

BOROUGH OF KENHORST SPRING 2012 NEWSLETTER

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***Save the Date!***

**TUESDAY, APRIL 3rd –**  
**6:30 to 8:30 P.M.**

**KENHORST BOROUGH**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL**  
**COMMUNITY FORUM**

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND  
A COMMUNITY FORUM HOSTED BY  
KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL

WHERE – Kenhorst Volunteer Fire Co. Social  
Quarters Ballroom, 411 S. Kenhorst Blvd.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS, BOROUGH  
OFFICIALS AND OTHER COMMUNITY  
LEADERS FOR AN INFORMATIONAL OPEN  
HOUSE. LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR  
MUNICIPALITY, INCLUDING:

**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**  
**BUILDINGS and GROUNDS**  
**CODES, PERMITTING AND ZONING**  
**EMERGENCY SERVICES – POLICE,**  
**FIRE**  
**PARKS/PLAYGROUND/RECREATION**  
**SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM**  
**ROADS**  
**STORMWATER SYSTEM**  
**TRASH AND RECYCLING**  
**AND**  
**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!**

***Other Participants:***

***Animal Rescue League***  
***Kraft Code Services***  
***McCarthy Engineering***  
***Mifflin Area Community Library***  
***Nagy Law Offices***

*Light Refreshments will be available*

**!!!MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**



**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**EASTER FLOWER SALE AND EGG HUNT**

The Kenhorst Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 will once again sponsor the **Annual Easter Flower Sale** which will be held on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and from 8 a.m. until the flowers and plants are sold out. Come early for the best selections!



The **Children's Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 10 a.m. at the Kenhorst Borough playground. In case of inclement weather, the egg hunt will be held in the Fire Company social quarters ballroom.

**Reading Police Phone Numbers:**

**Emergency Services 9-1-1**  
**Non-emergency service 610-655-6111**  
**Information & minor reports 610-655-6116**

**IN MEMORIAM**

On January 14, 2012 the Kenhorst VFD lost one of its own. Deputy Fire Chief, Kerry L. Gottschall who operated Kerry's Locksmith Service for 20 years, was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War. Serving as Deputy Fire Chief of the Kenhorst Fire Company for the last two years, Kerry was a firefighter for the last 40 years. You can honor Kerry's memory by making a contribution to the Kenhorst Volunteer Fire Company, 305 S. Kenhorst Blvd., Kenhorst, PA 19607.

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## **FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK –**

By Jeri L. Diesinger, P.G.

In January, Kenhorst Borough Council reluctantly accepted the resignation of Frank Quattrock who has served our community for many years as a member of Council, Mayor and Fire Chief. We extend our sincerest and heartfelt thanks to Frank and wish him good health and happiness in the future. Filling Frank's vacant seat is Jonathan Smith, Sr. of Brooke Boulevard. Council joins me in welcoming our newest member to the Kenhorst Borough family.

### **Tropical Storm Lee Disaster Recovery Reimbursement Update**

– Over the past few months, the Borough has worked closely with FEMA and PEMA to recover costs incurred during Tropical Storm Lee and its aftermath. I am pleased to report that \$3,962.52 was reimbursed to cover overtime costs paid out to our Public Works crew and use of equipment. In addition, we were reimbursed \$19,864.37 to replace one of the pump station's pumps damaged in the storm.

**Recycling Grant** – The Department of Environmental Protection notified the Borough that we have earned a total of \$7,585 based on the tonnage of recycled material collected in 2009.

**Codes Department** – Beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>, Kraft Code Services conducts office hours at Kenhorst Borough Hall every Wednesday morning from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. This is a great opportunity to have your permit and code questions answered.

### **Neighborhood Watch Committee**

– Congratulations to the 2012 Neighborhood Watch Committee Officers, including: Bill Lange (Chairman), Peter O'Brien (Vice Chairman) and Donna Welch (Secretary). The NWC members have been focusing on educating neighbors and friends about their committee's goals and are recruiting additional members through various planned events during the year, including:

- April 3 – Community Forum
- April 14 and 21 – Door to Door Recruitment Campaign
- May 19 – Recruitment Dog Walk
- June 16 – Recruitment Bike Ride
- July 21 – Recruitment Dog Walk
- August 7 – National Night Out
- August 25 – Neighborhood Block Party

The committee encourages interested residents to attend the monthly meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month at Kenhorst Borough Hall. For more information, please contact Bill Lange at 610-568-0025 or you may email him at [teebill320@yahoo.com](mailto:teebill320@yahoo.com).

**Something New in Kenhorst** – In February, local businessman, Hamid B. Chaudhry, owner of the Kenhorst and Exeter Dairy Queen locations, successfully presented a plan to Borough Council for an 18-hole mini-golf facility in the Kenhorst Plaza to be located between the Dollar Tree and Sears Hardware stores. Currently, the plan is being reviewed by Borough engineers and hopefully will be ready to begin construction in a few weeks time.

**Lions Club Request** – The local Lions Club is collecting eye glasses. If you would like to support this worthy effort, you may drop off old pairs of eyeglasses at Borough Hall during normal business hours.

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## December Lights Contest AND THE WINNERS ARE...

**First Place (\$75 Prize)** – Scott and Jean Moyer –  
1732 Hancock Blvd

**Second Place (\$50 Prize)** – Kevin De Pasquale, Jr.  
1400 Fern Avenue

**Third Place (\$25 Prize)** – Annette Raezer –  
958 Park Avenue

*Congratulations to the winners and thanks are extended to all the residents and businesses who participated in the contest.*

**Large Trash Items for Pick Up** – Please remember to purchase a “large item sticker” for \$10 at Borough Hall to affix to your larger items before setting them out on trash day. Couches, loveseats, dressers, 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.

**Robert C. Edwards Scholarship Foundation** – A \$1,000 scholarship is available to applicants admitted to an accredited college, university or School offering a two or four year degree/certificate program. The scholarship is for the freshman year. If you are a Borough resident meeting the criteria, contact the Borough for an application. Deadline to submit the application is May 4, 2012.

**Stormwater Reminder – When it rains, it drains!** Please keep pollutants out of our waterways. Rainwater washes contaminants from lawns, sidewalks, driveways, and roads which flow directly into storm drains, creeks, streams and rivers. Sweep up debris before it washes away with storm water and obstructs the storm drain or contaminates a waterway. Increase the vegetated area of your yard to help water filtration. Use paints or solvents in small amounts, clean up spills and properly dispose of

bags and brushes. Purchase non-toxic or biodegradable products when possible.

**Governor Mifflin Citizen’s Academy** – If you are interested in joining us for our Borough’s upcoming Community Forum, you may also be interested in further developing your knowledge of local government by attending the Governor Mifflin Area Citizen’s Academy designed to assist participants in gaining a better understanding of township, borough and school district governments and how the services provided by these public entities impact the community. Fifteen speakers have committed to four sessions on consecutive Wednesday evenings (April 11, 18 and 25 and May 2) at the Governor Mifflin School District Board Room. Preregistration is required. Class size is limited, but seats are still available. Contact the Borough, check out our website or call 610-929-6503 for more information. Cost per session is \$10. Don’t be left out!

**WANTED – Old Photographs and Memorabilia from Kenhorst Borough’s Past** – Springtime is just around the corner, and a great opportunity to not only get a jump on your spring cleaning, but help us out too. Check your closets, attics and basements for items from the Borough’s early years. We hope to display items on a rotating “on loan” basis and are seeking volunteers interested in assisting us in sorting through, labeling and setting up displays to enhance our Community Forum on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you have items to lend us or a few spare hours, give us a call at Borough Hall.

**Save Water!** – Now is the time to check for water leaks at home which increase water and sewer costs. Simple vegetable dye in your commode tank can determine a leak. Saving a few gallons a day can turn into a measureable cost savings on the bills you receive from the water company and the Borough.

**BOROUGH HALL HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**  
Borough Hall will be **closed** on:  
**Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> and**  
**Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**

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## **2012 Kenhorst Borough Elected Officials**

**President** – *Dave Roche (Committee Chair- Personnel, Safety and Sanitary Sewer)*

**Vice President** – *Al Correnti (Committee Chair- Property and Supplies)*

### **Council Members –**

**Richard Fritz** (Committee Chair – Finance)

**Kieran Holland** (Committee Chair – Parks and Recreation)

**Jay Ibach** (Committee Chair – Streets and Stormwater)

**Ed Mohn** (Committee Chair – Sanitation)

**Jonathan Smith** – *Appointed to seat vacated by the resignation of Frank Quattrochio*

**Mayor** – *Nickolas J. Hatzas*



2012 Borough Council members, from l – r: Councilmen Kieran Holland, Council President David Roche, Richard Fritz, Alfred Correnti, Jonathan Smith, Sr., with Mayor Nickolas Hatzas and Reading Police Chief William Heim. Absent – Ed Mohn and Jay Ibach

## **Calling All Kenhorst Businesses!**

If you would like to place a business card-sized (2" x 3.5") advertisement in the next newsletter, please contact Borough Hall with an electronic copy, contact name, address and phone number. \$30 per ad; or reserve your space for \$100 per ad/year (four quarterly editions).

## **Envision Your Ad Here!**

Please note that the Borough reserves the right to reject any copy due to available space and/or regulated content issues. If your copy is rejected, you will be notified and your fee will be returned.

Advertising fees will assist us in defraying the cost to publish the quarterly newsletter.

## **BOROUGH SNOW PLAN**

**When the FORECAST calls for 3 or more inches of snow, a Snow Emergency will be in effect as well as the odd/even parking plan.**

This will allow our residents to have sufficient time prior to a significant snowfall to move vehicles from the Snow Emergency Routes (New Holland Rd, S. Kenhorst Blvd, Upland, High Blvd and Columbia Ave) and for vehicles parked on all other non-emergency routes to move to the odd side of the street or into their driveways.

**Once the Snow Stops** - After snow stops and crews have cleared to the curb on the opposite (even side) of the street, all vehicles must move to the now cleared side so that crews can clear the odd side of the street to the curb.

**Violations to the Above Procedure** - On Snow Emergency Routes Only – Vehicles still parked on a Snow Emergency Route will be ticketed. The license number and location of repeat violators will be kept in a database for future citations and towing. First time violators receive a ticket; thereafter, a ticket and tow.

Vehicles removed from the Snow Emergency Routes to non-snow emergency streets must adhere to the odd/even policy in effect at the time. Note also that the Public Works crew will plow all Boulevards without an island in two (2) passes for each driving lane prior to clearing to the curb.