

BOROUGH OF KENNETT SQUARE NEWSLETTER

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Borough of Kennett Square
Our mission is to provide a desirable community through service, progress, and preservation to our diverse population.

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2022 HIGHLIGHTS

In reflecting on 2022, the Borough had a successful year. There were several positive accomplishments including;

- Passing a Budget with Substantial Capital Investment (Including Improvements to Streets, Alleyways and Sidewalks)
- \$4 million expansion of the Borough's tax base
- Announcement of new housing development projects
- Completion of Major Infrastructure Projects (Sewer Main Upgrades & Road/Alleyway Paving)
- 26% Reduction in Major Crime
- Significant Increase in DUI/DWI Enforcement
- Opening/relocation of new businesses throughout the Borough

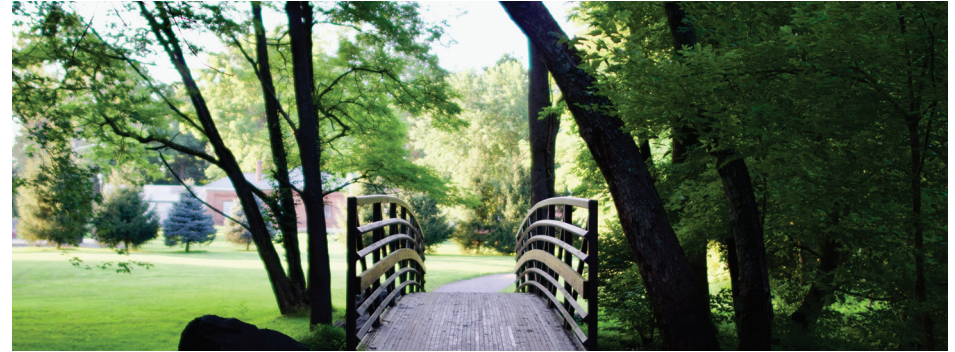
Due to our residents and their strong support for local businesses, the Borough is experiencing continued economic growth!

The Borough shares updates on a regular basis. To sign up for Borough news and updates, please visit the Borough's website. All updates are posted under the "Borough News" tab. You can also receive updates by following the Borough on Facebook.

With winter approaching, residents can view the Borough's Snow Emergency Routes on the Borough website under the "Public Works Department" tab. Residents are encouraged to sign up for emergency text alerts at www.readychesco.org.

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VISION FOR 2023

Looking forward to 2023, the Borough is implementing proactive initiatives to better connect and communicate with our residents and business community. Starting in the spring, the Borough will start the "Quality of Life & Community Engagement Initiative".

This initiative includes Borough personnel walking different streets every week to bring Borough Hall to your neighborhood. This serves as an opportunity for the Borough to address quality of life issues and for the public to share their thoughts, ideas and concerns with Borough government.

The Borough has an obligation to be accessible and responsive to the public, and we are increasing methods in which residents can interact with Borough government including;

- Downloading the customized Kennett Square 311 mobile app (*new and available in spring*)
- Submitting an inquiry through the Citizen Portal on the Borough website (*new and available in early 2023*)

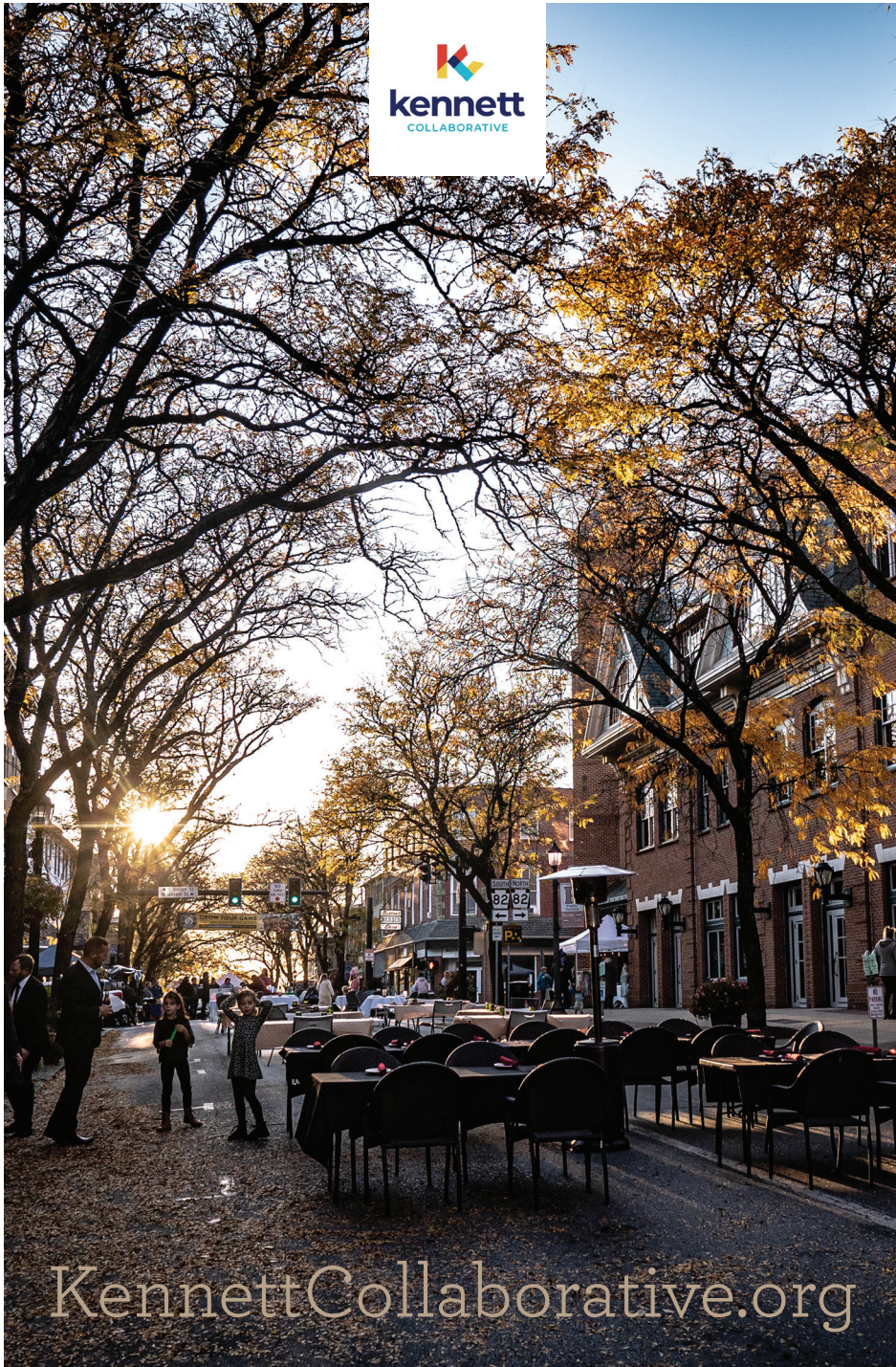
- E-mailing reportaproblem@kennettsq.org (*new*)
- Calling (610) 444-6020
- Visiting Borough Hall at 600 S. Broad Street



UPCOMING EVENTS:

The Borough will host Strategic Planning Sessions in the spring and needs your input. More details, including dates, times and locations will be announced early next year.

Community events are regularly posted on the Borough website under the "Calendar & Events" tab. If you would like your event added on the website please contact the Borough!



KennettCollaborative.org

UPDATES FROM KENNETT COLLABORATIVE

Kennett Collaborative is happy to see the return of the quarterly Borough newsletter!

The best way to be in the know about what's going on in Kennett Square on a weekly basis is to subscribe to Kennett Collaborative's "Around the Square" e-newsletter. Around the Square arrives in your inbox every

Saturday morning and includes a community calendar as well as stories, links, and information about local people, programs, events, new and existing businesses, and nonprofit organizations. Around the Square readers are



the first to learn about upcoming events like Third Thursdays on State Street, Kennett Winterfest, the Memorial Day Parade, the How We Build Matters Speaker Series, Floral Flash, Summerfest, Kennett Brewfest, the Kennett Square Holiday Village Market, and more. You can subscribe to Around the Square at KennettCollaborative.org or use the QR code above.

Here at Kennett Collaborative we've been busy planning out a full schedule of events and programs for 2023, in addition to decorating for the holidays through our community-supported Christmas in Kennett program. By the time you read this, you'll be enjoying the town Christmas tree, the beautiful planters at the State Street

intersections, the K2 sculpture floral installation, new lights and lighted garland, Moravian stars, and more. We're pleased that the new sidewalk lighting along State Street will remain in place all year long, creating a warm and welcoming ambience for shoppers, diners, and pedestrians.

Another year-round program of Kennett Collaborative is the KSQ Farmers Market. Find fresh, locally grown vegetables, meat, cheese, baked goods, mushrooms, and more throughout the winter season every Friday afternoon from 3pm-5pm at The Creamery, 401 Birch Street. You can sign up to receive the weekly KSQ Farmers Market Newsletter, with all the latest vendor and product updates and pre-ordering options, at KSQFarmersMarket.com

Our new website, KennettCollaborative.org, features a helpful listing of retail businesses, restaurants, and local attractions. We encourage you to continue to shop and dine local through the winter months to support our small businesses and keep our local economy strong.

Kennett Collaborative (formerly Historic Kennett Square) is a nonprofit that helps make Kennett thrive. We intentionally create programs and events that help Kennett become a more beautiful and welcoming community where all can belong and prosper.



Great Communities Build Great Libraries

Help Us Build the new Kennett Library & Resource Center

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For questions or more
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Libraries are one of the few places in our society where you can come to just be. With no expectation of purchase, membership fees, or dues, we are a safe space for all in our community. We serve people of all incomes, ages, and needs - for free.

We are books, but we are much more than just books--we are the connective tissue in our town; a public common for civic engagement, a vital resource to those who need access to wi-fi, computers, and digital information. We provide a place for the youngest to the oldest and everyone in between.

We are a place to meet, a place to learn, to teach, to share, to connect, a place to build, to expand horizons. By the close of 2022, we will have offered about 1,000 free programs for children, teens, and

adults in person and virtually. Programs like ESL classes, art workshops, family storytime, nature camp, book groups, webinars, author talks, and beyond.

Better yet, we are excited to share with you that plans for the new \$21.7 million, 33,425 square foot building are on track to open in Spring of 2023, and with it, endless opportunities and possibilities for our community. Our new building will offer two makerspaces, 110-seat auditorium, meeting and study rooms, and an audio-visual room, to name a few.

We're so close to meeting our goal, but we still need your help. We mean it when we say, "Great Communities Build Great Libraries." Your gift is an investment in the future of our beloved community and will help us serve the public for generations to come.

Learn how you can help us build
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OH, THE HOLIDAYS! DECORATE, TASTE – WATCH YOUR WASTE!

By Patti Lynn, *Recycling Resources Manager, Chester County Solid Waste Authority*

Quick - what time of year generates the most trash for landfills? That's right, it's the holiday season. Online shopping and shipping, wrapping paper, more uneaten food, toys, and electronics being replaced. *You get the idea.* Household waste increases about 25% this time of year!

Can you be more TrashSmart? Try these ideas (or even just one!):

- Downsize – Smaller gathering, less decorations, careful gifting* so you create less waste
- Reusable, durable plates and silverware, cups, napkins, tablecloths (ask about renting)
- Shop (and wrap!) with reusable bags!
- Plan for guests to bring a dish in their own containers they can take back home, OR
- Have guests bring reusable containers for leftovers they may take home
- Cleaning the house – old socks for dusting rags; microfiber fleece cloths are washable
- Vinegar for glass surfaces
- Electronic invitations – Evite®, Greenvelope, Punchbowl®, Zazzle, Inc.
- Online resources can help you plan how much food you need
- *Gifts for experiences – tickets to an event, museum or zoo membership, cooking class or trip
- *Gifts of your time – Babysitting, pet sitting, gardening help, lessons for a new hobby, teach someone a new skill
- *Gift cards for services, not goods – gas stations, car washes, hair/nail salon, massage, lawn service, audio books, pet services
- Homemade food and gifts show your creativity, time, and effort
- Reusable, useful containers such as cookies in a flowerpot, or jewelry in a new pair of gloves

RECYCLING BIN: Non-metallic wrapping paper and greeting cards without batteries

COMPOST: Evergreens, tea bags, coffee grounds, leaves, twigs, fresh cranberries

GARBAGE CAN: Cellophane, tissue paper, musical greeting cards, plastic ware

BATTERIES are special - Here's what to do with them <https://www.chestercountyswa.org/DocumentCenter/View/2379/Battery-chart-for-web-page-Repaired>

So, this year...celebrate how mindful you are with sustainable consumption and disposal practices. What GOOD behaviors and habits can YOU start on your way to being TrashSmart? And New Year's resolutions are just around the corner...