

# BOROUGH OF KENHORST FALL 2011 NEWSLETTER

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## SUMMER PLAYGROUND FUN!

Sixty children signed up to participate in the 2011 Summer Playground. On average 35 children enjoyed fun activities each day including a visit from Reptile Canyon, field trips to the Kenhorst Volunteer Fire Co., Ozzie's Sports, Movie Days at the IMAX theatre, Nolde Forest, a Reading Phillies game, GeoCaching, weekly swimming at the Ken-Grill pool and a kickball tourney sponsored by Berks County Parks and Recreation. Many thanks to our four new playground leaders: Audrianna Osorio, Bryce Dutt, Tarryn Griffith and Rachel Marra for a super successful season. The leaders and children planned a fun-filled, week-long end of season event which included tie-dying tee shirts, a talent show and party before the last day of camp. Special congratulations are extended to Head Leader, Audrianna Osorio, who won the 2011 Favorite Playground Leader Award presented by a representative of the Berks Parks Department! This is the second year in a row that a Kenhorst Borough Playground Leader won this award.



### Berks County Solid Waste Authority 2011 Fall Collection Schedule

October 15, 2011 - Pharmaceuticals

November 5, 2011 - Household Hazardous Waste

October 22, 2011 - Tires/Paper Shredding (fees apply for tires)

Collecting at – First Energy Stadium 8am to 2 pm

Contact Berks Solid Waste Authority

[www.co.berks.pa.us/swa](http://www.co.berks.pa.us/swa)

## !!!MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!



### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th KENHORST PARK EVENT 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

An opportunity for Kenhorst residents and Alvernia students to meet and greet - Sponsored by Kenhorst Borough's Drive 25 and Neighborhood Watch Committees and Alvernia University.



### MONDAY, OCTOBER 17TH KENHORST BULK PICK UP DAY

On Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> J. P. Mascaro will collect all types of discarded household furniture and toys, six (6) items maximum, except that no single item shall be longer than eight (8) feet in length or wider than four (4) feet in width, and weigh no more than 150 pounds. Place bulk items with the regular trash.

**ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED**  
NO STOVES, REFRIGERATORS,  
HUMIDIFIERS, DE-HUMIDIFIERS, AIR  
CONDITIONERS, WASHERS, DRYERS,  
WATER HEATERS, TIRES, MOTORS,  
AUTOMOTIVE PARTS OR TRANSMISSIONS,  
REMODELING MATERIALS OR BUILDING  
MATERIALS OR  
ANY APPLIANCES CONTAINING FREON

*Cut out and post on the refrigerator so you won't forget!*

### 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

**Results of the Permit Parking Survey** - For over a year Kenhorst Borough Council received numerous complaints regarding parking in the neighborhoods in the vicinity of Alvernia University. In June a draft permit parking plan survey was mailed to 133 residents on Wesleyan Drive, Wingate Avenue, Woodcrest Drive, the 1100, 1200 and 1300 blocks of Commonwealth Boulevard and Greenway Terrace. A total of 71 residents completed the form and returned it to the Borough.

- 21 residents support permit parking program
- 44 residents do not support program
- 6 residents had no preference

A majority of respondents did not support implementation of such a program; therefore, Council decided NOT to implement the Permit Parking Program at this time.

### **2011 ADA Curb Ramp Installation** –

Handicapped-accessible curb ramps will be installed at three locations on Haig Boulevard at the alley between New Holland Road and Fayette Avenue and at five locations on Milford and should be completed by the end of October. Forino Company is under contract to the Borough to install the ramps. These areas may experience periodic limited access to through traffic while this work is being completed. Residents in the vicinity of the construction will be notified by mail of the pending work.

### **Sewer Work on Fern Avenue and Woodcrest Drive** –

Last fall, the Borough televised the sanitary sewer main and lateral piping on Fern and Woodcrest in an effort to identify conditions that allow groundwater to flow into the sanitary sewer system. Eight properties were identified as requiring the repair of a portion of the lateral piping from the cleanout to the main trunk line. This work will be paid for by the Borough of Kenhorst. Affected property owners have been notified of the pending work. In order to facilitate the repairs, the Borough has contracted with Wexcon, Inc. to replace the two existing, 4-inch diameter cleanout and vent pipes

with one, 6-inch diameter vented cleanout pipe. Yards will be restored by the Borough.



Borough Council and staff get ready for the start of the Community Forum held at the Kenhorst Fire Company Social Quarters on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Another Community Forum is planned for the fall.

**Skunks** – We have received many reports this summer from frustrated homeowners regarding skunks. Make sure to secure all trash in bags and can with a tightly fitting lid. Also, do not feed animals outside as leftover food attracts unwanted critters.

**Fall Leaf Collection** – Our public works crew will begin Fall Leaf collection on November 1<sup>st</sup>. For the safety of our workers and others, please make sure only leaves are placed at the curb for collection. Stones, bricks, glass and other debris hidden among the leaves cause safety as well as mechanical issues.

**Sewer Rental Rate Increase** - Kenhorst sewer rental rates will increase by \$10.00 per quarter (from \$70.00 to \$80.00) per 12,500 gallons beginning with the third quarter bills mailed out in mid-October.

**New Email Address** – Did you notice our new email address? Please use our new general information email - [info@kenhorstborough.com](mailto:info@kenhorstborough.com) for questions or comments to Borough Hall.

### **Governor Mifflin Area Citizen's Academy** –

The Governor Mifflin Area Citizens Academy is designed to help local residents gain a better understanding of township, borough, and school district governments and how the services provided by these public bodies impact the overall community - Contact Andrea Weist at (610) 929-6503 for more information or to register for one or more classes.

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## **POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS**

Reading Police Officers Troy Heiser and Officer Brian Thumm continue to patrol the Borough. This year the department increased the number of traffic details conducted in the Borough. Speeders were targeted on New Holland Road, as well as along Commonwealth Boulevard.

Officers Heiser and Thumm are supported by other Reading Police officers who respond to the calls for service from our citizens. Borough officials encourage residents to get to know the police officers serving our community. There have been several reports of vehicle break-ins this summer. Most vehicles were unlocked! Remember to lock your cars and trucks and do not keep valuables inside. The police encourage you to report the crime even if you do not have a description of the suspect. Citizen Crime Report forms are available from Borough Hall or on the Reading Police Department website. This form must be filled out and returned to the Reading Police Department or Borough Hall.

The Police Department has been active in the Borough's National Night Out and the Neighborhood Watch Committee, providing updates on activities in our area as well as tips on how to secure your homes and vehicles.

### **Neighborhood Watch Committee**

The Neighborhood Watch Committee has expanded to more than 15 residents. Committee Chairman, William Lange, Vice Chairman, Luis Serrano Secretary, Laurie Fisher, and other members of the committee participated in the National Night Out at the Ken-Grill Pool as this group's first official event. Councilman Dave Roche and Mayor Nick Hatzas continue to participate as Borough representatives. Please contact the Borough or any of the Committee members if you would like to join. The Committee meets monthly on the last Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Hall.



## **VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

By Roger I Weidenheimer, Fire Chief

On Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> the Kenhorst Volunteer Fire Company held our 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chicken BBQ. We sold 1100 chicken dinners for a profit of \$3,319. We would like to thank all of the residents in the community for their continued support.

The Governor Mifflin Area Fire Prevention Program will be held on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the grounds of the Governor Mifflin High School. This event involves all of the Governor Mifflin area fire departments. The event includes the Med-Evac helicopter, fire trucks, the police, kids IDs done by the Cumru Police Department, Sheriff K9 demonstration, Berks Fire and Water, and the Reading Express train will be there to give rides.

The Keystone Bloodmobile will be available to accept blood donations. Keystone needs at least 10 people to commit to donate blood, so please contact the Fire Company or Borough Hall if you are willing to donate blood at this event.

### **HOLIDAY PARADE AND CHILDREN'S PARTY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> PARADE STARTS AT 1:00 P.M.**

#### **BOROUGH HALL HOLIDAY HOURS**

##### **OPENED**

- COLUMBUS DAY – Monday, Oct. 10th
- ELECTION DAY - Tuesday, Nov. 8th

##### **CLOSED**

- THANKSGIVING – Thursday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>
- DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING – Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>
- DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS – Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>

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## ~ DATES TO REMEMBER ~

**Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** - Governor Mifflin Area Fire Prevention Program from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the grounds of the Governor Mifflin High School

**Mid-October** – Third Quarter Sewer/Refuse Bills will be mailed mid-October. Note that this invoice will include the \$10.00 increase to the base bill.

**Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Bulk Items will be collected with regular trash today.

**Monday, October 31<sup>th</sup>** - Halloween from 6 to 9 p.m.

**November 1 – 30<sup>th</sup>** – Fall Leaf Collection

**Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** - Election Day – Don't forget to VOTE!!!

**Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** - Citizen's Academy - Session I - 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. held in the Governor Mifflin Middle School LGI Rm 130 E. Lancaster Ave

**Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>** - Citizen's Academy - Session II - 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. held in the Governor Mifflin Middle School LGI Rm 130 E. Lancaster Ave

**Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** - Citizen's Academy Session III - 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. held in the Governor Mifflin Middle School LGI Rm 130 E. Lancaster Ave

**Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** - Citizen's Academy Session IV - 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. held in the Governor Mifflin Middle School LGI Rm 130 E. Lancaster Ave

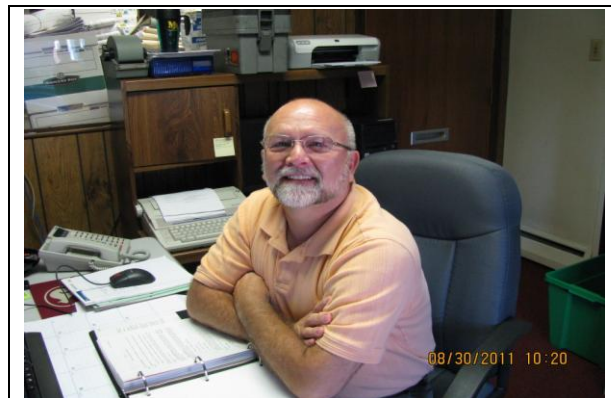
**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** – Holiday Parade at 1 p.m. and Children's Party -2 p.m. Fire Co. Social Quarters

## Winter Maintenance

Last year the Borough used 200 tons of salt and spent 400 man-hours to keep our streets cleared and safe for our residents and the traveling public. Please remember to heed emergency route signage and move your vehicles off emergency routes.

## KENHORST CODES DEPT

Borough Council and the Kenhorst staff welcome Lawrence J. Andes as the Borough's new Building Code Official/Code Enforcement Officer. Larry will be working for the Borough full-time. He previously worked in the Allentown and Oley areas for third-party code enforcement contractors. You can contact Larry directly to report property maintenance issues, schedule rental unit inspections or discuss general permitting requirements. His number at Borough Hall is 610-777-4253 or you may email Larry Andes at [landes@kenhorstborough.com](mailto:landes@kenhorstborough.com).



Meet Larry Andes – Kenhorst's new full-time Building Code Official/Codes Enforcement Officer

**Rental Ordinance Changes** – In July, Council adopted changes to the Borough's Rental Ordinance including mandatory annual inspections. If you are an owner of a rental property, the Borough will be contacting you within the next few weeks to schedule an inspection prior to issuing this year's Rental Use and Occupancy Permit. Contact Larry Andes, Borough Building Code Official/Code Enforcement Officer to schedule an inspection.

**CODE OFFICE - CALL – 610-777-4253**

