



Our Mission

The Kennett Area Senior Center helps adults, 50 and better, live healthy, active, and independent lifestyles.

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CENTER SCOOP

Celebrating over 50 years of service to our community!

Message from our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

First, thank you to all our veterans for your service and sacrifice. We wish you a happy and healthy Veterans Day and extend our deepest gratitude for your service to our country. Please join us on Monday, November 10th at 12:00 PM for a Special Recognition Lunch Honoring Our KASC Veterans, as we celebrate those who have served. The Center will also be open regular hours on Tuesday, November 11th. Please stop by and share in the camaraderie!

We're looking forward to a full month of engaging programs and activities.

Wednesday, November 5, 6–8 PM: "Estate Planning" Living Well Speaker Series at the **Kennett Library**

Monday, November 10, 12:00 PM: Special Recognition Lunch Honoring Our KASC Veterans (pre-registration is required)

Thursday, November 13, 12:45 PM: Historic Research Speaker presentation

Tuesday, November 18, 10:00 AM–2:30 PM: AARP Safe Driver Refresher Course (pre-registration required)

Please note that the **Center will be closed November 26–28** for the **Thanksgiving holiday** so that our staff and volunteers can enjoy time with their families.

Critical Funding Challenge

The ongoing **Pennsylvania state budget impasse** has created a serious funding challenge for senior centers across the Commonwealth. Our largest funder, the Chester County Department of Aging Services (CCDAS), has significantly reduced our support. Because CCDAS provides **30% of our annual budget**, this reduction has a direct impact on our ability to maintain the programs and services that so many older adults depend on. Beginning December 1st, we'll reach out to our community for help. Your financial support will be essential to ensure we can continue offering the high-quality programs, meals, and resources our participants need and deserve. **We truly need you now more than ever—and we hope you will stand with us.**

In response to this crisis, the Pennsylvania Association of Senior Centers has issued a statewide *Call to Action*. Please see page 3 for details on how you can make three simple phone calls to urge lawmakers to end the budget impasse and restore full funding for senior community centers.

Together, we can make sure older adults in Chester County continue to have the support, connection, and care they deserve.

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving! We're thankful for each and every one of you, come gather with us this month and be part of the fun!

Stephanie K. Damica

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LEGACY GIVING PROGRAM

KASC LEGACY GIVING PROGRAM

For over 50 years, the Kennett Area Senior Center has been a cornerstone in the lives of countless older adults. Every day, we provide essential services that enhance the well-being, health, and social connections of our seniors, allowing them to live with dignity, independence, and joy. From nutritious meals and wellness programs to social activities and educational workshops, our services offer a lifeline to individuals who depend on us.

But as we look toward the future, we recognize the growing needs of our aging population. The demand for our programs and services continues to increase, and with it, the responsibility to ensure the Center remains a welcoming and supportive space for all seniors in our community. This is where your legacy can make a profound difference.

What is a Legacy Gift?

A legacy gift is any gift that is given out of your assets. This may include naming the Kennett Area Senior Center in your will and listing the Center as a beneficiary in your retirement plan, giving out of a donor-advised fund, or giving gifts of property or securities.

Why Legacy Giving?

Legacy giving offers a unique opportunity to make a meaningful contribution without impacting your financial situation today. By including the Kennett Area Senior Center in your will, trust, or estate plan, you create a future of hope and security for seniors in Kennett and the surrounding area. Your gift can provide stability for our Center and ensure that generations of seniors will continue to benefit from our wide range of services and programs.

The Power of Your Legacy

When you choose to include the Kennett Area Senior Center in your legacy giving plan, you are doing much more than donating. You are investing in the future of our community, ensuring that seniors will have access to vital resources and a sense of belonging. Whether it's a bequest, beneficiary designation, or charitable remainder trust, your gift will leave an indelible mark, reflecting your commitment to the well-being of others.

How to Get Started

Including the Kennett Area Senior Center in your legacy giving plan is simple and flexible. You can choose the type of gift that best aligns with your goals and values. We encourage you to speak with your financial advisor or attorney to explore the best options for your situation.

By making this important decision, you can ensure your legacy lives on, supporting the health and well-being of seniors in our community. Visit the [KASC Legacy Gift Guide](#) to learn more.

The PA State Budget Impasse Puts Senior Centers at Risk!

The State of Pennsylvania is currently at a **budget impasse**. This means that no new funds can come from the state government.

Most Senior Centers depend on state funding.

Without a budget, contractors responsible for funding senior centers cannot be fully reimbursed, and senior centers will be forced to cut services & staff, and/or close facilities.

Older Pennsylvanians could lose access to critical services provided by Senior Centers

- * Hot meals * Exercise * Education * Socialization *
- * Assistance applying for benefits * Opportunities for personal growth *
- * Case management * Advocacy * Information and referrals *
- The PA House of Representatives has approved a budget which will allow senior centers all over Pennsylvania to continue providing critical services, but it must also pass the State Senate.
- The Senate has only passed a flat-funded budget of past year allocations, which is **unrealistic**.
- Pennsylvania Senators Pittman, Ward, and Martin are responsible for bringing a budget to the floor for a vote.

**CALL SENATORS JOE PITTMAN, KIM WARD, AND SCOTT MARTIN, AND TELL THEM:
PASS A BUDGET FOR THIS YEAR,
NOT LAST YEAR**

↓↓ Contact Pennsylvania Senate Leadership ↓↓

Majority Leader - Joe Pittman	☎ (724) 357-0151
President Pro Tempore - Kim L. Ward	☎ (724) 600-7002
Appropriations Committee Chair - Scott Martin	☎ (717) 397-1309



Center Highlights!

The fall brought lots of fun and activities to the Center. We introduced Chair Volleyball and kicked off Eagles season with an exciting game of Center Football. Then we set sail on an unforgettable Titanic Adventure Day.

Guests stepped back in time aboard the Titanic, receiving boarding tickets to enter our elegant "first through third class dining room" where Marci and her volunteer crew served a delicious lunch. Everyone enjoyed a virtual ship tour, table games, and a spirited costume contest with many dressed in true first-class style complete with hats, gloves, and pearls. It was a day full of laughter, imagination, and history brought to life.



Sharing Our Story: A Taste of the Center Experience

On Thursday, October 23rd we hosted a special event called *A Taste of the Center*. The evening was filled with laughter, conversation, and a true sense of community as guests experienced a “day at the Center”, complete with great food, friendly competition, and a few fun surprises.

Guests enjoyed a delicious meal of our typical lunch fare, prepared by Kitchen Supervisor Marci Mebane and her dedicated volunteer crew. Just as they do for our daily participants, the team created a meal that nourished both body and spirit, a perfect introduction to one of the many ways the Center brings people together.

After lunch, visitors joined in two lively table activities: Rebus puzzles and a round of Family Feud. The room was filled with laughter, teamwork, and more than a little friendly competition. Then we wrapped up the evening with a line dancing lesson led by our talented volunteer instructor, Jeanne Searer, followed by a taste of our popular SilverSneakers class with our instructor Richard Bellot.

We thank Program Coordinator Debbie Johnston for designing and leading such a fun and creative interactive experience that captured the true spirit of our programs.

It was wonderful to see guests fully engaged, meeting new people, being challenged, and having fun, just like our participants do every day. Special thanks to our Board Members, who invited friends, family, and community members to join in and share the good news of KASC. Your outreach helps us expand our circle of connection and community support.

We are so grateful to **Matt and Sherry Grieco of Grieco Funeral Home and Crematory**, whose generous sponsorship helped to make this event possible. Their support helps us continue our mission of promoting health, independence, and connection for adults 55+ in southern Chester County.

A Taste of the Center was more than just a meal, it was a celebration of togetherness, purpose, and the joy of belonging.



 **GRIECO**
Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc
Matthew J. Grieco, Supervisor



In case of bad weather...

Winter weather will soon be upon us and there will be days where you might question whether or not KASC is open, particularly if the weather is 'frightful' outside. If the **Kennett Consolidated School District** is closed or there is any type of delay in opening, we will be closed. You can check your local news stations to see if there is an announcement. Additionally:

- Call us @ (610) 444-4819. If we close on a given day, we will update the message on our answering machine.
- Visit our website @ www.kennettseiorcenter.org where we will post a notice right on the **green** banner on the home page.
- Check out our Facebook page—@Kennett Area Senior Center, for updates or announcements.



If you need to connect with community resources and don't know where to look, **PA 2-1-1** can help.

No matter the situation, the specialists at 211 listen, identify underlying problems, and connect people in need with resources and services in their community that improve their lives.

Dial **211** or text your zip code to **898211** to speak with a resource specialist for free.



Kennett Area Senior Center Provides These Services

- Information and Referral Services
- Medicare / Medicaid Counseling
- Free Tax Prep Hosting (in partnership with AARP, early February-April)
- Rent Rebate Assistance
- Reading or filling out forms
- Tech Help
- Food distribution

Memories in a Meal by Marci Mebane

Once in a while we are served a meal that takes us back to sweet memories of long ago. Maybe it was an event we forgot about or a person we haven't seen or thought of in a long while that brings a smile to our face. For me, I tried a new recipe and it brought me right back to the sweet lady who cared for me while my parents were at work. She was a wonderful cook and her Gwumpki (stuffed cabbage rolls) were one of my favorites. I took that recipe and turned it into a soup and now memories of her are in the bowl every time I serve it. Do you have any recipes that bring back fond memories? I would love for you to share them with me!

Stuffed Cabbage Soup

Ingredients:

2 pounds ground beef
1 cup diced onion
4 cloves minced garlic
2 cups diced carrots
8 cups chopped green cabbage
12 cups beef broth
2 28oz. cans tomato sauce
2 bay leaves
1/3 cup brown sugar
Salt and pepper to taste
2 cups cooked brown rice

Directions:

- Cook ground beef and onion in a large pot over medium-high heat until beef is browned.
- Add garlic and cook one more minute.
- Add remaining ingredients except rice to pot, season with salt and pepper to taste and bring to a boil.
- Reduce heat to simmer and continue cooking for 30 minutes.
- Add cooked rice and heat 10 more minutes.
- Remove bay leaves before serving.



KITCHEN SHOUT OUT

**Thank you to the following for donations from their garden
to the Congregate Meal Program:**

Ray & Cindi Coe
Fred Wisseman

Gary Holcomb

Rent / Property Rebate Program



Homeowners and renters in Pennsylvania may be eligible to receive up to \$1,000 through a standard rebate. The amount of money you will receive is based on your income.

Criteria

- 65 and older
- Widows and widowers 50 and older
- People with disabilities 18 and older

The household income must be \$45,000 or less annually.

Let us assist you with online filing; the faster safer way to file!

For more information, please contact Lori Holcombe, Information & Assistance Coordinator 610-444-4819.

Lori Holcombe

Information & Assistance and Member Services Coordinator

610-444-4819

lholcombe@kennettseiorcenter.org

Lori is available by appointment to discuss your needs and assist in determining the appropriate resources needed. Call or email to make an appointment.

Medicare Assistance Available Free of Charge!

PA MEDI (formerly APPRISE) is a statewide service operated by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging and is the known and trusted local resource for Medicare help. Did you know KASC has a Medicare Counselor who comes in every other Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to noon? They provide free, unbiased personalized help with:

- Original Medicare
- Medigap (Medicare supplement)
- Medicare Advantage plans
- Prescription drug plans
- Enrollment assistance
- Medicare financial assistance programs
- Medicare appeals
- Long-term care insurance
- Coordination of benefits



All services are free, confidential, and delivered by specially trained certified counselors through the Department of Aging.

Please contact Lori Holcombe, Information & Assistance Coordinator, at 610-444-4819 to schedule an appointment. We cannot accommodate walk-in appointments.



Programs and services partially funded by Chester County Department of Aging Services and PA Department of Aging.



Medicare Open Enrollment

The Medicare Annual Open Enrollment Period runs from October 15 – December 7. This enrollment period gives you a chance to revisit your plan choice and make changes if needed. The changes you can make include the following:

Switch to a different Medicare Advantage plan (Part C).

Drop your Medicare Advantage plan and switch to Original Medicare (Parts A & B).

Enroll in a Medicare prescription plan (Part D), if you go back to Original Medicare.

Medicare counselors will be available for Open Enrollment appointments at KASC on October 28th, November 13th, and December 4th from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Open Enrollment is in addition to our normal counseling days which are the first and third Thursdays of the month.

To schedule appointments, contact Lori Holcombe at 610-444-4818, ext. 115.



Stay Warm This Winter—Help is Available!

LIHEAP can help you keep your home warm and safe during the coldest seasons. From **December 3, 2025, to April 18, 2026**, you can apply for a cash grant to help pay your heating bill. You can receive from \$200 to \$1,000 based on your household size, income, and fuel type.

The cash grant is a one-time payment. The grant will be sent directly to your utility provider or fuel company to be credited on your bill.

Due to the federal government shutdown and lack of federal funding, the 2025-2026 LIHEAP season opening is delayed until December 3, 2025, contingent on availability of federal funding. If the federal government does not reopen or funding is not released to states, Pennsylvania cannot begin the normal LIHEAP season until funding is received. Regular LIHEAP Cash and Crisis applications will not be accepted until the season opens. LIHEAP Cash preseason applications are still accepted, but payments and notices will not be sent until the federal shutdown ends.

For more information, contact Lori Holcombe, Information and Assistance Specialist, at 610-444-4819, or lhcolcombe@kennettseiorcenter.org.

ESTATE PLANNING PROTECTING YOUR WISHES AND YOUR LOVED ONES

A free, informative session open to all—part of the Kennett Area Senior Center's Living Well Speaker Series.

Join local attorney, Jamison C. MacMain for a practical, easy-to-understand session on estate planning. He'll cover why everyone needs a will, what key documents you should have in place, how to choose the right executor, what happens if you leave no plan, and how to share your wishes for future care. You'll also learn what questions to ask yourself to be sure your estate plan is complete.

Speaker: Jamison C. MacMain, Esquire
MacElree Harvey, Ltd

Where: The Kennett Library Spruce Room
320 E State St, Kennett Square PA

When: Wednesday, November 5, 2025
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm



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MEDICARE



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Medicare Education and Decision Insight

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Free Medicare Counseling at the Kennett Area Senior Center

If you are new to Medicare or currently on Medicare and would like to make a change or review your current plan, we are here to help.

You can:

- ➔ Change your Medicare Advantage Plan
 - ➔ Change your drug plan
- ➔ Change how you get coverage

To make an appointment see Lori Holcombe, Member Services Coordinator, or call 610-444-4819.

Appointments are required.

Kennett Area Senior Center, 427 S Walnut St., Kennett Square, PA

October 15th to
December 7th

4 Hour Course
Tuesday,
November 18th
10:00 a.m.
to
2:30 p.m.



AARP SMART DRIVER SAFETY CLASS

This 4-hr course teaches you evidence-based strategies to keep you safe behind the wheel.

Limited seating & pre-registration is required.
Call or stop in at the Center to register.

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Attendees must have completed a prior state-approved driver course within the past 3 years



AARP Members: \$20
Non-AARP Members: \$25
Make Checks Payable to AARP

Please check with your insurance company to learn of any discounts. Those with United Healthcare supplemental Medicare insurance take the course for free. Proper ID required.

SENIOR LIVING OPTIONS

A free, informative session open to all—part of the Kennett Area Senior Center's Living Well Speaker Series.

With so many options available, choosing the right one for your lifestyle and future can feel overwhelming. This session offers a helpful overview of the benefits, challenges, and financial considerations of each path—from staying in your home, to moving to a 55+ or retirement community, and more. Get the clarity you need to make an informed decision.

Speaker: Michele Berardi, Senior Director of Communications and Public Relations for Kendal-Crosslands Communities

Where: The Kennett Library Spruce Room
320 E State St, Kennett Square PA

When: Wednesday, December 3, 2025
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm



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KASC Daily Lunch Menu - November

Pre-registration is required. Lunch reservations may be made up to 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the last business day KASC is open before the reservation date. Please sign up in the lunch book or call (610) 444-4819. If you reach the answering machine please leave a message with your name and date(s) for which you wish to make a reservation.

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
3 Cheese Stuffed Shells Garden Salad Italian Bread Milk Fruit Cocktail	4 Mandarin Chicken Salad Platter Dinner Roll Milk Ice Cream	5 Meatball Sandwich Pasta Salad Milk Chocolate Pudding	6 Garlic & Herb Tilapia Brown Rice Carrots Dinner Roll Milk Pineapple	7 Grilled Turkey & Swiss Sandwich Tomato Soup Milk Strawberries
10 VETERAN'S RECOGNITION LUNCH Chicken Parmesan Penne Pasta Garden Salad Milk	11  NEW MENU ITEM Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Green Beans	12 Tuna Sandwich Chicken Corn Soup Grapes Milk Oatmeal Cookie	13 Chicken Enchiladas Bean Salad Brown Rice Milk Fresh Fruit	14 Sausage & Peppers Sandwich Italian Wedding Soup Milk Strawberries
17 Sloppy Joe Sandwich Cole Slaw French Fries Milk Mandarin Oranges	18 BIRTHDAY LUNCH  Soup and Salad Bar	19 Pesto Chicken Pasta Garden Salad Italian Bread Milk Strawberries / Vanilla Pudding	20 French Toast Casserole Sausage Links V8 Milk Fresh Fruit	21 Egg Salad Sandwich Chicken & Rice Soup Milk Applesauce
24 Breaded Fish Filet Scalloped Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Milk Jello	25 Chef Salad Dinner Roll Milk Chocolate Chip Cookie	26, 27, 28 ENJOY YOUR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY! 		
		PLEASE BE AWARE, MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE	Lunch is served at 12:00 pm	For those age 60+, a voluntary, confidential \$2.00 donation for Chester County Dept. of Aging is requested. The cost of lunch for those under age 60 is \$5.70.

Membership is not required in order for individuals 60 and over to participate in this program. All residents 60 and older are invited to attend and enjoy a noontime meal. Meals provided by Chester County Dept. of Aging Services. **IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Lunch must be consumed at the Senior Center. For health and safety reasons, perishable food may not be removed from the Center. The official registration and financial information of Chester County Department of Aging Services may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1 (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

KASC Activities – November 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 9:00 Coffee & Conversation 9-3 Games/Cards/ Puzzles 10 Bread/Baked Goods 9:30 Fiber Arts Group 10:55 Silver Sneakers 12 Lunch 12:30 Bingo STOCKINGS FOR SOLDIERS COLLECTION STARTS NOW THROUGH FRI 11/14	4 9:00 Coffee & Conversation 9-3 Games / Cards / Puzzles 10 Bread/Baked Goods 10 Mental Gymnastics 11 Tai Chi Chih* 12 Lunch 12:45 Rummikub 12:40 Easy Peasy Art 1-2 Aqua-Kendal 1-3 YMCA	5 9:00 New You! (CR) – preregistration required 9 Coffee & Conversation 9-3 Games/Cards/Puzzles 10 Bread/Baked Goods 10:15 Alzheimer's Support Group (CR) 10:55 Silver Sneakers 12 Lunch 12:30 Produce 12:45 Photo Class 12:45 Canasta	6 9:00 Coffee & Conversation 9-12 Medicare Counseling 9-3 Cards/Games/Puzzles 9:30 Line Dancing (WE) 10 Bread/Baked Goods 10 Words of Life Group 10:55 Silver Sneakers 12 Lunch 12:45 BUNCO with CHATHAM!! 1-2 Aqua-Crosslands 1-3 YMCA 6-7:15 Line Dancing	7 9:00 Coffee & Conversation 9-3 Games/Cards/ Puzzles 10 Mahjong 10:30-11:00 One-on-One Tech Help (By Appt only) 12 Lunch 1:00 Chair Yoga*
10 VETERAN'S WEEK 9:00 Coffee & Conversation 9-3 Games/Cards/ Puzzles 10 Bread/Baked Goods 9:30 Fiber Arts Group 10:55 Silver Sneakers 12 Lunch Honoring All of Our KASC Veterans! 12:30 Bingo 	11 9:00 Coffee & Conversation 9-3 Games /Cards/ Puzzles 10 Bread/Baked Goods 10 Mental Gymnastics 11 Tai Chi Chih* 12 Lunch 12:40 Easy Peasy Art 1-2 Aqua-Kendal 1-3 YMCA 	12 9:00 New You! (CR) – preregistration required 9 Coffee & Conversation 9-3 Games/Cards/Puzzles 10 Bread/Baked Goods 10:55 Silver Sneakers 12 Lunch 12:30 Produce 12:45 Canasta 12:45 Photo Class  	13 9:00 Coffee & Conversation 9-1:30 Medicare 9-3 Cards/Games/Puzzles 9:30 Line Dancing (WE) 10 Bread/Baked Goods 10 Words of Life Study Group 10:55 Silver Sneakers 12 Lunch 12:45 Historic Research Speaker 1-2 Aqua-Crosslands 1-3 YMCA 6-7:15 Line Dancing	14 9:00 Coffee & Conversation 9-3 Games/Cards/ Puzzles 10 Mahjong 10:30-11:00 One-on-One Tech Help (By Appt only) 12 Lunch 1:00 NO CHAIR YOGA CLASS TODAY   LAST DAY COLLECTING STOCKINGS FOR SOLDIERS
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Please note activities subject to change without notice. *Preregistration Required (SH): Shade Hall (WE): Wendel (CR): Community Room Updated 10-20-25

Thank You

Our most sincere thanks to the many volunteers whose hard work made this fall's yard sale the best ever. Because of volunteers like you the Center is able to continue providing the services and programs that make this such a special place.

— *Richard & Ginny Shar*

We Couldn't Do It Without You!

Our October 12th Bingo Fundraiser was an incredible success thanks to our amazing community. A huge thank you to our dedicated volunteers and to the generous local businesses, organizations and individuals who donated raffle basket items. Your kindness and community spirit made the day truly special.

Hearth Kitchen
Ristorante Trattoria La Tavola
Letty's Tavern
Philter Coffee
Café Emís
Sweet Amelia
Hood's BBQ
Marrone's Deli and Catering
Northbrook Marketplace
Baily's Dairy of Pocopson Meadow Farm -
Country Butcher Fine Foods Inc.
The Market at Liberty Place
Starbucks Kennett Square PA
The Mushroom Cap

Barnard's Orchard
Applebee's Kennett Square
Daddy O's Restaurant & Chef du Jour
Catering
1723 Vineyards
Harvest Ridge Winery
Kennett Community Coffee Klatch
Karen Martin
Grace Pfiefer
Jane Waggoner
Detta Emslie
Mary Ann Schill
Robin Mastrippolito
Stephanie D'Amico

KASC Puts the Fun in Fundraising!

Our Fall Yard Sale was our most successful yet, and Sunday afternoon Bingo brought out a fantastic crowd. These events aren't just fun, they play a vital role in raising much needed funds to support KASC's programs and activities. None of this would be possible without the dedicated volunteers who make it happen.

A special thank-you to Richard and Ginny Shar, Donna Kohn, and Debra Swayne, whose commitment keeps our Yard Sale program thriving and to Mary Ann Schill and Robin Mastrippolito, whose creativity, energy, and hard work made Bingo one of our most popular and successful fundraisers. We're deeply grateful for all you do to support KASC!



MAHJONG

Join us for American Mahjong!
Experienced players welcome!

Every Friday
10:00 am - 11:45 am

New to the game?
Please contact us first to
see if a lesson can be
arranged.

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Would you like to learn more about your family history?

Our genealogy volunteer searcher can assist you in uncovering your family history by researching ancestral records, tracing lineage, and gathering vital information about your heritage. Connect with your roots and gain a deeper understanding of your personal legacy.

Call KASC @610-444-4819 to learn more.

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WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN OUR

BOOK CLUB

Fourth Wednesday of Every Month
November 19th @10:00 am

November's Selection
Home Front
by Kristin Hannah

BUNCO

1st & 3rd
Thursdays*
@12:45

FUN DICE GAME!

WE WILL TEACH YOU
HOW TO PLAY!

KENNETT AREA SENIOR CENTER
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Kennett Square, PA

*Schedule Subject to Change

Get with the Program!

Always Learning!

Book Club (10:00-11:00 on the 4th Wednesday). Love books? So do we! Join the conversation and check out what's coming up!

Genealogy Genealogy—the search and documentation for family origins/history. To find out more about that special person in your family lineage, complete a brief Questionnaire (available at the Center Sign-up Table) and our resident Family Search volunteer will use details provided to do the searching for you!

Tech Help (By appt). With technology so much a part of our lives these days, sometimes we just need a little help to better understand it. Cell phone? Tablet? We're here to help!

Get moving!

Line Dancing (Thursdays 9:30-10:30 am & evening 6:00-7:15 pm). Come join in this great form of exercise which provides the benefits of an aerobic workout while helping maintain a healthy heart. Lots of fun too!

SilverSneakers (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10:55-11:45). Join in this fun program to help you stay physically active to maintain mobility and physical function, lift your mood and make performing day-to-day activities easier. Geared towards all abilities.

T'ai Chi Chih Tuesdays 11:00am A series of movements designed to help the flow of natural energy in our bodies. Experience joy through movement!

(Registration required)

To your health!

New You! (Wednesdays 9:00-10:00 am; pre-registration required). Are you looking for a way to step up your game with better eating habits? Join in this program for weight loss and maintenance through behavior

modification and accountability.

Alzheimer's Support Group (1st Wednesday of each month, 10:15-12:00pm). Alzheimer's affects not only the individual but also those who have been placed in the role of caregiver. If you are caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's, this group is a place to come together with others in a similar role, and to find support and fellowship.

Healthy Grieving Support Group (3rd Monday @ 12:45 pm). Designed to encourage people to deal with grief and trauma in a way that lightens the load of past and present grief.

Medicare Counseling (Every other Thursday 9:00-12:00 pm). Navigating Medicare can sometimes be a daunting task, so why not take advantage of a one-on-one session with an expert who can assist and answer all your questions? **Appointments are required.**

Laugh and Have Fun with Friends!

Arts & Crafts (Schedule varies). Together we'll create something fun ... a craft, recipe, art, etc.

Bingo (Every Monday 12:40). A KASC favorite with a loyal following!

Bunco (1st & 3rd Thursday @12:45 pm). A fun and lively dice game! Easy to learn and a fan favorite!

Canasta (every Wednesday 12:45 pm). A rummy-style game that is tons of fun!

Mahjong (every Friday 10:00-11:45 am). American Mahjong is a game of strategy, skill and luck. **Experienced players welcome! New to the game? Contact us first to see if a lesson can be arranged.**

Fiber Arts @ the Center (Every Monday 9:30-10:55) Love to knit or crochet or would like to learn? Join our Fiber Artists every Monday in the Community Room.

Rummikub (1st & 3rd Tuesday 12:45 pm). Combines elements of rummy and mahjong. Come play or our group is happy to teach!

Expand your horizons!

Mental Gymnastics Every Tuesday @ 10:00 am. Work out your brain while having fun with friends!

Guest Speakers Check calendar for upcoming topics and details.

Words of Life Group Study (every Thursday @ 10:00 am). A weekly gathering focused on exploring inspirational texts, meaningful passages, and thought-provoking messages.

These are just a sample of the programs and activities here at KASC. Keep up-to-date by:

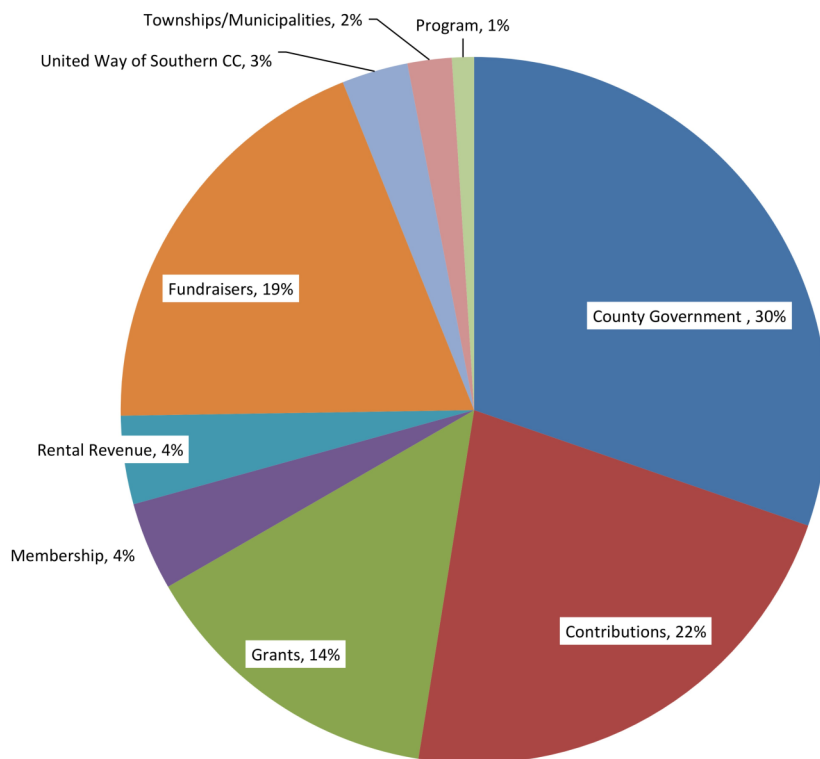
- * Visiting our website
- * Following our Facebook page
- * Stopping in to pick up an activities calendar (Note: Not all activities are scheduled each month)
- * Making a quick call to the Center (610-444-4819).



KASC IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS – Fiscal Year ending 06-30-25

The Kennett Area Senior Center provides a warm and welcoming community for participants. We deliver a wide array of services and opportunities that foster independence, health, and wellness.

Nutrition	Health and Wellness	Information & Assistance	Volunteers	Special Events & Activities	Fast Facts
Daily hot lunch served to 293 individuals. 7,486 lunches served Fresh Produce, bread, milk, eggs and more provided to 313 individuals. Total distributions – 7,712 15,198 services provided to 414 participants.	Daily exercise classes provided to 253 participants. 7,043 services provided. 45 programs designed to foster health, wellness, & to encourage friendship & support among participants. 16,889 services provided to 423 participants.	91 Medicare Counseling appointments completed. In partnership with AARP, free tax preparation assistance will be provided to 627 individuals. Minimum savings in tax preparation fees - \$226,350. 1,673 services provided to 718 individuals.	250 volunteers served. Volunteers donated 12,500 hours of time in our nutrition, health & wellness, information and assistance & fundraising programs.	Over 70 unique programs provided to over 1,250 participants. Our volunteer driven yard sale fundraisers raised over \$13,000 for program support. Events included a volunteer/donor/grant-maker reception, Veterans' Day Luncheon, Holiday Luncheon, monthly birthday celebrations and special luncheons held by community volunteers.	Participants from 44 Southern Chester County Townships & Municipalities are served. 20% of those we serve live at or under 125% of the poverty level. On average, 72 individuals are served each day 36,338 services delivered to 1,250 participants.



KASC Fiscal Year 25-26 Annual Revenue Budget

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES IT ALL POSSIBLE!

Donate securely online at <https://kennettseiorcenter.org/donate/>

Make a check payable to KASC and mail it to:
427 S. Walnut Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348

Upcoming Special Events & Dates to Note



- ♦ **Wednesday, 11/5, 6pm-8pm:**
"Estate Planning" Living Well
Speaker Series @ Kennett Library
- ♦ **Monday, 11/10 @ 12:00:**
Special Recognition Lunch
Honoring Our KASC Veterans
- ♦ **Tuesday, 11/11: Happy
Veteran's Day!** Center will be
open regular hours.
- ♦ **Thursday, 11/13 @ 12:45:**
Historic Research Speaker
- ♦ **Tuesday, 11/18, 10:00-2:30**
AARP Safe Driver Refresher
Course. Registration Required
- ♦ **Wednesday-Friday, 11/26-
28th,** Center Closed for
Thanksgiving Holiday

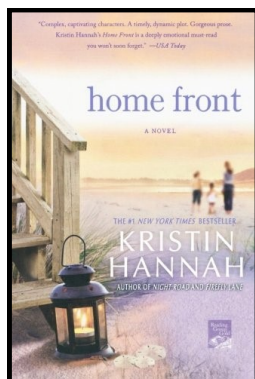


- ♦ **Wednesday, 12/3, 6pm-8pm:**
"Senior Living Options" Living Well
Speaker Series @ **Kennett Library**
- ♦ **Wednesday, 12/10 @ 12:30:**
Early Closing for Luncheon Prep
- ♦ **Thursday, 12/12, 11:00am-
2:30pm: Holiday Luncheon,** Pre-
registration and Payment Required.
- ♦ **Tuesday, 12/16 @ 12:00:**
Birthday Lunch! Featuring
Breakfast for Lunch Buffet along
with some Holiday fun & games!
- ♦ **Center Closed 12/24—1/2/26**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

SEE YOU IN 2026!

KASC Book Club—Upcoming Reads (4th Wednesday of every month)



Home Front

By Kristin Hannah

Wednesday, November 19th @10:00 am

There will be no December Book Club Meeting

First 2026 Meeting: Wednesday, January 28th



Stay Safe This Winter!

Make Sure Your Vehicle is Ready for The Cold Weather

Have maintenance service on your vehicle as often as the manufacturer recommends. In addition, every fall, do the following:

- Have the radiator system serviced or check the antifreeze level yourself with an antifreeze tester. Add antifreeze as needed.
- Replace windshield-wiper fluid with a wintertime mixture.
- Make sure the tires on your car have adequate tread and air pressure.
- Replace any worn tires and fill low tires with air to the proper pressure recommended for your car.
- Keep the gas tank near full to help avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.
- Keep your car in good working order. Be sure to check the following: heater, defroster, brakes, brake fluid, ignition, emergency flashers, exhaust, oil, and battery.

It is best to avoid traveling, but if travel is necessary, keep the following in your car:

- Items to stay warm such as extra hats, coats, mittens, and blankets
- Cell phone, portable charger and extra batteries
- Windshield scraper
- Shovel
- Battery-powered radio with extra batteries
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Water and snack food
- First aid kit with any necessary medications and a pocket knife
- Tow chains or rope
- Tire chains
- Canned compressed air with sealant for emergency tire repair
- Cat litter or sand to help tires get traction, or road salt to melt ice
- Booster cables with fully charged battery or jumper cables
- Hazard or other reflectors
- Bright colored flag or help signs, emergency distress flag, and/or emergency flares
- Road maps
- Waterproof matches and a can to melt snow for water

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/winter-weather/safety/index.html>



Chester County Department of Aging Services

Provides county residents aging-related programs and services.

Address: 601 Westtown Road, Suite 130, PO Box 2747, West Chester, PA 19380-0990
Phone: 800-692-1100 x6350
Phone: 610-344-6350
TTY: 610-344-5233
Fax: 610-344-5996
Website: www.chesco.org/aging.

CCDAS Free Legal Consults—Free Legal Advice

The Chester County Dept. of Aging Services (CCDAS) is making an attorney available to senior residents of Chester County on the 2nd Monday of every month from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. This service is free to senior residents of Chester County. Appointments are required. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact the Dept. of Aging at 610-344-6350. All appointments are at the Dept. of Aging in West Chester.

Pa.gov website for resources

Visit this website <https://www.pa.gov/guides> for resources on Mental Health, Unemployment Compensation, other financial help, food assistance, and driver services.

211

Don't forget – 211 is a great resource. Visit the website at: <https://www.uwp.org/211gethelp/>

Up-to-date information on COVID-19 in Pennsylvania.

visit the PA Department of Health's dedicated [Coronavirus webpage](https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx) (<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>) that is updated daily, the CDC webpage or World Health Organization.

Chester County Assistance Office

For help with Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Program (SNAP), emergency rental assistance, cash assistance, and more. Address: 100 James Buchanan Dr., Thorndale, PA 19372. Phone: 610-466-1000

Chesco Connect

Chesco Connect is Chester County's community transit program for residents of Chester County. Services include medical appointments, grocery stores, work, senior centers, and any other destination in Chester County. To schedule a ride, call Chesco Connect at 610-344-5545.

The Senior Law Center

continues to help older Americans. Services include:

- Homeownership Rights
- Tenant Rights
- Grandparents raising Grandchildren
- Guardianship
- Victim Services

Reach them at: 610-910-0215 (Delaware/Chester), 610-910-0210 (Bucks/Montgomery), or statewide at 877-727-7529 or check out their website at www.seniorlawcenter.org.

Veterans Affairs

In you are a veteran or know of one in need, please call 610-344-6375

Crime Victim's Center

24/7....helping adults and children in their recovery as victims of sexual violence, assault, property crimes, sexual harassment in the workplace and homicide. Domestic violence and drug addiction has increased. For assistance, please call 610-692-1926 to make an appointment. Website: www.cvcfcc.org, Address: 135 W. Market Street, West Chester, PA 19382.

Not sure where to start when you need help? Please call Lori Holcombe at 610-444-4819, x115.

The Best Deal in Town!

The Kennett Area Senior Center offers many different programs, activities, and benefits to local seniors. For a small annual fee (**\$40/person**), you can enjoy the **perks of membership** while also supporting the operational costs of the Center. Signing up is easy! You can visit our website (<https://kennettseiorcenter.org>) and sign up on-line or download a membership form. You can also call the Center (610-444-4819) and you will be assisted with your membership.

2025 MEMBERS –YMCA and Aqua Programs

PROGRAM NOTES: For the YMCA facilities (pool, track, fitness room) Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00-3:00pm, there is a new sign-in procedure for KASC members. Please show your **KASC 2025 key tag**, fill out an application, have your photo taken (for informational purposes), and then you will receive an electronic key tag to be swiped at the front desk at each visit.

For the Aqua Crosslands and Aqua Kendal swim programs, please reach out to Debbie Johnston regarding class openings. We are limited to 15 attendees for each location. For more information email: djohnston@kennettseiorcenter.org

Space Rental

Did you know that KASC has two party and entertainment spaces that can be rented? Whether you are planning a family party, Quinceañera, Sweet Sixteen, or a well-earned Retirement party, our newly renovated spaces provide the perfect combination of size, accessibility, parking and more!

Our main event space is the newly renovated, Shade Hall. Shade Hall accommodates up to 120 guests and comes complete with a stage large enough to accommodate a band or DJ. Shade Hall is a bright, fresh and beautiful space with a high ceiling.

Our Wendel Room provides guests with a smaller space accommodating up to 40 seated guests. The Wendel Room is perfect for club gatherings, business meetings, intimate family parties, or receptions.

The Center provides ample parking, with 57 on-site spaces, including 10 accessible spaces. There is also generous on-street parking to supplement. Learn more by visiting our website at <https://kennettseiorcenter.org/space-rental>

So what are you waiting for? Plan your next event today! Contact Stephanie D'Amico at (610) 444-4819 or she can be reached via email at sdamico@kennettseiorcenter.org.



We are on the web
www.kennettseiorcenter.org



www.facebook.com/KennettSeniorCenter/

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If you would like to receive your copy of the Newsletter right in your inbox via e-mail, let Debbie Johnston know at djohnston@kennettseiorcenter.org

Do you receive our newsletter by email?

Having problems receiving the newsletter via email? Please don't forget to check your JUNK or SPAM folders. If the email with the newsletter is there, click and mark as NOT JUNK or NOT SPAM. This will whitelist our email address and the newsletter will no longer fall in the JUNK or SPAM folder.

Downsizing, Decluttering, or Do You Have "Stuff" You Would Like To See Put To Good Use?



EASY ON-SITE PARKING
WITH FRONT DOOR DROP OFF!

DROP OFF: MON THRU THUR
9:30AM TO 2:30PM OR BY
APPT.

NEXT SALE MAY 30, 2026

THE KENNETT AREA SENIOR CENTER GRATEFULLY ACCEPTS DONATIONS OF MOST HOUSEHOLD ITEMS. SOME ITEMS ARE PROVIDED TO SENIORS WHO HAVE IMMEDIATE NEEDS AND SOME ARE SET ASIDE FOR OUR TWICE A YEAR HUGE INDOOR YARD SALES. AT THESE EVENTS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAN PURCHASE WHAT THEY NEED AT AN AFFORDABLE PRICE. ALL PROCEEDS OF OUR SALES SUPPORT LOCAL SENIORS THROUGH A WIDE ARRAY OF FREE NUTRITION, HEALTH & WELLNESS, INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE AND VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS.



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(one block south of the Country Butcher)
(610) 444-4819



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EVENT SPACE

DID YOU KNOW THAT KASC HAS TWO BEAUTIFUL PARTY AND ENTERTAINMENT SPACES THAT CAN BE RENTED? WHETHER YOU ARE PLANNING A FAMILY PARTY, BABY SHOWER OR A WELL EARNED RETIREMENT PARTY, OUR NEWLY RENOVATED SPACES PROVIDE THE PERFECT COMBINATION OF SIZE, ACCESSIBILITY, PARKING AND MORE!

• LARGE HALL CAPACITY IS 120
BRING YOUR OWN FOOD, ALCOHOL, CATERER.
CALL US OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE
INFORMATION.

www.kennettseiorcenter.org/space-rental

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