

# BOROUGH OF KENHORST SPRING 2013 NEWSLETTER

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## 2013 SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

Kenhorst Borough has made some changes to enhance the 2013 Summer Playground Program experience.

- The Summer Program is open to current Borough residents and all children of *verifiable* lineal descent of a current Borough resident - (i.e., grandchild/ren).
- A maximum of 60 participants will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.
- Children must be 6 to 12 years of age at the time of registration. Valid means of age verification such as a birth or baptismal certificate is required to register.
- Early Registration - Registration forms available from Borough Hall must be completed and returned by not later than April 30th with a fee of \$50 for the first child and \$20 for each additional child/ren from the same family. Note that the maximum cost per family is \$100 per season with registration and payment completed and returned to the Borough by April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Fee for Late Registration - If the maximum number of participants is not reached by April 30<sup>th</sup>, registration will remain open until the maximum of 60 participants is reached or by not later than the end of the first week of playground. The cost after April 30th is \$60/child. A \$10/child fee will be added to the \$100 family maximum for registrations received after April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Applicants from Outside the Borough - If the maximum number of 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 served basis up to the maximum of 60 participants. The fee for a non-resident is \$25/week/child to offset costs incurred by use of the Borough's facilities by non-taxpayers.



### APPLICATIONS NOW ACCEPTED FOR PLAYGROUND LEADERS

Kenhorst Borough is accepting applications for the 2013 Summer Playground season. This is an excellent opportunity for a college student or adult who is interested in, but not limited to, careers in teaching, recreation, child care, and human services.

The successful candidate must be child-oriented, energetic, out-going and be able to work in a team environment, with strong leadership and group management skills. The summer program includes sports, games, crafts, field trips and special events. Competitive salary based on experience.

**Season – June 17<sup>th</sup> to August 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday – Friday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**  
**Both male and female leaders are needed.**

For an application, contact Borough Hall at 610/777-7327. Deadline: May 3, 2013.

#### 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 L. Diesinger, P.G.

In January, Kenhorst Borough Council accepted the resignation of Jonathan Smith, Sr. who served our community as a member of Council since January 2012. We offer our sincere thanks and best wishes to Jon for good health and happiness in the future. Kevin DePasquale, Jr., Fern Avenue was appointed to fill the vacant seat for the remainder of this year and will serve on the Finance, Parks/Recreation and Safety Committees. Council joins me in welcoming Kevin to the Kenhorst Borough family!



L-R : Mayor Nick Hatzas, Councilmen Ed Mohn, Kieran Holland, Dave Roche (President), Al Correnti (Vice President), Jay Ibach, Richard Fritz, Kevin DePasquale, Jr.

**Recycling Grant Awarded** – Kenhorst Borough is the recipient of a \$49,756 grant from the Department of Environmental Protection to expand our recycling program. The money will be used to purchase a new leaf picker and larger recycling bins for our residents. We will let you know when the larger bins are available.

**Annual Recycling Report** – In 2012 a total of 662.68 tons of materials were recycled by

Kenhorst businesses and residents! A 6.3% increase from what was recycled in 2011. Thank you for doing your part in keeping these materials out of our landfills.

**Earned Income Tax** – In an effort to ensure that the Borough is collecting and receiving all of the Earned Income Tax due, we are asking residents to confirm the following with the payroll department at your place of employment: 1) that you are listed as residing in *Kenhorst Borough* and not Shillington or Reading as your mailing address may appear; and, 2) confirm that the PSD Code is correct – for Kenhorst Borough, the **PSD Code is 060803**.

**Curbside Yard Waste Collection** – Beginning Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> and continuing weekly up to and including Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, yard waste will be collected curbside by Eagle Disposal. Homeowners shall separate all yard waste materials from regular trash and set out for collection either in **biodegradable yard waste bags** or cut into lengths of 4 feet or less, bundled and secured with string. The yard waste will be transported to an area facility to use as mulch, thus keeping this material out of the landfill. Less material sent to the landfill keeps our disposal costs low.

**Codes Department** – As the weather becomes more spring-like, Council urges all residents to take a good look around your property to determine what may need to be repaired or replaced. Weeds and overgrown landscaping, broken fences and windows, missing shutters, roof tiles and rain gutters, rusted sheds, trash and other debris, contribute to reducing property values and encourage a criminal element to our Borough. Please contact Borough Hall to see if you will require a permit prior to beginning your home improvement projects.

**Kenhorst Memories** – If you have any old photos or artifacts from Kenhorst Borough's early days, please bring to Borough Hall that we may copy and preserve for our archives. If you have a story of historic interest, please provide a written copy to the Borough as well.

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**Police Department News** – Kenhorst Night Patrol Officer John Hutchinson returned to a new shift schedule in the City of Reading and was replaced by Officer Danielle Zacckey beginning the second week in January. Borough Council joins me in thanking Officer Hutchinson for his service to the Borough in 2012 and extending a warm welcome to Officer Zacckey.

Chief Heim and Council urge all residents to continue calling the police if suspicious activities are observed in the Borough as several arrests have been made through important details reported to the police by our citizens. Remember that solicitors and peddlers going door to door must be able to produce a Borough-issued permit. If they are unable to do so, do not hesitate to immediately call the police with a full description of the people and situation.

**Neighborhood Watch Committee** – Congratulations to the 2013 Neighborhood Watch Committee Officers, Bill Lange (Chairman), Peter O'Brien (Vice Chairman) and Donna Welch (Secretary). The NWC members continue to spread the word about crime prevention in our community by scheduling door to door walking events in the neighborhoods. They plan to sell 8.5 x 11-inch lawn signs and 5 x 7-inch decals to neighbors and friends in the Borough for a nominal charge for each item which includes the Kenhorst Neighborhood Watch logo. If you are interested in obtaining a lawn sign or decal, please see any of the NWC members or contact Borough Hall.

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 [tebill320@yahoo.com](mailto:tebill320@yahoo.com).

**Stormwater Reminder – When it rains, it drains!** Please keep pollutants out of our waterways. 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 rags and brushes. Purchase non-toxic or biodegradable products when possible. Remember, stormwater that cannot infiltrate asphalt, concrete, and other paved or compacted surfaces will runoff to local waterways, taking everything on those surfaces with it. Storm water runoff pollution may contain chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides, bacteria, road salt, engine fluids, eroded soils and debris, and creates 30 percent of all water quality impairments in the Schuylkill River Watershed. For more information, check out the following: [www.schuylkillwaters.org](http://www.schuylkillwaters.org)



## **PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW IF YOU EXPERIENCE A SEWER BACK UP**

For a back up occurring weekdays between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., please call Borough Hall. A public works staff member will be dispatched as quickly as possible. If a problem occurs overnight or on a weekend, please call the Reading Police Department's non-emergency number (610-655-6111). They will contact a Borough staff member to respond. The Borough maintains the sanitary sewer from the cleanout to the main trunk line. If a clog is located from that point back into the house, the property owner is responsible and a plumber must be called.

If the sewer clog is determined to be located on the Borough's side, we will unclog your sewer at no charge. If a crew member is called after hours and it is determined that the back-up is located between the trap and house and is the homeowner's responsibility you will be charged \$100.00 for an after-hours call out. Please be careful not to throw small toys, articles of clothing, feminine items or cooking grease into the commode or down the drain. These and other items will cause the sewer to back up.

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



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

The Kenhorst Volunteer Fire Company will sponsor the **Annual Easter Flower Sale** Thursday through Saturday, March 28th, 29th and 30<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and on Saturday, 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 at the Kenhorst Borough playground on **Saturday, March 30th at 10 a.m.** In case of inclement weather, the event will be held in the Fire Company social quarters ballroom.

**BOROUGH HALL  
HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

Borough Hall will be closed on:

**Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Memorial Day (observed), Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

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**May is Mental Health Awareness Month - New Story School**, located at 1300 New Holland Road, will sponsor a Mental Health Resource Fair on Saturday, May 18th. For times and a description of planned activities, check out the website [www.NewStory.com](http://www.NewStory.com).

**December Lights Contest Winners**



**First Place (\$75 Prize)** – The Moyer Family on Hancock Blvd

**Second Place (\$50 Prize)** – The Carabello Family on Fern Avenue

**Third Place (\$25 Prize)** – The Holub Family on Commonwealth Blvd

*Congratulations to all!*



**American Cancer Society Relay For Life** – Beginning noon on Friday, June 7th to noon on Saturday, June 8th at Alvernia University Field with games, prizes, food and entertainment to honor and remember those affected by cancer. Come for an experience you will never forget! Open to the public and free to attend. For information or to volunteer please contact [Jessie.Rivera@cancer.org](mailto:Jessie.Rivera@cancer.org) or 610-921-2329.