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Borough of Kennett Square Monthly Newsletter

Below is a list of “what’s happening” in Kennett Square.

The Borough is hosting a **strategic planning session for the public on Monday, March 13th at 6:00pm at Borough Hall (600 S. Broad Street)**. The strategic planning session provides residents the opportunity to share their thoughts, vision, and opinions as to the priorities and desired future of the Borough in a structured, but open format. The discussions and input from residents will help guide future policy and budgetary decisions in the Borough. The Borough encourages residents to attend and participate in this important initiative.

On Monday March 6th and Wednesday March 8th, Borough Council met to consider several items; one of which was to authorize solicitation of purchase offers for 108 Church Alley. This parcel is owned by the Borough and adjacent to former Borough Hall (120 Marshall Street) and the Kennett Library’s current location (216 State Street). The property is currently utilized as a municipal/public parking lot. Upon receiving feedback from residents and local business owners, the Council decided to pull this item from the agenda and the lot will not be listed for sale.

In addition, the Council approved a contract authorizing NAI Emory Hill & KarMar Realty Group, Inc. to be the real estate broker and property management company for Borough Hall (600 S. Broad Street). The contract was approved after an open Request for Proposal (RFP) process and analysis of several proposals.

The Council also approved the hiring of Nick Baccino as Finance Director. Nick was hired as the Borough’s Assistant Finance Director in December 2021 and has served as the interim Finance Director over the past three months.

Borough tax bills were mailed the first week of March. All real estate tax billing questions should be directed to Berkheimer Associates at 610-599-3143 or via its website, <https://www.hab-inc.com/contact-customer-care-form-individual/>.

Construction of the new Kennett Library is ongoing as the facility is scheduled to open this summer. The public is invited to tour the facility and learn more about the amenities and

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resources the new library will offer our community. The next two public tours will take place on **Wednesday March 15th at 4:00pm** and **Tuesday March 28th at 4:00pm**. To sign up for either tour time, please email Executive Director Chris Manna at cmanna@ccls.org. The address of the new library is 320 East State Street (the corner of State and S. Willow Streets).

The Chester County Economic Development Council (CCEDC) provides support and various resources to local businesses in the areas of financing solutions, location services, workforce development and innovation. Chester County businesses seeking guidance in any of these areas are encouraged to contact the CCEDC at 610-458-5700. More information about the CCEDC can be found at <https://ccedcpa.com/>.

The Chester County Digital Alliance, the Chester County Planning Commission (CCPC), the Chester County Economic Development Council (CCEDC), and the Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU) are seeking to address the gaps in coverage of internet services and broadband capability for those who do not have service or access to service in our community. If you (or any resident/business you know) lack internet services and/or broadband capability at their home and/or place of employment, you can notify the Borough at 610-444-6020 or via email at sgreco@kennettsq.org. The only information needed to report a lack of internet service is a street address. No names or any other information is required. By notifying the Borough, it will help the County develop a solution to address this issue. Any specific questions about this initiative can be directed to the CCEDC at 610-321-8223.

The Housing Partnership of Chester County is looking to hire a bi-lingual (Spanish speaking) housing counselor. The organization is seeking candidates who are eager to learn, work well in small team settings and want to make a positive impact for others in our community. The job posting is accompanied with this newsletter. Anyone interested in the position should contact Sheri Houpf at (610) 518-1522 or via email at sheri@housingpartnershipcc.com. More information about the Housing Partnership of Chester County can be found on their website, <https://housingpartnershipcc.com/index.html>.

Mighty Writers is a local non-profit organization which provides literacy programs and vital resources to enhance the quality of life for families in our community. These services include addressing food insecurity and providing beds for local youth. Currently, Mighty Writers is coordinating a school supply drive which runs until March 31st. Below is a list of items that are needed. Anyone interested in supporting this effort can drop off donations at 121 Willow Street Toughkenamon, PA between 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Notice of arrival is welcomed by calling or texting (484) 787-9601. More information about Mighty Writers and the work it does for our community can be found on their website, <https://mightywriters.org/>.

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- Notebooks
- Lined paper
- Colored construction paper / colored card stock paper
- Folders
- Acrylic Paints (pastels needed)
- Tacky Glue
- Elmer's Glue
- Glitter
- Stickers
- Sequins and gems
- Pencils and erasers
- Colored pencils
- Tissues
- New or gently used children's books
- New or gently used bookbags

Tomorrow, **Friday, March 10th from 4:00am-9:00am**, Fox 29's Bob Kelly will be broadcasting live from Hank's Place (201 Birch Street). Residents and patrons are welcome to visit the broadcast and share what makes Kennett Square special.

The Red Clay Alliance is hosting its annual Red Clay Clean Up on **Saturday March 25th from 8:00am-noon**. Volunteers will assemble at 8:00am to help cleanup 98 miles of roads and streams in the Red Clay Valley watershed. This event serves as a perfect opportunity for individuals, families, or school/civic groups to support a great cause as over 700 volunteers are needed for this effort. For anyone interested in volunteering, no experience is necessary; and all supplies will be provided. Groups over five must pre-register while advanced registration is preferred (but not required) for groups under five. To register as a volunteer, or learn more information about this event, please visit <http://www.brandywineredclay.org/event/red-clay-valley-clean-up-4/>.

Upcoming Events

Throughout the winter months, The Creamery of Kennett is hosting a Winter Park which includes a family-friendly rink for ice-skating (the rink is Swiss-engineered and eco-friendly). Hot chocolate and S'mores will be available for kids. The Creamery's regular food and beverage service will also be open. For more information about Winter Park or to purchase tickets for ice-skating please visit kennettcreamery.com.

The KSQ Farmers Market is now a year-round program. Local vegetables, meats, mushrooms, and cheeses can be purchased throughout the winter season. **The Market is**

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open every Friday from 3:00pm-5:00pm at The Creamery, located at 401 Birch Street. You can sign up to receive their newsletter, with all the latest vendor and product updates and pre-ordering options, at <https://www.ksqfarmersmarket.com/>.

Kennett Library is organizing a “Toddler Nature Camp” at Anson B Nixon Park in April. Toddlers will explore the world around them while learning different skills to create self-directed projects. **Registration opens on Tuesday March 21st.** More information, including registration, can be found at <https://ccls.libcal.com/event/10388369>.

On Tuesday, April 18th at 7:00pm, Kennett Library is organizing a virtual seminar with Jennifer Feld, Esq. Ms. Feld will offer tips and guidance for seniors regarding wills, POAs, guardianships, and estates. Interested parties can register for the virtual seminar at <https://ccls.libcal.com/event/10456766>.

On Saturday, April 22nd from 10:00am-2:00pm, Kennett Library is hosting a “Resident Plant Swap” at Pavilion One in Anson B. Nixon Park in honor of Earth Day. Participants will be able to bring a plant and take a plant of their choosing. More information about the event can be found at <https://ccls.libcal.com/event/10434982>.

More information regarding these events can be found on the Borough’s website, under the “Calendar & Events” tab. Residents are encouraged to periodically check the Borough website as community events are regularly posted.