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Borough of Kennett Square News, Updates & Upcoming Events

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

On Wednesday, February 8th, the Borough Council recognized the 2022 Employee of the Year and the 2022 Police Officer of the Year. Steven “Monk” Melton was named Employee of the Year. Monk was appointed foreman in the Borough’s Public Works Department in 2022 and has done an outstanding job in this role. Jeremiah “JD” Boyer was named Police Officer of the Year. Due to his dedication, hard work and continuous efforts in his role as the Department’s School Resource Officer at Kennett High School, Officer Boyer was unanimously selected as the most deserving candidate for the award. Police Chief Holdsworth also issued merit, lifesaving, and appreciation certificates to police personnel for actions they took in several incidents throughout 2022. The Borough thanks these great public servants for their professionalism and dedication to our community.

The Council also approved several appointments to Borough Boards and Commissions. Mark Volpe was appointed to the Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Volpe has professional experience and a volunteer background in horticulture. Linda Brodeur-Cangi was appointed to the Human Relations Commission. Ms. Brodeur-Cangi has lived in the Borough for 35 years and retired in 2021 as a licensed social worker in the Unionville School District. In addition, the Council approved the appointment of Steve Olintz to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Information for any resident interested in running for Borough Council in this coming November election can be found at <https://www.chesco.org/156/Voter-Services>. The first day to circulate and file nomination petitions is Tuesday February 14th (the last day to circulate and file nomination petitions is Tuesday March 7th). Prospective candidates who have any questions regarding the filing of nomination petitions can contact the Chester County Board of Elections at (610) 344-6410 or via email at www.ccelectionofficials@chesco.org.

Similar to last year, the Borough will host a Strategic Planning Session for the public on Monday, March 13th at 6:00pm at Borough Hall. This session will provide residents the opportunity to share their thoughts, priorities, and vision for the Borough’s future in a collaborative format. All residents are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Recently installed automated garage entry and exit access arms in the Borough parking garage on E. Linden Street went “live” Wednesday February 8th. The new parking rates are on a 24-hour a day fee schedule and will be as follows:

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- First Hour: \$2 (\$1 discount for first hour until March 31, 2023)
- Each Additional Hour: \$1
- Special Event Parking: \$20 per day
- Parking Permits: \$800 per year (20% discount for residents, business owners, and employees on State Street between Willow and Center Streets).

Patrons can pay by credit card or cash at the gate or via a smartphone. More details about the new system can be found in the accompanying graphic. Questions about parking rates and permits can be directed to 610-444-0501 or tjones@kennettsquarepolice.org.

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 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/>.

On Thursday, February 9th at 6:30pm, the Borough, in collaboration with East Marlborough and Kennett Township, is hosting a virtual public workshop for the [Planning Kennett Connections Project](#). The workshop will solicit public feedback on proposed pedestrian and bicycle connections between Unionville, Kennett Borough, Kennett Township and Longwood Gardens. The workshop is on zoom and preregistration is necessary. More details can be found on the project website, as well as the attached postcards (in English and Spanish).

On Thursday, February 9th from 6:00pm - 7:45pm, Kennett Library is hosting an Anime After School: Tea Party. Patrons can join Anime After School for its very first Tea Party. Tea and snacks will be provided. More information can be found at <https://ccls.libcal.com/event/10254719> and questions can be addressed via email to larcher@ccls.org.

On Tuesday, February 14th from 3:00pm - 5:00pm, Kennett Library is hosting Chocolate

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BINGO. Patrons can come and celebrate Valentine's Day with Mr. John. More information about the event can be found at <https://ccls.libcal.com/event/9868862>.

On Wednesday, February 22nd from 10:00am - 2:00pm, State Senator John Kane's office will host Satellite Office Hours at Kennett Library. Senator Kane's office can assist constituents with SEPTA Senior Fare Key Card registration and renewal, property tax/rent rebate applications, unemployment compensation problems, birth & death certificate applications and other state government inquiries. More information about the office hours can be found at <https://ccls.libcal.com/event/10286371>.

On Saturday, February 25th, from 12:30-4:00pm, Kennett Collaborative is hosting its annual Kennett Winterfest with 60+ breweries, food trucks, and live music at 600 S. Broad Street. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.kennettwinterfest.com>.

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.