MESSAGE FROM THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Dear Lyceum Newsletter Readers,

Well, it is now April and the day after Easter it was snowing. We have been very lucky with no real major storm this year. Though, several little storms that have seemed to be right after another did take a toll on the Township’s budget for salt and overtime. Let’s hope that November and December this year are quiet on the winter weather front. Thank you once again for your interest in the happenings of New Garden Township. Following is an update on a number of matters of general interest:

Comprehensive Plan Update – The Township began work on updating the Township’s Comprehensive Plan last spring and things are wrapping up quickly. There was a public presentation of the draft plan at the March 28th Planning Commission meeting. There will be a public hearing on the plan in May after review by local municipalities, the Chester County Planning Commission and Township staff. Once the meeting date is finalized it will be publicized on the Township website and Facebook page.

Conservation Easements – The Township, Natural Lands Trust and the Township’s Open Space Review Board finalized conservation easements on the Green Valley Farm (178 acres) and the Sinclair-Morris property (25 acres) in late 2017. The Township is currently working with other landowners in the Township on possible conservation easements. Continue on page 2

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**Sale of Sewer System** – The process is still moving forward but was slowed by appeals. We are hopeful to get a favorable ruling from the Commonwealth Court early in the summer and if that happens settlement could follow a month or so later.

**Newark Road and Baltimore Pike Intersection** – The Township has received $2.6 million in grants for this project. Preliminary engineering is being completed currently and we are hopeful to have that wrapped up before the end of the year. The project overall budget is close to 7 million dollars so the Township Board of Supervisors is looking for additional funding and partners to keep this project moving forward.

**Newark Road and Hillendale Road** – Penn Dot is finalizing plans for this intersection project and hopes to have the project out to bid before the end of the summer. Construction would start sometime in 2019.

**St. Anthony’s in the Hills** – The Township is currently negotiating with St. Anthony’s of Wilmington to purchase the St. Anthony’s in the Hills property located on Route 7 in the Township. The property is 137.9 acres and would be preserved for public use. The exact use: park, preserve, etc. has not yet been decided.

**Township Meetings** – The Township Board of Supervisors meet the third Monday of the month at 7:30pm and invite all Township residents to attend.

Please check the Township website and Facebook page for ongoing updates on Township events, meetings and projects.

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**New Garden Board of Supervisors**

Randy Geouque, Chairman  
Michael Loftus, Vice Chairman  
J. Patrick Little, Member  
Stephen Allaband, Member  
Richard Ayotte, Member
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- 10: Charter County Landscaping Comprehensive Plan Update Public Input Meeting 7:30pm to 9:00pm
- Yoga in New Garden Park 9:00am to 7:00pm

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- Open Space Review Board Meeting 7:00pm

- 15: Sewer Authority Meeting 6:00pm
- Board of Supervisors Meeting 7:30pm

- 20: Spring Clean Up

- 22: Paper Shredding Event 9:00am to 11:00am

- 29: Brandywine Backyard BBQ Festival in New Garden Park 10:00am to 6:00pm

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- 20: Township Offices Closed

- 22: Wine & Wheels Summer Concert Series in New Garden Park 6:00pm
- Planning Commission Meeting 7:30pm

- 26: Kids to Parks Day 10:00am to 12:00pm
# New Garden Township Meetings & Events

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- **June 3:** Run the Runway @ New Garden Airport - June 3rd
- **June 4:** Yoga in New Garden Park 6:00pm to 7:00pm
- **June 5:** Historic Commission Meeting 7:00pm
- **June 6:**
- **June 10:**
- **June 11:** Car Seat Safety Checks with MADD PA 6:00pm
  Tuesday Family Fun Night in New Garden Park 6:00pm
- **June 12:**
- **June 13:** Public Safety Commissioners Meeting 7:00pm
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- **June 17:** Sewer Authority Meeting 6:00pm
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- **June 18:**
- **June 19:** Open Space Review Board Meeting 7:00pm
- **June 20:**
- **June 21:** Chester County Balloon Festival at New Garden Flying Field
- **June 22:**
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**New Garden Township, Chester County, PA**

*Spring 2018*
# New Garden Township Meetings & Events

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The New Garden Growers Market will open for its 14th season on Saturday, May 5th.

The Growers Market is open every Saturday from May 5th to November 7th, rain or shine, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It is conveniently located off of Route 41 in the parking lot of the New Garden Township Maintenance Garage (8934 Gap Newport Pike), just three miles north of Hockessin (DE), 3 miles west of Kennett Square (PA), 1 mile south of Avondale (PA), and five miles south of West Grove (PA).

Deeply committed to supporting local farmers and artisans, the Market features over twenty-five vendors who bring a wide variety of quality foods and gifts that are grown, raised and made in the area. There is never a shortage of fresh fruits and vegetables. Along with produce, the market offers naturally-raised meats, eggs, cheeses, coffee, mushrooms, and fresh-cut flowers. Customers can also find gourmet prepared foods, a variety of fresh baked goods, natural dog treats, local honey, jams & jellies, and handmade crafts and soaps throughout the season.

Stop by on opening day to enjoy live music, the first fruits of the season and enter a raffle for a chance to win a basket of local goodies. The market is also partnering with Laurel Valley Soils of Landenberg, PA to celebrate International Compost Awareness Week. Laurel Valley will be selling locally-made compost at the market on May 5th and May 12th with all proceeds going to the PA Horticultural Society’s City Harvest Program. Stop by the market to pick up a bucket or truckload of high-quality compost to get your own garden growing.

While May is early in growing the season, customers can expect to find asparagus, rhubarb, and lettuce of all kinds, spinach, kale, radishes, arugula and spring onions. By mid-May, strawberries and peas will be available with new fruits and vegetables appearing each week. Stop by the market information table for ideas on how to use the beautiful and delicious local offerings.

Special events for adults and children are planned throughout the season. These events are free and a great way to connect with your farmers, producers and fellow community members. Check the market’s website and Facebook page for more details on these fun events.

The New Garden Growers Market offers something for everyone. In addition to selling produce and local goods, the market is a space for members of the community to gather each week. Bring your family and be part of the fun.

For more information, including directions and a full list of vendors, please visit their website: www.newgardengrowers.com

Contact: Heather Sachs, New Garden Growers Market 302-463-0713 (cell) newgardengrowersmarket@gmail.com
In each issue of the New Garden Lyceum, a local business is highlighted that would be of particular interest to our residents. This issue profiles Laurel Valley Farms. This business contains two divisions: Laurel Valley Farms, producer of mushroom substrate, and Laurel Valley Soils, producer of a variety of premium horticultural soil augmented products which contain recycled mushroom compost. Together they’ve mastered the manufacturing and reuse of mushroom compost while contributing to a significant portion of America’s mushroom crop. Their products, mushroom compost and recycled post-harvest compost for horticultural use complement New Garden Township’s recently awarded Silver certification as a sustainable municipality by the Pennsylvania Municipal League. Among other achievements that New Garden was acknowledged for is its progress in addressing land use, energy efficiency, intergovernmental cooperation, recycling and waste reduction. As you read further, Laurel Valley Farms has been and continues to be a leader in these goals.

Laurel Valley Farms has been in operation since 1979 and is owned by five local mushroom producers. These include C.J. Mushroom Co., Phillips Mushroom Farms, Basciani Foods, John C. Leo and Son and Pietro Industries. The farm, located along Penn Green Road and Starr Road, covers 140 acres with 50 acres dedicated directly to both mushroom composting and soil production. Over sixty employees manage the state-of-the-art mushroom composting technology from Holland that takes just forty-five days to produce enriched mushroom compost from raw materials, with about 3,400 tons a week in compost processing throughput. The operation is a zero water discharge facility, as all stormwater on site is recycled with approximately 15% pumped from wells.

The Laurel Valley Farms cooperative is unique in the mushroom business. They’ve collectively perfected an efficient manufacturing process for making a consistent, high-quality supply of mushroom substrate to grow each of their company’s mushrooms year round. And, remarkably, when the mushrooms are harvested – after about 3 crops or “flushes” - Laurel Valley Soils recycles the post-harvest compost. By partnering with Penn State University and other soil experts, a process was developed that creates multiple horticultural products from the post-harvest compost. The business has successfully employed this method and in a very environmentally friendly and sustainable way for decades. As Laurel Valley’s General Manager, Glenn Cote likes to point out, “Laurel Valley has the unique business advantage to sell the same product twice”.

**Composting for Mushrooms** For our tour, we were accompanied by Suzanne Longacre, Marketing Champion for Laurel Valley Soils ([laurelvalleysoils.com](http://laurelvalleysoils.com)), and Glenn Cote, General Manager of Laurel Valley Farms ([laurelvalleyfarms.net](http://laurelvalleyfarms.net)). Suzanne has been in her position for two years leveraging her many years of marketing expertise to ensure business growth into new markets for the business’ soils products. Glenn has been working with Laurel Valley Farms since 1999, and is a wealth of information about the composting process.
Our visit started with a walk through Laurel Valley Farms where a ready-to-spawn mushroom compost (aka substrate) is made and delivered to “doubles”, the nomenclature for a large mushroom house. Glenn showed us how their state-of-the-art equipment mixes quality feedstock material every week; blending 900 tons of hay with recycled and locally sourced by-products: 500 tons of straw, 75 tons of corn cobs, 7,000 cubic yards of horse bedding, 40 tons of cocoa shells, 600 tons of poultry manure, and 450,000 gallons of stormwater.

Basically, the composting process occurs in three stages: mixing it, pasteurizing it and then inoculating the mix with a particular type of spawn, or mushroom fungus. Mixing occurs on a wide open impervious platform allowing for an orchestrated movement of large equipment to load and unload tons of hay and straw which are sprayed with mostly recycled stormwater and mixed with corn cobs, poultry manure, and other previously considered waste organic products. The results are perfectly parallel rows of steaming high carbon content mushroom compost. Sometimes an odiferous aroma rises while the organics and starches are decomposing.

Then, using a system of conveyor belts the compost is transferred to the second stage. “At this point, the compost never touches the ground,” remarked Glenn. The steamy enriched compost, or substrate, goes into large aerated chambers that carefully monitor increasing decomposition and heat while simultaneously killing unwanted pathogens and insects. After this pasteurization stage, the substrate is ready for mixing with mushroom spawn (aka “seeding”) and then loaded in a large truck for direct delivery to a mushroom growing facility. As one of the largest mushroom substrate composting facilities in the country, Laurel Valley Farms is the sole provider of mushroom substrate to the local member mushroom farms that grow 11% of the mushrooms consumed in the United States, which equates to over 100 million pounds per year!

**Mushroom Compost for Soils**

From hay and recycled by-products to mushrooms to high quality augmented soils. (Left) Laurel Valley Farms prepares compost for mushrooms, then delivers this high quality compost (middle) to mushroom houses sufficient for three crops. Post-harvest compost is then returned to Laurel Valley Soils (right) and converted into a variety of organic soil products.

What goes into the mushroom houses must come out. This is when Laurel Valley Soils enters the recycling equation. The post-harvest mushroom compost that is removed from the mushroom growing houses will be turned into products that include horticultural grade compost and augmented soils. In 2013, the US Composting Council awarded Laurel Valley Soils with its prestigious "Composter of the Year" Award, and in 2016, Laurel Valley Soils became the first mushroom substrate composter to be listed by the Organic Materials Review Institute.
(OMRI) for the soil class “Crop Fertilizers and Soil Amendments”, giving recognition that its soil products can be certifiably used for organic gardening and landscape purposes.

The compost recycling process is fascinating: All five Laurel Valley Farms grower-owners return their post-harvest compost to a designated location at Laurel Valley's Soils Division. During the four to six month aging process, the post-harvest compost is piled into long neat windrows. There the compost further decomposes while carefully being turned over and monitored for temperature. A four million gallon lagoon manages storm water runoff and when needed, this water can be pumped from the lagoon adjacent to Starr Road to the Phase 1 Composting Site, over a mile away on Penn Green Road.

When the post-harvest compost has completed the decomposition process, it is then transferred to a large shelter to be stored under cover, keeping it as dry as possible while it awaits to be sold for as their “Premium Compost” for horticultural uses.

Laurel Valley Soils also blends post-harvest compost with their huge pile of native subsoils from land development projects to produce their Enriched Topsoil. Depending on the type of soil ordered by their customers, Laurel Valley Soils may also blend a prescribed mix for a range of soil enhancement products used in the horticultural and construction industry, including rain gardens, bio-retention basins, sports fields, lawns and green roofs. Some Laurel Valley Soil products are applied for lawn care, on golf fairways and greens, sold at farm and garden centers, and used for sports fields and streetscapes. As stated on their website: “Laurel Valley has taken the time to learn about the finest details of soil composition, while substantially investing in infrastructure and equipment which gives us the edge in quality, production capacity, scheduling, and logistics.”

**Award and Community Outreach**

After our tour, Suzanne Longacre informed us about Laurel Valley’s marketing and extensive community outreach, which is quite amazing. She stated: “It is important to our team at Laurel Valley to give back to our community. As such, Laurel Valley has been a supporter of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society for many years, as well as other organizations. Last year, we created Compost for Cupboards to envelop all of our philanthropic efforts. To celebrate 2017’s International Compost Awareness Week, we donated 100% of our sales of Premium Compost at the New Garden Grower’s Market to the PHS City Harvest Program. Also, many of our Garden Center partners donated a portion of each yard of compost sold, which we matched 100%, again benefitting the PHS City Harvest Program. We also donated Garden Soil for the Kennett Community Garden’s new raised beds at Anson B. Nixon Park, and we are a repeat supporter of the Wild and Scenic Film Festival and the Mushroom Festival. “

“This year (2018),” Suzanne continued, “for International Compost Awareness Week (May 5-13) we will again be selling compost by the bucket or bag at the New Garden Grower’s Market, as well as offering compost by the pickup truck/trailer load at our facility on May 5 and 12. Since as normal practice we only sell wholesale by the tri-axle truck load, this is a special sale. And 100% of sales will be donated to Philadelphia Horticultural Society’s..."
Laurel Valley Farms provides more than quality mushroom substrate with virtually no waste by-products. Laurel Valley Soils provides more than a variety of consistent custom mix soil amended products. Both businesses are exemplary in foresight, research, best practices, and community outreach about how the mushroom industry can advance environmental agriculture methods for our Township’s largest business, mushrooms. State Senator Andy Dinniman stated it well in 2016 when Laurel Valley received their Organic Materials Review Institute Listing: “In many ways, mushroom growers are the original recyclers. And some of the very pioneers in mushroom growing and composting are right here in Chester County. Fortunately, they created the standard by developing environmentally responsible and economically beneficial practices. We are seeing those efforts come to fruition today with companies like Laurel Valley Soils.”

We walked away from our visit remarking how little we knew about the mushroom compost manufacturing process. Our tour through Laurel Valley Farms and Soils illuminated to us how this century-old business has progressed immensely in producing higher mushroom yields and, and equally important, demonstrating an environmentally sustaining method in doing so. Our township’s name refers to the first European settlers from New Garden Quaker Meeting in County Carlow, Ireland. With Laurel Valley, who knows how many “new gardens” have been created locally and far away thanks to Laurel Valley Farms’ agricultural leadership.

Related Links:

- Compost for Cupboards are also donating soil to the Delaware Food Bank’s new farm: https://www.aboldfutureforfbd.org/
- Philippe Cousteau (grandson of the legendary Jacques Cousteau) visits Laurel Valley Mushroom Farm in Pennsylvania on this episode of Xploration Awesome Planet. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WB8b8EMgxJQ
- American Mushroom Institute: http://americanmushroom.org/
- Phillips Mushroom Farms: http://www.phillipsmushroomfarms.com/
- Pietro Industries: https://www.pietroindustries.com/
- Basciani Foods: https://www.bascianifoods.com/
- Mushroom Data, Chester County 2017: http://www.chesco.org/DocumentCenter/View/1352
- Other mushroom data for Chester County: http://www.chesco.org/Search?searchPhrase=mushroom
- Aerial view Laurel Valley Farms: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WRvXwmh1BFo
- City Harvest: https://phsonline.org/programs/city-harvest
Dear New Garden Township Friends of the Kennett Library:

Thank you so very much for the overwhelming support of the Library Referendum in New Garden Township. This very positive commitment, through a modest tax increase, will help to ensure that the operating costs of our local Library for services, and resources available to everyone, will be met.

As Chair of the Referendum Committee, I wish to thank the voters who supported this initiative; our Honorary Co-Chairs, Steve Allaband, and Dr. Barry Tomasetti; the Board of Trustees of the Kennett Library; all those who worked at the polls for this effort on election day; The Chester County Press for expert coverage of the Kennett Library and the referendum; our consultant, Carl Francis; Jeff Yetter, vice-president of the library board, who worked diligently on this endeavor; and our supporters who lent their names, township residents and business owners alike, to this worthwhile cause. Thank you also to whoever assisted in removing the lawn signs. That was a great help too!

The vote was a significant affirmation of our need for libraries, and of the Kennett Library itself. For those who did not vote in favor of this initiative, we may have spoken together on Election Day, and I get what you are saying. In this age of technology, the place of libraries is something to consider. And even a modest tax is a tax. I invite everyone, if you have not already done so, to get your free library card. And use your free Kennett Library as often as you can. Our commitment to the Kennett Library has grown, and our use of this wonderful place in our community should grow as well.

Again, thank you!
Best Regards,
Jim DiLuzio, appointed representative from New Garden Township to the Kennett Library Board of Trustees.
Chair, Kennett Library’s New Garden Township Referendum Committee
It appears that winter is finally over even though “Old Man Winter” tried to hold on well into spring. With the warmer weather finally arriving we are getting into the busy time of year for us. I would like to take a few minutes to go over what we have been working on through winter along with some of the projects planned for the spring and summer.

**Winter Projects**

Throughout the winter we stayed ready to attack any winter storms that impacted our area. We were called out over fifteen times for anything from salting to plowing and cleanup to just spot checking due to blowing snow or below freezing temperatures. Due to the low temperatures and the amounts of snow on each storm we ended up salting twice on the majority of the storms. So while we were low on overall snow fall, we were high on salt usage. This year we used over 1,500 tons of salt to combat the winter precipitation. Our average salt usage is only about 1,000 tons per season and at roughly $60.00 a ton that overage added up quickly.

Late in 2017 and into 2018, the Public Works Department received a GIS (Geographic Information System) program to better inventory and manage our infrastructure. GIS is a real time database that links information on any given feature to its location and we are able to access that information in the field on tablets. We have our storm water system, sign inventory, and road work broken down into individual layers for easy accessibility. The maps can be broken down with satellite imagery or just a street map with rough topography features to help easily identify the true location of items. We can also immediately see when the feature, such as a sign, was installed, inspected, repaired, vandalized, or struck by a vehicle. With having this information at our finger tips we can make better if the sign needs to be replaced or moved. With the storm water information being at our finger tips we can see look back and see when we repaired the inlet to fix a sinkhole and see how well the repair is holding up. We can also log our DEP required inlet inspections into the system and immediately see what inlets are in need of repair. Previously, we would have to go back to the shop and pull the storm water book and look through pages and pages of hand written notes to determine where repairs are needed. The storm water GIS also gives us valuable...
information like inlet depth, construction type, pipe size/material and locations, overall condition, and ownership. The pipe location is very helpful because in the event of a fuel spill we can quickly and easily know where the pipes go and can take the appropriate actions to minimize impact to the environment. We have spent countless hours updating and correcting information to make the system be as accurate as possible and will continue to update the information to keep it as accurate as possible for years to come.

In late March we replaced our 2000 Freightliner dump truck with a 2018 Freightliner 108SD. The truck features a 350 HP Cummins engine and an Allison automatic transmission. The truck also features an 80 gallon fuel tank, On-Spot snow chains, heated windshield and mirrors, along with many other features that make the jobs the truck was designed for easier, safer, and more efficient. The truck also has an 11’ power angle snow blade, tailgate spreader, and a stainless steel dump bed with a crossmemberless hardened steel floor. Other features on the truck include a power tarp, blacktop chute, and a bed vibrator.

Spring Operations

With winter still going strong on the first day of spring and beyond, we were delayed on a number of spring time projects like street sweeping, plow/salt spreader storage, and road inspections. Now that the weather has finally broken for the better we are trying to catch up on these items as quickly as possible.

We have identified a number of roads that will be treated this year for our annual paving and sealing processes. With the $450,000 budgeted this year for road work, we will be utilizing that money to the best of our ability to make the repairs go as far as possible. We our planning on paving or sealing little over 5.5 miles of road ways this year and the work should be completed in late August.

As always were will be doing the normal routine for spring and summer work. That includes base repair, tree trimming, sign maintenance, road bank mowing, inlet inspections, pipe/inlet repair/ replacement, and so much more. The warmer weather means we are out working on and along the road far more frequently than in the winter. Please remember to respect all signs both in and out of active work zones. If you see signs for road work or a road closure please obey it, they are for both your safety and ours.
ADULT LITERACY AT THE KENNETT LIBRARY

By: Filomena Elliott

A valuable resource housed within the Kennett Library is the Adult Literacy Program. Its mission is to provide free literacy and English language instruction for educationally-disadvantaged adults so as to equip them with the knowledge and skills necessary for gainful employment and self-sufficiency.

There are both day and evening classes of English as a Second Language, held from September to June in various locations in Kennett Square, and in West Grove and Oxford. Free one-on-one tutoring is also available. Tutors are volunteers from the community who are trained by the Adult Literacy Program director and who agree to teach an adult student, donating a couple of hours of their time each week. The tutors help adults to improve their basic literacy level, or to learn English as a Second Language, or to prepare for American citizenship, or to practice and prepare for the tests for the General Equivalency Diploma.

The program has a waiting list of students, so tutors are always needed! Training consists of two one-and-one-half hour workshops, all teaching materials will be provided, and the tutoring hours are flexible and set at a mutually convenient time for tutor and student. If you would like to help by becoming a volunteer tutor, please email Director Filomena Elliott at felliott@ccls.org or call the Adult Literacy Program office at 610-444-9118.

4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
MAY - AUGUST 6PM-DUSK

Wine & Wheels
LOCAL BANDS, FOOD TRUCKS, WINE & BREWS IN NEW GARDEN PARK

MAY 23RD - REVOLUTION HEROES at Emergency Services Appreciation Night
JUNE 27TH - POOR MAN’S GAMBIT - Celtic
JULY 25TH - WEST CHESTER SWING KINGS at National Wine & Cheese Night
AUGUST 22ND - JOE HILLMAN BAND - Acoustic String Band

Beverages provided by Harvest Ridge Winery & Rebel Seed Cider * Kennett Brewing Co. * Visting Food trucks by Hood’s BBQ * The Wandering Chef * Ole’ Tapas * Dessert trucks and more...
Kids to Parks Day

MAY 19TH 10AM-12PM

Join us for National Kids to Parks Day! Spend Time in Nature at New Garden Park!

- Scavenger Hunt
- Family Hike Games and Nature Stories with Kennett Library
- Kids Yoga
- Makin’ Music with Miss Sue
- Fit4Mom
- Crafts and Activities
- Baseball Fun with KAU
- and more...

NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY, PA

Spring 2018
Local Residents Engage in Helping the Environment One Measurement at a Time

By: Shane Morgan

Have you ever considered volunteering your existing expertise or learning new skills to help the environment? You can join a team of citizen scientists studying the White Clay while experiencing our beautiful streams first-hand. Citizen science bridges the gap between the scientific community and the public, engaging people of all backgrounds in gathering scientific data used for research and natural resources management.

The White Clay Creek Wild and Scenic River Program relies on data collected by trained citizen scientists to help keep a pulse on stream health. On a typical day, citizen scientists are out in the field taking water quality samples and stream measurements. These data provide baseline information on streams that haven’t been assessed by state agencies and help to detect changing water quality trends over time. Ultimately, this information informs decisions regarding land use, land management, and land protection—all of which have a significant impact on water quality and stream health. Learn how local volunteers have contributed greatly to citizen science in the White Clay:

Marion Waggoner, a retired physical chemist, and Dave Yake, a retired chemical engineer, are watershed residents who began their journey three years ago when a private water company gave notice of plans to begin pumping a well adjacent to their local stream, Broad Run, in New Garden Township. Their initial work measuring stream flow at several points along Broad Run grew into a larger interest in the watershed and water quality as a whole. Marion and Dave recognized the need for more information on smaller creeks throughout White Clay and expanded into measuring stream flow and taking additional water quality measurements at other stream locations throughout the watershed. Combining their backgrounds, they developed their own base flow and runoff model to predict how much water will flow after any given rain event. Their goal is to share this model with other citizen science programs beyond the White Clay. Marion believes there are other people out there looking for more purpose, and being a citizen scientist is one way of finding that, adding, “I didn’t know volunteering would be quite as fulfilling as it is.”

Rob Tuttle began his path as a citizen scientist as a volunteer for the Delaware Nature Society. As a volunteer, he noticed a need to expedite the analysis and reporting of the stream data collected. Using his background in software engineering, Rob created a stream data analysis program to interpret water quality data that is currently being tested by the White Clay Wild and Scenic Program in collaboration with the Delaware Nature Society’s Stream Watch Program and The Nature Conservancy Stream Stewards Program. The software program Rob created allows for quick and easy reporting of stream data, including identifying water quality trends and water quality issues. Ultimately, Rob hopes his program will help natural resource managers communicate information and educate others about water quality so they will be more engaged in watershed restoration and protection. When asked about his experience as a citizen scientist, Rob commented, “There are many opportunities to apply your scientific skills, to continue learning, and to contribute to a better and sustainable future. I have found my volunteer experience quite rewarding.”
Marion, Dave, and Rob have strong science backgrounds, but you don’t need a science background to participate - anyone can volunteer and learn with a little training. David Bressler, Citizen Science Project Facilitator at Stroud Water Research Center, provides technical assistance and training to watershed organizations building their own citizen science programs. Currently, Dave is providing guidance in the deployment and use of EnviroDIY Sensor Stations. These instruments take continuous measurements of electrical conductivity, water temperature, water depth, and turbidity. Dave and other Stroud scientists also provide workshops and technical assistance to citizen scientists and natural resource managers throughout the region as part of the Delaware River Watershed Initiative supported by the William Penn Foundation. Dave hopes to promote a more science literate culture through this initiative, as well as to develop a richer set of data describing conditions in the Delaware River basin. He wants citizen scientists to understand their goal before going into the field. Knowing what their goal is will allow for better measurements and understanding of the scientific process. Ultimately, “communicating effectively” is the target, which will in return make the scientific process more understandable and accessible.

As the White Clay Wild and Scenic Program Manager, I hope to build upon the foundation laid down by these volunteers to engage more people in watershed management and to create a strong and informed network of citizen scientists who are stewards and advocates for our natural resources. As the program expands, there will be additional needs and opportunities for citizens to contribute to science in the White Clay. To learn more visit http://whiteclay.org/streamwatch.

Tuesday Family Fun Night
IN NEW GARDEN PARK
2nd Tuesday of the Month 6:30pm June-Aug
Coming Exhibition: Thomas Eakins in New Garden

By: Michael Leja

A small exhibition in the lobby of the Township Building tells the story of Thomas Eakins’s summer visits to New Garden. Eakins ranks as one of the most important American artists of the 19th century. He lived and worked primarily in Philadelphia, but between 1877 and 1897 he spent part of each summer at the farm on Church Road where his sister Frances and her husband William Crowell raised their ten children. On those summer visits, Eakins worked on paintings and sculptures and took photographs of his family members and the flora and fauna of New Garden. The Crowell house, in which Eakins had a studio, does not survive, but the history of that house (known as the Isaac and Margaret Sharp House) is told on the New Garden Historical Commission website. Eakins is renowned for paintings of distinguished doctors, scientists, and athletes in action, and for scenes of daily life, such as fisherman at work or riders in a horse-drawn carriage in the park. He tried to maximize the truthful realism of his paintings by basing them on careful research and scientific study of anatomy, linear perspective, reflections, objects in motion, and all the laws of nature and art. The illustrations in this display feature some of his best-known paintings as well as works related to his time in New Garden. One photograph shows Eakins working on a sculpture while the Crowell’s horse Billy poses. Come by the exhibition to see a photo of the finished bronze version of Billy, with Abraham Lincoln riding him, that is now part of the Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Arch at the Grand Army Plaza in Brooklyn, New York.


The trout have arrived! Winter recedes and avid springtime anglers are returning to the beautiful creeks in New Garden Township. Truckloads of rainbow and brown trout from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission’s State hatcheries are stocking the White Clay Creek. Running north-south along the western border of New Garden the East Branch of the White Clay Creek provides two locations for three fish stocking events this spring. Be careful while driving Penn Green road and adjacent roads in or near the White Clay Creek Watershed as early morning eager anglers park their vehicles along the roadside. New to fishing? A fishing license is required and obtained at pa.wildlifelicense.com/start.php. Know the State’s fishing regulations (fishinpa.com) and visit the Commission’s “Fishing Fundamentals”. Want to catch tasty trout in the nearby streams? Go to the Commission’s website: fishandboat.com/Locate/Pages/MapResources.aspx. Please note that most of the fishing areas in our watersheds are privately owned, so always obtain permission. Fishing in the White Clay is, as Fly Fisher’s Club says, “comparable to fishing in remote areas of any state in the United States.” Visit whiteclayflyfishers.org and whiteclay.org to fish and ways to preserve this precious local and national scenic resource. For a walk along White Clay Creek in New Garden go to friendsofthenewgardentrails.org.
New Garden Election Boards

Chris Robinson

Ready for the May 15th mid-term election? On the ballot are: U.S. Senate, State Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Representative in Congress, Senator in the General Assembly, Representative in the General Assembly, Democratic State Committee and Republican State Committee.

There are three Election Boards in New Garden serving three respective precincts each containing one polling place (where to vote). Precinct 385 covers the north part of the Township where its polling place is at Bancroft Elementary School. Precinct 390 covers the middle part. The Township building houses its polling place. Precinct 391 covers the southern portion of the Township. The Kennett Middle School provides its polling place.

This election is a “closed primary” meaning only voters registered with the Democratic or Republican Parties can vote. Independent and non-affiliated voters cannot vote in this election, unless there’s a non-partisan item on the ballot. In the General election, November 6th, all registered voters vote regardless of party affiliation.


Are you curious how the Township voted for the 2016 Presidential Election? 75% turnout! Combing results from the three precincts, Clinton received 2,640 votes and Trump received 2,245 votes. Candidates from the Constitution Party (Castle), the Green Party (Stein) and Libertarian Party (Johnson) received a combined total of 195 votes. Ninety residents were not content with any Party and wrote in their candidate. Hillary Clinton won the Township vote by 395 votes. For more about New Garden’s voting history visit: http://newgarden.info/newsletter/HowDidNG-Vote-cr3.pdf.

All the Election Boards are managed by volunteers. Three positions are elected, Judge of Elections, Majority Inspector and Minority Inspector. If for whatever reason the Inspector isn’t present or available the Judge selects one for that Election Day. Board members operate the voting machines, record the voter’s name and account for the ballots. The polling process is long, dawn to dusk. Setup begins at 6AM. Polling doors open at 7AM and voting ends at 8PM sharp. Then, depending on the number of voters voting that day, the process can take another three hours counting ballots, tabulating the vote and delivering the results to West Chester Voter Services. Members of the Election Board are compensated per their duties. Visit http://www.chesco.org/287/Election-OfficialPoll-Worker for more information. Presidential elections are particularly exhausting but always energized. Consider volunteering for your Election Board. It’s fun and rewarding. You meet neighbors you know and didn’t know. Greet first time voters and new residence to the community. And, when there’s a lull, engaged in discussions with other Board members about local, state, national and international news. To volunteer contact someone you know on your Election Board, or sign up the next time you vote at the polling place. Or, visit http://chesco.org/FormCenter/Voter-Services-35/Poll-Worker-Volunteer-Form-146.
We each have a story to tell, from a life being lived, right here, right now. After years of securing an education, stable employment, a home, family, we evolve our sense of having purpose, setting our roles as mother/father, son/daughter, sister/brother, wife/husband, co-worker, neighbor. Somewhere along this glorious journey we tend to lose a little bit of our true selves.

This is where I found myself many years ago and eventually made my way to the mat. After my first Pilates (yes, that reads correct!) I was hooked; mind, body and soul were ignited. With the patience and guidance of several amazing instructors my passion for life, family, work and home were back on track yet I knew deep down that there was a gap, something that needed fulfilling. That something proved to be yoga.

“But I’m not flexible enough for yoga” is something that is told to me at least once a week and I am here to share with you that asana (or physical postures) is just one of the eight limbs of yoga. As humans we are innately designed to learn and our yoga practice guides us to places of developing a deeper sense of our true selves through this path. From a purely physical standpoint, do you understand joint mobility and recognize where your own personal strengths are, or where flexibility may be limited? Are you suffering with pain from an injury or chronic pain? How can you help yourself to move, to be free and open to healing, not just the physical, but mind and spirit also?

“What should I expect from my first class?” is often part of the previous conversation which leads us into the concept of being present. Expect what shows up, and trust me, things show up on the mat! It is a safe space to join in with others, to experience, to breathe mindfully, destress, declutter and learn the practice of simply letting go. We sometimes laugh, groan, cry, fall, make mistakes and move on. So be prepared experience, open up your mat, expand your mind and live in the moment.

A few tips for beginners:

- Arrive 10-15 minutes early to meet your instructor
- Consider sharing with your instructor any injuries or pain you are working with
- Wear comfortable clothing, socks and shoes are not worn on the mat
- Please turn off cell phones
- Give yourself permission to relax
- Honor your body, bring awareness to pain or restrictions
- The mat is a judgement free zone
- Be present in your own body, do not worry what others are doing!
- BREATHE!

Our community class at New Garden Township Park is held in Lyceum Hall, there is plenty of space for all levels of practitioners. As the weather begins to warm up we will take our group practice out into the park to be in the fresh air, to embrace Mother Earth and expand our sense of being.

If you have any questions or concerns about beginning a yoga practice, please do not hesitate to contact me via email: hilary@the-groiwng-room.com.
Makin’ Music with “Miss” Sue

Makin’ Music is the music and movement enrichment program that has been loved by thousands of children and parents for over 20 years. Classes are full of engaged children and the grown-ups who love them interacting with our lively, fun-filled music.

Come enjoy a 45 minute class at New Garden Township Park in Lyceum Hall starting, Tuesdays, April 17th – May 22nd at 9:30 am with Sue McKenna. Sue has been involved with Makin’ Music, teaching, song writing and recording, for many years and also performs in Moondawgs, an acoustic duo, with her husband.

Come dance, sing and play instruments with “Miss” Sue. You and your child will have a ball!

The first 6 week session will be held in Lyceum Hall in New Garden Park on Tuesdays beginning April 17th at 9:30 am thru May 22nd. Cost per child is $35. Max per family is $70.
Children 8 months and under are free with a paying sibling.

Call New Garden Township 610-268-2915 Ext. 100 to register or email: secretary@newgarden.org

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Run The Runway 5K & Family Fun Walk.

Come out for our Run the Runway 5k at the New Garden Flying Field! This year we are hosting our 5k with YMCA "Girls on the Run" and "Stride Program" on June 3rd, 2018. Join us for an exciting morning with a fun warm up and have the unique opportunity to race down the runway to reach your finish line!

T-Shirts Guaranteed for All Pre-Registered Runners through May 1st, 2018.

Pancake breakfast will also be served in the EAA Chapter 240 Hangar after the run.

Proceeds from the 5K benefit youth recreation programs through New Garden Township and Kennett Area.

https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Toughkenamon/RuntheRunway to sign up!
Future Aviators Summer Camp Turns 10

Established 2009 at New Garden Flying Field

It seems like yesterday we started the Future Aviators Summer Camp. The camp has been designed to promote and expose youth to all aspects of aviation. In a world of pilot shortages and aging aviators, programs like this is not only beneficial for our local airport but general aviation as a whole. Over the last 10 years the program has grown exponentially and now averages 150 campers per summer from all over the United States. The camp’s age focus is 7-15 years old and includes a week of non-stop...
**EAA Chapter 240 gets a new look for 2018.**

The EAA Chapter 240 based at N57 will be breaking ground on an addition to their club hangar. This much needed addition will give them additional storage space for their tools and equipment, opening up floor space for member projects.

If you have an interest in aviation you should consider visiting the local Chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association and becoming a member. You don’t need to be a pilot or own a plane, just have an interest in aviation to join. Local membership is currently 170+ who have a passion for anything aviation.

*For more information visit www.eaa240.org.*

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aviation excitement, including hands-on build activities, museum and airport tours, navigation planning and discovery flights. We have geared the camp to not only expose aviation to the youngsters but promote teamwork and leadership development.

Camp activities promote confidence development as individuals and the importance of working together as a team all while explaining the science behind flight in a fun interactive setting at the airport.

Several of our campers have continued with the program as assistant and junior counselors and many have gone on to solo an aircraft when they turn 16 and obtain their private pilot’s license on their 17th birthday.

To date we have flown over 900 campers as part of this program and look forward to the success of each of our Future Aviators as they grow individually and professionally in pursuing their interests in aviation and in life.

**CREATING AN AVIATION SUMMER TO REMEMBER.**

*Registration is now open for July and August. Visit ww.newgardenflyingfield.com.*

**P51 Ride Raffle**

We are raffling off a chance of a lifetime, a ride in the most famous WWII fighter of all time, a *P-51 MUSTANG*. Get your tickets while they last! $25 per ticket or 5 for $100. All proceeds will go towards the Future Aviators Pavilion Project, providing an overlook of New Garden Airport operations for the Community.
Tickets are available in the Aviation Center or by calling 610-268-2619. Flight will be awarded during the Festival of Flight Air Show in August.

**Congratulations to Alex Day**

New Garden Flying Field, line service team member, Alex Day was recently accepted to the United States Air Force Academy. Alex started working at the airport as a camp counselor during the Future Aviators Camp in 2017. Alex quickly excelled as a leader of the program and went on to volunteer at the annual air show and was hired to join the line-service team at the airport. Alex is also currently in his final stages of obtaining his private pilot’s license.

Please join New Garden Flying Field in congratulating Alex with a job well done and wish him the best with his future studies at the United States Air Force Academy.

**LPV Study Underway**

The Bureau of Aviation offered the grant to conduct an aeronautical survey for the LPV approach into N57 on 10/10/17 and it was accepted on 10/11/17, but after grant modifications were requested for a new resolution it was finally accepted on 12/13/17. Grant amount is $165,375. The Statement of Work was uploaded into AGIS on 09/14/17 and approved by the FAA on 10/12/17. The airport was flown in September and the field work was completed in late October/November 2017. The Geodetic Control Plan was submitted in AGIS on 10/30/17 and approved by NGS on 10/30/17. The Survey Quality Control Plan was uploaded into AGIS on 11/16/17 and approved by the NGS on 11/29/17. The imagery plan was uploaded and approved in AGIS on 11/28/17. The Geodetic Control Data was prepared and uploaded into AGIS on 01/11/18 and was approved by the NGS on 01/24/18. The Imagery data was transmitted on a hard drive to the NGS on 03/19/18 for approval. Planimetric’s and contours have been completed and we are currently developing the approach surfaces for evaluation while awaiting approval of the imagery data. We are looking forward to obtaining the much needed approach into the airport.

**“Fit2 Fly”-Thursday Group Bike Rides**

Starting Thursday, April 5th, join us for our group bike ride leaving N57 at 6pm. Riders will leave the airport at 6:00pm. Route is 18-19 miles and will maintain a pace of 15.5-17 mph (depending on the group). If there is enough interest and someone interested in leading a slower pace group please contact Jon Martin, 610-268-2619.
Local N57 Pilot Uses Personal Aircraft To Rescue Dogs.

Jack Merritt, along with Julia Altman, run Greenmore Farm Animal Rescue just over the hill from New Garden Flying Field. Greenmore Farm Animal Rescue provides shelter, medical care and nurturing for animals facing life-threatening situations. Their goal is to find forever-loving homes for animals. Greenmore is a non-profit, no-kill shelter, that have been rescuing unwanted, neglected and abused animals since 2010.

Pilot Jack utilizes his aircraft to transport a dozen dogs at a time from all over the US back to Pennsylvania. **Well done Jack!**

**Great to see you utilizing your pilot’s license and aircraft for such great work.**

Time To Get Your Transponder Checked?

Is your transponder check current? If not sign up to get checked on Thursday April 26th at N57. VFR and IFR checks available.

If you are interested please contact the Airport office, 610-268-2619. Include what type of inspection, VFR or IFR, N-Number, and manufacturer serial number of the TX and Encoder.

**Federal aviation regulations call for transponder inspections every 24 calendar months.**

2018 Airport Events

- **June 3** Run the Runway 5K
- **June 22-24** Chester County Balloon Festival
- **July 9-13** Future Aviators Summer Camp (Week 1)
- **August 6-10** Future Aviators Summer Camp (Week 2)
- **August 18-19** Festival of Flight Air & Car Show
Stroller Strides® is a functional, total-body conditioning workout designed for moms with kids in tow. Each 60-minute workout is comprised of strength training, cardio and core restoration, all while entertaining little ones with songs, activities and fun! Each Stroller Strides instructor is skilled to meet you where you are mentally and physically. You’ll leave class feeling connected, successful and energized! No more mama guilt! This class is all about self-care in a supportive and encouraging environment.

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After one full year of operations the Southern Chester County Regional Police Department invites the public to review our 2017 Annual Report. Below are the highlights from three categories, Crime, Traffic and Budget. The report however offers a comprehensive look into these activities and experiences; click on the link below to download a copy: [2017 Annual Report](#)

**Crime Data**
The communities served by the Southern Chester County Regional Police Department experienced a 31% reduction in Part I crime and a 9.3% reduction in Part II crime. Our total crime activity experienced a nearly 8% decrease from the year 2016.

The Part I crime category that experienced the largest decline was the Theft, which had an overall reduction of 44%. These results are achieved from having a highly visible police presence which may create an atmosphere of omnipresence, thus deterring the opportunity to commit a crime.

**Traffic Data**
The communities served by the Southern Chester County Regional Police Department have also experienced an 18.6% reduction in traffic collisions.

Traffic citations and the ensuing enforcement is up by 7.9%. DUI arrests are up by a staggering 43.8%. Both of these categories have affected driving behaviors which has resulted in the reduction of traffic collisions.

**Budget Data**
In addition to our communities having a safer community, the good news culminates with the announcement of a nearly 10% decrease in projected costs to operate the Southern Chester County Regional Police Department.

**Price Point**
Based on the projected budget of $2,386,513.00 our per officer price point was approximately $127,213.00.

As stated above, partnering has revealed savings to both our communities. Although the audit is pending, we are confident that the partnership has revealed an estimated 10% decrease in our projected 2017 budget. This brings our officer price point to an estimated $114,859.00.

It is worth noting that the regional feasibility study completed by the DCED in the fall of 2015 estimated our price point at $152,000.00.

Our efforts to stabilize public safety costs have succeeded; it’s created a reduction in overall costs. Economizing to scale, a management rights friendly Collective Bargaining Agreement and an aggressive stewardship and management style of the budget have contributed to these positive results.
Great work by your public servants - 2017 Awards Ceremony

On Thursday, March 8, 2018 the Public Safety Commissioners hosted our first annual Award and Recognition Ceremony. Eight police officers from the Southern Chester County Regional Police Department were recognized for their exceptional work in 2017!

The Southern Chester County Regional Police Department distinguishes this enforcement because it is in harmony with our duty to protect “Human Life”, which is our first core value! There is no debate, their hard work has made the communities of New Garden Township and West Grove Borough a safer place to live and travel. The aforementioned eight police officers will receive a DUI Enforcement Award ribbon for their 2017 enforcement efforts.

1st Year Award Recipients:

Police Officer Stephen Syska
Police Officer Raymond Sullivan
Police Officer Matthew Cordone
Police Officer 1st Class Joseph Cooper
Cpl. Jason Ward

COMMENTARY:

As we continue to understand the aforementioned trends we do not anticipate any significant changes to our preliminary data. The Command Staff attributes this good news to a team committed to a leadership and philosophical practices focused at achieving results.

The Southern Chester County Regional Police Department is staffed by dedicated professionals whom believe that creating a community where our residents, businesses and visitors can enjoy safety begins with proactive problem solving and partnerships committed to community policing! We could not be more pleased with the results of our first year in existence, which in the final analysis supports our motto:

“United to Serve Our Communities with Excellence”
2nd Year Award Recipients:

Police Officer Stephen Madonna
Police Officer Benjamin Brown
Police Officer Jeremy O’Neill

2017 Commissioners Award

Our final recognition, named aptly named the Commissioners Award is our most prestigious award given to a police officer for conspicuous and exceptional work during the year noted.

Our 2017 Commissioners Award recipient, formally known as the Chief Gerald W. Davis award, is Police Officer Jeremy O’Neill. Officer O’Neill’s actions, his conduct, his very presence embodied our first core value -- Human Life!

From leading the department in DUI arrests, many involving opioids, his actions in saving at least two individuals during opioid overdose events to finally taking on use of force training responsibilities, Officer O’Neill stood above and beyond his peers in 2017 --- conspicuous indeed.

Police Facility Update

Headquarters, which includes our administrative offices have been relocated to the following address:
385 Starr Rd.
Landenberg, Pa 19350

This move is temporary to accommodate the final stage as we enter into the construction phase of the new police facility. The department expects to be located here for the next 18 to 24 months while construction is underway. It should be noted that the West Grove substation is unaffected by this transition.

Please be advised that correspondence is still being received at: 8934 Gap Newport Pike, Landenberg, PA 19350
Our phone number has not changed.
For emergencies please continue to call 911. For non-emergencies please dial 610-268-3171.
Aggressive Driving Campaign – Please slow down...

The Southern Chester County Regional Police Department was awarded a grant from the Chester County Highway Safety Project to enforce aggressive driving behaviors. The grant period is designed to influence driving habits before we enter into the summer driving season and thus reduce collisions. In 2017, the Southern Chester County Regional Police Department reported an overall decrease in traffic collisions, by 18.6%. However, at the end of the first quarter of 2018 we have experienced an uptick in reportable collisions by nearly 53%.

It is our hope that with our efforts to enforce speeding, tailgating, disregard of traffic signals and related offenses, we can influence driving behaviors to reduce serious collisions and keep the motoring and pedestrian traffic safe.

Below are the results from our first selective enforcement detail conducted on April 5, 2018 between 6:00 and 9:00 a.m. on Prospect Avenue at the intersection of Summit Avenue in West Grove Borough.

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The speed violations enforced spanned from 43 MPH to 53 MPH with the average enforced speed being 46 MPH in a posted 30 MPH zone. The detail was conducted during a time frame when at least three school buses stopped to pick-up 40 children and when traffic congestion was heavy with commerce and motorists heading to work.

We support our community’s efforts to improve public safety through the use of social media communication, as captured in a screenshot image below taken from the West Grove Area Message Board on Facebook; we would suggest in the future adding the following statement alerting of police activity... “Keep our children safe and obey the speed limit every day!!!”

For more information about this and other public safety activities find us at our website The Southern Chester County Regional Police Department, Crimewatch, Facebook or on Twitter @1SCCRPD. Questions about this press release can be directed to the Chief of Police’s office at 610-268-2907, extension 105.
The Kennett Area Park and Recreation Board (KAPRB) promotes, encourages, and supervises recreational activities in the Kennett Square community. The mission of KAPRB is to provide quality programs for families to enjoy and to improve, develop and renovate park facilities.

**KAPRB Summer Programs OPEN for Registration!**

**KAPRB Summer Camp**

This is a fun-filled, action packed summer camp for children ages 5-12. Children enjoy arts and crafts, games, science, cooking, sports, swimming, bowling, and many exciting trips.

Date: June 15 – August 10th  
Location: Bancroft Elementary School  
Cost: Per week $225; Full Summer Session $1040

**KAPRB Summer Sports Clinics**

Summer sports clinics provide excellent skill development in a fun, supportive, and enthusiastic environment. All coaches are current and previous players or coaches and they are excited to share their passion and love of the game. Each day will consist of structured skill building and the week ends on Friday with a scrimmage. Parents are invited to watch.

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| Field Hockey (Girls)   | Session 1: 6/18-6/22  
Session 2: 7/16-7/20 | 9am-12noon | KHS Legacy Field A | $80  |
| Lacrosse (Boys and Girls) | Session 1: 6/25-6/29  
Session 2: 7/9-7/13 | 9am-12noon | KHS Legacy Field A & B | $80  |
| Basketball             | Session 1: 6/25-6/29  
Session 2: 7/9-7/13 | 9am-12noon | KHS Auxiliary Gym | $80  |
| Volleyball             | Session 1: 7/16-7/20    | 9am-12noon | KHS Auxiliary Gym | $80  |

Please visit kaprb.org for more information! You can also find us on Facebook!