

# BOROUGH OF KENHORST SUMMER 2021 NEWSLETTER

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## 2021 SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM



The playground had 17 children sign up for this summer. Lexi Maulick and Rachael Marra were leaders again this year along with Ethan Engleman and Kaydence Guistwite. They got to enjoy the new basketball court, pavilion, new playground equipment and the redone community center. Take a trip to the playground and see all the great improvements, with many more to come.

## BOROUGH HALL HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Borough Hall will be closed on:  
**Monday, September 6th – Labor Day**

\*Note – Due to the Labor Day holiday trash, recycling and yard waste collection dates will be as follows:

**Tuesday, September 7th – Trash collection**

**Wednesday, September 8th – Yard waste.**

**No recycling this week.**

## DOG LICENSES REQUIRED

All dogs three months of age and older are required by Pennsylvania law to have a current dog license. Failure to have a current dog license may result in a fine of up to \$300 per dog. In Berks County a dog license can be obtained by contacting:

**Berks County Treasurer**  
633 Court St., 2nd Floor Services Center  
Reading, PA 19601  
610-478-6640

All dogs and cats must also be on a leash when off the property and be in full control of the responsible party.



## SAVE THE DATE!!!

**Sunday, August 29TH**  
**Kenhorst Volunteer**  
**Fire Company**  
**Annual Chicken Barbeque**



Chicken BBQ will be Aug 29, 2021 from 11-3, cost is \$9.00. Half Chicken, Baked Potato, Ear of Corn, Pepper Cabbage or Apple Sauce. You can get advance tickets by stopping by our station any Tuesday in August from 7:00 PM-9:00PM. You can also call 610-775-1914 and leave a message with your name and how many dinners you would like for the day of the BBQ. You can also get tickets at the Borough Hall during business hours 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**NOTE** - Dinner tickets will be available to purchase at Borough Hall, at the Fire Company Social Quarters, from any firefighter in August, or you can call 610-775-1914 and leave a message.

The Kenhorst Fire Company thanks you in advance for your purchase!

## READING POLICE PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency Services 9-1-1  
Non-emergency Services 610-655-6116

\*\*\*\*\* **REMEMBER** \*\*\*\*\*

## SEE SOMETHING / SAY SOMETHING

Please **DO NOT** call the Borough first as this only delays the police response.

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## FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

- **ROADWORK 2021:** The following streets are being paved during the 2021 roadwork projects: The intersection of Brooke Blvd. and McAdoo Ave, McAdoo Ave. from Liberty Ave. to New Holland Rd., and the intersection of Kenhorst Blvd. and Milford Ave.
- **Community Center Rental -** Rental of premises limited to Kenhorst Borough residents ONLY- must be 21 years of age or older. Fee is \$150 plus \$100 security deposit is required. Five hours maximum for rental. You can also rent the pavilion at the playground for \$150 fee plus \$100 security deposit. Deposit is refunded if premises is left in the same condition as found when rented. The center and/or pavilion are only available for rent on weekends. No music or entertainment after 9:30 PM and must be vacated by 10:00 PM. Come to Borough Hall to fill out an application and make payment with a check or money order.
- Jorge Gonzalez left Property Maintenance for the Borough. Peter Ferrante is now the Property Maintenance Officer for the Borough.
- The Borough of Kenhorst pays the membership for each and every resident of Kenhorst for Tower Health Emergency Medical Services, Inc. Any contributions to them from residents would be above and beyond the membership payments.



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## SUMMER STORM TIPS



At no time should residents try to remove a tree or debris from downed lines. You can't tell if a downed wire is "live" simply by looking at it. **ALWAYS ASSUME DOWNED LINES ARE ENERGIZED** and report downed facilities and power outages to Met-Ed at 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877). You can also visit the First Energy / Met-Ed 24/7 Power Center website at: [www.firstenergycorp.com/outages](http://www.firstenergycorp.com/outages) and click the "REPORT POWER OUTAGE" button.



## KENHORST VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY WANTS YOU!!!

Dwayne G. Hart, Fire Chief

The personnel at the Kenhorst Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 come from all walks of life. They are residents of Kenhorst and surrounding areas, but all have one common goal, to help the residents in time of need. No experience is necessary as we will provide all the training and equipment you will require. To become a firefighter you will need courage, dedication, enthusiasm and a willingness to learn new skills and face new challenges. In return you will be making a difference in the world.

The skills and training available in the Fire Company can advance your career, brighten your resume and



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build valuable and long-lasting relationships. The Kenhorst Volunteer Fire Company is always in need of people with special skills. In fact, the majority of work required is ensuring that we are ready to respond when a call for service comes in. Some of the skills we are currently in need of include: bookkeeping, clerical activities, personal computer skills, data entry, maintenance of facilities and vehicles, even website design and management. This personal donation of your skills and time is a great way to give something back to the community.

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

The Kenhorst Volunteer Fire Company provides an incredible atmosphere with state-of-the-art apparatus and equipment with the following benefits:

- Free Training- Local, State, and National Level Firefighter Rescue and training is provided to you at no cost.
- Equipment – All required safety equipment and gear are provided and paid for by the Fire Company.
- Workers Compensation Insurance
- Community Service- a great sense of serving your own community.
- Friendship- Joining the Fire Company enters you into a world of building lifelong friendships!

For further information stop by and visit us at 305 South Kenhorst Blvd, Kenhorst, PA. 19607. We are always at the station on Tuesday evenings which is our training night starting at 7:00 PM. You may also send an email to Fire Chief, Dwayne Hart, at [STA69chief@comcast.net](mailto:STA69chief@comcast.net).

## TINY TREASURES



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## UNLOCKED VEHICLES

Several unlocked vehicles in the Borough have been rummaged through by an unknown person. Only unlocked vehicles have been targeted. Mostly loose change has been taken. Lock your vehicles. If you see someone or something suspicious call the police and report it so this person can be caught.

## TAX COLLECTOR

JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2021

OFFICE HOURS

610-777-5131



Tuesdays – 9:30 to 12:30 PM  
Wednesdays – 9:30 to 12:30 PM  
Fridays – 9:30 to 11:00 AM

Saturday, July 31st – 9:30 to 11:00 AM  
Saturday, August 28th – 9:30 to 11:00 AM

## YARD WASTE COLLECTION TIPS!!!



The weekly yard waste collection shall not be put in plastic bags or have plastic mixed in with the yard waste. The yard waste is to be comprised of compostable materials only and must be collected in a format that allows it to be composted.

Only use the large brown paper yard waste bags sold at local home stores, open trash cans that can easily be dumped into the yard waste truck or in brown paper grocery bags. Yard waste placed curbside in plastic bags, with plastic or other materials mixed in will be left at the curb.

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**– REMINDER –  
BURN PERMITS  
REQUIRED**

Ordinance #554, fire pits, chimineas, and/or factory built metal novelty stoves shall require an annual permit for outdoor use on residential private property within all zoning districts of Kenhorst Borough. Permit applications are available from Borough Hall or can be downloaded from the website. The permit fee is \$20/year to be paid to Kenhorst Borough.

**REMINDER!!!**

**THE SETTING OFF  
OF FIREWORKS  
IN KENHORST  
BOROUGH  
IS ILLEGAL.  
VIOLATIONS  
OF LOCAL  
ORDINANCES AND  
STATE LAW WILL  
BE FULLY ENFORCED!**



Nickolas Hatzas, Mayor Kenhorst Borough.

**GRASS CLIPPINGS  
AND DEBRIS**

Please sweep up all grass clippings that are blown into the street. If you employ a third party to mow your lawn make sure they keep the grass clippings in your yard and



not in the street. Sweep up any debris or clippings before it can be washed away with storm water and obstruct storm drains and/or contaminate a waterway. The grass height restrictions are 8 inches. Keep grass trimmed to below 8 inches to remain compliant. Ordinance #580 regulates high grass and grass blown into the street. The notice of violation includes a penalty upon issuance which increases each time a violation occurs at the same property under the same owner.

- First offense - \$35
- Second offense - \$50
- Third offense - \$100

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## FALL LEAF COLLECTION OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup> - DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

Our Public Works crew will begin picking up leaves on each street beginning Monday, October 18th until Friday, December 10th - weather permitting.

The Annual Bulk Day collection will be Monday October 4, 2021. Eagle Disposal will pick up large items free of charge. Please contact the Brough at 610-777-7327 for more information.

Did you know, Berks County was named after the English county of Berkshire where William Penn's family had large estates. Berkshire is often abbreviated as Berks. Reading developed during the 1740s. At that time the people living in northern Lancaster County sent several petitions requesting that a separate county be made. With the help of German immigrant Conrad Weiser, the county formed on March 11, 1752. It was made from parts of Chester County, Lancaster County and Philadelphia County.

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE BOROUGH OF KENHORST

Berks County might still have only 29 boroughs if the residents of Cumru Township had not become perturbed over what they described as an exorbitant streetlight tax, lack of fire protection and street improvements. Those complaints led to the birth of Berks County's newest Borough—Kenhorst—nearly 85 years ago. This new Borough was made up of developments known as Farview, South Farview, Farview Hills, Ridge Park, Ridge Park Addition and Rothfields and became incorporated on August 25, 1931.

The residents of those six developments, history relates, complained about inadequate streetlights. The Supervisors of Cumru Township had better streetlights installed and imposed a special tax for the power and

maintenance. The residents considered the tax exorbitant and refused to pay it. Since no money was forthcoming, the electric company turned off the lights. This sent the East Cumru Civic League, headed by Claude E. Derr, into action to form a Borough.

The first petition to the Berks County Court in 1930 was opposed by the Township Supervisors and the Board of Directors of the Poor House. The opposition developed from the directors of the Poor House because the original tract for the Borough was to include park of the County Home Farm. The original petition was withdrawn and an amendment one was taken into Court in 1931. The County Home tract was eliminated and Jude Forrest R. Shanaman granted the incorporation.

Selection of a name for the new community was not difficult. Along New Holland Road to the South of the Borough was a large estate owned by the Horst Family. Along Lancaster Avenue, in the 18th Ward section of the City of Reading, had been a large farm operated by the Kendall Family, and was known as Kendall Park. So the two names were combined and with a contraction of Kendall came up with the title Kenhorst and was incorporated on August 25, 1931.

The first Burgess for the new Borough was Claude E. Derr, who was the head of the East Cumru Civic League. The first secretary was Harold A. Shirey and the first President of Council was Ralph J. Miller.

Meetings of the Borough Council were held in the Kenhorst Fire Hall until the erection of the Kenhorst Community Center in 1952 by dedicated citizens of the Borough. On July 9, 1960, the present Kenhorst Borough Hall was dedicated. This building was constructed next to the Borough Garage. It includes offices for the Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Borough Manager, Codes Officer and a Council Chamber for Council Meetings.

The Borough is primarily a residential community with some commercial and retail businesses located along Lancaster Avenue and New Holland Road. In addition, the Kenhorst Shopping Plaza is located at the intersection of New Holland Road (Route 625) and Route 724. The Plaza hosts a supermarket, post office, bank branch and well as over a dozen other retail businesses and eateries. The City of Reading supplies water and fire hydrants for fire protection. The Borough has a sanitary sewer collection system and a storm sewer system.



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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

<b>Trash</b>	<b>Yard Waste is Every Tuesday 3-16-21 thru 12-07-21</b>	<b>Recycle</b>	<b>Christmas Tree Pick up *Every Tuesday in January*</b>
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January 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5*	6	7	8	9
10	11	12*	13	14	15	16
17	18	19*	20	21	22	23
24	25	26*	27	28	29	30
31						

February 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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28						

March 2021						
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**\*Christmas Tree Pickup**

April 2021						
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May 2021						
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30	31					

June 2021						
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July 2021						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

August 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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29	30	31				

September 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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26	27	28	29	30		

**Annual Bulk Day**

October 2021						
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31						

November 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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December 2021						
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**Please note: The following Monday holidays WILL affect your pickup day.  
May 31<sup>th</sup> Trash Collection will be June 1<sup>st</sup>. Yard waste collection will be June 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
September 6<sup>th</sup> Trash Collection will be September 7<sup>th</sup>. Yard waste collection will be September 8<sup>th</sup>.**

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