



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,

As we move through May and June, there's a real sense of energy here at The Gathering Place at Kennett, and we're excited to share what's ahead.

We continue to welcome new participants almost every day, and it's wonderful to see our community growing. With that growth comes increased demand for our programs, services, and daily lunches. Quite simply, more people are counting on us than ever before. Because 70 percent of our funding comes from donations and fundraising, your support is essential to helping us meet this need and continue offering the programs so many rely on.

We ask that you consider becoming a monthly sustaining donor at a level that feels right for you. Your ongoing support helps ensure our doors stay open, our programs continue to grow, and no one in our community has to age alone. You can set this up safely online at <https://givebutter.com/gatheringplacekennett>

One of the most important ways to support us this season is our Spring Yard Sale on Saturday, May 30, 2026. This vital fundraiser directly supports our programs, services, and meals. We hope you'll join us, shop, donate, or help spread the word. Donations are accepted year-round, with drop-off Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Please visit our website for donation guidelines.

We are also still celebrating the success of our inaugural Monte Carlo Night on April 25. It was a fun and memorable evening and a wonderful example of what this community can do. We are sincerely grateful to the committee and volunteers who made it possible, and we're already looking forward to next year.

Our May and June calendar is full of engaging opportunities, including a visit from locally acclaimed author Bruce Mowday, informative speakers from Fox Chase Cancer Center on skin cancer awareness, a timely discussion on fraud and scams, and houseplant tips from Master Gardener Fred Wissemann.

Whether you're joining us for lunch, a class, or a special event, there is always something happening and always someone to connect with.

Thank you for being part of The Gathering Place at Kennett. Your support truly makes a difference and allows us to continue serving this growing community.



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.



Monte Carlo Night 2026



What an unforgettable night at our first annual Monte Carlo Night fundraiser. The evening was a wonderful success and a true reflection of this generous, fun loving community, with guests enjoying lively gaming, great conversation, and plenty of laughs, all while supporting The Gathering Place at Kennett.

A huge thank you to our dedicated volunteers, from our kitchen team to our event committee and the many helping hands who made the night run so smoothly, along with Tumbling Dice Entertainment for bringing the Monte Carlo experience to life. We also appreciate the many local businesses, individuals, and sponsors who contributed prizes and support. And to our guests, thank you for showing up, having fun, and supporting our mission. We are excited to bring Monte Carlo Night back next year and hope to see you there.



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A True Team Effort



Our inaugural Monte Carlo Night was made possible by an incredible community of volunteers:

Event Committee:

Karen Martin
Karen D'Agusto
Mary Ann Schill
Tish Griffonetti
Kathy Rutledge
Kate Patterson
Barb Curtis

Special Thanks:

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Robin Mastropollito

Event Night:

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Kayla D'Amico
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and many others
who helped
throughout the
evening

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Donna Kohn
Deb Swain
Emma Mebane
Maria Caputo
Ruth Dickens
Mary McClain
Gerry Dorrian

Extra Helping Hands:

Carolyn Giallornardo
Andrea DePaoli
Nan Medina

Casino Experience:

Tumbling Dice
Entertainment,
led by Jim Braid
and their
outstanding dealers

YARD SALE

The Gathering Place at Kennett



Easy,
on-site
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SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY, MAY 30TH 8AM-2PM

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



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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



Reading Keeps You Connected Read for Life

The Library of Accessible Media for Pennsylvanians (LAMP) provides free library services to residents who have difficulty reading standard print due to a visual, physical, or reading disability, including dyslexia. Patrons can receive books and movies in accessible formats such as large print, audio, braille, and described video, all mailed postage-free to their homes. LAMP also offers digital access to hundreds of thousands of downloadable titles.

For more information, visit MyLAMP.org or call 800-222-1754.

AARPSM

Tax-AideTM

This past tax season, we were proud to once again partner with the AARP Foundation to host their free, in-person tax preparation services at The Gathering Place at Kennett. This valuable program ensures that individuals and families in our community have access to trusted, no-cost assistance during tax time.

With the help of a dedicated team of 13 volunteers, an impressive 486 federal tax returns and 528 state returns were completed. State filings included 483 for Pennsylvania, 37 for Delaware, and several others from across the region, reflecting the broad reach of those who turned to this service.

Of the 486 federal returns filed, 326 were for individuals age 60 and older, highlighting the meaningful impact this program has on supporting older adults in our community. The average adjusted gross income of those served was \$65,021, underscoring the importance of accessible resources for those who can benefit most.

We are incredibly grateful to this hardworking and compassionate volunteer team for their time, expertise, and commitment. Their efforts made a real difference, helping hundreds of our neighbors navigate tax season with confidence and peace of mind.



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





Need Legal Assistance? Check Out These Resources

A licensed, practicing attorney is available on the second Monday of each month from 9 am to noon for 30 minute consultations. Assistance is available for living wills, durable power of attorney for healthcare, consumer fraud, debt collection practices, bankruptcy, landlord tenant issues, Social Security benefits, public welfare benefits, and other civil legal questions. This service is sponsored by the **Chester County Department of Aging Services** and is offered at no cost for low income seniors. To schedule an appointment, email ccaging@chesco.org or call 610 344 6350.

The **PA Senior Law Helpline** at 1 877 727 7529 is available Monday through Thursday from 10 am to 12 pm and provides advice, information, brief services, and referrals for Pennsylvania residents age 60 and older.

Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania offers a toll free intake, brief advice, and referral system through its Norristown office. Call 1 877 429 5994 weekdays from 9 am to 1 pm.

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

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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.

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How Do You Cook This ???

by Marci Mebane

Have you ever been given a food item and had no idea what to do with it? We do not want to be wasteful, but it can feel a little daunting.

Case in point, the tomatillos that recently appeared in the produce line at The Gathering Place. If I had to guess, many of you passed them by even though they were free because you were not sure how to use them.

This month's recipe is for Salsa Verde, or green salsa. It is a versatile condiment that adds a bright, fresh flavor to your meals. Use it as a dip for veggies or tortilla chips, mix it into a rice dish, or spoon it over your favorite tacos.

And one quick tip, leave those papery skins on your tomatillos until you are ready to use them. Next time you see tomatillos, give them a try and let me know what you think!

Marci's Salsa Verde

Ingredients:

2 pounds tomatillos, peeled, washed and quartered
4 cloves garlic, peeled and smashed
1 Jalapeno pepper sliced in half
3 Tablespoons Olive Oil
1 Tsp Kosher Salt
½ cup cilantro, chopped
2 Tbsp fresh lime juice
½ tsp cumin
½ tsp sugar



- Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Line sheet pan with parchment paper for easy clean up.
- Toss Tomatillos, garlic and jalapeno in olive oil and sprinkle with salt.
- Spread in sheet pan and roast for 30 minutes, until soft and browned.
- Remove from oven and allow to cool for 15 minutes.
- Place roasted tomatillos, garlic, pepper and juices in food processor or blender. Add remaining ingredients and pulse until combined.
- Pour into desired container to enjoy right away or refrigerate until ready to eat.

Makes 3 cups

Tip from Marci:

For a milder salsa, remove the seeds from the jalapeno before roasting.
Spicier? Add another jalapeno or try a hotter pepper to your liking!

Gather • Connect • Enjoy

The Gathering Place @ Kennett Activities – May 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 YARDSALE Saturday, May 30th 8am – 2pm				
		<p><i>Skin Cancer Awareness</i></p> <p>Thursday, May 14th</p> <p>@ 12:45</p> <p>with</p> 	 <p>Let's Talk Houseplants!</p> <p>Monday, May 4th</p> <p>@10:00 AM</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:00 Coffee & Conversation</p> <p>9-3 Games/Cards/ Puzzle</p> <p>10:00 Mahjong</p> <p>10:30-11:30 One-on-One Tech Help (By Appt only)</p> <p>12 Lunch</p> <p>1:00 Chair Yoga*</p>
<p>4</p> <p>9:00 Coffee & Conversation</p> <p>9-3 Games/Cards/ Puzzles</p> <p>9:30 Fiber Arts Group (CR)</p> <p>10 Let's Talk Houseplants with Fred Wissemann</p> <p>10 Bread/Baked Goods</p> <p>10:55 NO SilverSneakers</p> <p>12 Lunch</p> <p>12:30 Bingo</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 Coffee & Conversation</p> <p>9-3 Games/Cards/Puzzles</p> <p>10 Nutrition Challenge*</p> <p>10 Bread/Baked Goods</p> <p>10 Mental Gymnastics</p> <p>11:00 Tai Chi Chih*</p> <p>12 Lunch</p> <p>12:45 Rummikub (SH)</p> <p>1-2 Aqua-Kendal*</p> <p>1-3 YMCA</p>	<p>6</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 Alzheimer's Support Group (CR)</p> <p>10:55 NO SilverSneakers</p> <p>12 Lunch</p> <p>12:30 Produce</p> <p>12:45 Canasta (WR)</p> <p>12:45 Photo Class</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 Coffee & Conversation</p> <p>9-12 Medicare Counseling</p> <p>9-3 Cards/Games/Puzzles</p> <p>9:30 Line Dancing</p> <p>10 Bread/Baked Goods</p> <p>10 Sunshine Circle (CR)</p> <p>10:55 NO SilverSneakers</p> <p>12 Lunch</p> <p>1:00 Bunco</p> <p>1-2 Aqua-Crosslands*</p> <p>1-3 YMCA</p> <p>6-7:15pm Line Dancing</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00 Coffee & Conversation</p> <p>9-3 Games/Cards/ Puzzles</p> <p>10:00 Mahjong</p> <p>10:30-11:30 One-on-One Tech Help (By Appt only)</p> <p>12 Lunch</p> <p>1:00 Chair Yoga*</p>
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<p>25</p> <p>CLOSED</p>  <p>Memorial Day SEPTEMBER AND HONOR</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 Coffee & Conversation</p> <p>9-3 Games/Cards/Puzzles</p> <p>10 Bread/Baked Goods</p> <p>10 Nutrition Challenge*</p> <p>10 Mental Gymnastics</p> <p>11:00 Tai Chi Chih*</p> <p>12:00 Lunch</p> <p>12:45 Art with Ann*</p> <p>1-2 Aqua-Kendal*</p> <p>1-3 YMCA</p>	<p>27</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 Lunch</p> <p>12:30 Produce</p> <p>12:45 Canasta (WR)</p> <p>12:45 Photo Class</p>	<p>28 EARLY CLOSING</p> <p>9:00 Coffee & Conversation</p> <p>9-3 Games/Cards/Puzzles</p> <p>9:30 Line Dancing</p> <p>10 Sunshine Circle (CR)</p> <p>10:55 SilverSneakers</p> <p>12 Lunch</p> <p>1-2 Aqua-Crosslands*</p> <p>1-3 YMCA</p> <p>NO EVENING LINE DANCING</p> <p>CLOSING at 12:30</p>	<p>29</p> <p><i>Closed for</i></p>  <p>Yard Sale Prep</p>

Join the Lunch Bunch

The Gathering Place at Kennett Daily Lunch Menu - May 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
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.		PLEASE BE AWARE, MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE	Lunch is served at 12:00 pm	1 Tuna Salad Sandwich Lettuce, tomato Chicken Corn Soup Milk Strawberries
4 Turkey Sloppy Joe Sweet Potato Fries Milk Fruit Cocktail	5 Chicken Fajitas WW Tortilla Lettuce / Cheese / Salsa Milk Pineapples	6 Cheese Lasagna Rollup Garden Salad Italian Bread Milk Mixed Berries	7 Roast Pork Sandwich w/ spinach & provolone Macaroni Salad Milk Peaches	8 Mandarin Chicken Salad Dinner Roll Milk Cookies
11 Meatloaf Mashed Sweet Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Dinner Roll Milk Pineapple	12 Crispy Chicken Sandwich Lettuce, Tomato French Fries Milk Mixed Fruit	13 Teriyaki Pork Meatballs Brown Rice Broccoli Milk Peaches	14 Chicken Dijon Egg Noodles Brussel Sprouts Dinner Roll Milk Vanilla Pudding	15 Egg Salad Sandwich Tomato Soup Milk Orange
18 Cheeseburger Lettuce, Tomato, Onion Tater Tots Milk Mandarin Oranges	19 BIRTHDAY LUNCH  Soup & Salad Bar	20 Turkey BLT Broccoli Soup Milk Pears	21 Garlic & Herb Shrimp Brown Rice Roasted Vegetables Dinner Roll Milk Ice cream	22 Pesto Chicken Pasta Garden Salad Dinner Roll Milk Pineapple
	26 Greek Chicken Bowl Brown Rice Tzatziki Sauce Milk Peaches	27 Battered Fish Filet Scalloped Potatoes Cole Slaw Milk Chocolate Pudding	28 Chef Salad Platter Dinner Roll Milk Strawberries	29 WE ARE CLOSED FOR YARD SALE PREP

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



Monday, 5/4/26

Let's Talk Houseplants!
with Fred Wissemann @ 9:45 AM

Thursday, 5/14/26

Skin Cancer Awareness with
Fox Chase Cancer Ctr @ 12:45 PM

Thursday, 5/19/26

Celebrating May Birthdays!
Soup & Salad Bar @12:00 PM

Monday, 5/23/26

Memorial Day
Center Closed

Friday, 5/29/26

Center Closed - Yard Sale Prep

Saturday, 5/30/26

Spring Yard Sale
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Tuesday, 6/2/26

Fraud & Scam Awareness
Presented by RSVP
@ 12:45 PM

Thursday, 6/11/26

Local Author, Bruce Mowday
"A Killer at the Door"
Join Us @ 12:45 PM

Tuesday, 6/16/26

Celebrate June Birthdays!
Sandwich & Salad Bar @12:00 PM

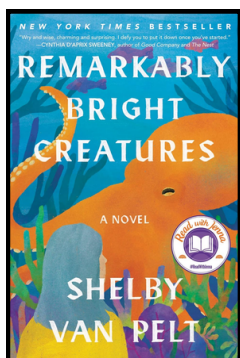
Thursday, June 18th

TGP@K **CLOSED** for
Donor/Volunteer Reception

Thursday, June 25th

"Understanding Osteoarthritis"
with Reach Yours Physical Therapy
@12:45

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



Remarkably Bright Creatures

By Shelby Van Pelt
Wednesday, May 27th
@10:00 AM



The First Ladies
By Marie Benedict
& Victoria Christopher Murray
Wednesday, June 24th
@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, 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. (Waiver Required)

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 and waiver required)

To your health!

Alzheimer's Support Group (1st Wednesday of each month, @ 10:00. 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!

Creative Tuesdays (2 to 3 Tuesdays a month @12:45) Join us for fun, hands-on art; from card making to painting and more! All skill levels welcome. Check out the Activity Calendar for upcoming dates!

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.

The Sunshine Circle (every Thursday @ 10:00 am). A caring participant led group dedicated to helping our friends at TGP@Kennett stay connected.

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.





Taking the Pedal Off the Metal

When Should Older Adults Stop Driving?

You may have gotten your driver's license the day you turned 16. By the time you retire, you could have driven daily for more than half a century. But for some people, there comes a time in the aging process when driving becomes dangerous.

Some health conditions common with aging may make it riskier to get behind the wheel. Stiffer joints and weaker muscles can make it harder to steer or brake safely. Eye diseases and some medications can cause vision problems. And cognitive changes, even mild ones, may impair quick decisions behind the wheel.

Deciding to stop driving can be emotionally challenging for older adults. That's why it's important to have a plan for alternative transportation.

Is It Time to Stop Driving?

If you answer "yes" to any of the following questions, it may be time to consider stopping driving:

- Do other drivers often honk at you?
- Have you had some accidents, even if they were only "fender benders?"
- Do you get lost, even on roads you know?
- Do cars or people walking seem to appear out of nowhere?
- Do you get distracted while driving?
- Has anyone told you they're worried about your driving?
- Do you have trouble staying in your lane?
- Do you have trouble moving your foot between the gas and the brake pedals, or sometimes confuse the two?

There are many alternatives to driving. Some areas provide free or low-cost bus or taxi services for older adults. A rideshare service may also be an option. Some communities offer a carpool service or scheduled trips to stores or the doctor. Options for getting things done without leaving the house have also boomed recently. Grocery delivery, telehealth visits, and online social hours can reduce the need to drive every day. Your local Area Agency on Aging can help you find services.

Adapted from National Institutes of Health, NIH News in Health: "Taking the Pedal Off the Metal," October 2021.

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.



The Sunshine Circle

The Sunshine Circle is a caring, participant-led group dedicated to helping our friends at The Gathering Place at Kennett stay connected.

Together we share kindness through thoughtful messages, outreach, and simple acts of care to brighten the day of those who may need encouragement, support, or a friendly hello. Sometimes the smallest gesture can make a meaningful difference.

Join Us on Thursdays at 10:00 AM
First Meeting, May 7th
In The Community Room.

All Are Welcome
Help Us Brighten Someone's Day!

8 Week Nutrition Challenge

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

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

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 Kennett Square, PA 19348
 610 444 4819

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



**JOIN US FOR
 CREATIVE TUESDAY!**

**WATERCOLOR PAINTING
 WITH DONNA**


PAINT | LAUGH | CREATE

June 16th @ 12:45

Class Size Limited
 Stop By, Call or Email To Register
 610 444 4819
 gatheringplacekennett.org

THE GATHERING PLACE AT KENNETT Book Club

Meets the 4th Wednesday of Each Month at 10:00 AM



May's Book Selection is
Remarkably
Remarkably Bright Creatures
 by Shelby Van Pelt

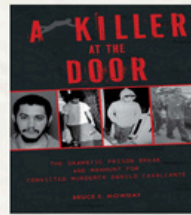
A Good Book is Even Better with A Great Discussion!
Join Us for Our Next Meeting, Wednesday, May 27th.

The Gathering Place at Kennett, 427 S. Walnut Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348
 610 444 4819, gatheringplace@kennett.org

A Killer at the Door

Join us as we welcome award-winning author Bruce E. Mowday for a compelling discussion of his latest book, *A Killer at the Door*.

This gripping true-crime account explores a case that unfolded right here in Chester County, including the dramatic prison escape and ensuing manhunt for convicted murderer Danilo Cavalcante. Bruce is the author of more than 25 books spanning history, sports, business, and true crime.



June 11, 2026

12:45 - 2:00

Preregistration is required - Limited Seating

The Gathering Place at Kennett
427 S. Walnut St. Kennett Square
610-444-4819

Healthy Steps In Motion

We are delighted to welcome back Amy Rodriguez Miller and the Healthy Steps in Motion (HSIM) program to The Gathering Place at Kennett! This popular program is returning for another session.

Amy, Director of Programs and Wellness at Brandywine Valley Active Aging Senior Center, is a certified HSIM instructor. Her supportive teaching style makes this class enjoyable and beneficial for all fitness levels.


HSIM is a fall prevention program for adults age 60+. Through guided exercises, participants will build strength, improve flexibility, and enhance balance in a safe, encouraging environment.

Healthy Steps in Motion will take place Tuesdays at 10:00 am for 8 weeks, beginning June 9.

Preregistration is required. Stop in to sign up or email djohnston@gatheringplace.org for more information.


HEALTHY STEPS IN MOTION


BUILD BETTER BALANCE




Starting Tuesday, June 9th
10:00 – 10:45 AM

An 8-week program on balance and strength training.





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Kennett Square, PA
(610) 444-4819



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!

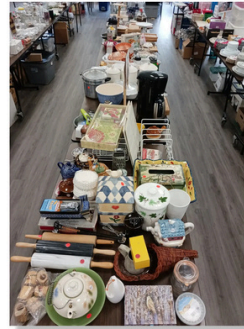


Play RUMMIKUB

Join Us Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday @ 12:45 pm
Fun To Play & Easy To Learn!

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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



The Gathering Place at Kennett

A COMMUNITY CENTER POWERED BY ADULTS 55+



427 S. Walnut Street, Kennett Square
 (one block south of the Country Butcher)
 610.444.4819



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