BOROUGH OF KENNETT SQUARE
120 Marshall Street
Kennett Square, PA 19348

This Newsletter is Going Green!

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Our bi-annual printed newsletter will be converting to an e-newsletter in 2020.

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with your **NAME**, **STREET ADDRESS** & **EMAIL ADDRESS**

Don't Forget to

SIGN UP FOR SWIFT 911

Swift 911 is the Borough of Kennett Square's Emergency Notification Service

This service enables us to send important messages for emergencies such as inclement weather, water issues, evacuations, etc. via phone calls, text messages & email. The purpose of this system is to keep the residents & property owners of our town safe & well informed.
We kindly request that if you have not already signed up, please do so now.

THREE WAYS TO GET SIGNED UP

Internet: Visit **www.kennettsq.org** & click the Swift 911 portal at the bottom of our homepage.

Subscribe to:
SWIFT 911
EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SERVICES

Phone: Call Borough Hall at **610-444-6020 ext 0** & speak with our receptionist, Denise Rodriguez, who can sign you up quickly

In Person: Swift 911 forms are available at the front desk of Borough Hall & from the Borough Secretary's desk during Council meetings. Don't forget to return the completed forms!

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A Message From The POLICE DEPARTMENT

Written by William T. Holdsworth, Chief of Police

SCAMs, FRAUD & THEFT

We would like the community to be aware of the increased attempts and efforts that criminals are taking to steal either your money or personal information. Most of these scams prey on people's good nature or threaten arrest for a multitude of reasons. Most of this criminal activity is originating from outside of our country which makes investigations nearly impossible. Criminals have also mastered the technology of "number spoofing" meaning they can make the number they are calling from appear to be anything they choose, including the local Police Department, County Sheriff's Office or another family member's phone number.

Some of the most prevalent scams the Police see occurring are the following:

1. ROBOCALL SCAMS

These automated calls cam be received with a variety of reasons for the call including but not limited to:

- Credit card offers of 0% interest rates
- Claims of problems with your current credit card
- Promises of forgiven or lowered student loan debt
- Promises of free vacations
- Promises of lottery winnings requiring you to pay the taxes before receiving the payout

2. IRS SCAMS

These calls usually come with the threat of arrest or even deportation for unpaid taxes.
Please be aware that the IRS will never call you.

3. THE GRANDPARENT SCAM

These calls usually are directed at our senior citizen residents. The caller acts as though they are a grandchild who unexpectedly & immediately needs money because they were involved in an accident, injured or even arrested.

4. NATIONAL DISASTER RELIEF SOLICITATIONS

These calls again usually prey on our good nature to want to donate when a disaster has occurred. The best course of action to take is to only donate to organizations that you have contacted and vetted, not those who initiated the contact with you.

5. TECH SUPPORT

This type of fraud usually originates from a phone call advising that you have a virus on your computer & ultimately wants you to grant the caller permission to acquire remote control of your computer. The caller may then actually place a virus on your computer before offering to sell a solution to fix the problem. This could also lead to the subject placing a program on the computer they can obtain the passwords to your banking institutions or other personal protected data. No one should ever be granted access to your computer without you having contacted them first.

6. FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS OR UTILITY COMPANY SCAMS

This type of fraud begins with a call from someone advising that there has possibly been fraud on your account. The caller then asks you to provide either a "PIN" number or even the actual account number. Do not ever provide protected personal information over the phone. If you believe that you have a problem with your bank card, credit card or utility company, please contact them directly & never respond to a cold call for information from a party that you are unable to verify.

These are just some of the many types of scams & fraud that we see our community affected by.

Under no circumstances should you ever agree to pay someone via gifts cards, bitcoin (digital currency) or wire transfer.

No law enforcement agency, local, state or federal, will contact you demanding payment to prevent an arrest.

In the event that you receive calls related to any of these scams or even different ones, please hang up & report the incident to the Kennett Square Police Department.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION DISPOSAL

The Kennett Square Police Department maintains a secured prescription drug collection box in the front lobby of the Police Department.

The disposal process is anonymous & access to the collection box to dispose of prescription medication is available ***Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.***

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A Message From The POLICE DEPARTMENT

SNOW EMERGENCY & WINTER WARNING ROUTES

As summer ends and fall begins, it will not be long until winter is upon us. Along with winter comes snow, sleet & ice. The following information pertains to the **locations & rules for the Snow Emergency & Winter Warning Routes**. Please make sure that **vehicles are removed from the roadways as per the ordinance requirements listed below** & remember that winter warnings & snow emergency routes work in conjunction with each other.

Kennett Square Borough Ordinance · 11-56 · Limitation on Parking

SNOW EMERGENCY. The mayor or other official designated by borough council may declare a snow & ice emergency (referred to as a "snow emergency"). **A snow emergency is instituted when four inches or more of snow have accumulated**, but it also may be instituted based on other weather conditions deemed to require the removal of vehicles from the roads for safe travel. The declaration of a snow emergency may be announced by posting at the borough municipal building, or by radio, newspaper, email, social media sites or other available media. The termination of a snow emergency may be announced in the same manner.

After a snow emergency has been declared, no person shall park a motor vehicle or allow that vehicle to remain parked on any portion of a snow emergency route as set forth in section 11-56.1.

WINTER WARNING. A winter warning shall be in effect when **roads are covered with freezing rain, snow, sleet, hail, or ice**. The mayor or other official designated by borough council may declare the start time for a winter warning in preparation for, & in anticipation of, those conditions. The declaration of a winter warning may be announced by posting at the borough municipal building, or by radio, newspaper, email, social media sites or other available media. The termination of a winter warning may be announced in the same manner.

When a winter warning is in effect, no person shall park a motor vehicle or allow that vehicle to remain parked on any portion of a winter warning route as set forth in section 11-56.2.

(Ord. No. 922, § 1 , 10-19-2015; Ord. No. 927, § 1 , 4-4-2016)

Kennett Square Borough Ordinance · 11-56.1 · Designation of Snow Emergency Routes

- **Birch Street**, north side;
- **West Cedar Street**, from Meredith Street to Union Street;
- **Cypress Street**, both sides, except permit parking zones;
- **Meredith Street**, west side, between State and Cedar Streets;
- **Race Street**, between East State Street and East Cypress Street;
- **South Street**, south side;
- **State Street**, both sides;
- **Union Street**, both sides;
- **Walnut Street**, east side;
- **Linden Street**, south side, from Broad Street to Willow Street;
- **Broad Street**, both sides, from State to Cypress Streets;
- **North Willow Street**, west side, between Linden Street and State Street;
- **Ridge Avenue**, south side;
- **North Mill Road**, from West State Street to north Borough Line.

(Ord. No. 922, § 1 , 10-19-2015; Ord. No. 927, § 2 , 4-4-2016)

Kennett Square Borough Ordinance · 11-56.2 · Designation of Winter Warning Routes

- **East Linden Street**, north side, from Broad Street to Willow Street;
- **North Willow Street**, east side, from East Linden Street to East State Street;
- **South Walnut Street**, east side, from East South Street to Southview Avenue.

(Ord. No. 922, § 1 , 10-19-2015)

View Borough of Kennett Square Ordinances by visiting: **http://library.municode.com/pa/kennett_square**

REPORTING INFORMATION TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Please continue to work with us by reporting anything you observe, hear or believe to be suspicious and concerning. We need the assistance of the public and our residents to be vigilant in protecting the community.

In the event of an Emergency please call 911 immediately, anytime, day or night.

For **non-emergency related issues requiring a Police Officer**, please contact **Chester County Police Dispatch** at **610-268-3171** anytime, day or night.

For **Police Department Administration** questions or concerns, please call **610-444-0501**, Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Chief of Police William T. Holdsworth can also be reached by email at **Wholdsworth@KennettSquarePolice.org**

A Message from the CODES DEPARTMENT

DOES YOUR HOUSE NEED A CHECKUP?

Like our bodies, houses need a regular checkup to assure that all is safe and in proper working condition. Maintenance of heating & exhaust systems, fire extinguishers, & portable generators should be performed on a yearly basis. Smoke & carbon monoxide detectors should have the batteries changed every six months, & GFCI electrical receptacles should be tested monthly.

The following items should also be inspected to make sure that they are safe:

· **SMOKE ALARMS** are located in the proper places, & are in working condition. Every bedroom should have a smoke alarm installed either on the upper wall or on the ceiling, no closer than one foot from where either the wall meets the ceiling or where walls meet each other. A smoke alarm is also required on each floor, including the basement & attic if the area is more than a crawl space.

· **ALL ELECTRICAL JUNCTIONS** are required to properly terminate or be removed. All electrical connections should be properly capped with wire nuts, taped with electrical tape, & be inside a covered junction box. All electrical switches & receptacle outlets should have proper connections, & have a cover plate installed.

· **CARBON MONOXIDE** detectors should be installed where fossil fuel burning appliances are present in the home. Fossil fuels include oil, natural gas, propane & wood. A carbon monoxide detector should be located in the vicinity of the bedrooms, as well as one in the vicinity of the appliance.

· **GFCI** electrical receptacles or breakers should be installed near water sources, in garages & in unfinished basements. GFCI protection is required at all kitchen counter electrical receptacles, & in all outlets located in bathrooms.

· Choose the right **EXTENSION CORD** for the job, & use it as specified. Extension cords can overheat if the connected appliances consume more watts than the cord is rated.

· **ELECTRICAL PANELS** should be inspected for proper wiring & breaker or fuse amperage. If you do not know the correct electrical rating of the wiring & breakers or fuses, have a licensed electrician inspect the panel & wiring. Electrical switches or outlets that are warm to the touch are a good indication of incorrect wiring.

· Check that all **LIGHT BULBS** are the proper wattage & type for the lamp or light fixture in which they are installed. Using a higher wattage bulb than recommended by the manufacturer poses a significant fire hazard.

· Inspect all bedding, drapery, & upholstered furniture for **APPROPRIATE PROXIMITY TO HEAT SOURCES**. A minimum of three feet should separate heating sources & combustible materials. Portable heaters should never be used on a permanent basis, & if left unattended, pose a major fire hazard.

SU CASA NECESITA UN CHEQUEO?

Al igual que nuestros cuerpos, casas necesitan un chequeo regular para asegurar que todo está seguro y en buenas condiciones de funcionamiento. Mantenimiento de calefacción y sistemas de escape, extintores, y generadores portátiles se debe realizar cada año. Las baterías de los detectores de humo y monóxido de carbono se deben de cambiar cada seis meses, y los receptáculos eléc- tricos GFCI deben ser probados mensual.

Los siguientes artículos también se deben revisar para asegurarse de que estánseguros:

· Los detectores de humo están ubicados en los lugares adecuados, y funcionan. Cada habitación debe tener un detector de humo instalado sea en la pared superior o en el techo, no más cerca de un pie de donde sea la pared se encuentra con el techo o las paredes donde se encuentran. También se requiere un detector de humo en cada piso, incluyendo el sótano y ático si el área es más que un espacio de rastreo.

· Detectores de monóxido deben ser instalados donde los aparatos que queman combustibles fósiles están presentes en la casa. Los combustibles fósiles incluyen petróleo, gas natural, propano y madera. Un detector de monóxido de carbono debe estar situado en las proximidades de las habitaciones, tambien uno en la proximidad delaparato.

· se requieren uniones electricos de terminar correctamente o ser eliminado. Todas las conexiones eléctricas deben ser protegidas adecuadamente con tuercas de cable, grabado con cinta aislante, y estar dentro de una caja de conexiones cubierto. Todos los in- terruptores eléctricos y tomacorrientes deben tener conexiones adecuadas, y tienen una placa de cubierta instalada.

· Receptáculos o interruptores eléctricos GFCI deberia estar instaldo cerca de fuentes de agua, en garajes y en los sótanos sin terminar. Se requiere protección GFCI en todos los receptáculos eléctricos de la cocina, y en todos los baños.

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A Message from the CODES DEPARTMENT

SU CASA NECESITA UN CHEQUEO? ***(hacer continuación)***

· Paneles electricos deben ser inspeccionados para el cableado adecuado y el interruptor o el amperaje del fusible. Si usted no sabe la clasificación eléctrica correcta del cableado y los interruptores o fusibles, Un electricista calificado debe de inspeccionar el panel y el cableado. Interruptores eléctricos que se sienten tibias al toque son una buena indicación de un cableado incorrecto.

· Inspeccione la ropa de cama, cortinas y muebles de proximidad apropiada de fuentes de calor. Un mínimo de tres pies deben sepa- rar las fuentes de calor y materiales combustibles. Los calentadores portátiles nunca deben ser utilizados de manera permanente, porque son un gran riesgo de incendio.

· Elige el cable de extensión adecuada para el trabajoy utilícelo como se especifica. Los cables de extensión pueden sobrecalentarse si los aparatos conectados consumen más vatios que el cable tiene. Los cables de extensión nunca deben colocarse debajo de las alfombras o muebles donde puedan resultar dañados, oa través de una puerta o zona en la que pueden suponer un peligro de tropiezo caminando. Los cables de extensión no deben ser alteradas de ninguna manera, o se utilizan en caso de deterioro. Los ca- bles de extensión sólo se deben utilizar temporalmente, y debe ser desconectado cuando no esté en uso.

· Verifique Que todas las bombillas son la potencia y tipo adecuado para la lámpara o luminaria en el que están instalados. El uso de bombillas de mayor potencia de lo que esta recomendada por el fabricante presenta un peligro significativo de incendios.

Smoke Alarms at Home

SMOKE ALARMS ARE A KEY PART OF A HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN.

When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

SAFETY TIPS

· ***Install smoke alarms in every bedroom.*** They should also be outside each sleeping area & on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.

· ***Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.***

· It is best to ***use interconnected smoke alarms***. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.

· ***Test all smoke alarms*** at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.

· Current alarms on the market employ different types of technology including ***multi-sensing***, which could include smoke & carbon monoxide combined.

· Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, ***yet mitigate false alarms***.

· ***A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall.*** Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.

· ***People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms***. Theses alarms have strobe lights & bed shakers.

· ***Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.***

FACTS

· **A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat & fire.**

· **Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, & on every level.** Smoke alarms should be connected so when one sounds, they all sound. Most homes do not have this level of protection.

· Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in **homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.**

For more information visit the National Fire Protection Association Website:
www.nfpa.org/education

A Message from the FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Earned Income Tax – Annually Keystone Collections Group issues delinquent earned income tax notices.
Please remember that you must contact Keystone directly in order to resolve any earned income tax delinquencies.
The number to call is 1-866-539-1100.

KEYSTONE collections group®

For any Real Estate Tax inquiries, please contact our third party collector,
Berkheimer Tax Innovations at 610-599-3143

MANY WAYS TO PAY!

Just a friendly reminder that there are a lot of ways to pay your **quarterly Utility Bill**:

- Cash, check or credit card (service fee applies) in person at Borough Hall
- By mail with a check to Borough Hall OR to our BB&T Bank Lockbox at the following address:
  Borough of Kennett Square
  P.O. Box 45738
  Baltimore, MD 21297-5738
- Online via credit card or electronic check by visiting our website **www.kennettsq.org**
  - Click on the "View or Pay your Bill" button at the bottom of the homepage
  - You'll need your account number and pin from your bill to enter the online payment system.

Please Note the Following Fees

Credit/Debit Card: add 2.95%

Electronic Check: add $1.05

FISCAL SNAPSHOT - AS OF JUNE 30, 2019

	2019 BUDGET	2019 ACTUAL	% RECEIVED/EXPENDED
GENERAL FUND REVENUE	$ 4,904,408	$ 2,898,028	59% ✓
GENERAL FUND EXPENSE	$ 4,904,408	$ 2,617,698	53% ✓
WATER FUND REVENUE	$ 1,277,384	$ 598,577	47% ✓
WATER FUND EXPENSE*	$ 1,277,384	$ 514,257	40% ✓
SEWER FUND REVENUE*	$ 2,075,665	$ 1,065,570	51% ✓
SEWER FUND EXPENSE*	$ 1,836,025	$ 1,111,818	61% ✓
SOLID WASTE FUNDS REVENUE	$ 360,000	$ 183,780	51% ✓
SOLID WASTE FUNDS EXPENSE	$ 360,000	$ 163,930	46% ✓
*CAPITAL PROJECTS EXCLUDED			
✓ = On Target			
✗ = Off Target			

Facts About STREET SHADE TREES

Street Shade Trees beautify our community, clean the air, provide shade to cool buildings & paved areas, increase property values, & help control stormwater. A Street Shade Tree is any tree, shrub, or other woody plant, which is planted in any Borough right-of-way.

- **A permit is required to remove a Street Shade Tree**
- A Street Shade Tree ***Removal Permit*** is issued by the Borough's ***Shade Tree Commission***. *Permits will not be issued for tree removal on an aesthetic basis only.*
- The ***Shade Tree Commission*** meets monthly on the third Wednesday at 2 PM in Borough Hall.
- Although there is no application fee, a ***$350 Escrow Fee*** per tree must accompany all applications. This escrow will be returned after an approved replacement street tree has been planted & proves to be healthy & well established.
- If a Street Shade Tree is removed without a permit, the Shade Tree Commission will assess a mandatory ***$1,000 penalty*** in the C-1 District only for each & every violation. In all other zoning districts the fine imposed will be up to $1,000.

PLEASE NOTE: Removal Permits are also required for any Street Shade Trees that have fallen, although clean-up is the responsibility of the property owner & should be done immediately.

To report a fallen Street Shade Tree, call Borough Hall at 610-444-6020.

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Frequently Asked Questions Regarding RESIDENTIAL TRASH & RECYCLING

LET'S TALK TRASH…

Q: When is residential trash collected?

A: **Residential trash & recycling is collected every Tuesday.** The trash is to be bagged, tied & placed in a Borough-provided 35, 65, or 95 gallon toter. Excess trash **WILL NOT** be collected. All toters must be placed curbside before 6 AM on Tuesday.

Q: When is bulk trash pick-up?

A: **Bulk pick-up is the last Tuesday of every month.** Only **ONE** bulk item will be collected per household. A bulk item is a hot water heater, a box spring/mattress set, a couch, a chair, ect. Tires **ARE NOT** considered a bulk item & **WILL NOT** be collected. Appliances containing Freon (i.e, refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifers, & air conditioners) require special arrangements at the owner's expense. Please contact Borough Hall if you have any questions.

Q: Cuando se recoje la basura residencial?

A: La **basura y el reciclaje** se recoje todos los **Martes**. La basura debe ser embolsada, atada, y colocada en el bote azul de basura de 35, 65, 95 galones. Cualquier otro tipo de bote no será aceptado a menos que sea aprobado por el municipio. El colector no se recogerá la basura en bolsas de plástico solamente. Toda la basura necesita estar afuera {colocada en la acera) antes de las 6 AM

Q: Cuando es la recolección de articulos grandes?

A: Es el **ultimo Martes** de cada mes. Pueden poner solamente **UN** articulo grande en la acera para ser recojido. Un articulo gran-de puede ser un boiler, colchón con el box spring, un sofá, una silla, etc. Llantas no son consideradas "artículos grandes" y no serán recogidas. Electrodomésticos que contengan freón (refrigeradores, congeladores, etc.) requieren que el dueño del articulo page para que lo recojan.

LET'S TALK RECYCLING…

Q: What can I recycle?

A: Under Pennsylvania Act 101 recycling is mandatory in the Borough of Kennett Square for both **Residential & Commercial** properties. Newspapers, inserts, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, envelopes, paperback books, phone books, office & school papers, colored paper, cardboard, boxboard, clean pizza boxes (must be flattened), paper egg cartons, paper bags (grocery type), aluminum cans, clean foil, tin & steel aerosol cans (empty), clear, green & brown glass bottles & jars (empty & rinsed) & all plasticcontainers labeled #1 through #7 can all be recycled with the exception of plastic bags & Styrofoam. Remember Residential Recycling in the Borough is "Single Stream"; which means all recyclables can be placed in one container.

Q: Que puedo reciclar?

A: Bajo el Acto 101 de Pennsylvania, reciclar es mandatorio en el Borough de Kennett Square. Periódico, insertos, revistas, catá-logos, sobres, libros con portada de papel, directorios telefónicos, papeles de escuela y oficina, papel de color, cartón, cajas de cartón, cajas de pizza limpias (deben ser aplanadas), cartones de huevos de papel , bolsas de papel (tipo de compras), latas de aluminio, papel de aluminio limpio, latas de aerosol (vacías), botellas de vidrio claras, verdes, café y tarros (vacios y enjuagados), y todo tipo de plástico marcado #1 asta #7 puede ser reciclado. Reciclaje en el Borough es Single Stream que significa que todo material reciclable puede ser puesto en un mismo contenedor.

Notes Regarding RESIDENTIAL YARD WASTE

LEAF BAGS *

- Leaf bags should be placed curbside every Monday from April 1st through December 31st by 7 AM.
- ONLY grass clippings, small twigs, & leaves should be placed in the bags.
- The tops of the bags can be folded over; if you need to tape them, only masking tape can be used.
- The bags should NOT exceed 20 POUNDS.

BRANCHES *

- Branches are chipped curbside the first Monday of every month.
- Branches must be neatly placed curbside. Do not tie up the branches.
- The Public Works Department will spend no more than 20 minutes at each household.
- The Borough cannot chip the following: Branches wider than 4" in diameter, stumps, roots, or bamboo.

CHRISTMAS TREES *

- Christmas Trees will be chipped curbside from December 26th through January 31st.
- Trees must be placed neatly curbside & be free of all ornaments, including tinsel.

* Under Pennsylvania Law, these items are banned from the waste stream. Your trash toter will not be emptied if it contains any of these items.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to circumstances, it may take the Public Works Department a week or more to complete collections.

Please call Borough Hall, 610-444-6020, ext 0 to let us know you have these items curbside to ensure they are not missed.

Kennett Square Municipal PUBLIC WORKS

KENNETT SQUARE MUNICIPAL MS4 STORMWATER PROGRAM

What is the MS4 Stormwater Program?

Untreated or uncontrolled stormwater runoff is the number one cause of impairment in our local waterways.

Polluted runoff is often transported through municipal stormwater systems where it is eventually discharged into streams untreated. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established a municipal stormwater management program known as the MS4 Program that is intended to improve our nation's waters by reducing the quantities of pollutants that stormwater picks up & carries into the storm sewer systems during a storm event.

As part of the MS4 Program, the Borough holds a permit to discharge stormwater into local waterways. This permit requires the Borough to design a stormwater management program that reduces the discharge of pollutants to the maximum extent possible, that protects water quality & that satisfies the water quality requirements of the Clean Water Act. In Pennsylvania, the MS4 program is administered by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

The MS4 stormwater management program has six elements termed "minimum control measures" which when implemented should result in significant reduction in pollutants discharged into receiving waters:

· Public Education and Outreach · Public Participation/Involvement · Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination · Construction Site Runoff Control · Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping

Why is Stormwater Important?

Stormwater is water from rain — or melting snow — that does not quickly soak into the ground.

Stormwater flows from rooftops, over paved areas & bare soil, & through sloped lawns and fields. As it flows, this runoff collects & transports soil, pet waste, pesticides, fertilizer, oil & grease, leaves, litter, & other potential pollutants that ultimately wind up in local bodies of water.

Stormwater is important because it can lead to pollution, erosion, flooding & many other environmental & health concerns.

Even houses that are not beside a creek or lake can contribute to problems. Storm drains, ditch systems & pipes are designed to move runoff from your neighborhood to the nearest body of water.

Contrary to popular belief, ***storm sewers do not carry stormwater to wastewater treatment plants***. Pollutants that end up in storm sewers empty into a stormwater drain inlet, which drains to your local creek. The water then drains into your neighborhood ponds & ultimately into the local rivers & beaches.

Remember, only rain should go in the storm drain!

STORM WATER FACTS

DID YOU KNOW? In a 1998 Polluted Runoff survey of the nation's water resources, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency found that when rivers & streams are impaired, 11% of the environmental damage comes from urban polluted runoff. When lakes & reservoirs are impaired, it accounts for 12% of the decline in water quality.

AUTOMOBILE MAINTENANCE

Just four quarts of oil from your car's engine can form an eight-acre oil slick if spilled or dumped down a storm sewer.
(Source: Homeowner's Guide to Protecting Water Quality & the Environment, Colorado State University Cooperative Extension)

PET WASTE

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ranks bacteria as the most widespread contaminant in the nation's assessed rivers & streams, polluting 76,397 miles.
(Source: Natural Resources Defense Council's Website - **www.nrdc.org**.)
A major source of the pathogens is polluted runoff, of which pet waste is a component.

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Kennett Square Municipal PUBLIC WORKS

TIPS ON WATER CONSERVATION

- Use water efficient toilets & fixtures.
- Find & repair leaks immediately.
- Check for small leaks by placing blue food color in your toilet's tank. In about 15 minutes, if the water in the bowl is blue, then you have a leak.
- Check your toilets periodically. If the flapper does not close properly, then replace it.
- Fill a gallon plastic bottle with water & place it in your toilet tank. (The part in the back!) It will take up the same space as the water usually does, but in a year, it will keep 5,000 gallons of water from going down the drain.

- Take a quick shower.
- Turn off the water while you brush your teeth or put shampoo/soap on in the shower.
- Water Plants During the Coolest Part of the Day
- Clean Driveways & Sidewalks with a Broom Instead of Water
- Dishwashers typically save more water than washing dishes by hand, especially energy star appliances, which save both water and electricity.

Identification & Eradication of the SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

The Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) is an invasive insect that causes weakening & destruction of trees by boring into trunks. They pose a multibillion-dollar threat to agriculture & forestry industries.

The SLF are active hitchhikers & spread through infested materials containing the egg masses. A pregnant female can lay up to 200 eggs a year. The egg masses can be found on any part of a tree, but also on other hard surfaces such as under decks, outdoor furniture & rusty posts.

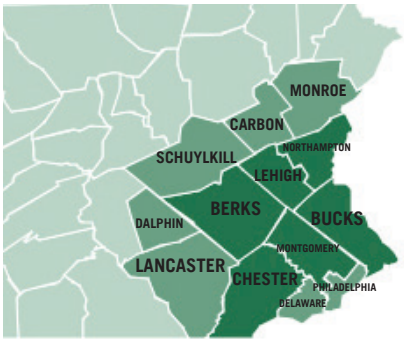
There are limited predators to the SLF, so agencies, industries & residents must join forces to take steps to control this invasive species.

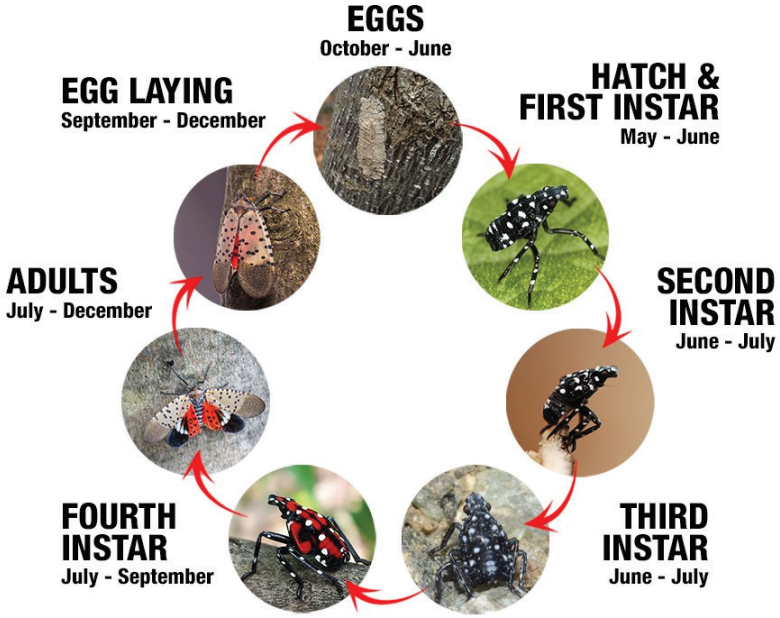
WHAT CAN BE DONE?

- ***Scraping*** off egg masses removes between 30-50 eggs.
- ***Banding*** trees catches the insect as it migrates up the trunk.
- ***Removing*** the insect by swatting or squishing.

PREVENT THE SPREAD OF SLF:

- ***Life Stages*** - Know the life stages to identify them.
- ***Quarantine Area*** - Chester County is a quarantined area.
  - Follow biosecurity best practices when leaving the area.
  - Check your car for SLF before leaving the county.
  - Get to know other SLF quarantined areas.





For more information, visit the website:
https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly-management-for-homeowners

Kennett Square's

2019 CALENDAR of EVENTS

Celebrate the Holidays · Christmas in Kennett

#CHRISTMASINKENNETT

EVENTS TAKE PLACE IN DOWNTOWN KENNETT SQUARE ON STATE STREET UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

CHRISTMAS IN KENNETT SHUTTLE TO LONGWOOD GARDENS

Requires special timed ticket from Longwood Gardens
1:30 - 10:00 PM
(Last shuttle leaves Kennett Square for the Gardens at 6:30)

Saturday, November 23rd
Saturday, November 30th
Saturday, December 7th
Saturday, December 14th
Saturday, December 21st
Saturday, December 28th

HOLIDAY LIGHT PARADE & TREE LIGHTING

Friday, November 29th at 6 PM
(+ Santa & Mrs. Claus at ANCHOR LIFE + FITNESS after parade)

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Saturday, November 30th

BRANDYWINE SINGERS CAROLING THROUGH TOWN

2 - 5 PM
Saturday, November 30th
Saturday, December 7th
Saturday, December 21st

KENNETT HOLIDAY VILLAGE MARKET

AT THE CREAMERY OF KENNETT SQUARE
11 AM - 5 PM
Saturday, December 7th
Sunday, December 8th
Saturday, December 14th
Sunday, December 15th

TINSEL ON THE TOWN

Family-friendly holiday shopping & activities
Thursday, December 12th from 6 - 9 PM

MIDNIGHT IN THE SQUARE

Tuesday, December 31st from 6:30 PM-1 AM

For more information about events in Kennett Square please visit:
WWW.HISTORICKENNETTSQUARE.COM

PODEMOS TRADUCIR! Si usted necesita ayuda con la traducción por favor llame a Denise Rodriguez en la oficina.

A Message About ANSON B. NIXON PARK

ROCK THE PARK

Another fun and exciting summer comes to a close at Anson B. Nixon Park and a great season it was. On September 7, the fifth annual benefit concert, "Rock the Park," was headlined by the popular ***Hoots & Hellmouth***. This year, the concert was moved to a new venue, the ***Mushroom Festival***, where a huge tent assured that attendees could enjoy the full event in case of inclement weather. An estimated 200 people participated, taking in the stage performance & refreshments. We thank the Mushroom Festival for providing the exciting venue this year.

Kennett Area Park Authority (KAPA) gratefully thanks all the volunteers who helped make music in the Park & under the Festival tent incredible successes this year. We also extend appreciation to the many sponsors whose support made the concerts possible & vendors who provided scrumptious food & other refreshments each evening. A complete list can be found on our website **www.ansonbnixonpark.org**.

Without the support of the community, Anson B. Nixon Park & its events and activities would not be the valued asset they are.

ANSON B. NIXON PARK
KENNETT SQUARE

In other news, KAPA is exploring forming a support organization to aid in driving awareness of the park & building a sustainable endowment to support the park. KAPA, as a municipal authority under Pennsylvania law, receives generous financial & in kind support from Kennett Township & the Kennett Square Borough. That support does not approach the full cost of maintaining and operating the park. The supporting organization will focus on means to not only assure adequate annual funding but provide sustainable support well into the future.

Check out the Park's recently upgraded website **www.ansonbnixonpark.org**. Over the past year or so, visitors have seen many improvements making their park experience better than ever before: the more visible entrance road, large dog park, attractive signage & other features. You can look forward to a stream corridor restoration project next year, a contemplation space near the stream & much more. Fall is a great time visit, so see you there!

Messages From BOROUGH HALL

HOLIDAY HOURS

During the holiday season, Borough Hall will be closed on **November 28th, 29th, December 24th, 25th, 30th, 31st** and **January 1st 2020**.

Due to limited staffing, Borough Hall will be closing at noon on **December 23rd, 26th**, and **27th**.

We wish you a very happy & healthy holiday season.