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

Dear Friends,

Is it really possible that we're already approaching the end of another year? It seems like just yesterday we were welcoming 2026, and here we are preparing for Thanksgiving and the holiday season!

As I look back over the past year, I find myself thinking about the wonderful people who make The Gathering Place at Kennett such a special place. Every day, our building comes alive with conversation, laughter, friendships, and activities. Whether you're joining us for lunch, trying something new, catching up with friends over coffee, or simply stopping by to say hello, you are part of what makes this community so wonderful.

We've had a busy year, and there's still plenty of fun ahead! November brings opportunities to learn, stay active, and enjoy time together. Be sure to look through our activities calendar and join us for something that catches your interest. And if you haven't visited in a while, please come see us. We'd love to welcome you back!

A Special Thank You
I want to express our gratitude to everyone who responded to our recent Gathering Friends Circle campaign. We are so grateful for your generosity and for the confidence you've placed in us. Your willingness to make a monthly commitment or one-time donation to The Gathering Place means more than you may realize. It provides dependable support that helps us plan for the future and continue offering the programs, meals, friendships, and assistance that mean so much to the people we serve. To our newest Gathering Friends Circle members, thank you! And to everyone who supports us through donations, volunteering, or simply spreading the word about our work, please know how much we appreciate you.

The holiday season is a wonderful reminder of how much it means to have people in our lives who care about us. For many, The Gathering Place is an important part of that circle of friendship and support. I'm grateful that we can be that place for so many people.

On behalf of our staff and Board of Directors, I wish you and your loved ones a very Happy Thanksgiving, a joyful holiday season, and a healthy, happy New Year.

Thank you for being part of our Gathering Place family. We look forward to sharing many more good times with you in 2027!

Stephanie K. D'Amico

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Gathering Friends Circle

Dear Friends,

For more than ten years, I have had the privilege of volunteering at The Gathering Place at Kennett. During that time, I've watched friendships grow over a cup of coffee, seen lives changed through wellness programs, and witnessed the relief that comes when someone receives help navigating Medicare or other important benefits.

I've also learned something simple but powerful: The Gathering Place is more than a building. It is a community where people find connection, purpose, and support. Today, I'm inviting you to help ensure that community remains strong by becoming a member of the Gathering Friends Circle, our monthly sustaining donor program.

Monthly giving is one of the most meaningful ways you can support The Gathering Place. While one-time gifts are always appreciated, recurring donations provide dependable funding that allows us to plan, meet growing needs, and continue offering the programs our community depends on every day.

Your monthly gift has a lasting impact.

- $10 a month helps create a welcoming place where no one feels alone.
- $25 a month helps ensure trusted information and assistance is available when someone needs guidance through life's challenges.
- $50 a month helps support health and wellness programs that keep older adults active and independent.
- $100 a month helps provide nutritious congregate meals.

Every month, hundreds of adults 55 and older come through our doors for friendship, healthy meals, exercise, educational programs, volunteer opportunities, and caring support. Together, monthly donors make all of this possible.

Becoming a member of the Gathering Friends Circle is easy. Visit https://gatheringplacekennett.org/donate/ to securely enroll online. If technology isn't your thing, we're happy to help. Simply call us at (610) 444-4819 or stop by The Gathering Place and we'll gladly walk you through the process. A monthly gift may also be made via check. Include a short note with your donation and we will register you in the program and send you payment coupons. One-time gifts are also greatly appreciated and can be made using the link above.

As someone who has seen firsthand the difference this organization makes, I hope you'll consider becoming one of our founding members. Your monthly gift, whatever the amount, will help ensure that The Gathering Place at Kennett continues to be a place where adults 55+ can gather, grow, and thrive for years to come.

Thank you for believing in our mission and for considering this special opportunity to make a lasting difference.

With gratitude,

Karen Martin

Karen Martin, Board President

P.S. Your monthly gift can be changed or canceled at any time, but the impact it has on our community is felt every single day.

Host Your Next Celebration at

The Gathering Place at Kennett

Our recently renovated event space is perfect for family, graduation and birthday parties, retirement celebrations, and more.

- Accommodates up to 120 guests
- Large stage for a band or DJ
- High ceilings and luxury plank vinyl flooring
- 57 on-site parking spaces including 9 accessible spaces
- Adjacent room available at no extra cost for food and/or bar setup

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- White 60-inch round tables
- Comfortable white chairs
- Eight-foot rectangular tables
- BYOB welcome
- Bring your own food or choose your caterer

RENTAL RATES

4 hours	$600 minimum
5 hours	$700
6 hours	$800
7 hours	$875
Each additional hour after 7	$75 per hour

Rental time includes arrival for decorating through departure.

Plan your event today

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427 S. Walnut Street, Kenneth Square, PA 19348

gatheringsplacekennett.org/space-rental



The Dreams We Have Yet to Live

by Martha Viadana Davis

When we retire from full-time work, we often find ourselves with more time. For many of us, this is a chance to finally explore dreams we have put off for years.

So many of us have always thought, someday I'll do that. Someday I'll try something new, learn a new skill, or return to an old interest. But life gets busy, and those dreams get set aside. Then one day, we realize that someday has arrived.

For me, that dream was painting. I had always loved art, but there never seemed to be enough time. After retiring, I picked up a brush again, and it has brought so much joy into my life. Painting gives me a sense of freedom, a way to express myself, and a chance to keep learning and growing. It reminds me that it's never too late to try something new.

Movement has also been an important part of this new chapter. I've discovered the many benefits of Tai Chi, yoga, and Qigong. These practices help me stay active, feel more balanced, and bring a sense of calm and well-being.

They have become a regular part of my routine and add so much to my life.

I am grateful to be able to share these practices with others. I teach Tai Chi, yoga, and Qigong (Walking Tai Chi) at The Gathering Place in Kennett Square, and it's a pleasure to see how these gentle movements can help others feel better, too.

Another meaningful project for me has been working on a collection of my father's political cartoons. Preserving his work has been a wonderful way to honor his legacy and keep his creativity alive. It's a reminder that our interests and passions can take many forms and that it's never too late to bring them to life.

I continue to teach, meditate, learn, and explore new ideas. Some days are productive, others are not. Some projects turn out beautifully, while others require patience, adjustments, or an entirely new approach. But I've learned that the pleasure isn't always in reaching a goal, but having something meaningful to work toward.

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What makes this stage of life especially rewarding is the opportunity to share it with others. I am grateful for The Gathering Place, its dedicated staff, and the wonderful people I've met here. Teaching is only one part of the experience. I learn from the people who attend my classes, from their stories, their determination, and their willingness to try. We encourage one another, and together we can accomplish far more than any one of us can accomplish alone.

Of course, each of us experiences aging differently. We may face changes in our health, our circumstances, or our abilities. Not every dream is possible in exactly the way we once imagined. But sometimes a dream can take a different shape and still bring us joy.

Perhaps you've always wanted to paint, learn a language, write about your family, play an instrument, or become involved in something that matters to you. Or perhaps your dream is much quieter: making a new friend, finding peace, spending more time in nature, or rediscovering something you once loved.

I don't believe we need to fill every hour or accomplish something extraordinary to live a meaningful life.

What matters is that we continue to give ourselves permission to be curious, to make choices, and to look forward to tomorrow.

When I think about growing older, I see a life that is still unfolding, with possibilities I may not even have yet imagined.

We have already lived so many chapters of our lives. Why should we assume the most interesting ones are all behind us?

There are still dreams waiting to be discovered, and perhaps a few we've been carrying with us all along.

You're Invited: I invite you to my art exhibition on December 2 at 11:30 a.m. at the Mexican Consulate in Philadelphia, located at 1650 Arch Street, 2nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103.









Let's Go To The Hop!

The Gathering Place at Kennett celebrated Throwback Thursday with a time-travel trip back to the 1950s! Participants dressed for the occasion in everything from greaser looks and poodle skirts to rolled-up jeans, saddle shoes, and those really gone pussycat glasses! Everyone was welcomed to Marci's Diner for cheeseburgers, fries, and root beer floats. After lunch, dancers hit the floor for a stroll, a little twist, and, of course, a rock around the clock!

A supersized milkshake provided the perfect backdrop for photo ops. From the music and outfits to the diner-inspired treats, it was an afternoon straight out of the '50s! It sure was a great time, proving that all the cats and chicks still know how to get their kicks at the hop!











With Sincere Thanks

There is something pretty special about seeing so many people come together for The Gathering Place at Kennett.

More than 60 volunteers, our staff, and our always-dependable Knights of Columbus came together to make our fall yard sale happen. There were early mornings, long days, plenty of sorting, organizing, lifting, selling and cleaning, and always one more thing that needed to be done. Somehow, together, we got it all done.

We are truly grateful for the time, energy and dedication so many of you gave to make the sale a success. Whether you helped for several days or a few hours, your willingness to be there and help wherever needed made a real difference.

That kind of support is what makes The Gathering Place at Kennett such a special community. The funds raised will help us continue providing no-cost programs, lunches, activities and services that mean so much to the adults 55+ who walk through our doors.

Debbie, Richard & Ginny, & all of us at The Gathering Place

> **IT'S NOT HOW MUCH WE GIVE, BUT HOW MUCH WE PUT INTO GIVING.**
>
> MOTHER TERESA

A Holiday Favorite

by Marci Mebane

Not to cause a panic, but we're already in the last two months of 2026! November and December traditionally bring lots of fun holiday gatherings, but also frantic holiday busyness. We tend to get overextended not only with our money but also with our time. So, to conclude this year's series on reducing waste in the kitchen, how about a recipe that reduces time spent in the kitchen so you can have a little breathing room and time to spend on something else?

This recipe ticks all the boxes: simple ingredients, quick to prepare, easy to transport, and excellent to make ahead and reheat. It pairs perfectly with your Thanksgiving turkey, your Christmas ham, or your New Year's pork roast. So, whether you're hosting a big family dinner or bringing a dish to a potluck, I hope you give my crowd-pleasing Cornbread Casserole a try and give yourself a few extra moments to spend with those you hold dear.

Crowd-Pleasing Cornbread Casserole

Ingredients:



2 packages Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix (8.5 oz. each)
6 eggs
2 cans cream-style corn, undrained
2 cans Mexican style corn, drained
2 cups sour cream
6 green onions, thinly sliced
2 Tbsp. melted butter
¼ tsp. ground red pepper

Directions:

1. **Preheat oven to 350 degrees.**
2. **Lightly coat a 9 x 13 baking dish with cooking spray.**
3. **Add all ingredients to a large mixing bowl. Whisk until well combined.**
4. **Pour batter into prepared pan and bake on middle rack of oven for 55-60 minutes or until edges begin to brown and center is set.**

Happy Holidays from my kitchen to yours!



As we head into the winter months, please keep our weather closing policy in mind. If the Kennett Consolidated School District is closed or has a delayed opening due to weather, The Gathering Place at Kennett (TGP) will also be closed.
Please check your local news stations for school closing and delay announcements before coming to TGP. We want everyone to stay safe during the winter weather!

Additionally:

Call us at (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 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
- Help reading or completing forms
- Food distribution

LIHEAP

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

If you need help paying your heating bills, or have a heating emergency…

LIHEAP May Be Able To Help You

What is LIHEAP?

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps low-income families pay their heating bills. LIHEAP is a grant. **You do not have to repay it.**

To receive help…

- Apply between **November 2, 2026 and April 23, 2027.**
- You don't have to be on public assistance.
- You don't need to have an unpaid heating bill.
- You can either rent or own your home.

How does LIHEAP work?

LIHEAP offers both cash and crisis grants. Families may apply for:

Cash Grants

Cash grants help families pay their heating bills. The one-time payment is sent directly to your utility company or fuel provider, and it will be credited on your bill. (In some cases, the check may be mailed to you directly.) Cash grants range from **$200 – $1000** and are based on household size, income, and fuel type.

Crisis Grants

Crisis grants may be available if you have an emergency situation and are in jeopardy of losing your heat. You can receive more than one Crisis grant, as necessary, during the season until the maximum benefit of **$1000** is reached.

Crisis situations include:

- Broken heating equipment or leaking lines that must be fixed or replaced
- Lack of fuel
- Termination of utility service
- Danger of being without fuel (less than a 15 day supply) or of having utility service terminated (received a notice that service will be shut off within the next 60 days)

If you have a heating emergency please call your local county assistance office (CAO).

How do I apply?

- Apply online at: **www.compass.state.pa.us**
- Request an application by calling the Statewide LIHEAP Hotline at **1-866-857-7095** or call PA Relay at **711** for the hearing impaired.
- Applications are available at your local CAO.
- **Call The Gathering Place at Kennett and we will assist you to file an application.**

To apply, you will need

- Names of people in your household
- Dates of birth for all household members
- Social Security Numbers for all household members
- Proof of income for all household members
- A recent heating bill

Who is eligible?

You may qualify for a LIHEAP grant if your household income meets the following income guidelines:

Household Size	Income Limit
1	$23,940
2	$32,460
3	$40,980
4	$49,500

Chester County Assistance Office (CAO)

100 James Buchanan Drive
Thorndale, PA 19372-1132

Toll-Free: 1-888-814-4698
Phone: 610-466-1000
LIHEAP: 610-466-1042
www.dhs.pa.gov/LIHEAP

Call The Gathering Place at Kennett
and we will assist you to file an application.





Susan Lisicky Information & Assistance and

610-444-4819
slisicky@gatheringplacekennett.org

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

Pennsylvania Department of Aging

Chester County Pennsylvania

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
Available 24/7 to help 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 Susan Lisicky at 610-444-4819, x115.

Gather • Connect • Enjoy

TGP@Kennett Activities – November 2026

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30 9:00 Coffee & Conversation 9-3 Games/Cards/ Puzzles 9:30-11 Fiber Arts Group 10 Bread/Baked Goods 10:55 SilverSneakers 12 Lunch 12:30 Bingo	 **With Always Best Home Care** **Tuesday, 11/24** **@12:45**	**We are open on Veteran's Day, Wednesday, 11/11** 	**Medicare 102** **Thursday, 11/12** **12:45-2:45 PM** This is for people who already have Medicare and want a refresher and better understanding of their benefits, help for low-income beneficiaries, Special Enrollment Periods, changes due to the Inflation Reduction Act, preventing Medicare fraud and more. **Presented by Chester County Department of Aging**	

Please note activities subject to change without notice. ***Pregistration Reqd.** (SH): Shade Hall (WE): Wendel (CR): Community Room **Bring Your Own Lunch Updated 10-20-2026

Join the Lunch Bunch

The Gathering Place at Kennett Daily Lunch Menu – November 2026

Pre-registration for all seating is required (both bring your own and served meals). 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 **Meatball Stroganoff** Egg Noodles Carrots Milk Mixed Fruit	3 **Pesto Chicken Pasta** Garden Salad Italian Bread Milk Jello w/ fruit	4 **Chicken Caesar Wrap** Italian Wedding Soup Milk Ice Cream Cup	5 **Breaded Fish Filets** Scalloped Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Milk Peaches	6 **FRIDAY GATHERING LUNCH** Bring Your Own Lunch Seat Reservation Required – Sign up in the purple binder or call us.
9 **Meatloaf** Mashed Sweet Potatoes Green Beans Dinner Roll Milk Pears	10 **Chicken Cheesesteak** Mushrooms & Onions Tater Tots Milk Mandarin Oranges	11 **Turkey, Cheddar & Apple Sandwich** Butternut Squash Soup Milk Chocolate Pudding	12 **Butter Chicken** Brown Rice Cauliflower Dinner Roll Milk Pineapple	13 **FRIDAY GATHERING LUNCH** Bring Your Own Lunch Seat Reservation Required – Sign up in the purple binder or call us.
16 **BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich** Baked Beans Cole Slaw Milk Applesauce	17 **BIRTHDAY LUNCH**  **Soup and Salad Bar**	18 **Chili and Baked Potato** Broccoli Cornbread Muffin Milk Grapes	19 **Tuna Salad Sandwich** Macaroni Salad Milk Pineapple & Cookie	20 **FRIDAY GATHERING LUNCH** Bring Your Own Lunch Seat Reservation Required – Sign up in the purple binder or call us.
23 **Baked Ziti w/ Ground Beef** Garden Salad Italian Bread Milk Pears	24 **FREEZER FEAST** BUFFET LUNCH Time to clean out! Join us for a potluck lunch from Marci's freezers!	25 **Chicken Sandwich** Lettuce, Tomato French Fries Milk Strawberries	26 & 27 	
30 **Baked Chicken** Sweet Potato Cornbread Casserole Brussel Sprouts Milk Apple Crisp	Chester County Department of Aging Services	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**

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



Wednesday, 11/11
Happy Veterans Day
TGP@Kennett is OPEN!

Thursday, 11/12
Medicare 102
w/Chester County Dept of Aging
@12:45 PM

Tuesday, 11/17
Birthday Lunch
Buffet Lunch @ 12:45 PM

Tuesday, 11/24
Bingo - Always Best Home Care
@12:45



Thanksgiving Schedule

Wednesday, 11/25-Closing @ 12:30 PM
CLOSED 11/26 & 11/27

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Tuesday, 12/8
December Birthday Lunch
Breakfast for Lunch Buffet!
Wear your PJ's!
@ 12:00 PM

Tuesday, 12/8
Card Crafting with Robin
Preregistration Required
@12:45 PM

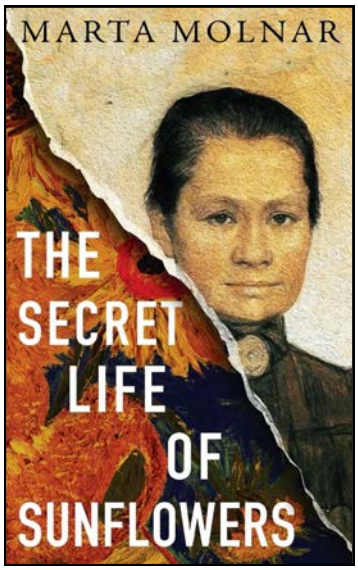


TGP@Kennett Holiday Schedule

Thursday, 12/24 -Closing 12:30 PM
Closed 12/25/26-1/1/27

We Reopen 1/4/2027

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



The Gathering Place Book Club Upcoming Reads

(4th Wednesday of every month)

The Secret Life of Sunflowers
By Marta Molnar
Wednesday, November 18th
at 10:00 AM

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, November's meeting is being held one week earlier than usual.
No December Meeting
See you in January!

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 Interested in your family history? Pick up a questionnaire at the Sign-Up Table, and our Family Search volunteer will research your family lineage.

Get moving!

Line Dancing (Thursdays 9:30-10:30 am & evenings, 5:45-7:00 pm). Enjoy a fun workout that boosts fitness and supports heart health.

SilverSneakers (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 10:55-11:45*)* Keep moving with this fun fitness class designed for all abilities. (*Waiver Required*)

T'ai Chi Chih (Wednesdays, 10:55) A series of movements designed to help the flow of natural energy in our bodies. Experience joy through movement! (Pr*egistration and waiver required*)

Chair Yoga (Fridays, 12:55pm-1:45pm) Chair Yoga is a gentle, accessible class led by certified instructor Martha Davis. Using a chair for support, participants are guided through gentle movements and breathing exercises to improve flexibility, strength, balance, and relaxation with no floor work required. (*Pre-registration and a signed waiver are required*.)

To your health!

Alzheimer's Support Group (1st Wednesday of each month, @ 10:00. Caregivers of those with Alzheimer's are invited to connect with others for support, understanding, 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). Get personalized, one-on-one Medicare guidance from an expert. Appointments required.

Laugh and Have Fun with Friends!

Creative Tuesdays (2 - 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.

Pinochle (every Friday 10:00-11:30 am Experienced or beginner players are welcome to join in

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 (Check calendar) 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.



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Medicare Education and Decision Insight

No-cost Medicare Assistance

Open Enrollment happens from October 15 to December 7
and is the time each year when you can
make changes to your coverage.

During this period, you can:

- Change your Medicare Advantage Plan,
  or Change your drug plan
- Switch from Original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage Plan,
  or from a Medicare Advantage Plan to Original Medicare.
- Join, drop, or switch a Medicare Advantage Plan
  with or without drug coverage.

PA MEDI is a statewide service operated by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging and is the source with trusted local support for Medicare help. All services are free, confidential, and delivered by specially trained staff and volunteers.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment,
Call 1-888-656-3274 or Contact The Gathering Place at Kennett at 610-444-4819.

Medicare 102

November 12, 2026
12:45 -2:45 p.m.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

Join us for Medicare 102.

A presentation with **Chester County Department of Aging** discussing Medicare.

An in-depth, advanced guide to navigating **coverage, enrollment,** and important timelines.

Move beyond basic explanations of Parts A, B, C, and D (which are typical Medicare 101 topics) to focus on **advanced enrollment strategies, filling coverage gaps, plan selection mechanics, and regulatory changes.**

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427 S. Walnut St., Kennett Square

Chair Yoga

Martha Davis, Certified Yoga Instructor



Chair Yoga is a gentle, accessible class using a chair for support. Guided movements and breathing exercises help improve flexibility, strength, balance, and relaxation.
No floor work required.

Fridays 1pm-1:45pm

Pre-registration, signed waiver and regular attendance is expected

Limited Space

Please email Debbie Johnston to register.
djohnston@gatheringplacekennett.org



ARE YOU 55+?

HAVE WE GOT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!

Membership is not required to participate at The Gathering Place at Kennett. Those who choose optional membership enjoy special benefits and more, all for just

$40

Per Year

YOUR ACCESS TO WELLNESS AND CONNECTION

TGP@Kennett members have access to the Kennett YMCA every Tuesday and Thursday from 1-3 p.m. Includes the pools, walking track, free weights, Nautilus and cardio rooms.

Our members may also participate in YMCA programming offered during those hours!

Current opportunities are:

- Intermediate/Advanced Pickleball
- Weekly Mahjong
- Weekly Group Exercise
- Monthly Bingo

YMCA programs and schedules are subject to change, but if an eligible activity is being offered during our Tuesday/Thursday 1-3 p.m. access period, TGP@Kennett members can participate.

MORE BENEFITS MORE VALUE

Your $40 annual membership also includes:

- Access to Kendal-Crosslands Communities Aquatic Fitness Programs, subject to availability
- Discounts at participating local businesses
- Membership updates and information
- The satisfaction of supporting programs and services for adults 55+ throughout our community

The Gathering Place at Kennett
A community center powered by adults 55+

Stop by Monday through Thursday from 9:15 to 2:30, Friday from 9:15 to 1:30 or join online at:

gatheringplacekennett.org/membership

Join now and enjoy membership benefits through December 2027!

The Gathering Place at Kennett
427 S. Walnut Street, Kennett Square, PA
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Did You Know?

The Gathering Place at Kennett offers free fresh produce every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. to adults age 55 and older.

With the rising cost of groceries, this is a great opportunity to add fresh produce to your meals, support a healthy diet, and save a little money along the way. Stop by and take advantage of this weekly offering! For more information, call us at 610-444-4819.

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

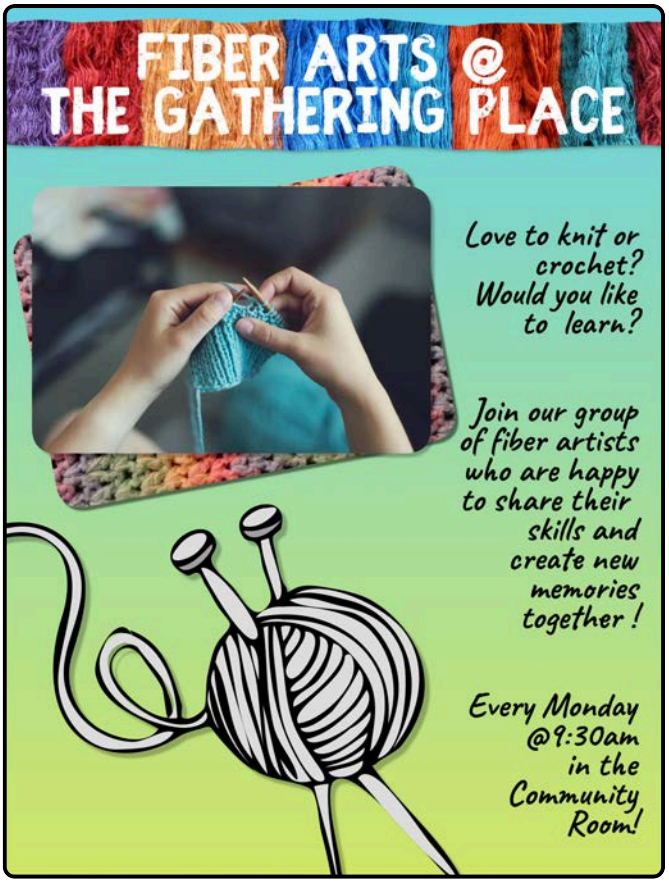
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Come & gather with us!





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