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Borough of Kennett Square Monthly E-Newsletter

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

At the April 5th meeting, the Borough Council took several actions including the following (among others):

- Issued proclamations declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month
- Supported a grant application for new hybrid gas/electric patrol police vehicles
- Awarded a bid to replace the water main on E. South Street, from Union Street to Church Alley (residents will be made aware of any road closures through email, written notices, and social media)
- Approved a letter of support for Brandywine Red Clay Alliance’s grant application for its watershed riparian buffer restoration project
- Authorized the Borough to enter into a cost sharing agreement with Kennett Township for a third-party engineering firm (this agreement does not commit the Borough to any capital spending or change any sewer development rights)
- Approved support for plans to develop a bike park in coordination with Kennett Township
- Added a location for nonprofits to display banners upon receiving a permit from the Borough (on the fence line at the corner of South and Union Streets)

Residents who are unable to attend Borough Council meetings in-person but would like to see the meetings virtually can do so via zoom. The Borough Council meets at 7:00pm on the first Monday of every month (Work Session) and 7:00pm on the subsequent Wednesday (Voting Session). Below are the reoccurring links and log-in information for each session:

Monday Work Session Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86803349026?pwd=TngxZU44TFgyczJtdTJ0TjhLaVdwdz09>

Dial In: 1 301 715 8592

Webinar ID: 868 0334 9026

Passcode: 19348

Wednesday Voting Session Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85677260295>

Dial In: 1 301 715 8592

Webinar ID: 856 7726 0295

Passcode: 19348

Last month, the Borough hosted two strategic planning sessions which consisted of business/community leaders and residents. A session was also held for Borough Council. The purpose of the strategic planning sessions is to provide a platform for the public to share their thoughts, vision, and opinions as to the priorities and desired future of the Borough. The input and feedback expressed in these sessions will be crafted into a comprehensive “roadmap” which will help guide future policy and budgetary decisions. The roadmap will be presented, debated, and voted on in a public Council meeting.

The Borough is advertising the position of Assistant Finance Director. More information about the position can be found on the Borough website,

https://www.kennettsq.org/government/employment_opportunities.php. Interested candidates can email their applications and resume to sgreco@kennettsq.org. The application deadline is Friday, April 28th.

The Borough’s Annual Spring Cleanup dates have been set. **Curbside tire and appliance pickup will take place on Monday April 24th. Residents can place tires and appliances (including Freon containing appliances) at their curbs prior to 7:00am on April 24th.** Residents are asked to please remove doors from refrigerators and freezers. The pickup does not include TV’s or computers.

In addition to tire and appliance pickup, **“Dumpster Days” will be Saturday, April 29th and Sunday, April 30th from 8:00am-4:00pm (both dates).** Dumpsters will be placed at the Borough’s Public Works Garage located at 500 Grant Way. As this is a benefit for Borough residents only, no items from commercial, industrial, or public entities will be accepted. In addition, no TV’s, propane tanks, paint, or hazardous household waste will be

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accepted. More information about the tire and appliance pickup, as well as “Dumpster Days” can be found in the accompanying flyer.

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

The **Kennett Run will take place on Saturday, May 6th**. More information about the event, including registration and the types of races that are offered, can be found at <https://www.kennettrun.com/>. 2023 will mark the 34th year of the Kennett Run. All profits from the event will be invested in nonprofits and key institutions throughout Southern Chester County which enhance the quality of life for individuals in our community.

The Borough would like to recognize and thank the Kennett Beautification Committee, Pratt’s Greenhouse, and Kennett Collaborative for their outstanding work in beautifying Kennett Square. The Kennett Beautification Committee includes members of local garden clubs including Spade and Trowel, Seedlings, and Four Seasons. This group of volunteers plant flowers every spring and maintain/replant flowers throughout the entire year. A lot of time and effort goes into this project as Bill Reynolds of Pratt's Greenhouse grows the plants and designs the planters based on the light requirements at each location in the Borough. **You can support the Kennett Beautification Committee through their plant sale which will be held at Pratt’s Greenhouse, 634 Hillendale Road, Avondale, on Saturday, May 6th, from 8:00am–4:00pm and Sunday, May 7th, from 10:00am–3:00pm.** Pratt's offers a wide selection of beautiful plants and proceeds from this sale help fund the spring and summer plantings.

Upcoming Events

The KSQ Farmers Market is a year-round program and has begun its spring season with extended shopping hours. Local vegetables, meats, mushrooms, and cheeses can be purchased **EVERY Friday from 3:00pm-6:00pm 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/>.

On Tuesday, April 11th from 4:30pm-7:30pm, Kennett Area Community Service (KACS), in partnership with State Representative Christina Sappey’s office, is hosting a Community Housing Fair in honor of the 55th anniversary of the signing of the Fair Housing Act. The event is free and open to the public. Organizations are welcome and encouraged to participate. More information about the Fair can be found at

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<https://forms.office.com/r/MjvMbKyjE2>. Any questions about the event can be directed to Cheryl Miles at 484-832-0715 or via email at cherylm@kacsimpact.org.

On Friday, April 14th at 10:00am, tickets go on sale for Kennett Summerfest which will be held on Sunday, June 11th. Kennett Summerfest celebrates exceptional local wineries and distilleries and brings together wine, cheese, and live music in a sophisticated festival atmosphere. The Kennett Blooms: Floral Flash will also be open to the public during the second weekend in June, featuring temporary floral installations throughout Kennett Square. Tickets and additional information is available at: <https://www.kennettsummerfest.com>.

On Sunday, April 16th at 3:00pm, the Kennett Heritage Center is kicking off its new speaker series entitled “Speaking of History”. The first of four lectures will be given by local historian Don McKay on April 16th regarding Kennett Square’s Historic Trolley System. The other presentations will take place on June 11th, September 10th, and November 12th (all at 3:00pm). All lectures will be held at Kennett Friends Meetinghouse, 125 W. Sickle Street, and are free to the public. More details about the speaker series, including the various topics that will be discussed can be found in the accompanying press release (also attached is a picture of the first trolley car that ran through Kennett). For more information about the speaker series, please contact Lynn Sinclair at 302-559-0923 or via email at KennettHeritageCenter@gmail.com.

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 April 18th and 20th from 6:00-8:00pm, in partnership with Kennett Library, Dida Gazoli, founder of Braving Veracity, is hosting a virtual Creative Nonfiction (CNF) and memoir writing workshop. To register for either workshop, please visit <https://ccls.libcal.com/event/10522741>.

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.