



**KENHORST VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT
EASTER EGG HUNT IS
CANCELLED FOR THIS YEAR.
SATURDAY, APRIL 3rd, 2021,**
starting at 12 noon there will be the Easter
Bunny Run. The route will be the Christmas
parade route starting at High Blvd.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT**



From Chief Hart, we request that any resident with solar panels on their home please contact the Kenhorst Fire Department. This is important information for the fire department and will be added to the file. This is for the fire fighters safety and the residents. Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation. Kenhorst Volunteer Fire Department phone: 610-775-1914.

**BOROUGH HALL
HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

Borough Hall will be **CLOSED** on:

**Good Friday, April 2nd
Primary Election day, May 18th
Memorial Day, Monday, May 31st**

**2021 SUMMER
PLAYGROUND PROGRAM
JUNE 14TH TO AUGUST 6TH
MONDAY-FRIDAY
9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**

The 2021 Playground Program is scheduled to begin Monday, June 14th. The Playground Program is open to current Borough residents, and must be verified. Registration will remain open until a maximum of 60 participants is reached.

- **Age Requirement** – Children must be **6 to 12 years of age** at the time of registration. Valid means of age verification (i.e. birth or baptismal certificate) is required to register.
- **Early Registration Fee** – Forms can be picked up at the Borough Hall or downloaded from the website. **A discounted registration fee of \$125 is required for the first child and \$75 is required for each additional child** from the same family when a completed registration and full payments are submitted to the Borough by April 24th.
- **Late Registration** – Registration fee is **\$150 for the first child and \$80 for each additional child** registered after April 24th.
- **Applicants From Outside of the Borough** – If the maximum number of Borough participants is not reached by the end of the first week of playground, the Borough will accept applications from the Non-Resident waiting list on a first come, first serve basis. **The non-resident fee is \$250 per child.**
- **Guest** – Payment of \$15/day/guest child must be made in advance at the Borough Hall.

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Dear Resident,

It has been an honor and pleasure serving as your Borough Mayor for the past 16 years! I am looking forward to continue serving you and I am asking for your support on Tuesday May 18. We have managed to keep our Borough property taxes some of the lowest in the County. Although we have tried, school taxes are completely out of our hands, but we will continue to share your concerns with the School Board. I have been able to work with numerous Borough Councils and their individual personalities throughout the years to get the job done. I have also made myself available to meet with many of you, one on one, to hear your concerns and will continue to do that. So, on May 18, remember to vote NICKOLAS J. HATZAS for Mayor! Let's work together! My name will be on the Republican ballot, but Democrats can write my name in.

Thanks,
Nick

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READING POLICE PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency Services
9-1-1

Non-emergency Services
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KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL

Borough Council meetings will be conducted on the first Thursday of a month at 7:00 p.m.

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KENHORST BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

There is an increase in sewer fees starting in the first quarter of 2021. This will be reflected on your April bill. This is due to a 20% increase in sewer treatment from the City of Reading. Flat rate bill will be \$145.50 per quarter.

POLL WORKERS NEEDED!

Berks County needs registered voters to work the polls for the May 18th General Primary. Workers will receive a stipend for their service along with payment for attending training sessions. If you are interested, please contact the Office of Election Services at 610-478-6490. If a voter does not want to go to the polling place they can request a mail in ballot by either going to votespa.com or calling the election services office at 610-478-6490.



ANGELICA CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Kenhorst is a member of the Angelica Creek Watershed Association since our eastern municipal boundary borders the Angelica Creek. Association meetings are held at the Berks Nature Center the second Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. Interested Kenhorst residents are welcome to attend all events and/or monthly meetings. Please contact Jill Kemp at: angelicacreekwa@gmail.com

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Keeping citizens informed.

Have you signed up to receive CODE RED general and emergency notifications on your land line, mobile phone, email, text and/or mobile app? It takes just a few minutes to sign up or edit your information. There is a direct link on our website to CODE RED or you can contact Borough Hall if you need help to sign up!

BURN PERMITS

A fire prevention "special" permit as outlined in Chapter 163 of the Borough Code of Ordinances shall be obtained from the Borough office a minimum of 48 hours prior to burning. The applicant shall provide name, address, phone number, the purpose for the permit and attach a drawing of the proposed burning site.

An annual permit is required for fire pits, chimineas or factory-built novelty stoves. Permits must be renewed annually and expire on December 31 of the permit year.

Before the permit is issued, an inspection may be made by the Fire Chief to assure that the use of the permit complies with the provisions of this chapter and the International Fire Code. Any permit issued may be revoked for the protection of life or property or to prevent or abate the nuisances caused by such burning (nuisance would be defined as ash fallout or smoke accumulation in the area of residential occupancies.)

If a person starts a fire without a permit or if a permit holder fails to comply with any term or condition of the permit, and as a result of that failure, the fire department is required to suppress a fire, the person or permit holder is liable for the cost of the fire suppression and subject to fines in district court.

The current permit fee is \$20 for the year 2021.



2020 RECYCLING REPORT

In 2020 a total of around 520 tons of recyclable materials were collected in the borough, businesses 269 tons and residential 251 tons. This is way down from the past two year's numbers! An additional 207 tons of yard waste were collected curbside from March through December last year. Thank you for doing your part to the ones who are recycling. The numbers are down which cost the borrow grant money from the state's performance-based recycling program. We can all do better!!! By recycling you are keeping these materials out of landfills and by doing so, helping the environment and keeping trash disposal costs to a minimum and not creating a reason to raise taxes.

SPRING 2021 RECYCLING NEWS

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) continuously seeks new ways to enhance its residential and commercial programs to increase the recycling of materials throughout the Commonwealth. **All residences and businesses in Kenhorst Borough must recycle!!!** Ordinance #543, requires each owner/manager of a commercial facility which generates recycling and hauled by a private transporter **MUST** provide the Borough annually written documentation of the number of pounds (or tons) of material recycled. If your business pays an independent hauler to provide this service, please notify Borough Hall so we can update our records. By reporting the volume of recycled materials hauled from your facility, the Borough is eligible to receive a sizeable reimbursement grant from the DEP, which aids in keeping the trash and recycling fees to a minimum. Plus, it's good business to recycle and it's the LAW!

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2021 COLLECTION EVENTS

In 2021, the Berks County Solid Waste Authority is once again, sponsoring both spring and fall household hazardous waste collections and will continue to operate our full-time collection center for tires and electronics at our center located at 1316 Hilltop Rd., Leesport, Pa. This center is open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8:00 AM until Noon. The Berks County District Attorney's medication drop-box program is a huge success and currently operates in twenty-seven locations throughout the County. 18,000 residents used our electronic recycling center in 2020, recycling one million three hundred thousand pounds of electronics.

As I am sure you are aware, these programs are extremely important to our community.

CURBSIDE YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Please separate all yard waste from your regular trash and put grass clippings, weeds, and small branches (bundled, no longer than 4 feet in length and weighting less than 40 pounds) out for pickup. **Please place yard waste in paper bags or in open top containers.**



Biodegradable bags can be purchased at home supply centers such as Lowe's and Home Depot. Questions regarding yard waste collection can be directed to Eagle Disposal at 717-355-9560. The yard waste will be transported to an area facility and converted into mulch, keeping yard waste out of the landfill. The green recycle containers are only for recyclable materials, not for the yard waste. You must purchase either the biodegradable bags or use the regular trash cans when empty. No plastic bags either for recycling.

Get smart about your coverage!

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SAVE WATER AND MONEY

Now is a great time to check your faucets for water leaks which increase water and sewer costs. Simple vegetable dye in your toilet tank can determine a leak. Saving a few gallons a day can turn into a measurable cost saving on bills you receive from the water company and the Borough.

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PROPERTY MAINTENANCE



REMINDERS

Council urges all residents to look around your property to determine what may need to be repaired or replaced after this winter. Weeds, overgrowth, broken fences and windows, missing shutters, damaged roof tiles and rain gutters, rusted or unpainted sheds and garages, uneven sidewalks, trash and other debris, all contribute to reducing property values and may encourage a criminal element.



POLICE NEWS

Lt. Eric Suydam is in his first year as the supervisor of Kenhorst Patrols. Officer Ryan Smith remains our daytime patrol officer in the Borough. Officer Raymond Carter remains Kenhorst's night patrol officer. We welcome all three of them back and look forward to working together in 2021!

The new year is a good time to review procedures when contacting the police department. When you call the police make sure to let the call taker know that you are a resident of Kenhorst and note the date and time for your records.

Provide as much detail as you can about the issue, such as location, make, model and license plate of a car, as well as the direction of travel. Also take note of a suspicious person's description such as hair color and style, height, weight, clothing, and any other physical description that would help the police identify an offender or suspect.

To speak directly to an officer, make that known to the call taker and an officer will be sent to your location as soon as possible. If it is an emergency/crime in progress, call 911.

REMEMBER: SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

Please DO NOT call the Borough first as this only delays the police response.
Non - emergency number 610-655-6116

STORMWATER; WHEN IT RAINS IT DRAINS!

See Borough Ordinances #534, #535 and #591 – Annual inspection letters have been mailed to all owners of rental properties. Rental inspection/license fees (\$100 per unit) are due by January 31, 2021. Inspections will be scheduled between February and April of 2021, and the owners will be contacted by Kraft Code Services approximately 30 days prior to the scheduled inspection date.

Landlords who have not yet received a notification letter should contact Kenhorst Borough Hall at 610-777-7327 so that we can update our records to include your property as a rental and notify Kraft Code Services to amend their records.





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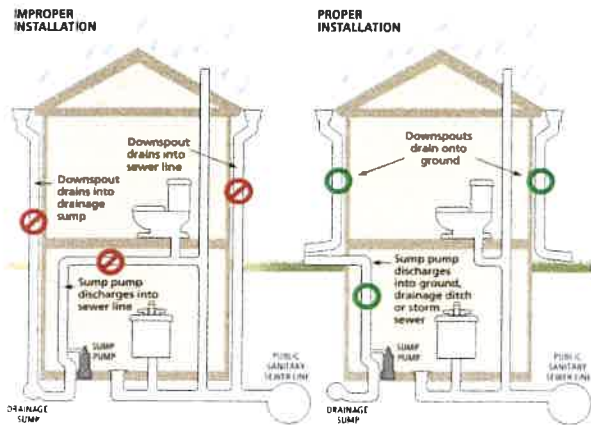
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INFLOW AND INFILTRATION (I AND I)

Over the past 20 years, the sanitary sewer system has experienced increased inflow and infiltration (I & I) issues with the collection and conveyance lines. Inflow occurs when surface or ground water enters the sanitary sewer system through conduits such as floor drains, roof drains, vents, manhole covers, building plumbing systems, sump pumps and exterior drains. Infiltration occurs typically below ground when ground water enters the sewer main or manholes through cracks, holes or loose joints. Kenhorst has taken measures to correct these I & I issues by televising the collection lines, repairing the collection lines, repairing/sealing manholes; and other corrective actions recommended by our Sanitary Sewer Engineer. These corrective actions have been paid through our sanitary sewer funds or user fees. To date, the I & I issues within our sanitary sewer system remain.

Individual sump pumps and any other illegal hook ups that are connected into the sanitary sewer system are a contributing factor to the I & I issues. Some homeowners may not even know where their sump pump discharges. Please be advised that if you have a sump pump that is connected into the sanitary sewer system, you are in violation of the Kenhorst Borough codified ordinances chapter 373 sewer and sewage disposal.



IN KENHORST WITHOUT A PERMIT

Going door-to-door for the purpose of soliciting, handing out flyers and door hangers, etc., requires first obtaining a Borough permit. After a background check and receipt of the \$100 per person fee, the permit will be applicable for one day. Hours available to solicit in the Borough are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday only.

If a solicitor comes to your door, do not hesitate to contact the Reading Police Department at 610-655-6116 to make a report. Please provide as much detail about the solicitor as possible. This number answers 24/7. In addition, if you receive a brochure or letter from the solicitor, please mark the date received and turn it in to the Borough for processing the citation.



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HIGH GRASS AND WEEDS AND GRASS BLOWN INTO THE STREET

Borough Council would like to remind our residents and businesses about regulations requiring the removal of weeds from gutters, curbs, sidewalks, and also the rules about not placing grass clippings in the gutter. Those who do not abide by these regulations will be fined if grass grows beyond 8 inches or if grass is blown into the street. If you use landscapers or contractors to mow, please inform them not to blow grass and debris into the street. In addition, clippings that blow into the street during mowing must be removed immediately so as not to clog the storm system and pollute nearby rivers and streams. Grass clippings in the street is also a major hazard for motorcycles.

LARGE TRASH ITEMS FOR PICK UP

Please remember to purchase a large/bulk item sticker for \$10 at Borough Hall to affix to each of your larger items before setting them out on trash day. Couches, loveseats, dressers, box springs, mattresses, etc. can be disposed of along with your regular household trash. However, the trash hauler will not pick up the item unless it has an official bulk pick up sticker attached.

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Rental of premises limited to Kenhorst Borough residents only – must be 21 years of age or older. Fee of \$150 plus \$100 security deposit is required. Five hour maximum for rental. Deposit is refunded if premises are left in the same condition as found when rented. Center is only available for rent on a weekend. No music or entertainment after 9:30 pm and must be vacated by 10 pm. Come to Borough Hall to fill out an application with a check or money order. If you wish to rent the community center and the pavilion at the same time you must still pay for both.



TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE HOURS

Beginning March 1st Denice Carroll will hold office hours as follows:

Tuesdays – 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Wednesdays – 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

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FROM THE MANAGERS DESK

Hello Everyone,

I hope this letter finds you all well. We at the Borough understand these are trying times for everyone dealing with the COVID 19 pandemic. We encourage all of our residents to adhere to the policies and procedures set forth by the State and Federal Government. We should all be through this in the very near future and hope for a speedy recovery back to normal.

We are excited to have our summer playground open again this year. The children's play area is being redone, the community center is getting a new exterior finish and the basketball court will be completely redone prior to the playground opening for the season. This pandemic has caused a lot of disruption, delays, and changes in services for all of us. We ask that you keep in mind that there is a trickle-down effect with most services since a lot of places currently can't be open along with other changes. Exercise patience at this time and services will all get back to normal as soon as possible.

All events in the Borough and everything on the website and in this letter are subject to change and/or cancellation. Our website is updated almost daily with changes in operations and schedules.

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 Website is:

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SEWER/REFUSE & RECYCLING BILL SCHEDULE

QUARTER	MONTHS BILLED FOR	PROCESS BILLS/MAIL OUT	BILL DUE DATE
1st	January - March	April	May
2nd	April - June	July	August
3rd	July - September	October	November
4th	October - December	January (new Year)	February (new Year)

*Month of last reading for bill

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Kenhorst Borough Refuse/Recycling Collection Schedule 2021

Trash	Yard Waste is Every Tuesday 3-16-21 thru 12-07-21	Recycle	Christmas Tree Pick up *Every Tuesday in January*
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January 2021							February 2021							March 2021										
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***Christmas Tree Pickup**

April 2021							May 2021							June 2021										
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Annual Bulk Day

October 2021							November 2021							December 2021										
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Please note: The following Monday holidays WILL affect your pickup day.
May 31st Trash Collection will be June 1st. Yard waste collection will be June 2nd.
September 6th Trash Collection will be September 7th. Yard waste collection will be September 8th.

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