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## HISTORICAL COMMISSION ANNUAL PROGRAM

By Fredda Pennock

Mark your calendar! On May 15, 2014, the Kennett Township Historical Commission's annual program will be held at 7:00 pm in the lower level public meeting room at the Township building. Following last year's standing room only lecture, we have put together a blockbuster for you. "Fabulous Fungi" will be an eye opening discussion of mushroom farming in the Kennett area past and present. Tina Ellor, Technical Director at Phillip's Mushroom Farms will present a history of mushroom farming in the area. Chris Alonzo, President of Pietro Industries will follow with a talk about state of the art current mushroom farming techniques. We will have time for questions.



## STILL AVAILABLE

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.

Come a little early for light refreshments, fellowship, and to ensure a good seat.

## Spring/Summer 2014 Activities & Meetings

APRIL	MAY	JUNE
1 Planning Commission	6 Planning Commission	3 Planning Commission
2 BOS Work Session	7 BOS Work Session	4 BOS Work Session
9 Safety Committee	14 Safety Committee	11 Safety Committee
15 KA Park Authority	15 Land Conservation	17 KA Park Authority
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Advisory Committee	20 KA Park Authority	Advisory Committee
22 EAC	21 Board of Supervisors	24 EAC
22 Historical Commission	26 Holiday – Office Closed	24 Historical Commission
30 Berkheimer Tax	27 EAC	30 Berkheimer Tax
Collection	27 Historical Commission	Collection
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
1 Planning Commission	5 Planning Commission	1 Holiday – Office Closed
2 BOS Work Session	6 BOS Work Session	2 Planning Commission
4 Holiday-Office Closed	13 Safety Committee	3 BOS Work Session
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**Hours**  
Monday-Friday, 8 am – 12 noon  
Staff is available in the afternoon  
so call if you need assistance

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### Meeting Info

<b>Board of Supervisors</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month	7:30 pm
Work Session – 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday each month	7:00 pm
<b>Business Advisory Committee</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Each Month if needed	12:00 pm
<b>Communications Committee</b>	
As Needed	
<b>Environmental Advisory Committee</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month	7:30 pm
<b>Historical Commission</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month	7:00 pm
<b>Land Conservation Advisory Committee</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month	7:00 pm
<b>Planning Commission</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month	7:00 pm
Work Session – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month	7:00 pm
<b>Safety Committee</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month	7:30 pm

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## THE FIRST HUNDRED DAYS

By Richard L. Leff, Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Well, it has certainly been a year of change and challenge in Kennett Township, and we're only through the first 100 days of 2014!

We have a number of new volunteers on several committees and I look forward to working with all volunteers who continue to serve for the benefit of Kennett Township. I can't say enough to thank all the volunteers!

Scudder Stevens is now Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and has brought new leadership to Kennett Township. We also have a new lawyer, David Sander, from the firm of Friedman Schuman, to help navigate our way to improve Kennett Township.

Our new engineering firm, Remington Vernick, led by Tom Wilkes, is working on determining what our future capital expenses are likely to be for the next several years. This will determine if the funds we have in the bank are too much, about right or too little.

Later this year we will have a Township-wide assessment of needs. The survey will also let us optimize the rate of return on the money we have in the bank. In addition, an evaluation of the Chandler Mill Bridge is being undertaken so that we can determine what our options are and have an

open discussion of how to proceed.

We've applied with The Land Conservancy of Southern Chester County for two matching grants. This would essentially double our money for open space preservation, including trail easements on two key properties. With several new members, The Land Conservancy Advisory Committee is now ready for resi-



dents and land owners to be approached for any other opportunities to expand our open space and trails.

The Township website is undergoing a redesign which will include the Township checkbook so that you can see where the money is being spent. Other improvements include some wonderful photos of the Township provided by our new photographer, and it will be easier for staff to make changes and add infor-

mation. Let us know what you like and what changes you would like to see on the website. We will do what we can to accommodate your requests. We want to provide all the information to residents allowed and required by law, but are also cognizant about information overload.

We weathered the ice storm and power outage as best we could, with many of us pulling together, especially notifying PECO (repeatedly) about work needing to be done. The Township road crew did an excellent job helping with the clean-up. PECO is listening, so maybe the next time it is their worst storm ever, they will have better communication plans and get a few more crews on the job. Thanks for information you sent to our Township Manager about blocked roads, downed power lines and other emergencies. That assisted her with being able to get our workers on site to help, and also with communicating to PECO important items that they might not be aware of. Please get on the Township email distribution list, 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.



With a short break in the weather, Highway Materials was able to start work on

## BIKEWAY PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

By John Haedrich & Tom Nale

Gilmore Associates (inspection). John Haedrich and Tom Nale are the project leaders (volunteers) and are working with the Township Manager, Lisa Moore, and Roadmaster, Roger Lysle, to oversee the work. The details of the work effort are prescribed in the engineering design and specifications developed by Urban Engineers and reviewed and approved by PennDOT. We plan to carry out the work closely following the design and minimize

any change orders. A copy of the design drawings and specifications will be available at the Township office.

For further information and updates as the project moves ahead, check the Township web site at <http://www.kennett.pa.us/kennett-bikeway-project> or call the Township office. The project team also monitors our email at [kt.bikeway@gmail.com](mailto:kt.bikeway@gmail.com).

March 20, 2014. The initial work is to provide traffic signage and to begin to identify survey marks along the entire route, from Hamorton south along PA52 to the Pennsbury line below Mendenhall. The shoulder widening work should last until mid-summer.

The two primary contracts are with Highway Materials (construction) and



“Boots and Polly”

With the passing in November 2013 of Mary Clark Keyser, VMD, and Marion Boyd Guthrie in January 2014, Kennett Township has lost two talented and devoted members of our community.

These accomplished artists, fondly known as **Boots** (Mary) and **Polly** (Marion), were close friends and long time residents who shared a love and enthusiasm for the Township and its history. Both were long time Historical Commission members and were always eager and willing to contribute their knowledge, their time and their talents to the goals of the Commission – recording, sharing and preserving our Township’s rich history.

Everyone who knew them personally will miss these two special women and the friendships we shared. But we also celebrate their lives and remember these friendships as well as the valuable contributions they made, through their work, for Township residents now and into the future.

### Chester County Art Association ArtREACH Kennett

The Chester County Art Association offer **FREE Saturday Art Classes** through June at The Garage Community & Youth Center, 115 S. Union Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348. Classes are 11:00 am – 12:30 pm for artists 3-12 years of age (3 year olds must be accompanied by a parent), and 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm for 7-10 years of age, and Teen Anime for ages 13+. **NOTE: There will be no class on April 26.**

**FREE 7 week Summer Art Camp** (parents welcome) are held June 23rd – August 8<sup>th</sup>, Monday-Friday, from 9:30-10:30 am for ages 3 and up (3 years must be accompanied by a parent); 11:00 am to noon for ages 5 and up. **No Camp on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**JUST DROP IN - - - NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.** For more information, call CCAA at 610-696-5600. You can also visit the website at [www.chestercountyarts.org](http://www.chestercountyarts.org).

### Free Saturday Art Classes at the Garage in Kennett Square



## THE BATTLE OF BRANDYWINE REVISITED

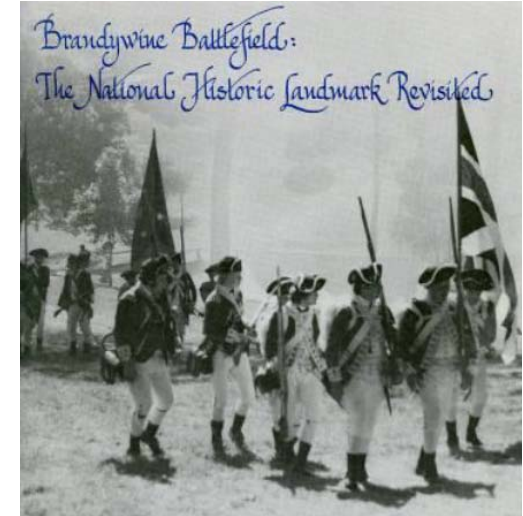
By David Shepherd  
*Historical Commission Member*

Chester County has just released the results of a monumental analysis of the Brandywine Battlefield titled "Brandywine Battlefield Preservation Plan: Revolution in the Peaceful Valley". This study was conducted by a Task Force led by the Chester County Planning Commission, the Delaware County Planning Commission and historic commissions and committees from the townships within the battlefield area.

The details of the Battle of the Brandywine have historically been a bit hazy. Over the years there have been a number of written accounts of the battle and battlefield maps. These were often incomplete and even contradictory. As result of the discovery of a British military map stored in Windsor Castle, it has been established that, while most of the combat took place around Chadds Ford and Birmingham Townships, troop movements and skirmishes took place over a much wider area which ranged from Kennett Square north to Mar-

shallton and east into Delaware County as far as Concordville, an area encompassing 35,000 acres or about 54 square miles. On the morning of the battle American forces were in place along the east bank of the Brandywine at Chadds Ford. The British were camped in two locations in what is now Kennett Square Borough. The Hessian Mercenaries were camped near West Sickles Street and English troops were camped around the south end of the Borough. The Hessian General Knyphausen's headquarters were in the Unicorn Tavern on the NE corner of Union and State Streets.

On the morning of the battle, the British Commander, General Howe, sent about 8200 troops under General Cornwallis north on Union Street (Route 82) through Willowdale, continuing north toward Marshallton until they were able to cross the Brandywine. Then they marched south to attack Washington's flank along the eastern bank the Brandywine. The same morning about 6800 troops Under General Knypphausen



ing British column. The British continued to advance east on Route 1 while the American detachment continued to withdraw toward Chadds Ford. There was a continuing exchange of fire along Route 1 until the British reached Chadds Ford and the battle began in earnest.

marched out East State Street onto Route 1 ( then called the Great Nottingham Road) and continued east towards Chadds Ford. At the intersection of Route 1 and Lenape Road (old Route 52) near the Anvil Tavern also known as Welch's Tavern, a small detachment of American Light Infantry Brigade exchanged fire with the front units of the British column. Thus, the first shots exchanged in the battle were in Kennett Township. The American forces continued to withdraw east on Route 1 past Old Kennett Friends Meeting House where they again exchanged fire with the advanc-

This is but a brief summary of the information in the Brandywine Battlefield Preservation Plan which, describes the battle in detail and lists all of the remaining historic structures associated with the battle. The Plan also addresses how the expanded battlefield can be interpreted, preserved and made more accessible to visitors. A copy of the Preservation Plan is available online at <http://www.landscapes2.org/publications/historic/bbpb.cfm> for anyone who would like to learn more about this fascinating piece of our Nation's history in our own back yard.

### Kennett Township Benefits from Red Clay Valley Clean Up

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Clay Valley Clean Up was held on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, and despite the rain several hundred volunteers, including many from Kennett Township, turned out to help with this effort. The Clean Up was co-sponsored by the

Red Clay Valley Association and the Delaware Nature Society, in partnership with Kennett Township and the Kennett Area Park Authority and covered over 70 miles of streams and roadways, much of it in Kennett Township. Wild Birds Unlimited, WSFS, Phillips Mushroom Farms, Exelon, Starbucks Coffee Company and others provided additional support.

Volunteers assembled at Kennett Square's Anson B. Nixon Park, the YMCA Pool and the Ashland Nature Center in Delaware at 8am to receive supplies, route assignments and light refreshments before moving out to their assigned areas.

By Noon, these volunteers collected enough trash to fill four 30 cubic yard dumpsters, which the South Eastern Chester County Refuse Authority (SECCRA) graciously accepted at no charge. Jim Jordan, Executive Director of the Red Clay Valley Association and Chair of the Clean Up said the effort was a huge success thanks to the great volunteer support of all of the individuals and local businesses who participated.

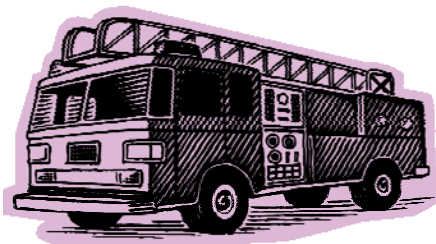
# LONGWOOD FIRE COMPANY NEWS

By A.J. McCarthy, Chief

Since the beginning of the year, the members have been extremely busy with emergency incidents. As we approach the warm weather seasons (hopefully), we would like to take this time to remind our residents of a few safety concerns.

- Never drive through a flooded roadway, even if you can still see a small portion of the road. The dangers of a washout will go unnoticed until it's too late. 6 inches of water can cause your vehicle to lose control and possibly stall. A foot of water can make most cars float.
- Outdoor barbecuing is a popular summer time activity. Please make sure that your grill is at a safe distance from your house and any combustibles, like dry pine needles. It only takes a small flare up to create a large problem.
- As the clocks change so should your smoke detector batteries. Replacing your batteries not only ensures the proper activation for an emergency, it reduces the false alarm calls we receive daily. Check with your alarm company, most detectors have a life expectancy of 7 years.
- Outdoor burning: It is illegal to conduct an outdoor burn in Kennett Township. We actively cooperate with Township

officials when a violation occurs. If you need information on recycling, please see the Township website for additional information.



- Please pay attention to the weather forecast. Last year we were under numerous "red flag" days. This classification notifies us that the environment is at a state that items such as dry brush or grass is extremely flammable. An improperly discarded cigarette could have disastrous effects. If you observe a small outside fire during these days please do not delay notifying 911, it could mean the difference between a small bush on fire or a total loss of your residence.
- In May of 2014 we will host our annual EMS day. Please check in at our website, [www.longwoodfireco.com](http://www.longwoodfireco.com) or our Facebook page for additional details.

In closing, we would like to thank the residents and elected officials of Kennett Township for their continued support. Without your support we simply would not exist.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

By Richard E. Hicks, B.C.O.

The purpose of the Code Enforcement Department is to oversee and regulate all zoning, building construction, property maintenance, and fire safety and prevention standards for Kennett Township and to promote and maintain a safe and desirable living and working environment. Our desire is to help maintain and improve the quality of our community by administering a fair and unbiased compliance to correct issues of municipal codes and land use requirements.



The Code Enforcement Department is responsible for the enforcement of numerous building, zoning fire and safety related codes. If you are building a deck, completing interior structuring that new pool you always wanted, check with the Code Enforcement Department first.

The Code Enforcement Officer would like to remind the residents of Kennett Township that plot plans are required for both building and zoning permit submittal.

Plot plans must have the location of any and all structures including the house, driveway and any other structures (shed, pool, fence, etc.) with the dimensions of each listed. Setback distances are required from all newly installed structures to the adjacent property lines. Also if there are any questions regarding property corner locations, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to either provide a survey plan or accurate corner locations during the required site inspection.

A reminder that Permits are required for all projects including:

- All new construction, additions, alterations and demolitions in residential, commercial and industrial facilities.
- Fences, decks, patios, swimming

pools, storage sheds, tennis courts, and green houses.

- Signs - permanent and temporary (call for specific regulations).
- Plumbing and HVAC repairs and replacements.
- Tank removal and installation.
- Electrical work, (exceptions are minor repair and maintenance).

These are just a few requirements for permitting that are general, please don't hesitate to contact the department with any questions or concerns either building, zoning or property maintenance. It is better to be informed before pursuing a project. Depending on your permit requirements there are attachments specific to that permit with a list of requirements, please follow these requirements in order to expedite the approval process.

# MS4 (Storm Water) Update

By Lisa M. Moore, Manager

We are working on completing all requirements to be in compliance with the PA Department of Environmental Protection's MS 4 requirements by identifying all out falls for storm water. The Township will be adopting a storm water ordinance as required in the near future. Here are some facts on storm water:

Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement, which seeps into the ground and drains collectively called storm water runoff. Storm water becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants as it flows. It travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up the storm sewer systems. Storm water eventually flows directly to a lake, river, stream, wetland or coastal water. The MS4 program is in place to prevent storm water pollution by addressing storm water pollution from construction, new development, illegal dumping and good housekeeping practices. The program will continue to educate the community and get everyone involved in making sure the only thing that storm water contributes to our water is..... **Water!**

### What you can do to help?

Rain by nature is important for replenishing drinking water supplies, recreation and healthy wildlife habitats. It only becomes a problem when pollutants from our activities like car maintenance, lawn care, and dog walking are left on the ground for rain to wash away.

### Here are some helpful tips:

*Properly dispose of hazardous substances such as used oil, cleaning supplies and paint. Never pour them down any part of the storm water system.*

*Use pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.*

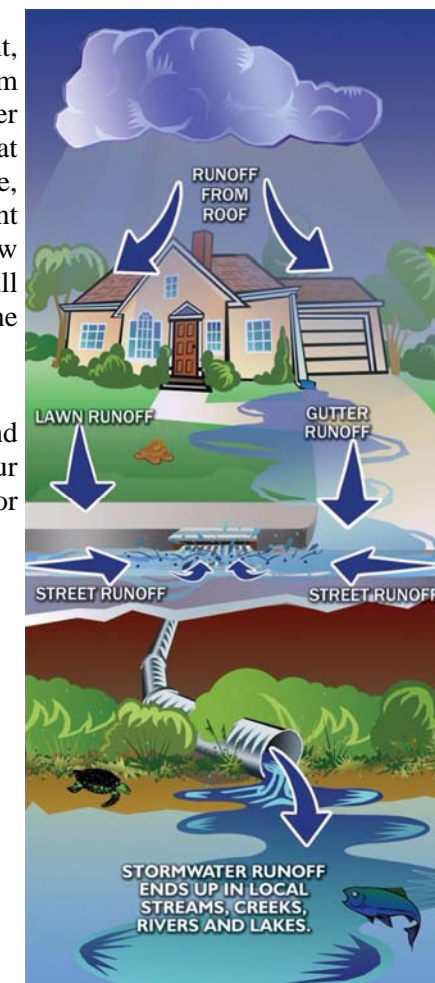
*Look for signs of soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals running off construction sites.*

*Report any discharges from storm water out falls during times of dry weather.*

*Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly.*

*Store materials that could pollute storm water indoors and use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust or leak.*

Please continue to visit our website [Kennett.pa.us](http://Kennett.pa.us) for more updates and educational resources on MS4.



## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

### ALL EMERGENCIES DIAL 9-1-1

#### Non Emergency Contacts:

Kennett Township Police .....	610-388-2874
Longwood Fire Company .....	610-388-6880
<a href="http://www.longwoodfireco.com">www.longwoodfireco.com</a>	
Kennett Fire Company .....	610-444-3473
<a href="http://www.firestation24.com">www.firestation24.com</a>	

#### 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

## Business Advisory Committee

The Business Advisory Committee (“BAC”) was established early 2013 to be of assistance to the Township Manager for financial, policy, and workflow issues. The Committee has already created a capital plan for the Township and a policy on variances. Currently, the Committee is working with the two fire companies, Kennett Fire Company and Longwood Fire Company, to better understand their long-term capital and operational requirements and to determine how best to fund those needs long-term.

Also, the Committee has just initiated an evaluation of a document management and retention system and will be also involved in creating a document retention policy, following the state recommendations, for the Township. In working with the Township Manager, the financial system chart of accounts has been modified to better organize and align revenues with expenses. For example, financial reporting now includes a profitability analysis on all Township managed sewer districts.

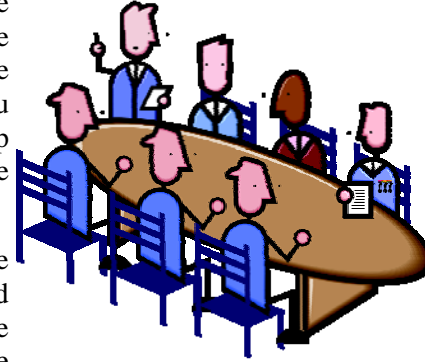
The committee is composed of Bill McLachlan, Chair, Bob Listerman, Michael Guttman and Tom Shorn and meets on the 12<sup>th</sup> of every month or as needed and required by the Township Manager for special projects.

## Communications Committee

Since the last Newsletter, the Communications Committee (“KTCC”) has embarked on a total refresh of the Kennett Township website ([www.kennett.pa.us](http://www.kennett.pa.us)). The new website will have new functionality including a search feature,

translation capability (into Spanish), an events calendar, the Kennett Township checkbook, and continuously updated breaking news stories concerning the Township. We encourage you to visit often to stay up-to-date on Township important issues and events. In addition, the Township eNewsletter is quite active providing critical alerts and news about upcoming Township meetings. During the two large snowstorms, the eNewsletter was very beneficial in providing almost daily updates on storm conditions and power outages. If you have not yet signed up for this newsletter, please visit the Township website and scroll to the bottom of the home page where you will find the sign up form for the eNewsletter.

Late last year the committee finalized the conference room upgrade project which now provides the capability for all major Township meetings to be recorded. The recorded meetings are published to the Township YouTube account and links will be provided within the new website. Looking forward, a new website segment is being produced for the Kennett Township Police Department which will provide updated information on traffic issues, crime data, and answers to common questions, etc. The website should be available within 3 months.



# DEER MANAGEMENT REPORT

By Marlyn Dietz

As reported in the fall Newsletter, the hunting season began early in September and ended this past January 26<sup>th</sup>. We are still getting some numbers back from a few groups but believe we are on the same track as last season with regard to the harvest. The weather clearly played a factor this year. Snow and extreme weather made trips in the field less productive for most hunters. The serious weather issues also limited deer movement; when they did move, they were in large groups. In addition, the early reports were that many residents suffered damage to their landscape when the deer were looking for food as a result of the snow covered woods and fields.

Moving forward, we hope to continue previous partnerships with hunters and property owners as we move through the

summer months and 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 who allow access to their property to reduce deer population.

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

increased permits and more hunting days to help reduce the deer population. We suspect this will continue in the future.

This past season found Officer Mullin and our own Chief Albert McCarthy working with the Deer Management Committee and various



property owners to address any complaints or concerns from neighbors. Outside of a few possible late evening complaints of gunshots, or deer vehicle collisions, we received very few complaints. The ones we did were quickly addressed by our own Kennett Township Police. We appreciate their quick and professional response

to those calls for assistance. 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 would like to remind everyone that we are one of the areas of country with the highest 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.



## Chief's Corner: Police News

**Winter's Fury** - I am sure we are all glad to see spring arrive. Each storm this winter posed a unique set of challenges for Kennett Township. The Police Department assisted the Road Department during the snowstorms. It was the windstorm that affected the Township the most.



Both Longwood and Kennett Fire Companies handled over 30 calls each during the 24 hours of hard wind. Many trees that were brought down started fires that created a fire company response. Downed wires

resulted in an extensive number of homes being without electric and forced many residents to resort to generators. Residents were not familiar with the built-in generators running for that length of time. Others used portable generators. Some of

these caused carbon monoxide gas alarms to sound, causing the fire companies to respond. Many residents were surprised when the fire company and police department arrived at their homes. Carbon monoxide gas is odorless and tasteless. A few residents didn't realize they were suffering its effects.

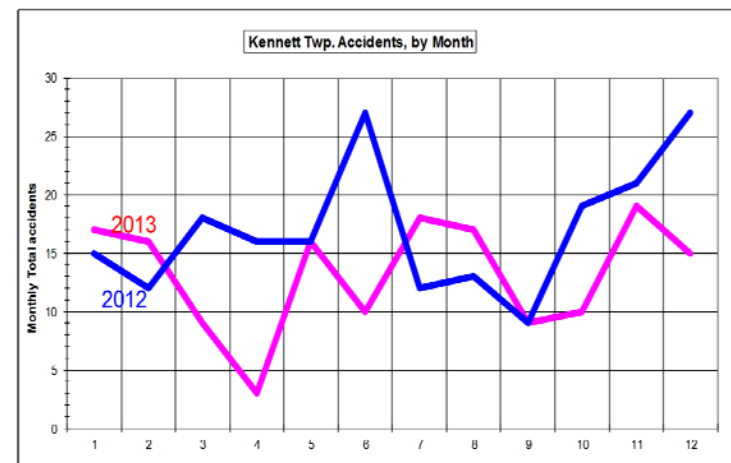
We were fortunate our Road Department monitored the fire company radio and made sure all Township roads remained open for emergency vehicles. The damaging storm and the extensive power outages were a learning experience for all of

us. **Traffic Safety** – Spring is on its way. All of us like to get out and go. This brings extra traffic to Township roads. Analyzing our traffic accidents and erratic driver calls where citations were issued was an indication that there was a need in the Township for action in dealing with these aggressive or erratic drivers who endanger our residents. As a result of this analysis, the Township police are being awarded funds for "Aggressive Driver Enforcement." The police will

target U.S. Route 1, PA Route 52, Hillendale Road and Kaolin Road initially and may move to other local roads.

The Township police are able to focus on more local issues affecting our township. If you see something that concerns you, please take the time to leave us a message. There is now a direct non-emergency phone number for the Township police – 610-388-2874. Thank you to the residents who have already called us. We are partners in continuing the peaceful way of living we have all come to enjoy.

## Auto Accidents Decline Sharply from 2012



In 2012 there were 205 accidents. This number was low as April was under reported. Accidents declined to 159 in 2013, a 22% year over year decrease. There does not appear to be one reason for this decrease. A new traffic light at McFarlan Rd and Rosedale Rd, a new full-time officer, and hopefully safer driving habits all contributed to the lower number. Let's hope 2014 is even lower!

## KENNETT AREA PARK & RECREATION BOARD

By Claire Finfrock, Recreation Coordinator

Kennett Area Park and Recreation Board ("KAPRB") promotes, encourages, and supervises recreational activities in the Kennett Square community. 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.

### KAPRB Programs

- ◇ Coed Adult Softball and Men's Adult Softball Leagues.
- ◇ Boys Lacrosse Program.
- ◇ Girls Lacrosse Program.
- ◇ Summer Camp.
- ◇ Annual Kid's Cross Country Race.
- ◇ Jr. Basketball Program.
- ◇ Spring High School Basketball League.
- ◇ Summer Basketball Clinic.
- ◇ Summer Field Hockey Clinic.
- ◇ Mushroom Festival 5K Race.
- ◇ Soccer Shots Program.
- ◇ Volleyball.

**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 spring we look forward to installing 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](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.

## Anson B. Nixon Park Spring/Summer Events

As spring approaches, volunteers are needed to help clean up the park after a long hard winter. Helpers of all ages are welcome (it is a great family project).

Spring activities include the **Sky Tour** on Saturday April 5. It is weather dependent so check Facebook or <http://www.ccas.us/> for last minute updates. Meet at dusk at the Leto Fields on North Walnut Street.

The 19<sup>th</sup> annual **Trout Rodeo** is scheduled for May 3 from 8 am to 4 pm. A PA fishing license is required for those over 16. The Rodeo is sponsored by Red Clay Valley Association and KAPA. Advance tickets are available at Buck's Hunting (484 720-8317) or at the park the day of the event. Pre-event tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Children under 6 are free.

The Park serves as the finish line for the May 17 **Kennett Run**. All money raised goes to support a wide variety of local charities. Registration is required - [www.kennettrun.net](http://www.kennettrun.net).

Preparations are under way for the new growing season at the **Community Garden**. Garden plots are still available at a very low cost. Contact [steve.deno1@verizon.net](mailto:steve.deno1@verizon.net).

A great lineup is in place for the **2014 Summer Concert series**. Alligator Zydeco opens the season on June 25. Local favorites include Roots Americana—Mark Unrue & Friends, July 2; The Melton Brothers, July 9; Singer/Songwriters Lizanne Knott, Tom Hampton and Jesse Terry, July 16; Swing/Pop – Sin City Band, July 23; Blues - Rolling Thunder, July 30; Dance Party/Soul - Red Alert on August 6. The season closes on August 13 with 'Real Diamond' a Neil Diamond Tribute Band. Lawn seating and food by local restaurants will be available for purchase. All concerts are free and are held rain or shine. We hope to see you there!

On June 6, the **Kennett 55+ Games** are scheduled at the park. Register at the Kennett YMCA. The Tenth annual 1.5 mile **KAPRB Cross Country Run** is set for Thursday July 17. Registration at the Park opens at 6 pm and the race begins at 7. Participation is free to children age 14 and under. Information is available at [www.kaprb.com](http://www.kaprb.com)

¡**Vive tu vida! Get Up! Get Moving!** is set for September 27 from 9 to 2. Everyone is invited to the free Hispanic family health celebration sponsored by La Comunidad Hispana.

The park is open year round and offers many recreational activities. Anson B. Nixon Park is located on North Walnut Street, off State Street in the Borough of Kennett Square. It is open daily from dawn to dusk throughout the year. Picnic pavilions and grills are available for casual use, parking and restrooms are open through the Fall.

Picnic pavilions, volleyball and tennis courts can be reserved by contacting [ansonbnixonpark@gmail.com](mailto:ansonbnixonpark@gmail.com), or at the Borough office, 120 Marshall Street, Kennett Square.

# ROADS UPDATE

By Roger Lysle, Roadmaster

Winter is winding down and by the time you are reading this article it will be over but not forgotten.

As we head outside to inspect our property, we may be overwhelmed by all of the damage done by the ice storm this winter. Many of you have already started hauling limbs to the Township recycle center. We will keep the pile pushed up so you have room to unload your vehicle. Please remember – the hours of operation are Monday thru Saturday, dawn to dusk, and Sunday, 10:00 am to dusk.

Spring is always very busy in Kennett Township after the snow and

ice are gone. Our clean-up begins by sweeping the sub-divisions. This will start the week of April 7<sup>th</sup>. All subdivisions will be swept either by our own road crew or by Riley Sweeping Company. Snow plow guides will be pulled out and put away until next year. Equipment is cleaned, painted, and stored until next year.



Pot holes that have appeared are repaired to prevent more damage to the roads. We use a contractor and manpower

from the Co-Op to crack seal and patch. Roads that are to be paved and surface treated are addressed first.

The summer road work will consist of the paving of Clifton Drive, Whitetail Drive, Cedarwood Lane and a section of Bayard Road. Surface treatment (oil and chip) will be done on Raven Drive, Cold Springs Drive, and Indian Springs Road. Patch repair and pipe replacement is also on the schedule of projects.

Due to safety concerns for our crew and residents, the intersection of Bayard Road and East Hillendale Road will be worked on to improve sight distance. Trees will be removed and banks

will be sloped. Temporary road closings and/or traffic delays may occur during this project. Your patience will be appreciated.

The Red Clay Valley spring clean-up was held on March 29<sup>th</sup>. A special thanks goes out to those volunteers and organizations who worked hard cleaning up Township roads.

A new information board was installed at the recycling center to keep you informed of Township news.

Please contact me at the Township maintenance garage, 610-444-5130, if you have any concerns regarding our roads.

[Roger.Lysle@kennett.pa.us](mailto:Roger.Lysle@kennett.pa.us)

## 2014 REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTION

For your convenience, a representative from Berkheimer Associates, Kennett Township Tax Collector, will be at the Township office, lower level public meeting room, on the following dates to collect the Kennett Township Real Estate Taxes.

**Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – noon**  
**Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – noon**

## 2014 ELECTIONS

**Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 am to 8:00 pm**  
**Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 am to 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 can be obtained at the Township Office. For additional information, call the offices of Voters Registration, 610-344-6410 or email at [www.chesco.org](http://www.chesco.org).

# NOTICES

### A MESSAGE FROM

## KENNETT TOWNSHIP FIRE MARSHAL

By Bruce Mitchell, Fire Marshal/Deputy Chief, Kennett Fire Company

Due to the bad weather and ice storms that we experienced this winter there are a lot of trees and branches down on properties. In order for Emergency Service vehicles to promptly respond if you have an emergency there needs to be adequate clearance when entering your driveways. We ask that you have a minimum of 12' wide and 16' high clearance on your entrance driveway.

Driveways need to be accessible and not over grown. While the trees and shrubs look very nice on your properties, when they become over grown it can be a nuisance to emergency services and hinder our response time. The easier we can get to the situation the quicker we can do our jobs.

House numbers need to be marked and visible for emergency services; these are available at Longwood Fire Company.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

# BAYARD TAYLOR LIBRARY REPORT

By Ivy Noelle Weir, Young Adult Services Coordinator

With the “geek is chic” attitude permeating popular culture in the form of blockbuster Superhero movies and television shows like the *Big Bang Theory*, people who never would have considered reading comics before are starting to pick them up.

At Bayard Taylor, we are staying ahead of this trend by providing a graphic novels section that is well-stocked, current, and easily navigated. This begins with collection development, tracking what’s popular in the comics industry. From there, we label and display the books in a way that is visually appealing and easily understandable: separated by publisher, series title, and author. If a new reader watches *The Avengers* and wants to read the comics that inspired it, they need only find the “A’s” in the Marvel section. We have also built a strong, diverse independent graphic novels section. By consulting lists like the Eisner Award winners and YALSA’s Outstanding Graphic Novel Reads for Teens, we are able to provide our patronage with books that educate and inspire.

Comics are also an excellent way to engage with younger reluctant readers. Easy brand recognition with characters like Superman allows for reluctant readers to get excited about interacting with favorite superheroes. We are working with Daniel Pennacchia, an aid at Greenwood Elementary who specifically focuses on using comics to engage children, to create programming that will attract these lower-band readers.

This summer, our children’s and teen departments are teaming up to create **Superhero Summer**, an array of programs and events that draw from this recent surge in comic book popularity. We are partnering with The Comic Book Shop, a comics retailer in Wilmington, to provide giveaways, movie screenings, and more to our school-age patrons over the course of the summer. These events coincide with the release of four major motion pictures from Marvel Studios. The culmination of this will be our first-ever **Kennett Square Comic Con** in July, including panels, performances, creator signings, costumed characters, and more.

This is a fantastic opportunity to bring new people in, engage with our greater community, and establish the Library as a place that understands and embraces trends.



## 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](mailto:ktnewsletter@kennett.pa.us) with your name and we will include you in the newsletter distribution list.  
Promise: No Spam! And you can unsubscribe anytime.

## Kennett Area Senior Center

By Liz Brown, Member Services Coordinator

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. One of our

family members has this to say about the ASP:

"My wife has always been a very quiet person. At the Kennett Senior Center, the ASP has helped her break out of her shell. The program has lots of different activities and she participates in most of them, if not all. She looks forward to going to the Center three days a week. This allows me time to do the things needed to keep the household running efficiently," -K.S.P. West Grove, PA

The program can support Spanish-speaking

clients. Please contact Francesca Censurato at 610-444-4819 for more information.

## Neighbors in Action

Neighbors in Action (NIA) are growing 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. After a background check, volunteers are enlisted and matched to give rides and help people stay safe and healthy in their homes. More specialized

fee-for service work matches pre-approved, vetted vendors with those that require further assistance.

Helping residents age in place with a little friendly assistance - now that’s building community – that’s Neighbors in Action! Contact Ken Schreffler at 610-444-4819 to see how to become a member or a volunteer.

## Member Services and Programs

Check out some of the center’s current programs: book clubs, Silver Sneakers, Zumba, card games, digital photography, yoga and our popular Friday Night Bingo, to name a few. There’s something for everyone at KASC. See our website: [www.kennettSeniorcenter.org](http://www.kennettSeniorcenter.org), or “Like” us on Facebook for more details.

The center also offers assistance to seniors with questions about Medicare and other programs. One-on-one counseling is available by appointment. 2013 PA Property Tax/Rent Rebate forms are also currently available at KASC. This annual program benefits people age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. Please contact Liz Brown at 610-444-4819 for more information.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

It is important to always monitor the use, storage, and disposal of products containing potentially hazardous substances. Never store hazardous products in food containers; keep them in their original containers and never remove labels. Follow instructions for use and disposal provided on product labels.

### 2014 COLLECTION DATES 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- April 12** CAT Pickering Campus  
1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460
- April 26** Octorara High School  
226 Highland Road, Atglen, PA 19310
- May 17** Owen J. Roberts Middle School  
981 Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA 19465
- June 20** Coatesville 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grade Center  
1425 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320
- September 6** New Garden Township Maintenance Garage  
8934 Gap Newport Road (Route 41), Landenberg, PA 19350
- October 11** Government Services Center  
601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA 19380

**Acceptable E-Waste:** CPUS/Laptop Computers, monitors, printers, copiers (desktop & stand-alone), CRT TVs and non-CRT, answering machines, camcorders, cell phones, docking stations, electric typewriters, fax/copy machines/duplicators, microwaves, radios, pagers, remote controls/gaming consoles, stereo/tape/CD players, telephones & equipment, toner/ink cartridges, VCR/DVD players, testing equipment.

**Not Acceptable E-Waste:** Tires, latex paint, trash, infectious or medical waste, pressurized CFCs & HCFCs, alkaline batteries, fire extinguishers, appliances with Freon, propane-helium tanks; explosives & ammunition, appliances, asbestos, radioactive waste, gas cylinders, and 50 gallon drums.

**NOTE: Maximum amount accepted – 25 gallons or 220 lbs. – no metal drums. Residents only – no businesses or contractors.**

## Single Stream Recycling Guidelines

Recycling chart	What to Recycle	Do Not Include ANY items contaminated by food are not acceptable for recycling
<b>Mixed Paper</b> 	<b>Examples include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mail and envelopes (windows are OK)</li> <li>Magazines and catalogs</li> <li>Writing or ledger paper</li> <li>Paperback books</li> <li>Paper bags</li> <li>Greeting cards</li> <li>Wrapping paper</li> <li>Shredded paper (Place in paper bag)</li> <li>Fax paper</li> <li>Computer paper</li> </ul>	<b>Mixed paper items not acceptable include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mixed paper items not acceptable include:</li> <li>Candy wrappers Waxed or plastic-coated paper</li> <li>Paper towels, facial tissues</li> <li>Wrapping tissue</li> <li>Cigarette packs</li> <li>Foil wrapping paper</li> </ul>
<b>Thin cardboard</b> 	<b>Examples include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shoeboxes</li> <li>Cereal Boxes</li> <li>Pasta Boxes</li> <li>Toilet Paper Rolls</li> <li>Frozen Food Boxes</li> <li>Gift Boxes</li> <li>Cake Mix Boxes</li> <li>Toothpaste Boxes</li> <li>Tissue Boxes</li> <li>Paper Egg Cartons</li> <li>Soda or Beer Packaging</li> <li>Soap or Laundry Detergent Boxes</li> </ul>	<b>Thin cardboard items not acceptable include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boxes with sober or foil coatings</li> <li>Anything dirty, greasy or plastic coated</li> </ul>
<b>Newspapers (including all ads and inserts)</b> 		
<b>Corrugated Cardboard</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boxes and other corrugated cardboard should be flattened and folded so they fit in the cart.</li> <li>Pizza boxes (with greasy liner removed)</li> </ul>	<b>Corrugated cardboard items not acceptable include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dirty or greasy cardboard</li> </ul>
<b>Tin/aluminum, scrap metal</b> 	<b>Examples Include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aluminum and tin cans</li> <li>Foil and pie plates</li> <li>Wire clothes hangers</li> <li>Empty steel aerosol cans</li> </ul>	<b>Tin/aluminum, scrap metal items not acceptable include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scrap metal</li> <li>Paint cans</li> <li>Hypodermic needles (please contact the health department for proper disposal information)</li> </ul>
<b>Glass bottles and jars</b> 	<b>Examples include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mayonnaise jars</li> <li>Wine bottles</li> <li>Beer bottles</li> <li>Applesauce jars</li> <li>Spaghetti sauce jars</li> <li>Salsa jars</li> <li>Vinegar bottles</li> <li>Baby food jars</li> </ul>	<b>Glass bottles and jars not acceptable include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Broken glass</li> <li>Cups, dishes, glass windows, plates, Pyrex, ceramics, mirrors, light bulbs, crystal</li> </ul>
<b>Plastic bottles, jugs and containers</b> 	<b>This includes all rigid plastic containers with symbols 1 through 7 on the bottom; examples include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Soda and juice bottles</li> <li>Salad dressing bottles</li> <li>Milk jugs</li> <li>Detergent bottles</li> <li>Juice bottles</li> <li>Shampoo bottles</li> <li>Window cleaner</li> <li>Saline solution bottles</li> <li>Fabric softener or bleach bottles</li> </ul>	<b>Plastic bottles, jugs not acceptable include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plastic shopping bags</li> <li>Plastic food wrap, potato chip and sandwich bags</li> <li>Styrofoam®</li> <li>Automotive fluid bottles (oil, anti-freeze, brake fluid)</li> </ul>
<b>Milk cartons, drink boxes</b> 	<b>Examples include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Milk and juice cartons</li> <li>Juice boxes</li> <li>Flavored milk boxes</li> <li>Cream and creamer containers</li> </ul>	<b>Milk cartons, drink box items not acceptable include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ice cream boxes</li> <li>TV dinner containers</li> <li>Margarine boxes</li> <li>Cream cheese boxes</li> </ul>

### Container Preparation

- 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.
- 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.