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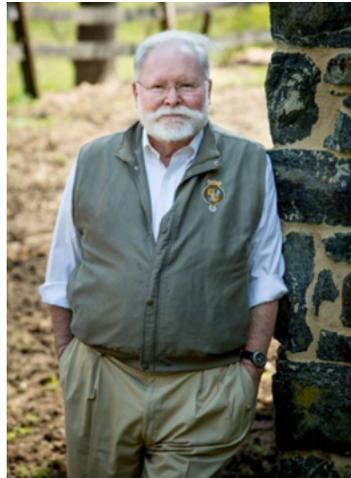
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A Little About Me

Geoffrey Gamble, Esq.

During the recent campaign, many people asked me what my political philosophy was. It can best be described by a profile someone recently shared with me:



On the National level I am a Conservative Republican.

On the State level I am a Libertarian. From my days on the School Board, and endless state unfunded mandates, I think the less the Commonwealth interferes with us the better.

On the Township level, I could easily be a Democrat, because I share in many of their goals, such as Open Space and the Kennett Greenway, but these need to be achieved in a fiscally responsible way.

On the Neighborhood level I am probably a Socialist - we share food up and down the lane on which we live.

On my Family level, I could be described as a Communist, because I share everything with the members of my family.

I think most of us probably fit this profile to some degree regardless of the national political party we may belong to.

Now, by any definition I am also old. About a year ago when I announced my candidacy for Supervisor, I had breakfast with Liz Swain who is very active in our Township and a longtime colleague and friend. She asked me if I was out of my mind. The answer is probably yes. I had been deathly ill with the Corona Virus for over a month and didn't even begin to feel well until the middle of February last year, but I came to the conclusion that God did not spare me just to sit in a rocking chair for my remaining days, so here I am.

Pennsylvania law says that Supervisors have a legal obligation and responsibility to vote. I believe they also have a moral obligation to learn and to listen. I promise you that I shall listen with understanding, but not always with agreement, and if we disagree, I'll tell you why.

Just so you know, I hate acronyms and I think committee meetings that go more than an hour are a waste of time. I am reminded of Congressman Moe Udall who, when asked if his committee would break for lunch, responded: "Let me put it this way, everything has been said but not everybody has said it."

Between the theft and COVID, this Township has been through trauma. I am probably one of the very few residents of this Township who has ever killed anybody. It was in the Vietnam War a long time ago in another part of the world. I know what Post Traumatic Stress is, and this town and many of its people have PTSD in abundance. It takes work to heal.

So how do we do it? The German philosopher Hegel once observed that: "the only enduring lesson of history is that nobody ever learns the lessons of history."

Some of my ancestors were Quakers. From one of them I have a small book. It is very old and entitled 'Rules of Discipline'. The passage I quote below was written in 1696, and so would have been familiar to Kennett's first Quaker inhabitants in 1704. The language may be a bit archaic, but the message is clear, and it gives us some guidelines about dealing with our

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Chairman's Corner

Dr. Richard L. Leff, Chair



Welcome to our Spring 2022 Newsletter. On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, we hope you enjoy the contents within as we give a review of the past few months, a glimpse of what is to come, and highlight some of the amazing work being done in our community.

Thankfully, new infection rates and hospitalizations from COVID are very low, but just a few months ago hospitals in our area were nearly full. If you visited our Township building recently, you may have noticed that masks are now optional. Please feel free to wear one, as many people, even those vaccinated, prefer to do so when around others not in their household. We know that COVID changes and can produce variants (Alpha and Delta in 2021 and Omicron in 2022). We will continue to adapt our operations to those changing circumstances as necessary.

The Board of Supervisors continues to be available to you either directly via email or phone call, or during our twice monthly meetings. Our meetings are hybrid, so you can attend virtually via Zoom or in person at the Township building. We plan to upgrade our teleconferencing capabilities later this year to continue to improve our ability to engage and communicate with you via convenient and safe means.

The involvement of our community in the governing process continues to be vital and appreciated. Please do not hesitate to be in touch with us or participate in your government.

We hope that you will find this Newsletter to be informative and engaging as we strive to keep the community informed of the activities of your government.

Dr. Richard Leff
Chair

2022 Public Meeting Schedule

All meetings are being conducted both in person in the Public Meeting Room at the Township Building as well as virtually via Zoom. Agendas for these meetings include the Zoom link and are available on our website (www.kennett.pa.us/legendacenter) at least 24 hours before the meeting.

Board of Supervisors

1st & 3rd Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)

4th Tuesday of the month 7:00 p.m.

Historical Commission

1st Thursday of the month 7:00 p.m.

Land Conservation Advisory Committee

Will meet in Executive Session (not a public meeting) the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Work Session

1st Tuesday of the month 7:00 p.m. - Work Session
2nd Tuesday of the month 7:00 p.m. - Public Meeting

Trials & Sidewalks Committee

1st Tuesday of the month 1:00 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board

As Needed

2022 Holiday Schedule

The Township Building will be closed on the following:

May 17 - Primary Election Day

May 30 - Memorial Day

July 4 - Independence Day

September 5 - Labor Day

November 8 - General Election

November 11 - Veterans Day

November 24 & 25 - Thanksgiving

December 23 & 26 - Christmas (Observed)

December 30 - New Year's Eve (Observed)

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From the Manager

Eden R. Ratliff



Our community is never without excitement and activity. I love the Kennett area for many reasons including the intentional work done by and with local nonprofits and volunteers to accomplish our goals and better our community. Wherever you turn, engaged citizens are working hard to better our community for generations to come.

The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County (TLC) strategically partners with landowners and local governments like Kennett to preserve open space. Just recently, they permanently protected 107 acres of Kennett Township with two new conservation easements.

Longwood and Kennett Fire Companies are developing new response strategies to enhance emergency service delivery while faced with dwindling resources and a crisis-level volunteer shortage.

Kennett Trails Alliance is partnering with Kennett Township to design and engineer the western rim of the Kennett Greenway on Chandler Mill Road. Throughout the Borough, they are putting in place demonstration parks and trails to showcase what connectivity can look like.

Kennett Collaborative continually works to make downtown thrive on our main streets with economic development, Kennett Area Park Authority has exciting summer programming for all to enjoy, and the Kennett Library is building a new library to serve the growing needs of our community.

In addition to the intentional partnerships listed above, I have worked hard over the last two and a half years to professionalize our team, who helped recover more than \$2.5M in funds embezzled by the former Township Manager. So what is next?

In 2022, the Board of Supervisors and I will be studying the Township Committee structure put in place over 10 years ago. We have many wonderful volunteers who do great work for the Township. However, we want to know if the structure is enabling the governing process of the Board and whether it is inclusive of the entire Township. We are asking questions like, does our Township Committee structure aid or hinder the bureaucracy? Do we have too many committees? Too few? Can some be combined? Are we missing critical topic areas?

Additionally this year, we are conducting a thorough review of our employee personnel policies. These include topics like various kinds of leave, benefits, employee conduct and ethics, conflict of interests, job descriptions, and more. This is critical for the success of both our employees and the Township.

These two priorities of the Board may not produce the major headlines the past two years have seen, but this work is just as important. The Board, myself, and my staff look forward to continuing to lead Kennett Township into the future, and we all feel it is an honor to do so. Thank you for that privilege.

Eden R. Ratliff

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municipal angst:

"...watch against all tale-bearing and defaming friends or others, or evil-speaking tending thereunto;... Be kind and tender hearted one to another, earnestly laboring for universal love, union, and peace..."

In the more than 320 years since this was penned, there is still wisdom here. How do we apply it today? First, we need to slow down. This Township is running a warp speed with many stressful issues being juggled in the air. We need to take the time to do things right. We need to develop consensus, and ideally collaboration, around the important issues that we face. Consensus entails compromise. Compromise is not a weak word; it is essential to any meaningful progress.

We should demand outstanding performance from our Township staff, but we also need to give them a fair measure of office tranquility to achieve their goals. While I have questions about the size of the Township bureaucracy, my assessment after four months is that we have an outstanding staff, as individuals, at every level, starting with the Township Manager, Eden Ratliff, who is very capable and possesses a vast knowledge of municipal law and regulations. We must remember that the staff carry out the policies and wishes of the Board of Supervisors. If something goes wrong, don't blame the staff, blame the Supervisors!

No one person, no matter how brilliant, has all the answers. While walking through European villages and towns, the Swiss abstract artist Paul Klee came to a revelation. It dawned on him that there is a collective genius that put these villages together. One that transcended any individual or even any single generation.

Kennett Township has been in existence for more than three centuries and will be here long after we have gone. We must work to add to our own collective municipal genius, not destroy it by willful obfuscation. We need to stop disrespecting our political opponents. Over the past several decades, a coarseness has crept into our public discourse at the national level and has trickled down to us. This is not part of our Township tradition. It is an alien virus and should be treated that way. We can and should disagree, but we should never be disagreeable in the process.

Lastly, I want to express my gratitude to the past Board of Supervisors and the Township staff who have been so generous with their time bringing me up to speed. This was especially true of Whitney Hoffman, my opponent, who was as gracious as she was kind. As a Republican, I am obviously I am in the minority party among the current Supervisors, but I have every confidence that we shall work together for the benefit of Kennett. Both of my current Democrat colleagues are very talented and experienced men, and have much to offer in their unique ways.

Let me conclude with a promise to you that I shall always put what I perceive to be the Township's best interests first.

Geoffrey Gamble, Esq.

Finance & HR

Amy Heinrich, Director of Finance & HR

AUDIT UPDATE

In 2019, Maillie LLP (Maillie) was hired as the new auditor for Kennett Township. While their main purpose is to express opinions as to whether Kennett Township's basic financial statements are fairly presented, their findings can be broken down into two parts. The first part, which is usually thought of when conducting an audit, is finding material misstatement of the financial statements. The second is to assess whether there are material weaknesses in accounting policies and procedures which could increase the risk of material misstatement.

Maillie performed their first Kennett Township audit for 2019 and, as expected due to the known previous practices, found both misstatements and weaknesses. There were eight material weaknesses and two other recommendations. The 2020 audit findings show substantial improvement but still contain a qualified opinion, two material weaknesses and two other recommendations. Since there is a lag on audit findings, we still expected these findings on the 2020 audit. The immediate issues were stopped as soon as the fraud was discovered but true remediation required a full and experienced finance team, a revamp of process, and a new General Ledger system called Sage Intacct. This began when I joined in October of 2019 but is very extensive and continues to this day. The Maillie partner responsible for our audit has presented these results directly to the Board and public at two regular public Board meetings. I have also discussed our corrective actions and new controls. All audit results, meeting recordings, minutes and materials can be found on our website.

2020 AUDIT RESULTS

Maillie issued a Qualified Opinion on our 2020 financial statements. It is only qualified due to the absence of an accounting of General Fixed Assets. The Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) standard is based on depreciating from purchase price. We need an updated comprehensive inventory and asset schedule. We were unable to find the previous records internally but are in touch with a valuation company that did a valuation a number of years ago and will be engaged to update accordingly.

The first material weakness cited by Maillie for 2020 is the "Investigation into Activities of Prior Township Manager". The investigation of fraudulent activity and the recovery of funds was ongoing in 2020. These expenses are recorded in 482.00 Judgements and Losses, which is the reason this item is cited. There is not an ongoing weakness in current controls. While the investigation is over and Lisa Moore plead guilty and is incarcerated, the recovery efforts continue. If the costs are material, this item may appear for another year.

The second material weakness is for Escrow funds related to development projects. The escrow records were not complete, nor did we trust the accuracy of what existed from prior management. A thorough review was performed of each escrow account. This process took a substantial effort and continued into 2021. It was the primary cause for the delayed 2020 audit and financials. Most amounts owed by developers have been paid. Processes are now in place to ensure accurate and timely reporting and re-billing of escrow accounts. Further process enhancement via Sage Intacct is under research.

The first "other recommendation" made by Maillie relates to the sewer billing process. Almost all of the items noted by Maillie for sewer billing have been rectified. We are continuing to map the entire sewer system vs. billing accounts to ensure all users are billed appropriately. We are working with our Public Works Department, the Borough of Kennett Square, Chester Water Authority, and AECOM, our engineering firm, to address all issues. We are now issuing sewer bills on a timely basis but please note that there is a natural lag of about 6 weeks after each quarter-end given that most accounts are billed based on volumes.

Lastly, Maillie recommended a set of materials to be received by the Board. We have continuously improved the set of management reports that the Board and the public get every month. You can find them on our website. We include balance sheets, income statements along with views vs. budget, prior year and by department. The Board also has access to dynamic dashboards to drill into supporting details. The only item we had not implemented is a report on every individual revenue receipt given its length, but we have begun distributing it as requested.

We have conducted many detailed reviews of balance sheet line items to ensure the accuracy of our entire balance sheet. While we are still validating some liabilities, they are relatively immaterial, and we expect the 2021 audit to proceed much more quickly. The new General Ledger also includes back-up attachments for every entry which will make the audit processes substantially more efficient. However, we have been on a multi-year transition to align our accounting practices, annual report and financial statements with the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and associated modified accrual accounting. The 2021 audit output will reflect the new annual report format including a Management Discussion and Analysis and a full set of financial statements and footnotes. This is a large project for both our auditors and internal team. Despite the additional effort, we aim for completion by the fall of 2022, much ahead of the audit schedule for the last two years.

HUMAN RESOURCES

On the Human Resources front, we are making significant progress with our HR policies and continue to present drafts to the Board for feedback. We are close to finishing a few key policies and looking forward to presenting the Board with the next set of policies to review. We are also working with our pension administrator to make required updates to our pension plan documents and have shared those drafts with the Board. Primarily due to departures and retirements, we currently have four open positions in the Township including the Director of Public Works, a Public Works Department Operator, a Police Administrative Assistant, and a Planner for the Planning & Zoning Department. Details are on our website at www.kennett.pa.us/258/Job-Openings.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

We have included a Balance Sheet (to the right) and Revenue and Expense Statement for the General Fund (below), which is our primary operating fund. Given that we are only through first quarter of 2022, it is too early to assess the performance for the year. Our highest revenue months are April and May due to seasonality of both Real Estate taxes and Earned Income Tax. Variances vs. prior year and year-to-date budget are primarily due to normal variation in our expenses across months.

YTD Balance Sheet

General Fund	
As of	
03/31/2022	
Actual	
▼ Assets	
▶ Current Assets	5,332,660
▶ Interfund Due from	34,173
Total Assets	5,366,833
▼ Liabilities and Net Assets	
▼ Liabilities	
▶ Short-term Liabilities	60,795
▶ Long Term Liabilities	0
▶ Interfund Due to	1,327,443
Total Liabilities	1,388,238
▶ Net Assets	3,978,595
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	5,366,833

General Fund Revenue and Expense Statement

	Year To Date 03/31/2022 Actual	Year To Date 03/31/2022 YTD Budget	Prior YTD 03/31/2021 Actual
▼ Net income			
▼ Revenue			
▶ Taxes	1,409,039	1,541,606	1,426,602
▶ Fees, Fines, Grants, Interest	203,931	122,756	196,213
Total Revenue	1,612,970	1,664,362	1,622,815
▼ Expense			
▶ Salaries & Benefits	903,747	897,332	809,819
▶ Maintenance & Operations	75,191	205,756	126,382
▶ Contracted/ Professional Services	173,411	187,700	160,742
▶ Community & Economic Development	21,050	23,035	93,827
▶ Fire & Ambulance	195,308	188,934	139,748
▶ Fraud Investigation	30,903	0	14,662
Total Expense	1,399,610	1,502,757	1,345,180
Total Net income	213,360	161,605	277,635

Planning & Zoning

Diane Hicks, Director of Planning & Zoning

Plans currently under review by the Planning Commission include the following:

Parkside – Zoned BP, the parcels are proposed to be developed in accordance with the Mixed-Use Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND-1) Option provided in Article XIII – BP Business Park Zoning District of the Zoning Ordinance. The proposed development includes 91 dwellings (including both single-family and townhome dwellings), three commercial/retail uses and six apartment buildings containing 12-15 apartments each (78 total), as well as detached garages. The proposed improvements are located on the east side of Walnut Road and immediately south of U.S. Route 1 (S.R. 0001). Public sewer and public water are proposed to serve the intended buildings. Access to the site will be provided through two entrances located along Walnut Road.

Palita Automotive – Zoned BP, the plan proposes the expansion of an existing automotive garage. The previous non-conforming use of an automotive garage is to be continued. The plan indicates the proposed building is to be serviced through public sewer and public water. The project parcel is located at 711 E. Baltimore Pike. Access to the site will continue to be provided to the site via East Baltimore Pike.

Smith Property – Zoned R4, this property is located on the south side of Rosedale Road, west of McFarland Road. Utilizing the Planned Neighborhood design, the development of 72 Single Family Residential homes and 30 guest parking spaces is to be serviced by public water and sewer. This project received conditional approval from the Board of Supervisors on December 16, 2020.

Kendal Longwood Health Center – The Planning Commission reviewed a sketch plan for the proposed construction of a 32,200 square foot institutional building addition. The project site is in the R-4 Residential zoning district, no new sewage disposal or water supply is proposed.

Plans approved by the Board of Supervisors include the following:

McGrory – Zoned LI - Light Industrial, the project proposes to construct an office building with associated improvements on UPI No. 62-4-218.2B (2.623 acres) located at 580 Rosedale Road. The project site is known as Lot 1 as depicted on the Final Land Development Plan entitled Flex Space/Office Park, dated April 12, 2001, and last revised June 6, 2001 (Approved Plan). The Approved Plan was signed by the Township and recorded in 2003 and the work comprises the completion of that project.

Eagle Energy – The Plan proposes to construct a 4,200 square foot medical marijuana dispensary with two associated parking areas on UPI # 62-3-70, located in the C - Commercial Zoning District and contains 0.72 acres. The proposed improvements are located at 716 W. Baltimore Pike (SR 3046). The proposed building will be serviced through public water and sewer. Access to the site will be provided via existing entrances to both W. Baltimore Pike and West Cypress Street through a private lane located on UPI # 62-3-69. This plan received approval on November 17, 2021.

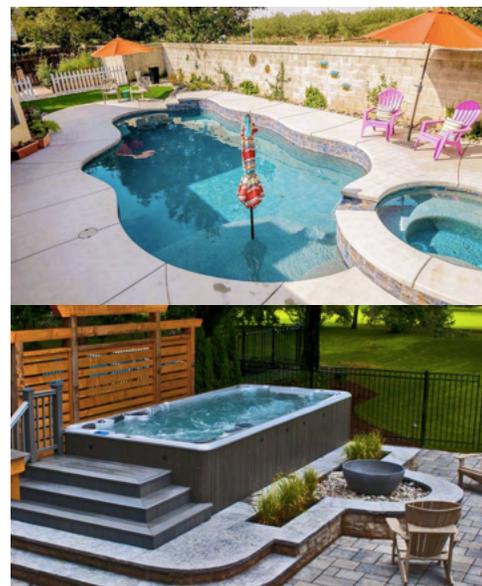
Sheedy – The Subdivision Plan proposes a lot line revision between 947 Sills Mill Road (Parcel B) and 949 Sills Mill Road (Parcel A), located in the R-2 Zoning District. The project proposes to remove (0.381 acres) from Parcel A (new lot area 2.006 acres) to be added to Parcel B (new lot area 3.154 acres). Each parcel currently contains an existing dwelling and driveway via a shared driveway easement located on UPI # 62-4-156 onto Sills Mill Road.

Putting in a pool, spa, or hot tub?

For the safety of all residents, building and zoning permits are required prior to the construction and installation of any in-ground or above ground pool, hot tub, or spa.

There are very specific regulations for the fencing and gates that must be installed as well. A swimming pool by definition is a structure intended for swimming that contains water over a depth of twenty-four (24) inches. Permit applications for a swimming pool must include a plot plan along with fence and gate information. Permit applications for hot tubs and spas must include a plot plan and information on lockable covers. Equally important is conforming with the Kennett Township zoning ordinance as it relates to setbacks, lot area coverage, and fencing.

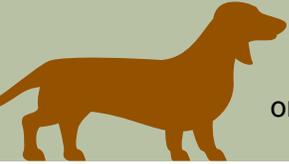
Applications are available on the Township website (www.kennett.pa.us/279/Forms-Permits) or at the Township office. Call the Permits Department at 610-388-1300 with any questions. Always check with the office before work begins on any project.



Kennett Township Good Neighbor Spring Reminders



- Grass over 12" high and not maintained is in violation of the Township Ordinance. If this is the open space maintained by your Homeowner's Association, please call them directly to correct this violation. Residential and Commercial owners of property are responsible to maintain their property at all times.
- Vehicles which are not currently licensed and inspected or which are inoperable are not permitted on any residential lot unless garaged.
- Residents are reminded that garbage should be placed at the curb in approved containers prior to 6:00 a.m. on collection day but not more than 24 hours prior to pickup.
 - All dogs must be under control and must not be allowed to run at large.
 - Dogs are personal property, and owners are responsible for damages caused by their dog. It is illegal to mistreat or abuse any animal. Violations should be reported to a local humane organization or the police.



Be a Good Stormwater Neighbor

By Christina Kundrat, Brandywine Red Clay Alliance, Watershed Conservation Intern, www.brandywineredclay.org

In recent years, flooding has become increasingly dangerous and devastating in Chester County and across the country. In fact, *flooding* is the most prevalent natural disaster in Pennsylvania, causing over \$1 million worth of property damage annually. Chester county has 2,300 miles of streams and around 250 problem areas of known flooding. Many smaller flooding issues cause erosion and flooded basements on residential properties. Although these statistics are alarming, there are ways residents can help prevent flooding and be good stormwater neighbors to each other.



Being a good *stormwater neighbor* means carrying out practices on your property to help mitigate flooding, while not disrupting the property and boundaries of your neighbors. The most important thing to remember is that stormwater does not follow property lines. Even if you and your neighbors have fences the outflow of water will go wherever it wants. This can lead to neighbor disputes, which should be handled with cooperation and open communication. To avoid conflicts, familiarize yourself with how rainwater and snow melt flow onto your property. Look for entrances, exits and problem areas where flooding occurs. Flow should be redirected into vegetated areas that slow down the water and infiltrate water and pollutants. If you live near a stream, drainage swale, or pond, you can plant a riparian buffer along the edge of the water. This will prevent erosion on your property and improve water quality.

An easy place to start is to ensure that all the existing stormwater structures on your property are functioning properly. Check if drains from driveways and downspouts are clear of debris and flowing properly. Make sure not to hose off pathways and try sweeping instead, so debris doesn't flow into your drains. Clean stormwater grates in front of your home after cutting the grass or raking leaves.



Yard waste blocks stormwater grates and reduces oxygen in the water which causes dead zones. Finally, be sure that culverts are not blocked by trash or woody debris.

Some other techniques to try *at home* include planting rain gardens, installing rain barrels and creating dry wells to infiltrate water to recharge groundwater. Simple practices, maintenance and repairs like these can go a long way to reduce flooding on your property. If your community works together, flood prevention is possible.

To learn more about what you can do at home visit www.cwmp.org and check out the up to date *calendar* of events, webinars and more.

Contact Amy Ferris for more information about stormwater management in Kennett Township.

Public Works

PJ Groff, Interim Director of Public Works

SPRING IS HERE. Our Road Crew serviced and cleaned all winter equipment and put plows and spreaders in storage for the summer months. Expect to see the Crews out in the coming weeks to finish removing plow posts and repairing any damage done by the plows. The first round of weekly mowing has finished up. We have serviced our big tractors and will be ready for our first road bank mowing in the end of May.

The big dog park at Barkingfield is closed for reseeding. Once the grass has grown in, we will close the small fenced park for the same process. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE clean up after your animals, even on the trails outside of the fenced parks. We will be installing more dog waste dispensers/trash cans to help with these issues.

The township's Public Works Department again assisted with the annual Red Clay Valley Clean Up Day on March 26, 2022. Road Crews cleaned up full trash bags that volunteers collected and left on the side of the road to be brought to a collection site. A HUGE shout out goes to the almost 800 volunteers that gave their time to make this such a great day to clean up the community.

The Crew conducted a training to simulate a pump station failure. Trainings like these are very important to brush up on skills that we do not use on a daily basis. Two more are scheduled later this year.

The Summer will be very busy for us. Inlet boxes and cross pipes must be repaired and replaced to get ready for the following 2022 paving projects:

Paving: Burrows Run Rd from Norway to Kennett Pk; Rosedale Rd from Bayard to McFarland Rd will be widened from 19' to 21'

Resurfacing: Hillingham Ct/Clayton Ct; South Ridge Dr

Surface Seal: Bayard Rd from Canterbury Dr to E Hillendale Rd; E Hillendale Rd from Bayard Rd to Rosedale Rd

Thank you to the residents for your patience and cooperation in the winter with the snow/ice storms. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us at the Public Works Garage - 610-444-5130.



Kennett Township Police Department

Matthew Gordon, Chief of Police



It seems that Spring has finally arrived. As the days get warmer and longer, we typically see an uptick in motor vehicle violations such as driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances. We ask you to do the right thing: please do not drink and drive. Use a designated driver if you know you are going to drink. There are also taxis, Ubers, and Lyft car services available to get you home safely.

When the weather gets warmer, we also see an increase in motor vehicle crashes due to driving over the speed limit, using electronic devices, and inattentive driving arising from things like talking with other passengers, unrestrained pets, etc. Driving is a full-time job and responsibility. Please give it your undivided attention.

It will not be long before school is out and we see an increase in foot and bike traffic. We all know that kids are not always aware of their surroundings or possible hazards. Driving defensively is actually a skill that we urge all of our motor vehicle operators to use. Please exercise caution on all of our roadways, both the heavily traveled and the rural streets in our Township.

To our cyclist friends and neighbors, when riding your bikes on the roadways please be aware that you too are bound by the motor vehicle laws. Bicyclists are required to stop at red lights and stop at stop signs. We urge you to wear helmets, wear bright and reflective clothing, as well as use lights and strobes on your bikes to make yourself seen long before a motor vehicle gets close to you.

To all of our home owners and neighbors, please look out for each other. Warm weather allows us to open doors and windows of our homes and vehicles. If you see vehicles or persons that seem suspicious, please call the police. Many burglars favor daytime break ins, especially as COVID-19 restrictions lift and more people are going back to work and on vacation.

If you are going on vacation and would like the police to perform extra patrols while you are away, you can find a form on our website which will notify us as well as give you tips on what to do before leaving home.

On a personal note, we here at KTPD are saying goodbye to Elizabeth (Liz) Hutchins, our Police Administrative Assistant. Liz recently gave birth to her twin sons, Will (left) and Emery (right), and has chosen to concentrate her efforts to be the best Mom in the world. Thank you, Liz, for everything you did for us at KTPD. Your hard work on our behalf did not go unnoticed. Good luck with everything you do moving forward.



Sincerely,
Matthew Gordon
Chief of Police

The Kennett Township Seal Explained

The Commonwealth, every county, and a significant majority of Pennsylvania townships have a coat of arms or seal to represent it. Over the years, Kennett Township has used various symbols, but they have looked more like letterheads than a proper seal. In January, the Supervisors agreed that the primary symbol for the Township should be the American Sycamore for the reasons explained below.

In designing a coat of arms and seal, we received, free of charge, assistance from heraldic experts both in the USA and in Great Britain. We reviewed more than forty options and then presented four of them to Township residents for their preferences and opinions. After hearing from all interested parties, and taking into account some of their upgrades, the Supervisors agreed to the elements in the illustrated Seal pictured below.

The Seal will come into use incrementally in order to save money. That is, when such items as business cards, stationery, or larger signage would normally be replaced, that is when the new Seal would be employed.

ARMS: The American Sycamore tree is found all over the Township and can be recognized by its white branches and mottled trunk. A large one stands beside the Township building. In colonial times sycamores were planted by streams to indicate drinkable water and, indeed, many are still to be found along the Red Clay Creek today. The Arms of the Township feature shield with three sycamore leaves “in pall,” that is flaring out from a center point in the counterchanged colors of green and white. The three leaves indicate the three centuries that the Township has been in existence. The color, green, is reminiscent of the primary color of the coat off arms of Kennet in Wiltshire, England, for whom our Township was named.

CREST: The Crest on a wreath at the top of the shield consists of a depiction of the Old Kennett Meeting House in front of two flags - the 1777 American and British banners. Behind all is a rising sun. This reminds us that the Battle of the Brandywine - the largest battle of the American Revolution - began in Kennett Township. The rising sun represents a new dawn of freedom for those who used the Underground Railway and found their way to the Kennett Meeting House and to other homes of abolitionist Quaker families.

SEAL: The Township Seal consists of the Arms and Crest between two wavy red ribbons symbolizing the two branches of the Red Clay Creek which runs through the Township. They are joined at the bottom to a small red oval with a mushroom on it. This is a reference to Kennett’s signature industry. On the circular band surrounding the Arms are the words, “KENNETT TOWNSHIP,” and at the bottom the year, “1704,” indicating the year the Township was established. Between the words at the top is a keystone indicating that our Township is in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

FLAG: The Flag of the Township is a square heraldic banner of varying size containing its Arms - the three sycamore leaves.

Pictured above is a rough sketch showing what the Seal will look like. We are in the process of having this designed by a professional and look forward to sharing that with you soon!



Kennett Township Historical Commission — On the Move



The history and development of Kennett Township is identified through broad themes, which illuminate and illustrate significant local historic events. Our historic resources are a testimony to these themes and events, and Kennett Township takes pride in the protection of its historically rural landscape. Despite changes from development, the Township is making significant strides to preserve the remaining rural sections and resources of the Township. In furtherance of these values, the Township has initiated many efforts to protect the historic resources and landscapes that define the Township.

This includes updating the Township-wide Historic Resources Survey that was last completed in 2010. Historic resources are defined as sites, structures, buildings, objects, and districts possessing a quality of significance and a measure of integrity, which makes them worthy of protection and preservation. In coming months, members of the Kennett Township Historical Commission will be out in the Township, conducting an updated survey of our historic properties. This effort is important for preserving and protecting our historical and cultural resources, and we hope the community will welcome and support our Historical Commission members in updating the Township records. We hope to observe most of the properties from a curb-side location, but please don't hesitate to say hello if you see us in your area; we would enjoy meeting you.

TLC to Merge Into BRC

Abbie Kessler, Executive Director of TLC & Advisor to the Land Conservation Advisory Committee (LCAC)



Spring has long been associated with new life and growth and so it is appropriate that spring is when the merger of The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County (TLC) into Brandywine Red Clay Alliance (BRC) was announced and will take place. As Kennett residents, many of you know the long history of TLC with its beginnings as the Kennett Township Land Trust in 1995 and its later expansion into the broader region of Southern Chester County. As TLC moves forward, the organization has chosen to merge with BRC, a historic watershed organization with a strong environmental education programs that complements and expands the land protection and stewardship work that TLC focuses on. Any TLC memberships will transfer to BRC.

TLC's land protection work will continue under the merged Brandywine Red Clay Alliance entity and all TLC preserves will remain open to the public. BRC will continue to work with Kennett's Land Conservation Advisory Committee (LCAC) to help Kennett achieve its land protection goals wherever possible. BRC will manage all Kennett area preserves and visitors should see minimal changes to the properties outside of signage updates.

TLC's responsibilities to the land and our conservation easements will not change and will be carried out by BRC with TLC's land protection staff continuing in their duties post-merger. All updated contact information will be available on the Brandywine Red Clay Alliance website upon the completion of the merger at the end of April.

About Brandywine Red Clay Alliance:

Brandywine Red Clay Alliance, originally founded as Brandywine Valley Association, was formed in 1945 by a group of local citizens from the West Chester and Wilmington areas who were concerned about the water quality in their community. Seven years later, in 1952, the Red Clay Valley Association followed in its footsteps, and in 2015, Brandywine Valley Association and Red Clay Valley Association merged to form the Brandywine Red Clay Alliance.

The mission of BRC is to promote the restoration, conservation, and enjoyment of the natural resources of the Brandywine and Red Clay watersheds through education, scientific activities, environmental stewardship, and advocacy.

BRC's goal is a three-pronged mission: to make sure that the local waterways are drinkable, swimmable, and fishable; introduce and educate youth about their natural environment; and preserve and protect natural areas for the highest level of biodiversity while maintaining public access.

Land preservation is an important strategy at BRC for protecting open space to improve water quality, wildlife habitat, and outdoor recreation. BRC has been a partner on many land preservation projects and owns 542 acres. BRC currently holds seven conservation easements on 210 acres in Pocopson Township.

BRC manages its lands to include active agriculture and natural areas for the greatest wildlife biodiversity. A conservation plan for the properties includes soil conservation practices, meadow plantings, riparian buffer tree plantings, and the management of invasive plants.

More info about BRC can be found at brandywineredclay.org.

Spar Hill Farm Update

Diane McGovern for the Kennett Township Historical Commission



Spar Hill Farm on Burnt Mill Road was purchased by the Township in 2018. You may have noticed activity there since. Here is a synopsis of what has been happening with this beautiful and historic property and what is to come.

Since its purchase, the property has been used for a variety of community service initiatives. Last spring, the Board of Supervisors approved the Emergent Abundance Farming Collective to use an acre to grow food for Kennett Area Community Service (KACS). Additionally, a local farmer continues to plant hay in the larger fields, and twice the Chester County Regional Emergency Response Team and the Kennett Township Police Department used the property for rescue and scenario training events.

Environmentally, there was a major tree planting along Burrows Run and its tributary thanks to a grant received by the Land Conservancy of Southern Chester County (TLC), who maintains the trails at Spar Hill that now connects to the Lord Howe property trails.

In the fall of 2020, the pony barn was used by HBO to film an episode of their hit mini series, *Mare of Easttown*.

This year, the Kennett Township Historical Commission is working with the Board of Supervisors and Township management to assess the cost of retaining some of the historic structures on sight. A restoration consultant has been hired to provide quotes. Future uses for the buildings will also factor into which will be saved and which demolished.

Long term, Spar Hill is envisioned as a Township resource that will provide historical, educational, environmental, and recreational benefits to the community.

More information on the history of Spar Hill can be found at: www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/4859.

Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Incentive

By Longwood Fire Company & Kennett Fire Company

The regional response plan between Longwood Fire Company and Kennett Fire Company has been in effect for almost a year now. Kennett, Longwood, and Hockessin Fire Companies have developed a “regional response plan” which provides more efficient emergency response by responding to calls in a coordinated, pre-planned manner. Within the last six months, we have seen crews of Kennett Fire Company and Longwood Fire Company working together cohesively. This has increased morale in quarters, boosted attendance at trainings, and has led to more calls being answered with qualified personnel. Longwood Fire Company and Kennett Fire Company have been attempting to combat the volunteer firefighter crisis in a multi-pronged approach.

A new initiative being rolled out as joint venture between the fire companies is the Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Incentive Policy. Support for this program has been approved by Kennett Fire and EMS Regional Commission, which is composed of appointed representatives from Kennett Square Borough as well as Kennett, Pocopson, Pennsbury, East Marlborough, and Newlin Townships.

What is the Volunteer Incentive Program and why is it important?

The purpose of this program is to (1) retain current qualified members of these fire departments and (2) provide an opportunity to recruit potential new members into the fire service. This plan has the potential to save residents of the Kennett Area hundreds of thousands dollars. Currently, paid firefighters serve the area from Monday through Friday from 7am to 5pm. At all other times—nights, weekends, and holidays—we rely on volunteers to answer fire calls. As call volumes continue to rise, the demand on the few volunteers left has become increasingly difficult and a barrier to retention.

How does the Volunteer Incentive Work?

Only volunteer members of the two participating companies are eligible for a financial incentive. Members receive points for activities such as staffing in the station, responding to calls, taking additional fire trainings. These points translate into a modest financial incentive that is only met after minimum amount of points are achieved. Money will be distributed on a quarterly basis ensuring that there is incentive to answer calls throughout the year. The maximum amount of money a volunteer can earn in a year is \$13,000. This is a fraction of what dedicated career staffing would cost the Township for fire services.

What qualifications are necessary to be eligible?

In order to be eligible for the incentive program, individuals must be in good standing with their respective companies and possess the appropriate qualifications. To become an “Interior Firefighter”—a qualified member that has received the minimum training requirements to function in a hazardous environment—members must complete courses in incident command structure, hazardous materials awareness and operations, and the basic Firefighter 1 training.

How can I get involved?

Longwood Fire Company and Kennett Fire Company both are actively recruiting volunteer firefighters. You can visit www.longwoodfireco.com or www.firestation24.com for more information about the organization and how to get involved.



Above, Firefighters from both companies respond to a house fire on April 17th (photos by Mike Wells). Below are photos from a joint Vehicle Rescue Training event (photos by Jeff Hammaker).



Chandler Mill Greenway

Trails & Sidewalks Committee Update



Have you heard?

The Chandler Mill Greenway will enable you, your families and friends to safely walk or bike along 1.7 miles of the west branch of the Red Clay Creek and visit the Chandler Mill Nature Preserve. The Greenway will provide an attractive and accessible path enveloped in nature for the whole community.



A drawing of one of the two-way, one-lane sections of the Greenway along Chandler Mill Road (Unknown Studio)

In addition to providing new places and spaces for everyone to safely walk or ride their bike, the Chandler Mill Greenway project will also:

- **Protect the Roadway:** At points along the west branch of the Red Clay Creek, the stream bank is eroding, putting Chandler Mill Road at risk of washing out into the creek. The trail project will stabilize the stream bank and the roadway, using proven techniques to remediate stream embankment washouts.
- **Manage Stormwater:** Right now, pollutants and water from the road wash directly into the creek or adjacent land. The project will implement a stormwater management system that will manage the stormwater. The project will also address some of the pooling and uneven drainage that currently occurs on Chandler Mill Road.
- **Restore the Forest & Creekside Environment:** Currently, the forest and the ecosystem along the west branch of the Red Clay Creek is struggling, like so many other road and creekside ecosystems across our area. Driving along the road, you can see that many trees are dying or in poor condition. The Township has been working with arborists and landscape designers to protect healthy trees as part of the project and minimize impacts to wetlands with innovative design techniques. The project will remove invasives, reuse woody materials, plant a robust and diverse series of native plants and create the next generation of forest canopy.



A drawing of a typical two-lane section along the Chandler Mill Greenway. (Unknown Studio)

The process:

- The Township is working with Biohabitats, an ecological restoration and regenerative design firm, to lead the team developing the Greenway. Biohabitats is working with McMahan Associates for traffic engineering, Unknown Studio for landscape design, and Meliora Design for stormwater management.
- The Township has held over 15 public meetings and events to gather feedback and make decisions on the Chandler Mill Greenway, including design esthetics, plantings, and environmental impacts. The Township's fire, EMS and Police, and Public Works Departments have been part of the planning process.
- The Township has received project approvals from several agencies to date, including Pennsylvania's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the State Historic Preservation Office, and the PA Fish and Boat Commission.

Next steps:

- The Township's consultants are completing the final engineering of the Chandler Mill Greenway. Updates are provided at Township Trails and Sidewalks Committee meetings and the Township will share the results of the consultants' final engineering work with the public. The project will then be ready to go out to bid for construction, likely in late 2022.

Kennett Collaborative Speaker Series Welcomes Steve Nygren

by Tara Smith, Kennett Collaborative, Writer and Special Projects Manager

Can development and land preservation exist together? Can we meet the increased need for attainable housing while preserving the beautiful landscape that is our most valued resource here in Southern Chester County?

Steve Nygren, award-winning changemaker and founder and CEO of Serenbe, will show how this is possible in his presentation at the next How We Build Matters Speaker Series in Kennett Square on Tuesday, May 17th.

Balancing Nature and Community

One sign of the times here in Kennett Square—and in Southern Chester County as a whole—is a “sold” sign. Homes on the market are selling quickly, often for well over asking price. As a result of this seller’s market, growth pressure, and persistent inequities in our communities, attainable and dignified but affordable housing needs are front of mind for municipalities and for nonprofit organizations working with underserved people. No one who would like an adult child or an aging parent to be able to afford to live nearby, or who knows a family that can’t find housing, or professionals who can’t afford to live in the community where they work, would argue. More housing, and more housing options at different price points, are needed.

But most people also feel a slight rise in their blood pressure when they see a yellow planning application sign—a sense of dread rooted in the foregone conclusion that what is being proposed will be more of the same soulless structures that will destroy even more of the landscape.

Feeling similar tensions over 20 years ago in the Chattahoochee Hill Country outside Atlanta, Steve Nygren set out to save his own backyard—and to prove that balancing nature and community is possible. The result of his vision, hard work, and perseverance is Serenbe—an award-winning, sustainable urban village in the middle of preserved woodlands that is home to over 700 people from all walks of life and from all generations.

A Development that Houses More People and Preserves 70% of the Landscape

While suburban development patterns today disturb at least 80% of a parcel of land, Serenbe consists of walkable clusters of homes, shops, businesses, and artists’ studios that house more people but disturbed only 30% of the landscape so the rest could be permanently preserved as publicly accessible open space.

Nygren created the Serenbe community as a model to demonstrate that preserving 70% of green space interlaced with agriculture, housing, and retail is not only economically viable but the future of community wellbeing. Serenbe’s distinct and beautiful hamlets, modeled on traditional English and European villages, are set within 1,200 acres of preserved forest bordered by a 25-acre organic farm and connected by miles of nature trails.

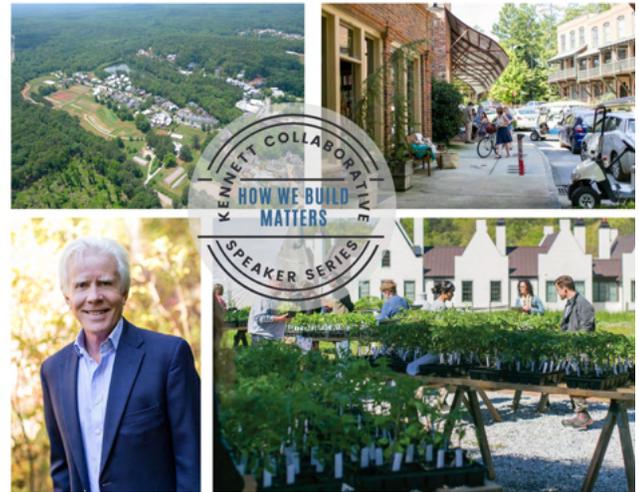
In his presentation in Kennett Square on May 17th, Nygren will share his story—the vision he and his family had to create a community and protect the land in the early days of the environmental movement; the struggles he encountered and overcame to be allowed to build with nature instead of destroying the landscape; and the lessons he learned as he created a community that is better both for people and for nature. “It wasn’t complicated, but it wasn’t being done,” he says.

A Commonsense Approach to Development—A Way Forward for Southern Chester County?

“While we know an anti-growth sentiment is incompatible with the pressing needs of our community, we’re justifiably frightened of the kind of development that does more harm than good. Instead of spending untold resources fighting the kinds of developments that destroy our landscape, we’re asking people to pause and consider how thoughtful development could both preserve and enhance the way of life and sense of place we treasure here in the Brandywine Valley,” says Kennett Collaborative Executive Director Bo Wright. “Conservation and development don’t have to be in opposition to one another if the places we build are thoughtfully designed. Southern Chester County rightly prides itself on being forward-thinking and conscientious, and supporting this commonsense approach to development could put us on the map as a leader in thoughtful development and land preservation.”

“At this event on May 17th we have a chance to learn from someone who has created something remarkable and world-class, and who has fought through the many challenges—from zoning to utilities, engineering, and infrastructure—to maintain sustainability and build a beautiful and quality place,” Wright says.

Kennett Collaborative’s How We Build Matters Speaker Series event with Steve Nygren will take place on Tuesday, May 17th, at 6pm at the Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square (211 South Broad Street, Kennett Square). All events are live-streamed, recorded, and interpreted live in Spanish. Find the link to RSVP to this event at www.HistoricKennettSquare.com.



Kennett Area Park Authority

by Sheila Tekavec, Kennett Area Park Authority, Office Manager



ANSON B. NIXON PARK KENNETT SQUARE

Spring has finally sprung! The Kennett Area Park Authority (KAPA) Board of Directors spent the winter planning for several improvements and events to ensure that you enjoy each and every visit to Anson B. Nixon Park.

NEW THIS SPRING:

- The Pickleball nets have been set up on the recently resurfaced and repainted courts. Please use the wheel locks during use and after storage to prevent any damage to the nets and court surface.

- KAPA is working with Gable Music Ventures to present the FREE Summer Concert Series, beginning Wednesday, June 15th, with Tony Vacca's World Rhythms Ensemble - sponsored by The Hadley Fund. Bring your chair or blanket, grab a spot on the lawn, and join us for some live music in the park!

- The restrooms are open for the season, and pavilions are available to reserve for private events. Reservations Request forms are available on the website: www.ansonbnixonpark.org/activities-and-facilities
- Do you love Anson B. Nixon Park? Would you like to put your time and talents to good use right here in Kennett's backyard, helping to maintain and preserve more than 100 acres of recreational space - for the benefit of all? KAPA is developing a new volunteer program to help maintain and preserve this beloved local resource, and you can be part of it now. Simply share your contact information with KAPA's new Volunteer Coordinator by emailing abnvolunteer@gmail.com and he will be in touch with you about organized efforts in the park. Volunteers are needed at every skill level for various projects in the park - from picking up litter and spreading mulch to planting trees and maintaining trails. Gardeners, painters, carpenters, and nature enthusiasts are all welcome! We can't wait to work with you. Thank you for supporting Anson B. Nixon Park!

OTHER UPDATES:

- Forestry management is ongoing in the beech and ash groves. KAPA is teaming up with other organizations in Kennett Square to remove approximately 200 declining or dead ash trees, due to damage from the emerald ash boring beetle. Steps will be taken to preserve specimens that show promise and remove invasive brush in the area. This fall, 125 bare root native species trees will be planted in November to provide shade, natural habit, promote carbon recapture, and slow climate change and mitigate run-off to the nearby stream.
- Bat houses (pictured to the right) have been installed in the area of the park near the stage, pavilions, and playgrounds. This was a project proposed by a local boy scout working to earn his Eagle rank. Bats eat thousands of insects each night, and are part of a rich, natural, biodiverse environment. Their presence should not be feared; the so-called "vampire bats" are only found in South America, and do not feed on humans. These natural pest controllers should prove to make summer evenings in the park more pleasant for everyone. For more info, visit the National Wildlife Federation: www.nwf.org/Educational-Resources/Wildlife-Guide/Mammals/Bats

REMINDERS:

- The Park is open from sunrise to sunset, every day.
- There is a portable toilet located next to the Tino Leto athletic fields.
- Alcohol is not permitted in the park.
- Keep your pets leashed while coming into and leaving the dog park. Dog waste bags have been provided for your convenience; please clean up after your pet.
- No dumping is allowed.
- No overnight parking or camping is allowed.
- The speed limit in the park is 15 MPH. Please be mindful of children, pedestrians, joggers, and people walking their pets.

Community engagement is important. To contact the Kennett Area Park Authority about an idea or with a concern, please email: AnsonBNixonPark@gmail.com and be sure to visit our website: AnsonBNixonPark.org.



Kennett Library Offers Something for Everyone!

by Mary Hutchins, Kennett Library, Development Associate

Under the direction of the new Kennett Library Director Chris Manna, the staff has been hard at work planning summer programs that will be available to all age groups: story times, nature camp, local author talks, gardening opportunities, and so much more.

In addition, Chris and the staff are planning programs for the new Kennett Library & Resource Center and with the two maker spaces (one for teens and adults and one for children), a 110-seat auditorium, a multi-purpose room, and several meeting rooms, the ideas for enhanced programming are endless.

Chris said he is looking forward to bringing some fresh ideas for programs to the new library. "Libraries play an important role in the community and we work to raise the quality of life for everyone," he said.

You can reach Chris at cmanna@ccls.org or by calling the library at 610-444-2702.

You can find a list of the many programs offered by the library at www.KennettLibrary.org where there is calendar of library and community events that is updated regularly.



Chris Manna at the construction site of the new Kennett Library & Resource Center.



Bird's eye view of the construction site in mid-April. The foundation for the auditorium is visible on the State Street side of the site. Thanks to Joshua Case for the drone footage.

The cost to build the new Kennett Library & Resource Center is \$21.7 million. To date, we have raised \$15.3 million thanks to the generosity of our community, municipalities, and the state.

"Thank you to everyone who has already donated to the project. We are amazed by the number of gifts we have already received from you – our beloved Kennett community. When there is a need, you always show up and turn out to support the organizations that work to help make this place we call home better for everyone," said Jeff Yetter, President of the Library Board of Trustees. "We especially appreciate the support of all of our local municipalities," he added. "We couldn't do it without you!"

There are still many opportunities to donate and we will need every gift to get to the finish line. You can visit the Capital Campaign website www.Campaign4KennettLibrary.org to see the various levels and benefits for supporting the new Library. As always, feel free to reach out to, Mary Hutchins, Development Associate at mary@kennettlibrary.org or 610-444-2702 ext. 114 with any questions or to discuss spreading a gift out over several years.

Great Communities Build Great Libraries!

Kennett Library & Resource Center

Thanks to many community members who worked hard and dreamed big for the last 20 years, a new Kennett Library & Resource Center is now a reality!

If you travel up State Street, you have seen that the building has begun at the corner of State and Willow Streets. According to Brad Peiper, Library Trustee and Co-Chair of the Building Committee, "Great progress continues with the New Library construction. The building's perimeter footers and foundation are 90% complete and will be 100% complete by the end of April. Steel delivery and work will begin in early May and will continue for about eight weeks."

The plan is for the last vertical beam to be in place in mid-June. At that time, we will have a topping off ceremony to celebrate the building progress.

The construction project will continue for about 12 months with a grand opening planned for late spring 2023.



Kennett Township Recycling Center

Location - 549 Bayard Road

Hours of Operation - Monday - Saturday: Dawn to Dusk | Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - Dusk

See Below for Accepted/NOT Accepted Single Stream Recycling Materials (no sorting necessary)

Scrap Metal Recycling Station Accepted Materials - Steel, Aluminum, Copper, Brass, Stainless, and/or Appliances

Scrap Metal Materials NOT Accepted - Propane Tanks, Closed Vessels/Containers including Gas Tanks, Boilers, Heat Exchangers, Fire Extinguishers, Aerosol Cans, Dirt/Debris, Asphalt/Concrete, Batteries, Hazardous Waste, Asbestos Containing Materials, Radioactive Materials, Explosives, Chemicals, Furniture including Mattresses, Wood, Household Garbage, Porcelain Toilets, Televisions, Computers/Monitors, Copiers



All-In-One Single Stream Recycling



Paperboard Boxes
Cajas de carton
(Cereal, pasta, tissue)

Corrugated cardboard & paper bags
De carton y bolsas de papel corrugated (flattened)



Cartons
Cajas de carton



Metal cans & clean aluminum foil, pie plates, trays, loose lids & caps
Las latas de metal y limpia papel de aluminio, platos de pastel, bandejas, tapas sueltas y tapas



Plastic food & beverage containers. #'s 1,2,4,5,7 only
Comida y bebida de Plastic contenedores. #'s única 1,2,4,5,7

Follow Guidelines Carefully



Newspaper, brochures & inserts
(No plastic bags, do not tie & bundle)
Periódicos, folletos y las inserciones
(No hay bolsas de plástico, no vinculan y lian)



Junk mail, catalogs & magazines
El correo basura, catálogos y revistas



File folders & office papers
Carpetas de archivos y papeles de oficina



Glass bottles and jars
Las botellas y frascos de vidrio



Phone books
Guías telefónicas



Paperback books
Libros de bolsillo

Not Acceptable

No Need To Remove

Paper clips, stamps, address labels, staples, metal fasteners, cellophane address windows, rubber bands, spiral bindings, plastic tabs

- Please flatten all cardboard boxes.
- Empty and rinse all containers

ABSOLUTELY NO TRASH!
Violators will be prosecuted



- No scrap metal
- No VHS/VCR tapes
- No plastic bags
- No needles or syringes
- No window panes, mirrors, ceramics & Pyrex dishware
- No stickers or address label sheet waste
- No plastics other than those listed
- No electronic waste (batteries, cell phones, computers)
- No paint, pesticides, oil & cleanser
- No motor oil or antifreeze containers
- No organic material and food waste
- No waxed paper or waxed cardboard
- No styrofoam or paper to-go containers
- No plastic caps
- No hard cover books

Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority

2022 SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA REGIONAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE RESIDENTIAL EVENTS



**By Appointment Only, Preregistration is Required.
Register at County websites listed below.
NO ELECTRONICS ACCEPTED.**

All listed events are open to residents of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery Counties and Philadelphia regardless of the host county.

DATE	DAY	COUNTY	LOCATION
April 2, 2022	Saturday	Bucks	Bucks County Community College, 275 Swamp Rd., Newtown
April 2, 2022	Saturday	Philadelphia	Streets Dept. Training Center, 8401 State Rd. at Ashburner St., Phila.
April 9, 2022	Saturday	Chester	Technical College High School-Pickering Campus, 1580 Charlestown Rd., Phoenixville
April 23, 2022	Saturday	Delaware	Emergency Services Training Center, 1600 Calcon Hook Rd., Sharon Hill
April 30, 2022	Saturday	Montgomery	Boyertown Middle School East, 2020 Big Rd., Gilbertsville
May 7, 2022	Saturday	Montgomery	Indian Valley Middle School, 130 Maple Ave., Harleysville
May 7, 2022	Saturday	Bucks	Upper Bucks County Area Vocational Technical School, 3115 Ridge Rd., Perkasie
May 14, 2022	Saturday	Philadelphia	1st District Highway Yard, 4800 Parkside Ave., Phila.
May 14, 2022	Saturday	Chester	Owen J. Roberts Middle School, 881 Ridge Rd., Pottstown
May 21, 2022	Saturday	Montgomery	Temple University–Ambler Campus, enter on 1431 E. Butler Pike, Ambler
June 11, 2022	Saturday	Delaware	Rose Tree Park, 1671 North Providence Rd., Media
June 18, 2022	Saturday	Montgomery	Norristown Area High School, 1900 Eagle Drive, Norristown
June 18, 2022	Saturday	Philadelphia	Northwest Transfer Station, Domino Ln. & Umbria St., Phila.
June 24, 2022	FRIDAY	Chester	Coatesville CCIU Center, (use stone wall entrance on E. Lincoln Hwy.) 1635 E. Lincoln Hwy., Coatesville
June 25, 2022	Saturday	Montgomery	Abington Junior High School, enter on 2056 Susquehanna Rd., Abington
June 25, 2022	Saturday	Bucks	Central Bucks South High School, 1100 Folly Rd., Warrington
July 14, 2022	THURSDAY	Philadelphia	Streets Dept. Training Center, 8401 State Rd. at Ashburner St., Phila.
August 13, 2022	Saturday	Bucks	Bensalem High School, 4319 Hulmeville Rd., Bensalem
August 27, 2022	Saturday	Chester	Oxford School District Administration Building, 125 Bell Tower Lane (Rt. 10), Oxford
September 10, 2022	Saturday	Delaware	Emergency Services Training Center, 1600 Calcon Hook Rd., Sharon Hill
September 17, 2022	Saturday	Philadelphia	3rd District Highway Yard, 22nd St. & York St., Phila.
September 24, 2022	Saturday	Montgomery	Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center, 400 South Lewis Rd., Royersford
October 8, 2022	Saturday	Chester	Government Services Center, 601 Westtown Rd., West Chester
October 8, 2022	Saturday	Bucks	Strayer Middle School, 1200 Ronald Reagan Dr., Quakertown, Richland Twp.
October 15, 2022	Saturday	Delaware	Upper Chichester Township Municipal Building, 8500 Furey Rd., Upper Chichester
October 22, 2022	Saturday	Philadelphia	Streets Dept. Facility, 3033 South 63rd St.–Northwest of Passyunk Ave., Phila.
October 23, 2022	SUNDAY	Montgomery	Lower Merion Transfer Station, 1300 N. Woodbine Ave., Penn Valley
November 5, 2022	Saturday	Philadelphia	Streets Dept. NE Facility, 3901 Delaware Ave. between Castor & Lewis (Near Allegheny Exit of I-95), Phila.

For additional information:

Bucks County	215-345-3400	www.buckscounty.org/recycling
Chester County	484-796-4041	www.chestercountyswa.org
Delaware County	610-892-9627	www.co.delaware.pa.us
Montgomery County	610-278-3618	www.MontcoPARecycles.org
Philadelphia	215-686-5560	www.philadelphiastreet.com



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2022 SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA REGIONAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

PAINT PRODUCTS	OUTDOOR PRODUCTS	AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS	HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS	HOUSEHOLD OTHER
Turpentine	Swimming Pool Chemicals	Grease & Rust Solvents	Kerosene	Acids, Caustics, Solvents
Paint Thinners	Weed Killers	Fuel Additives	Rug Cleaners, Drain Openers	Flammables
Strippers & Removers	Septic Tank Degreasers	Carburetor Cleaners	Wood & Metal Cleaners	Oxidizers & Reactives
Oil-Based Paints	Asphalt Sealers	Transmission/Brake Fluid	Mothballs/Flakes	Aerosols
Stains, Varnish, Shellac	Roof Cements	Antifreeze	Adhesives/Solvents	Lead
Spray Paint	MINI Propane Tanks (No BBQ Tanks)	Car(lead-acid), Truck, Motorcycle & Marine Batteries	Rechargeable Batteries, Lithium, Ni-Cad, Button, Lead Acid	Mercury (Thermostats & Thermometers)
Solvent-Based Paint Products	Pesticide	Gas, Oil, Gas Oil Mixture	Spot Removers, Dry Cleaning Fluid	Fluorescent Tubes & CFLs
Wallpaper Cement	Chemical Fertilizer	Road Flares (No Marine Flares)	Fire Extinguishers	Ballast (must be removed from light fixture)

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

Explosives, Ammunition, Marine Flares	Electronics	Asbestos	Appliances/White Goods
Infectious or Medical Waste	Prescription Drugs	Radioactive Waste	Refrigerants, Freon Appliances
Tires	20 Lb. BBQ Propane Tanks/ Helium Tanks	Unidentified Waste	25- or 50- Gallon Drums
Latex Paint* (Water-Based)	Gas Cylinders	Alkaline Batteries (Trash)	Smoke Detectors

* Take off lid, dry out paint, discard can without lid; or pour paint into plastic bag with absorbent material (clay based kitty litter, saw dust, rags) place bag and can without lid, in trash. Paint hardener can also be purchased at hardware stores.

DROP OFF GUIDELINES

- NO TVs, electronics, or appliances will be accepted.
- Event workers will unload your materials so please remain in your vehicle.
- **BUSINESSES AND CONTRACTORS WILL BE TURNED AWAY**, no commercial/industrial waste accepted.
- Bring all substances in original containers with labels. Items must be identifiable. Do not mix materials.
- Gas containers returned upon request. Please attached a note to your container if you want it back.
- Tighten lids on all containers. If containers are leaking, pack in larger container with newspaper to soak up leaks.
- Maximum amount accepted is 25 gallons or 220 pounds. No 25- or 50-gallon drums.
- There are no permanent drop off locations in the region for household hazardous waste, only the listed collections.

EMERGENCY CALL 911

No Call is too small!

If you see anything suspicious in the Township, the **Kennett Township Police Department** would like to encourage you to

call 9-1-1

Our administrative line should only be used for administrative purposes, such as report requests or general inquiries.

Non-Emergency Phone Numbers:

Kennett Township Police: 610-388-2874
KT Public Works After Hours: 484-723-9338
Longwood Fire Company: 610-388-6880
Kennett Fire Company: 610- 444-4810

Primary Election: May 17, 2022

Polls will be open on May 17, 2022, from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. for the 2022 Primary Election. The last day to update your information or register to vote is May 2nd.

For all questions related to voting, please visit:

www.chesco.org/156/Voter-Services
www.votespa.com

Kennett TOWNSHIP



Here at Kennett Township, we are striving to be financially responsible with every decision. That is why we are providing this newsletter digitally via our website:

www.kennett.pa.us/156/Newsletters.

This means all the links you see are true links - and we save some trees too! Still want a paper copy? Simply call the Township office at **610-388-1300** to arrange to pick one up.

We are hiring! There are four positions we are hoping to fill:

Director of Public Works, a Public Works Department Operator, a Police Administrative Assistant, and a Planner for the Planning & Zoning Department.

For the full job descriptions, visit:

www.kennett.pa.us/258/Job-Openings

Spring Into Fire Prevention

Did you know that according to the US Fire Administration, spring has the highest average daily incidence of outdoor fires, a 17 percent increase over other times of the year?

About 30 percent of the reported tree, brush, and grass fires occur within these 3 months. Below are some helpful tips that may reduce your risk of a fire.



Campfires and Bonfire safety

Campfires that are illegal, unattended, or poorly extinguished have the potential to burn rapidly. Use caution when lighting these fires and ensure fires are completely extinguished.



Debris burning

Fires lit for clearing land or removing crop residue make up 29% of wildfires nationally. Ensure that any controlled burns are done in accordance with township ordinances and have a water source available.



Power lines (electrical equipment)

Power lines often break in strong winds, and sparks spread dangerously fast with faster winds and dry vegetation. Outlets and appliances can also spark or overheat and cause electrical fires that escalate.



Improper use of grills

All barbecue grills must only be used outdoors and away from combustible items — using grills in an enclosed space is not only a fire hazard, but it can expose people to toxic gasses. Never leave a grill unattended.



Safe practices with sources of heat

People should be mindful to practice safe use and disposal of cigarette butts and fireworks, as even small heat sources can ignite dry vegetation and lead to substantial brush or wildfires.

Always remember— safety first!