

BOROUGH OF KENHORST FALL/WINTER 2010 NEWSLETTER

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SNOW PLAN FOR 2010/2011 WINTER SEASON

Borough Council took action to return to the former Even/Odd number resident parking policy during snow events.

1. Mayor declares a Snow Emergency: Secretary notifies radio stations, police, public works crew, etc.
2. All Snow Emergency Routes will have restricted parking during declared snow emergencies as per Ordinance #433 and plowing will be conducted from curb to curb along these routes. Vehicles will be allowed to return after the Mayor lifts the Snow Emergency. The emergency route includes: **New Holland Rd., South Kenhorst Blvd., all Borough streets marked as "Snow Emergency Route" and Columbia Ave** due to the use of fire equipment servicing the Borough.
3. After snow stops, intersections will be cleared and storm drains opened provided there is room to get equipment in safely.
4. Driving lanes on all remaining streets will be cleared – even number side on first day and odd number side on second day after snow fall ends. In areas where vehicles have been moved, snow will be pushed back toward curb as far as possible.
5. REMINDERS –
 - Plowing begins at 3 inch snow depth.
 - Residents who cast snow on the plowed road will be fined. "No Exceptions".
 - All property owners must remove snow and ice from sidewalks within 12 hours after a storm and are asked to keep fire hydrants clear.
 - It is best to make a plan as to where to park your vehicle if you will be away during a snow event.
 - Please be patient! The public works crew will clear all roads as soon as possible, but the first priority is to clear the roads for emergency vehicles.



TRASH/RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE CHANGE BEGINNING DECEMBER 6th

Starting on Monday, December 6th trash will be collected each week on Mondays and every other week recycling will be collected on Tuesdays. **SEE INSERT FOR DETAILS**



FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS! HOLIDAY PARADE AND CHILDREN'S PARTY

The Kenhorst Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, Kenhorst Borough, and Kenhorst Merchants will once again sponsor the Annual Christmas Parade and Party. The Parade features Characters and Santa who will be driven around the Borough on fire trucks from several area fire departments. The Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, **December 18, 2010 starting at 1:00 PM** and the Parade will end at the Kenhorst Fire Company Social Quarters, where a party will be held for the Borough's children. Save the date! Not to be missed!

Reading Police Phone Numbers:

Emergency Services 9-1-1

Non-emergency service 610-655-6111

Information & minor reports 610-655-6116

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FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK –

By Jeri Diesinger

The Borough received positive feedback regarding the Spring (May) and Summer/Fall (August) editions of the newsletter. Residents and business owners indicated that they enjoyed reading about current projects and issues. This forum will continue to be used to update you about Borough operations. Please call if there are questions or if you would like to read about other topics. Please also visit our website which is full of useful information and is updated with timely notices.

Changes to Borough Personnel - Kindly join me in welcoming two new members of the Kenhorst Borough family. Kieran Holland was appointed to Council to fill the vacant seat left by Richard Lerch who resigned his position effective September 30th when he and his family moved out of the Borough. We also welcome Dieter Stucke who will assist Road Supervisor, Dwayne Hart in the Public Works Department. Dieter replaces Mike Yost who resigned his position in October. We thank Rich and Mike for their past service to the citizens of Kenhorst and wish them the best.

2011 Budget – A draft budget was presented to Council at a special public meeting conducted on October 19th. The final draft is available for public review on the Borough's website and at Borough Hall throughout the month of November. Council expects to approve the final budget at their December 2nd meeting. Council and staff worked diligently so that taxes will remain the same in 2011. A *budget summary is presented on Page 3.*

Street Work – Milling and repaving was conducted at the intersection of Bellefonte at Bleeker in October and pothole patching occurred on Upland Avenue. A more extensive repair program is planned in 2011.

Sanitary and Storm Water Sewers – The sanitary system was televised on Woodcrest, Wingate and Wesleyan Drives as the final round of our inflow and infiltration inspection program. The Borough assesses between 6,000 to 10,000 feet of sewer line each year to check areas needing repair or replacement piping. This routine reduces the amount of clean water that infiltrates the system and flows to the City of Reading treatment plant which in turn keeps our costs as low as possible. The storm sewer pipes along High Boulevard from Hancock to Commonwealth also were televised.

Trash/Recycling Collection Contract – Council awarded a one year refuse and recycling contract to J. P. Mascaro and Sons beginning on December 1, 2010. Trash pick-up will change to Mondays with recycling pick up every other week on Tuesdays for the entire Borough. Christmas trees will be collected weekly with the regular trash collection during the month of January 2011.

Tree Removal Project – Dead or dying trees were removed from the park in the vicinity of the ball field and along the 1300 and 1400 blocks of Brooke Boulevard. Replacement trees will be planted in 2011.

Traffic Sign Replacement Program – By 2016 all Borough traffic and street name signs must be replaced to new specifications including a highly reflective material on the sign face. This is an unfunded mandate that

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will cost the Borough approximately \$20,000 (or \$4,000 per year over the next five years).

Mifflin Community Library - Please contact the Library if you are interested in representing Kenhorst on the Library Board.

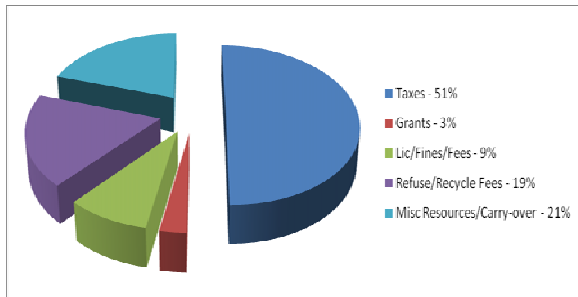
2011 DRAFT BUDGET

On November 4th, Council approved the 2011 draft budget and authorized advertisement of the same. A copy of the budget is available to review on our website and at Borough Hall. Council plans to approve the final budget during the December 2nd meeting.

GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT \$1,269,950

2011 Revenues

Taxes	\$ 652,700
Grants	\$ 35,400
Lic/Fines/Fees	\$ 111,050
Refuse/Recycle Fees	\$ 239,500
Misc and Carry-over	\$ 261,300

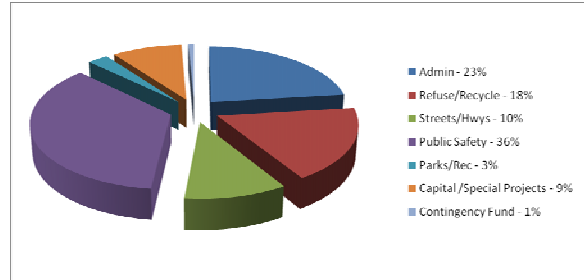


2011 Operating Expenses

Administration	\$ 293,325
Refuse/Recycling	\$ 230,200
Streets/Highways	\$ 132,500
Public Safety	\$ 452,100
Parks/Recreation	\$ 34,350

Capital/Special Projects \$ 117,900

Contingency Fund \$ 9,575



LIQUID FUELS ACCOUNT - \$80,000

SEWER ACCOUNT - \$658,942

2011 Sewer Revenues –	\$ 658,942
2011 Sewer Operating Expenses -	\$ 500,850
Capital Expenses	\$ 123,768
Reserve Account	\$ 25,000
Contingency Fund	\$ 9,324

COUNCIL GRANTS AMNESTY PERIOD FOR LATE SEWER AND TRASH ACCOUNT PAYMENTS

Borough Council authorized a period of amnesty from application of the ten percent (10%) late fee applied to those sewer and trash/recycling accounts which are not more than two quarters (60 days) in arrears if the accounts are paid in full between now and December 31, 2010.

Council also authorized the Borough Manager to conduct a one-day Payment Plan Workshop scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 15, 2010. On this date, the Borough staff will be available to set up individual payment plans to bring property owner accounts up to date. Note that for any account totals which have been submitted to the

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Accounts Recovery Bureau, the twenty-five percent (25%) collection account fee will apply to the total amount in arrears. The payment plans will consist of the following and will apply to all property owners in arrears – there will be no special exceptions:

Plan A – For accounts in arrears \$500 or less

Twenty five percent (25%) of total paid up front and remaining total paid over next three (3) months in equal installments. The next quarter billing must be paid on time or the 10% late fee amount originally waived will be added back onto the account.

Plan A – For accounts in arrears \$501 or more

– Twenty five percent (25%) of total paid up front and remaining total paid over next six (6) months in equal monthly installments. The next quarter billing must be paid on time or the 10% late fee amount originally waived will be added back onto the account.

Pre-payment of quarterly sewer and trash assessments also is an option and will be accepted at Borough Hall on a weekly or monthly basis. Your account will be duly credited when payments are made. Pre-paying will reduce your quarterly sewer/trash statement.

**LEAF PICK UP – SCHEDULED
NOVEMBER 1st to 30th**

It's that time of year again...leaf picking season! Our Public Works crew has been methodically picking up leaves on each street since November 1st and plans to do so each week until November 30th. Please note that leaves will NOT be picked up by the Borough after November 30th as our staff must begin focusing on winter maintenance activities after that date.



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS - NOTICE OF SCAMS

According to Chief William Heim, the Police Department has received many calls about a contest sponsor who requests that you call them back because a prize has been won.

The call back number provided is 1-877-279-3457; however, the caller ID number is listed as 708-833-8406.

Please be advised that these calls are scams and you should be careful about these and online inquiries as well.

The Attorney General's office has found that these calls are difficult to stop since the exact sources of the calls are hard to locate. Please do not give out personal information, but you are urged to notify the helpful staff of the Attorney General's office at info@attorneygeneral.gov.

BOROUGH HALL HOURS NOW THROUGH 12/31/2010

OFFICE CLOSED - *Thursday and Friday, November 25th and 26th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.*

OFFICE CLOSED – *Friday, December 24th and Friday, December 31st in observance of Christmas and New Year's, respectively.*

OFFICE OPEN – *Monday, January 17, 2011 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*

OFFICE OPEN – *Monday, February 21, 2011 - Presidents Day*

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Crime Watch Committee - Update

To date seven residents have signed up to participate in the Crime Watch Committee; however, there is still time to join this group. The more residents that are willing to participate will ensure a successful committee. Just contact the Borough Hall with your name, address, phone number and email if you have one. Committee members will be notified of the specific date when the kick-off meeting is scheduled in January.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

*WE WISH YOU PEACE, HEALTH
AND GOOD FORTUNE IN THE
NEW YEAR!*

*FROM THE KENHORST BOROUGH
COUNCIL AND STAFF*