



THE GATHERING PLACE AT KENNETT

NEWS & UPDATES

A COMMUNITY CENTER POWERED BY ADULTS 55+

Our Mission

The Gathering Place at Kennett helps adults 55+ live healthy, active, and independent lifestyles.

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A Note from our Executive Director, Stephanie D'Amico

Hello Friends,

There's always something exciting happening at The Gathering Place at Kennett, and we're delighted to share a few highlights with you!

Mark your calendars! Our Spring Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2026. It's a wonderful opportunity to discover great finds while supporting the programs and services that make TGP at Kennett such a special place. We gratefully accept donations year-round for both our Spring and Fall Yard Sales. If you have household items to contribute, donations may be dropped off Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Some restrictions apply. Please visit the "In-kind Donations" link on our web page for donations guidelines.

Tax season is here, but there's no need to stress. Through our partnership with the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program, free tax preparation assistance is available, especially for adults age 50+ with low to moderate income. TGP at Kennett proudly provides the space and administrative support, while IRS-trained AARP volunteers prepare your return. You do not need to be an AARP member to participate. Simply call us to schedule your in-person appointment.

If you haven't renewed your membership, now is the perfect time. Your membership directly supports our programs and provides valuable benefits, including limited access to the Kennett YMCA. Not yet a member? We would love to welcome you. You can learn more, sign up or renew your membership online anytime at <https://gatheringplacekennett.org/membership/>.

There is truly something here for everyone. From luncheons and fitness classes to guest speakers and special events, our calendar is filled with opportunities to connect, stay active, and enjoy time together. Be sure to take a look at what's coming up, you won't want to miss it.

Thank you for being part of this wonderful community. Your support and participation help ensure that The Gathering Place at Kennett remains a place where friendships flourish and everyone belongs.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Welcome Spring!



The Gathering Place at Kennett

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Legacy Giving Program

For over 50 years, The Gathering Place at Kennett has been a cornerstone in the lives of countless older adults. Every day, we provide essential services that enhance their well-being, health, and social connections, 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 those we serve. The demand for our programs and services continues to increase, and with it, the responsibility to ensure The Gathering Place at Kennett remains a welcoming and supportive space for all older adults 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 Gathering Place at Kennett in your will and 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 Gathering Place at Kennett in your will, trust, or estate plan, you create a future of hope and security for older adults in Kennett and the surrounding area. Your gift can provide stability and ensure that generations of adults will continue to benefit from our wide range of services and programs.

The Power of Your Legacy

When you choose to include us 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 The Gathering Place at Kennett 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 older adults in our community. View the [Legacy Gift Guide](#) to learn more.



Event Space Available

Did you know that The Gathering Place at Kennett has 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 recently renovated Hall provides the perfect combination of size, accessibility, parking and more!

Shade Hall accommodates up to 120 guests and comes complete with a stage large enough to accommodate a band or DJ. It's a bright, fresh and beautiful space with a high ceiling.

TGP@Kennett 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 gatheringspacekennett.org/space-rental. So what are you waiting for? Plan your next event today!

Please contact Betsy Warner at bwarner@gatheringplacekennett or Stephanie D'Amico at sdamico@gatheringplacekennett.org. You may also call (610) 444-4819 for more information.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!
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 Try your luck for a chance to win incredible raffle baskets with gift cards, local favorites, & more!



MONTE CARLO NIGHT FUNDRAISER

ALL YOUR FAVORITE GAMES!
BLACK JACK // ROULETTE // CRAPS
TEXAS HOLD'EM // WHEEL OF FORTUNE

YOUR \$75 TICKET INCLUDES:
AN EXCITING NIGHT OF GAMING | FOOD
OPEN BAR (BEER, WINE & SIGNATURE DRINK) | \$50 IN FREE CHIPS

The Gathering Place at Kennett
Saturday, April 25, 2026 / 6:30 to 10:30 pm

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Get your tickets! Scan the QR code or visit
<https://bit.ly/4lgMvKN>



The Gathering Place at Kennett is a non-profit, charitable organization.



*A community center
powered by adults 55+*

Thrilled to Announce Our New Name! The Gathering Place at Kennett

For 54 years, the Kennett Area Senior Center has been a vibrant home for connection, friendship, wellness, and lifelong learning. Today, we are excited to begin a new chapter with a name that truly reflects who we are and who we continue to become.

Same Mission. Same Programs. Same People. New Name.

On January 1, 2026, we proudly adopted our new name: The Gathering Place at Kennett.

This update is part of our ongoing effort to create a more welcoming and inclusive experience for all adults 55+. While our name has changed, everything you love about this community remains the same:

- Friendships and social connections
- Health and wellness activities
- Lifelong learning, information & assistance
- Special events, and volunteer opportunities
- Our trusted, caring staff

Why the Change?

Over time, we heard from many adults in our community who felt hesitant about visiting a place called a “senior center”. They didn’t feel ready for that label, or they didn’t feel it matched how active, vibrant, and involved they are. And we agree.

Our new name reflects what you have created here: a welcoming, lively, joyful place where people gather.



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The Gathering Place at Kennett captures the energy, warmth, and spirit of what happens inside these walls every day, friendship, wellness, creativity, joy, and community.

What You Can Expect in 2026

- A refreshed logo and visual identity
- Updated signage and printed materials
- Exciting new programs alongside beloved favorites
- A renewed commitment to community, wellness, and connection
- A name that invites more adults 55+ to join us

Thank You for Being the Heart of This Community

This name change is inspired by you, your stories, your spirit, your friendships, and your commitment to one another. We are honored to grow into our next chapter with you by our side.

AREA'S LARGEST INDOOR

YARD SALE

The Gathering Place at Kennett



SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY, MAY 30TH

Support Our Place. Shop Great Finds at Great Prices!
Cash & Credit/Debit Accepted.

The Gathering Place at Kennett
427 S. Walnut Street
Kennett Square, PA
610 444 4819



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2026 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program



Applications for 2025 property tax/rent rebates are now being accepted. Applications must be filed each year and are based on the prior year's income and rent or property taxes.

Key Dates (anticipated):

- Opens: Mid-January 2026
- Deadline: June 30, 2026 (often extended to Dec. 31)
- Rebates issued: Starting July 1, 2026

How to Apply:

- Online via myPATH (PA Dept. of Revenue)
- Paper PA-1000 forms available through the Dept. of Revenue, Area Agencies on Aging, and TGP@Kennett
- Free application assistance available at TGP@Kennett

Eligibility:

- Age 65+
- Widows/widowers age 50+
- Adults 18+ with disabilities
- Household income of \$48,110 or less

For help or more information, contact Lori Holcombe, Information & Assistance Coordinator, at 610-444-4819



**Need A Ride?
Make the Chesco Connection!**

Welcome to Chesco Connect!

Chesco Connect is Chester County's community transit program, offering door-to-door transportation services to residents of Chester County.

Transit services are open to everyone, but adults age 65 and older, Medical Assistance recipients, and persons with disabilities can travel at a reduced rate. Trips must be booked at least one day in advance. Their offices are open Monday to Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Call Chesco Connect at 610-344-5545 with any questions or to schedule a ride.



Winter weather is upon us and there will be days where you might question whether or not TGP 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 @ gatheringplacekennett.org, where we will post a notice on the home page banner.

Check out our Facebook page @ [gatheringplacekennett](https://www.facebook.com/gatheringplacekennett) for updates or announcements.



PA 2-1-1 Get Connected Get Help

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.

The Gathering Place at Kennett 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





We are pleased to announce that we are again hosting the AARP Foundation to provide free, in-person tax preparation services.

The program provides in-person assistance to anyone, free of charge, with a special focus on taxpayers who are over 50 or have low to moderate income. You don't have to be an AARP member. Tax preparations are done by trained volunteers who complete training and pass IRS certification annually to assist in tax preparation.

We are currently scheduling appointments. To schedule your appointment, please call 610 444 4819 and follow the prompts. Tax preparation appointments will be held on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays mid February through early April. We will have plenty of appointments available for all.

No-cost Medicare Assistance



PA MEDI is a statewide service operated by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging and is the known and trusted local resource for Medicare help.

Receive 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 Chester County Department of Aging. Please contact Lori Holcombe, Information & Assistance Coordinator, at 610-444-4819 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are available alternating Thursdays from 9 am to 12 pm.

Lori Holcombe

Information & Assistance and Member Services Coordinator

610-444-4819
lholcombe@gatheringplacekennett.org

Lori is here to help!
 Schedule an appointment to discuss your needs and find the resources that fit you best.
 Call or email to set up a time.

Follow us on Facebook@
[gatheringplacekennett](https://www.facebook.com/gatheringplacekennett)

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



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 Department of Aging



TGP@Kennett Highlights!

These snapshots capture what The Gathering Place at Kennett is all about, friendship, creativity, and fun. Whether it's everyone coming together for Pajama Day, the strategy and smiles around the Rummikub tables, the artistry of Card Crafting with Robin, celebrating our Valentine's Day Candy Count winner, or Marci busy prepping lunch, our community continues to grow and thrive. With a fresh new sign welcoming everyone outside, here's to many more moments like these!



Quiche Any Time of Day

by Marci Mebane

How are you doing with your New Year's resolutions? I am still working on my quest to reduce food waste by embracing those leftovers and this month's recipe for quiche will keep me heading in the right direction.

Quiche may sound fussy but it is so wonderfully versatile and easy to make. It can be served for breakfast, lunch and dinner, or even bite-sized for appetizers. You can make it protein packed or vegetarian, high-end or budget friendly. There are endless combinations making it an ideal recipe to use up what you already have on hand. Plus...it can be made in advance for easy entertaining or when you have a busy week ahead. I like to pair quiche with a cup of soup in cooler weather and then switch to a crisp green salad or fresh fruit when the temperatures warm up.

ENJOY!

Marci's Ham & Broccoli Quiche

Ingredients:

- 1 9" pie crust, uncooked
- 3 large eggs, beaten
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- ½ cup whole milk
- 2 tsp flour
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- ½ tsp onion powder
- 2 cups diced ham
- 2 cups frozen broccoli, thawed and chopped
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 1 cup grated swiss cheese



- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Line pie plate with pie crust, set aside in refrigerator until ready to fill.
- Combine eggs, mayonnaise, milk, flour, Dijon mustard and onion powder in large bowl.
- Add the ham, broccoli and cheeses to mixture. Gently stir to mix together.
- Pour into prepared pie crust.
- Bake for 45 to 50 minutes, until filling is set.

Makes 8 servings

Feel free to swap out ingredients to make it your own. Try making it fancy with spinach and crab for special entertaining or all veggies for a meatless meal!

Gather • Connect • Enjoy

🌸 TGP@Kennett Activities – March 2026 🌸

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| <p>9</p> <p>9:00 Coffee & Conversation</p> <p>9-3 Games/Cards/Puzzles</p> <p>9:30 Fiber Arts Group</p> <p>10 Bread/Baked Goods</p> <p>10:55 SilverSneakers</p> <p>12 Lunch</p> <p>12:30 Bingo</p> | <p>10</p> <p>9:00 Coffee & Conversation</p> <p>9-3 Games / Cards / Puzzles</p> <p>10 Bread/Baked Goods</p> <p>10 Mental Gymnastics</p> <p>11 NO TAI CHI CHIH</p> <p>12 Lunch</p> <p>12:45 Card Crafting with Robin*</p> <p>1-2 Aqua-Kendal*</p> <p>1-3 YMCA*</p> | <p>11</p> <p>9:00 New You!*(CR)</p> <p>9 Coffee & Conversation</p> <p>9-3 Games/Cards/Puzzles</p> <p>10 Bread/Baked Goods</p> <p>10:55 SilverSneakers</p> <p>12 Lunch</p> <p>12:30 Produce</p> <p>12:45 Photo Class</p> <p>1:00 Canasta</p> | <p>12</p> <p>9:00 Coffee & Conversation</p> <p>9-3 Cards/Games/Puzzles</p> <p>9:30 Line Dancing (SH)</p> <p>10 Bread/Baked Goods</p> <p>10:55 SilverSneakers</p> <p>12 Lunch</p> <p>12:45 Speaker – Library of Accessible Media for Pennsylvanians</p> <p>1-2 Aqua-Crosslands*</p> <p>1-3 YMCA*</p> <p>6:00 NO Line Dancing</p> | <p>13</p> <p>9:00 Coffee & Conversation</p> <p>9-3 Games/Cards/Puzzles</p> <p>10 Mahjong</p> <p>10:30-11:00 One-on-One Tech Help (By Appt only)</p> <p>12 Lunch</p> |
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| <p>23</p> <p>9:00 Coffee & Conversation</p> <p>9-3 Games/Cards/Puzzles</p> <p>9:30 Fiber Arts Group</p> <p>10 Bread/Baked Goods</p> <p>10:55 SilverSneakers</p> <p>12 Lunch</p> <p>12:30 Bingo</p> | <p>24</p> <p>9:00 Coffee & Conversation</p> <p>9-3 Games/Cards/Puzzles</p> <p>10 Bread/Baked Goods</p> <p>10 Mental Gymnastics(CR)</p> <p>11 NO TAI CHI CHIH</p> <p>12 Lunch</p> <p>12:45 Easy Peasy Art (SH)*</p> <p>1-2 Aqua-Kendal*</p> <p>1-3 YMCA*</p> | <p>25</p> <p>9:00 New You!*(CR)</p> <p>9 Coffee & Conversation</p> <p>9-3 Cards/Games/Puzzles</p> <p>10 Bread/Baked Goods</p> <p>10 Book Club</p> <p>10:55 SilverSneakers</p> <p>12:30 Produce</p> <p>12:45 Photo Class</p> <p>1:00 Canasta</p> | <p>26 PHILLIES OPENING DAY!</p> <p>9:00 Coffee & Conversation</p> <p>9-3 Cards/Games/Puzzles</p> <p>9:30 Line Dancing (SH)</p> <p>10 Bread/Baked Goods</p> <p>10:55 SilverSneakers</p> <p>12 Hot Dog Bar Lunch!</p> <p>12:45 Grip & Gait Check with Elite Therapy</p> <p>1-2 Aqua-Crosslands*</p> <p>1-3 YMCA*</p> <p>6:00 Line Dancing</p> | <p>27</p> <p>9:00 Coffee & Conversation</p> <p>9-3 Games/Cards/Puzzles</p> <p>10 Mahjong</p> <p>10:30-11:00 One-on-One Tech Help (By Appt only)</p> <p>12 Lunch</p> |
| <p>30</p> <p>9:00 Coffee & Conversation</p> <p>9-3 Games/Cards/Puzzles</p> <p>9:30 Fiber Arts Group</p> <p>10 Bread/Baked Goods</p> <p>10:55 SilverSneakers</p> <p>12 Lunch</p> <p>12:30 Bingo</p> | <p>31</p> <p>9:00 Coffee & Conversation</p> <p>9-3 Games/Cards/Puzzles</p> <p>10 Bread/Baked Goods</p> <p>10 Mental Gymnastics</p> <p>10 Participant Round Table(SH)</p> <p>11 NO TAI CHI CHIH</p> <p>12 Lunch</p> <p>12:45 Easy Peasy Art (SH)*</p> <p>1-2 Aqua-Kendal*</p> <p>1-3 YMCA*</p> |  <p>Phillies Opening Day Thursday, March 26th Hot Dog Bar Lunch</p> | <p>Join us Thursday, March 12th at 12:45 to learn more about LAMP (Library of Accessible Media for Pennsylvanians) a statewide program that provides free accessible media for people with visual, physical, or reading disabilities.</p> | |

Join the Lunch Bunch

The Gathering Place at Kennett Daily Lunch Menu - March 2026

Pre-registration is required. Lunch reservations may be made up to 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the last business day TGP@Kennett 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.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|--|---|--|--|
| 2 Pesto Chicken Pasta Garden Salad Italian Bread Milk Pineapple | 3 Kielbasa & Cabbage Pierogies Carrots Milk Vanilla Pudding | 4 Cheeseburger Lettuce, Tomato, Onion French Fries Milk Mandarin Oranges | 5 Turkey Sandwich Butternut Squash Soup Milk Pears | 6 Garlic & Herb Shrimp Brown Rice Vegetable Blend Dinner Roll Milk Peaches |
| 9 Crispy Chicken Salad Cream of Broccoli Soup Dinner Roll Milk Angel Food Cake w/ Strawberries | 10 Pineapple Teriyaki Chicken Thighs Brown Rice Broccoli Milk Ice Cream | 11 Meatloaf Sweet Potatoes Mixed Vegetables WW Dinner Roll Milk Pears | 12 Lemon Ricotta Pasta w/ Chicken Green Beans Italian Bread Milk Mandarin Oranges | 13 Battered Fish Filet Cole Slaw Vegetable Soup Milk Peaches |
| 16 Roast Chicken Cornbread Casserole Brussel Sprouts Milk Fruit Cocktail | 17 BIRTHDAY LUNCH  Ham & Cabbage Soup Salad Bar | 18 Ham & Broccoli Quiche Strawberry Spinach Salad Milk Chocolate Pudding | 19 Chicken Fajitas Rice & Beans Milk Pineapples | 20 Tuna Salad Sandwich Minestrone Soup Milk Oatmeal Cookie |
| 23 Meatball Sandwich Cream of Mushroom Soup Milk Fruit Cocktail | 24 Chicken Dijon Brown Rice Brussel Sprouts WW Roll Milk Cherry Crisp | 25 Garlic & Herb Tilapia Scalloped Potatoes Carrots Dinner Roll Milk Pineapple | 26 OPENING DAY  HOT DOG BAR Baked beans, Cole Slaw | 27 4 Cheese Baked Ziti Garden Salad Italian Bread Milk Mixed Fruit |
| 30 Shepherd's Pie Garden Salad WW Dinner Roll Milk Pineapple | 31 Pork Chops w/ Mushroom Gravy Egg Noodles Broccoli Milk Applesauce |  Chester County Department of Aging Services | PLEASE BE AWARE, MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE <hr/> 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 on premises. For health and safety reasons, perishable food may not be removed from TGP@Kennett. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

March

April

Thursday, 3/12/26

Library of Accessible Media (LAMP)
Speaker @ 12:45 PM

Tuesday, 3/17/26

Happy St. Patty's Day
March Birthday Lunch Buffet

Thursday, 3/19/26

Evening Line Dancing Returns!
6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

Thursday, 3/26/26

Grip & Gait Check
with Elite Therapy
@12:45 PM

Tuesday, 3/31/26

Participant Round Table
@10:00 AM

Thursday, 4/9/26

"Active with Arthritis"
Presented by Reach Yours PT
@ 12:45 PM

Tuesday, 4/14/26

8 Week Nutrition Challenge Begins!
Led by Barb Myers, Licensed Dietician
Tuesdays through 6/2/26
@ 10:00 AM

Friday, 4/24/26

CLOSED for Special Event Prep

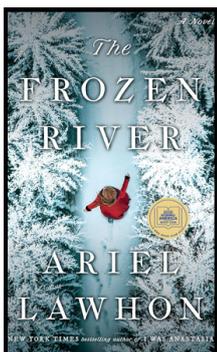
Saturday, 4/25/26

Monte Carlo Night!
6:30 PM - 10:30 PM

Thursday, 4/30/26

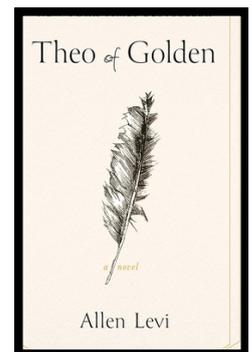
Derby Day!
We are off to the races!
@12:45

The Gathering Place Book Club Upcoming Reads (4th Wednesday of every month)



The Frozen River

By Ariel Lawton
Wednesday, March 26th
@10:00 AM



Theo of Golden

By Allen Levi
Wednesday, April 22nd
@10:00 AM

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—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 & evenings March through December, 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 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, Returns April 14th) A series of movements designed to help the flow of natural energy in our bodies. Experience joy through movement! (Registration required)

To your health!

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 be a daunting task, so 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!

Easy Peasy Art - Most Tuesdays. Explore a relaxing, creative way to unwind and reconnect with yourself — no art experience needed! Check the calendar for more class details!

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 (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 TGP@Kennett. 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: 610.444.4819.





Improvements for Independence

Modifications Designed to Prevent Accidents

Safety and comfort at home are key to living well. Simple home modifications can prevent accidents and support independence, especially for older adults and people with disabilities.

Many people hope to age in place but do not consider whether their home can meet changing needs. Making improvements early helps reduce fall risks and supports long term independence.

Updates may improve accessibility, such as widening doorways, or adaptability, such as adding grab bars. Many changes can be made without major renovations.

Home Assessment

Review your home with current and future needs in mind. A “no” answer may signal an area to improve:

- Well lit entrances and walkways
- Step free entry
- Easy to open and secure doors
- Main floor with kitchen, bedroom, and full bath
- Wide doorways
- Secure rugs and carpeting
- Clear walkways
- Sturdy stair handrails
- Easy to reach cabinets
- Step free shower
- Grab bars near shower and toilet
- Non slip bath surfaces
- Smoke detectors with visual and audio alerts
- Phones accessible on each floor

For more information, including a detailed checklist and financial assistance, visit eldercare.gov.

Excerpted from an article by the Administration for Community Living, acl.gov.

Resources

Chester County Department of Aging Services

Provides county residents age-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

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: huwp.org/211gethelp/

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

helps 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

If 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 have increased. For assistance, please call 610-692-1926 to make an appointment. Website: cvcofcc.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.

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**AARP FOUNDATION
FREE TAX PREPARATION**

We are once again partnering with the AARP Foundation to offer no-cost, in-person tax preparation services now through April 10th.

Appointments are scheduled by phone only. Please call 610-444-4819 to book your spot. Due to high call volume during tax season, please allow up to 3 business days for a return call from a scheduler. Calls are returned in the order received, and there are plenty of appointment times available.



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BOOK CLUB

March's Selection
The Frozen River
by Ariel Lawhon

4th Wednesday every month

A good book is even better with a great discussion.
Join us for our next meeting,
Wednesday, March 25th @ 10:00

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**8 Week
Nutrition
Challenge**



**8 Week Program
Tuesdays @ 10:00 am
Starting, Tuesday 4/14
Through
Tuesday, 6/2**

Program led by Barbara Myers,
Licensed Dietitian
Chester County Dept of Aging Dietitian

**Overweight, underweight
or in between?**

Ready to Feel Your Best? Join Our 8-Week Nutrition Challenge!

Gain practical, easy-to-follow nutrition guidance tailored for older adults. Learn simple strategies to boost energy, support overall wellness, and build lasting habits.

Private weigh-ins available before each class.
Weight management support and helpful tips included every week.

Weekly Topics:

- Processed Foods
- Prebiotics & Probiotics
- Food Labels
- Carbs
- Salt Addiction
- Arteries & Heart
- Proteins Everywhere
- Healthier Habits

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**DIGITAL LITERACY
TRAINING**

We'll show you how!

One-on-one instruction is available by appointment only.

Call or see Lori Holcombe, Information & Assistance Coordinator, to schedule your appointment.



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March 2026 Speakers



Date: March 12, 2026

Speaker: Rob Roy, Outreach and Engagement Specialist

Topic: Free service for seniors who can no longer read standard print or have trouble turning pages. LAMP is a lending library offering large print, audio-books, and magazines, talking books, braille, and more through postage-free mail.



Date: March 26, 2026

Speaker: Elite Therapy Solutions Representative

Topic: An informative session on the importance of grip strength and gait speed, and how both are closely connected to overall function and fall prevention. The speaker will provide a brief overview, offer optional screenings, and answer your questions during an open Q&A.

Please call 610-444-4819 to pre-register.

A Membership Benefit of The Gathering Place at Kennett Aqua Wellness Class at Crosslands

The Gathering Place at Kennett offers a 30–35 minute Aqua Wellness class on Thursdays from 1:00–2:00 PM at the Crosslands Pool, made possible through the Kendal-Crosslands Community.

This low-impact class uses the therapeutic benefits of water exercise and is ideal for those with arthritis, joint discomfort, or anyone seeking a gentle yet effective workout. Strength, balance, and optional cardio are included, and participants work at their own comfort level. Time in the hot tub is available after class.

Open to anyone with a 2026 paid Gathering Place at Kennett membership. Preregistration is required. Space is limited, and openings are currently available. Regular weekly participation is encouraged to help everyone gain the greatest benefit.



LIMITED OPENINGS AVAILABLE!

Crosslands Aqua Class

EVERY THURSDAY 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

This class is only available to those with a current 2026 Gathering Place at Kennett Membership.
Weekly attendance is expected.

Please e-mail Debbie Johnston to register.
djohnston@gatheringplacekennett.org

MEMBERSHIP - The Best Deal in Town

The Gathering Place at Kennett 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 (gatheringplacekennett.org) and sign up on-line or download a membership form. You can also call us at 610.444.4819 and you will be assisted with your membership.

2026 MEMBERS - YMCA & AQUA PROGRAMS

SIGN-IN PROCEDURE: For the YMCA facilities (pool, track, fitness room) Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00-3:00pm, please show your TGP 2026 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@gatheringplacekennett.org

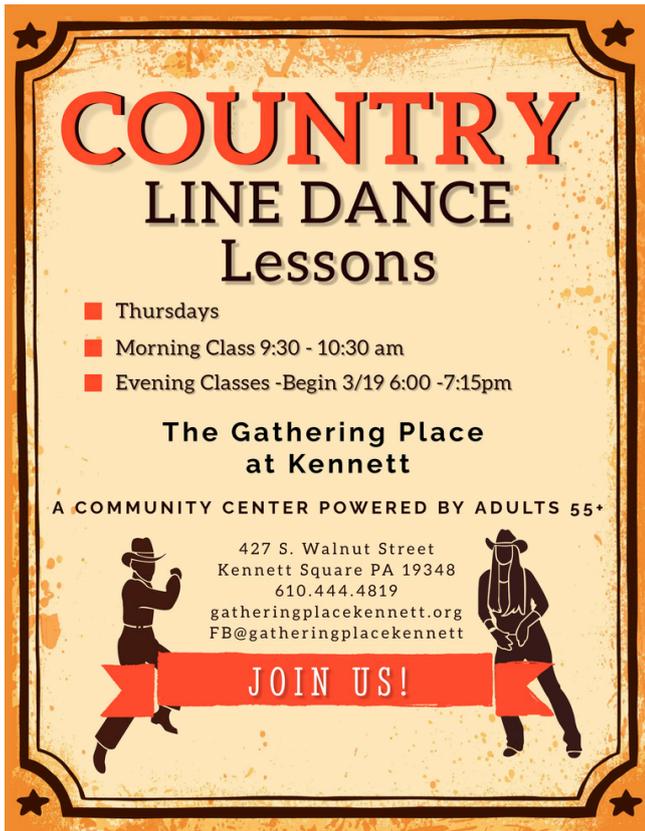
HELP US STAY IN TOUCH!

DO YOU HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS? If you would like to receive your copy of the newsletter right in your inbox via e-mail, let Debbie Johnston know at djohnston@gatheringplacekennett.org

MISSING OUR NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL?

Having problems receiving the newsletter? 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.

Come & gather with us!



COUNTRY LINE DANCE Lessons

- Thursdays
- Morning Class 9:30 - 10:30 am
- Evening Classes -Begin 3/19 6:00 -7:15pm

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JOIN US!

Downsizing, decluttering, or do you have "STUFF" you would like to see put to good use?



THE GATHERING PLACE AT KENNETT GRATEFULLY ACCEPTS DONATIONS OF MOST HOUSEHOLD ITEMS. SOME ITEMS ARE PROVIDED TO LOCAL RESIDENTS 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 TGP@KENNETT PARTICIPANTS THROUGH A WIDE ARRAY OF FREE NUTRITION, HEALTH & WELLNESS, INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE AND VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS.

EASY ON-SITE PARKING WITH FRONT DOOR DROP OFF!

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

NEXT SALE: MAY 30, 2026



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