic shopping bags Plastic food wrap, potato chip and sandwich bags Styrofoam® Automotive fluid bottles (oil, anti-freeze, brake fluid)
Milk cartons, drink boxes 	Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milk and juice cartons Juice boxes Flavored milk boxes Cream and creamer containers 	Milk cartons, drink box items not acceptable include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ice cream boxes TV dinner containers Margarine boxes Cream cheese boxes
Container Preparation		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removable plastic bags. Remove any non-acceptable items. Corrugated cardboard should be broken down so it fits inside the container without jamming, so the cart will empty completely. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All containers (jars, bottles, cartons, etc.) must be rinsed and free of contaminants. Remove and discard all quarks, tops, rings, metal bottleneck wraps, and unacceptable items. Flatten containers whenever possible.

Deer Management Report

by Marlyn Dietz

When this fall newsletter reaches you, the hunting season will have begun. Several changes recently will affect our area. The amount of antlerless deer permits issued by the Pennsylvania Game Commission indicates our Zone 5C is still in need of more antlerless deer being harvested.

The Game Commission has allotted 95,000 permits for this season. This is actually slightly down from last year. However, I should point out that this still appears to be the largest amount of permits offered by the Game Commission for any Deer Management Unit in the state. The current season is underway as of September 20th, and there are still approximately 31,960 permits available as of September 13th. The season to harvest deer by various methods will run through January 24th in our area.

The Deer Management Committee has been working with existing property owners and groups who have had agreements which they have renewed. I want to remind hunters and property owners that all hunters must have in their possession the form indicating they have permission to be on private property.



Our Police Chief, Albert McCarthy, the Pennsylvania State Police, and Pennsylvania Game Commission Wildlife Officer Keith Mullin are appreciative of this information when they service the calls in our community.

The **HOMEOWNER'S AUTHORIZATION TO HUNT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY** form can be obtained on line at the Township website www.kennett.pa.us, or at the Township office. The Deer Management Committee has no authority regarding trespassing on private property. However, we can assist with suggestions to help keep trespassers off your property.

I would remind all residents that very little hunting in the Township is coordinated through the Deer Management Committee. Actually the majority is done on private property where the property owners and hunters have private agreements. The Deer Management Committee looks forward to any input from these homeowners, especially when it comes to getting a harvest count

on the deer in our Township.

As we move into the fall, we would like to remind residents that in late October through all of November deer movement will be at its highest. We have all read or heard about vehicle collisions where a primary contributing factor was deer in the roadways. Please be careful on our roadways. The State of Pennsylvania has one of the highest incidents of deer automobile collisions in the country. Please be careful and keep a keen eye out for deer that may suddenly enter onto the roadway. Because of poor lighting conditions and winding roads in the countryside it can be very dangerous during this time of the year.

In closing, we would like to thank our local Game Commission personnel and our own Kennett Township police force for the role they play in our area regarding hunting and safety. If you have questions regarding hunting you can reach our local Game Commission personnel at Southeastern Region Office at 610- 926-3136 or 3137. In addition, if there are questions for the Township or Deer Management Committee, please contact us through the Township at 610-388-1300. We appreciate your support and look forward to serving you in our community.

You can call the Township at 610-926-3136 report a dead deer on the road if it is a Township Road. If it is a PennDOT road, call 484-340-3201

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Marilyn Dietz is the chair of the Deer Management Committee. This committee coordinates qualified hunters with landowners who allow hunters on their properties.

KAPRB 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 Tuesday or Wednesday 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. Camp will be held at a local 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.

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: 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. We improved the upper and lower fields by adding new lights and new fencing for the out fields and dugouts. In addition, a new front entrance sign with a landscaping boarder was added along with a new playground set. A new auxiliary field was developed with lights for evening use. The bleachers were updated and stone beds were created. New irrigation systems were installed for each infield. Additional excavation and overhaul of the upper outfield helped to improve field conditions. The Snack Shed has seen renovations to the bathroom and a new cement pad has been installed around the base of the structure. More projects included a major overhaul and reconstruction of the parking lot along with a newly paved front entrance and the construction of new dugouts. The installation of shade trees, a walking trail and many more border trees around the park provide overall beautification. This summer we installed new scoreboards at the park. Annual volunteer clean up days help with the upkeep of the Park. More projects and enhancements to the Park are planned.

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.

BAYARD TAYLOR LIBRARY REPORT

The Bayard Taylor Memorial Library will feature an impressive roster of educational and entertaining programs this fall for adults, teens, and children!

For children, classic favorites will mix with exciting new opportunities for creativity, literacy, and fun. Art classes on Tuesday nights will help nourish creative pursuits. Family Place sessions on Thursday mornings give toddlers and their parents a place to play and work on developmental skills. Events like A Taste of Honey with local beekeeper Daniel Borkoski will encourage a love of the natural world.

For teens, the Library has something to capture their attention most nights of the week. MakerSpace, on Monday evenings, will feature projects using robotics, design, 3D modeling and printing, and more. Girl Gang, which meets the first and third Mondays of every month, is a safe space for girls to meet, do awesome DIY projects, and read books featuring strong female characters. Two separate graphic novel book clubs for Middle and High school students will get even the most reluctant readers excited.

We have a captivating array of workshops, classes, and special events for our adult patrons this fall. October will bring workshops on financial literacy, indoor gardening, and even a beer and whiskey tasting on October 10. Join gardener Kat McCollough of Longwood Gardens for two sessions of making centerpieces with succulents, October 16 and November 4 (registration required), learn about the history of the Impressionist arts movement with Fred Dixon on October 9, and ask your questions about local wildlife with the Pennsylvania Game Commission on October 1 and 15.

All November long, the Library will be celebrating National Novel Writing Month with author visits, writing workshops, and Saturday Writers' Cafes, where aspiring novelists can meet, network, and commiserate.



The Bayard Taylor Library is also partnering with SCORE on workshops, seminars and counseling sessions in English and Spanish at the Library.

A multi-faceted Adult Literacy Program offers day and evening ESL classes, one-to-one tutoring, GED prep and citizenship classes.

A full calendar of events is available on our website, bayard-taylor.org, or on our Facebook page (be sure to "like" us while you're there!). For more information or to register for any of our upcoming programs, please email Ivy Weir, Programming Coordinator, or call at 610-444-2702.

See you at the Library!



Have You Signed Up for the Kennett Township eNewsletter?

If not, don't waste any more time. The eNewsletter provides important breaking news, critical alerts, and brief updates on issues — information that can be very beneficial to you and your family. Send an email to

ktnewsletter@kennett.pa.us with your name and we will include you in the newsletter distribution list.

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What Is Stormwater Management? What Can Residents Do to Help Prevent Stormwater Pollution

by: Lisa M. Moore; Township Manager

What is Storm Water?

Storm Water is rainwater that washes through our property and streets, taking with it any debris that may be in its path. This mixture of rain, debris, oil and waste is known as "runoff".

What is Storm Water Management?

Storm Water Management is a mechanism for controlling storm water runoff. These practices are incorporated into the design of a development to mitigate any impacts the development may have on the aquatic environment. Storm water Management practices address two major issues, the quantity or volume of storm water and the quality of the storm water.

Every Day Tips to Reduce Storm water Runoff Pollution

- Never put anything in a storm drain inlet that you would not want to drink or swim in
- Watch for unusual discharges from storm drainage swales and piping during dry weather conditions, and report any dry weather discharges to the Township at (610) 388-1300
- Service your car regularly and fix leaks to prevent gasoline, oil, brake and transmission fluids, and anti-freeze from leaking onto the pavement and washing into our streams
- Use absorbent materials like kitty litter or toweling to soak up any spills, then sweep up and dispose of these items properly. Never dilute spills with water
- Wash your car at a carwash, or on grass or gravel instead of in the driveway or on the street
- Use fertilizers and herbicides only when necessary, and follow the directions carefully. Use natural, organic fertilizer and avoid applying any fertilizer before heavy rainfalls
- Set your mower's height at 3 inches. Taller grass establishes deeper roots and healthier lawns absorb more storm water
- Compost leaves and grass clippings, and use it to enhance your garden's soil next year. Carefully bag any garden waste that you do not compost to keep it out of the storm drains
- Place dog waste in the toilet or a trash can. Do not leave it on the yard, in the street or dispose of it in a storm drain. Pet waste introduces disease-causing bacteria into our water supply
- Keep all litter off the street and place it in receptacles so that it does not get washed or blown down storm drains
- **Recycle products made of paper, glass, plastic and aluminum**



Protecting what's special in Kennett Township/or Protecting Special Places in Kennett Township. Kennett Township residents are very fortunate because we live in such a beautiful place. The open lands, scenic vistas, healthy and abundant natural resources, and historic heritage combined form a sense of place that is uniquely Kennett. In 2005 Kennett Township residents voted to protect these special places by enacting a tax that now funds our Open Space Preservation Program. In 2009 the Board of Supervisors formed the Land Conservation Advisory Committee (LCAC) and made it responsible for guiding the use of these Township resources to protect our special places and ultimately secure the health and welfare of our community.

Protection of open space provides fiscal, environmental, and social benefits, including increasing property values, managing land development, supporting emotional well-being, protecting working lands, freshwater supplies, and wildlife habitats, and increasing recreational opportunities.

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Preservation of open space benefits the environment by combating air pollution, attenuating noise, controlling wind, providing erosion control, and moderating temperatures. Open space also protects surface and groundwater resources by filtering trash, debris, and chemical pollutants before they enter a water system.

Preservation of open space in Kennett Township is good for our community.

Call for special places! The LCAC wants to know about your favorite place in Kennett Township. We need to know where and why a place is special to you. Please take a moment to send us a note with the location and even a photo of your special place. Send by mail: Attn: LCAC, Kennett Township, 801 Burrows Run Road, Chadds Ford, PA 19317, or by email to: cathy.rowe@kennett.pa.us with tag line: Special Place.

The LCAC will use this information to help prioritize open spaces for preservation in Kennett Township so we can do our best to protect what is special to you. Thank you for sharing!

Instead of throwing your used reading books in the recycle bin, donate them the **Kennett Square Resale Book Shoppe** located at 113 South Union Street, Kennett Square, 610-444-6069.

Proceeds from the sale of these books benefit the Kennett Area Senior Center. The Center provides a full range of services enabling older adults to maintain their independence, lead healthy lives and remain as active participants in the community.

Guidelines for Drug Disposal

FDA and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy developed federal guidelines that are summarized here:

- Follow specific disposal instructions on the prescription bottle or patient information that accompanies the medicine.
- If no disposal instructions are given on the prescription drug labeling, throw the drugs in the household trash following these steps:
 1. Remove them from their original containers and mix them with an undesirable substance, such as used coffee grounds or kitty litter.
 2. Place the mixture in a sealable bag, empty can or other container to prevent the drug from leaking or breaking out of a garbage bag.

Before throwing out a medicine container, scratch out all identifying information on the prescription label to make it unreadable. This will help protect your identity and the privacy of your personal health information.

Do not give your medicine to friends. Doctors prescribe medicines based on a person's specific symptoms and medical history. A medicine that works for you could be dangerous for someone else.

When in doubt about proper disposal, talk to your pharmacist.



The **Single Stream Recycling Guideline** table appeared in the Spring/Summer 2014 issue. If you would like to have a copy of the chart, please call the township to request one.