



Department Head Report – February 2026

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1. Bird Town – Bronze Status

I'm pleased to report that our 2025 Bird Town Annual Report has resulted in Kennett Township achieving Bronze Status. There are four certification levels: green, bronze, silver, and gold and status is based on the different activities that you conduct each year. There are only 11 municipalities in Chester County that are "Bird Towns."

2. Fire & EMS Training

On Saturday, February 28th the Longwood Fire Company hosted "Fire and EMS 101" for local municipal officials. Supervisor Muller, Supervisor Bailey, and I attended the four-hour session which covered Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Delivery in PA, Fire Service in PA, and Local Responsibility/Municipal Role in Fire & EMS. The session was designed to help provide a basic understanding of what goes into Fire and EMS delivery in our region.

3. Sunshine Week – March 15-21, 2026

"Sunshine Week" highlights the Sunshine Act and Right to Know Law which are the primary public access laws in Pennsylvania. They guarantee the right of the public to access government information at public meetings and through public records. Kennett Township publishes meeting agendas on the Agenda Center section of the website and, for Board of Supervisors meetings, links to relevant meeting documents. Our staff puts a lot of time into writing briefing documents on issues, and these are also made available to the public. Our meetings are hybrid so that people can participate via Zoom and in person.

I'm proud of the additional steps Kennett Township takes to make our meetings accessible and to put as many documents on the website as we do. But I've also been thinking a lot about access as not just public records/meetings but also how we're communicating. Are we using plain language to help you, our constituents, understand what we're doing in local government and how it impacts your day-to-day life? Does the weekly email contain information about what is happening in the different Departments? I am open to feedback on how we can improve. For instance, we had a resident who emailed questions about the Zoning Hearing Board's upcoming meeting. Those questions were answered but we also looked at the website and made some changes as a result.

4. Right to Know Requests for February 2026

In February 2026 my office processed 9 Right to Know requests. For comparison, in February 2025 we processed 3 and in February 2024 2 requests were received.

5. Reminders

- The next Board of Supervisors Meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 7pm. There will **not** be a meeting on Wednesday, April 1st.
- Kennett Township Offices will be closed on Friday, April 3rd.