

KPA Membership

The Kennett Pike Association, Inc. has a "rolling" membership; members join for one year periodically throughout the year and renew approximately in the month they originally joined. The Kennett Pike Association, Inc. currently has about 350 paid members.

In 2002, the KPA received about \$31,000 in membership dues and contributions. Over sixty members contributed more than \$100 each and the largest contribution was \$500. Thank you to all our members who support the KPA.

We wish to thank the approximately 250 families and individuals who have renewed their memberships this year and to acknowledge the following corporations and civic associations who are members of the KPA:

- Ronald C. Bauman, Inc.
Brandywine Conservancy
Brantwyn Partners
Braidablik Civic Association
Buck Kennett Associates
Buck Road Civic Association
Buck Simpers Architect + Associates
Carl Doubet Jewelers
Centennial Homeowners Association
Centreville Civic Association
Christ Church Christiana Hundred
Christiana Bank and Trust
Dental Associates of Delaware
Deuson Construction
EBD Management
Episcopal Diocese of Delaware
- Oberod Conference Center
Fair Hill Civic Association
Fairville Inn
Friess Associates of Delaware, LLC
Garden Club of Wilmington
Greenville BP Station
Greenville Real Estate
Hagley Museum and Library
Janssen's Super Market
JDK Inc.
Limerick Maintenance Association
Longwood Gardens

- Maintenance Corporation of Westover Hills, -Section A
McBride, Shopa and Company
Master Sidlow & Associates, P.A.
Morgan Stanley
Mount Cuba Center
New Castle County
Patterson Schwartz Real Estate
Peninsula United Methodist Homes, Inc.
Ponds Service Corporation
H.H. Quillen & Company
St. Joseph on the Brandywine Church
Stoltz Management of Delaware, Inc.
Stonegates
Tower Hill School
Wachovia Securities
West Farm Civic Association
Westover Hills Civic Association-Section C
Westover Hills-Woods, Inc.
Wilmington Country Club
Wilmington Trust Company
Winterthur Museum

Membership dues and contributions are the major source of funding for the KPA and we again thank all our members for their generous support. ■

Kennett Pike Landscaping

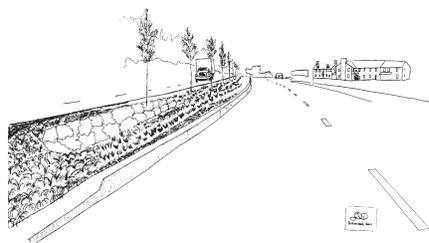
Last year, the Kennett Pike Association refurbished the Kennett Pike medians on either side of the SR 141 overpass bridge and planted over 800 shrubs, as well as grasses, and bulbs. The previous landscaping was in decline and needed replacement.

The KPA Landscape Committee joined forces with the Delaware Center for Horticulture Public Landscape Manager, Lenny Wilson, to plan the design and select the plant types for the new medians. The Delaware Center for Horticulture oversaw the design and the planting and then maintained the landscaping throughout the rest of this year. The new plantings complemented, but not necessarily duplicated, the Department of Transportation Greenville medians planted the year before. Nevertheless, the horticultural goals were the same; mostly native, drought tolerant, low

maintenance plants with multi-seasonal interest.

This spring, the different cultivars of naturalizing daffodils bloomed in masses and later, sweeps of perennials such as Liriope (Lilyturf), re-blooming Daylilies, Threadleaf Amsonia (Bluestar), and Panicum (Switch-grass) took over. Evergreen and deciduous shrubs like Inkberries, Russian Sage, Itea (Virginia Sweetpire), and Winterberry surround the Armstrong Maples that were planted in the medians in 2001.

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BIKE THE PIKE

The day-long Bike the Pike cycling festival will start at 8:00 am on Saturday, October 11th at A.I. Du Pont High School in Greenville. The Bike the Pike will include a family fun ten-mile ride, a twenty-five mile intermediate ride, and a fifty-five mile half metric century ride; all over different courses using the Kennett Pike as the main artery. The half metric century course will wind through Northern Christina Hundred and neighboring Chester County, see page 3. The other two courses will take place in Delaware. Three rest stop points for the riders will be provided, as well as ride marshals to help direct riders through busy and or difficult intersections. The course map with detailed directions and places of historical significance will be provided to each rider to assist them throughout the ride. (continued on page 3)

## Mendenhall Station

Last Year we reported that the Kennett Township Planning Commission was considering a 4.7-acre Mendenhall Station Land Development proposal and the Commission approved a motion to recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the final plan with conditions. The plan was approved, construction commenced, and Mendenhall Station is now being completed.

The developers indicated that they are trying to build a neighborhood shopping center in keeping with the scenic and historic nature of the Kennett Pike corridor. The center has been designed to supply goods and services not normally found in strip shopping centers along arterial roads like the Kennett Pike. There will be two buildings; one that will sit near the Kennett Pike and contain about 3,600 square feet and a rear building of 12,500 square feet. The tenant mix is being designed so that merchants will interact with each other. The goal of this project is to incorporate any or all of the following tenants as well as additional

users: U.S. Post Office, a bank, flower shop, coffee shop and dry cleaning pick-up station.

There were a number of objectives in mind when the buildings were designed. They were to follow the Victorian theme of the immediate village and to pick up the elements of an 1880's train station. It was also important to tie the front and rear building together with a uniform theme and there was to be nine colorful awnings to create a festive shopping environment.

Special attention has been paid to signage and directories. The signs will be carved with an abundance of gold leaf printing. A 12-foot apron has been planned in front of the main building to allow for plants and benches. There will also be a side patio or deck next to the coffee shop, allowing for an outside café area.

In summary, Mendenhall Station has been designed to be more than a shopping area but rather a unified environment in which customers and users may experience a positive, beneficial and convenient reason to visit or work, according to the developers. ■

## Kennett Pike Landscaping

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This fall, the Switchgrass, Itea, and the maples will turn brilliant red. Two different hollies, the Switchgrass, as well as the silver spikes of the Russian Sage will provide winter interest. The red berries of the Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*, "Winter Red") will be highlighted by an evergreen background of Inkberries.

A contract was signed with the DCH to maintain these two medians for 2003. To help offset the maintenance costs, the KPA is grateful to Morgan Stanley, Greenville, and McBride, Shopa and Company for agreeing to again sponsor these two large medians to keep these two Kennett Pike medians looking so well.

Last Year, the KPA agreed with the Department of Transportation to maintain

the eight landscaped roadway medians between Buck Road and Stonegates in Greenville. Because of the extensive plantings (for instance it takes nearly forty yards of mulch to cover the area between plants on these medians), the KPA sought sponsors to help offset the annual maintenance costs. We are pleased to acknowledge our corporate sponsors, without whom it would be difficult to successfully maintain the Greenville medians.

Stoltz Management of Delaware, Inc. is sponsoring the Greenville medians from Buck Road to the Railroad Tracks, the Greenville Wine & Spirit Company is sponsoring the median in front of Greenville Crossing I and their store, Buck Simperts Architect + Associates is sponsoring the median just west of the exit from the Greenville Crossing I shopping center, and Stonegates is maintaining the

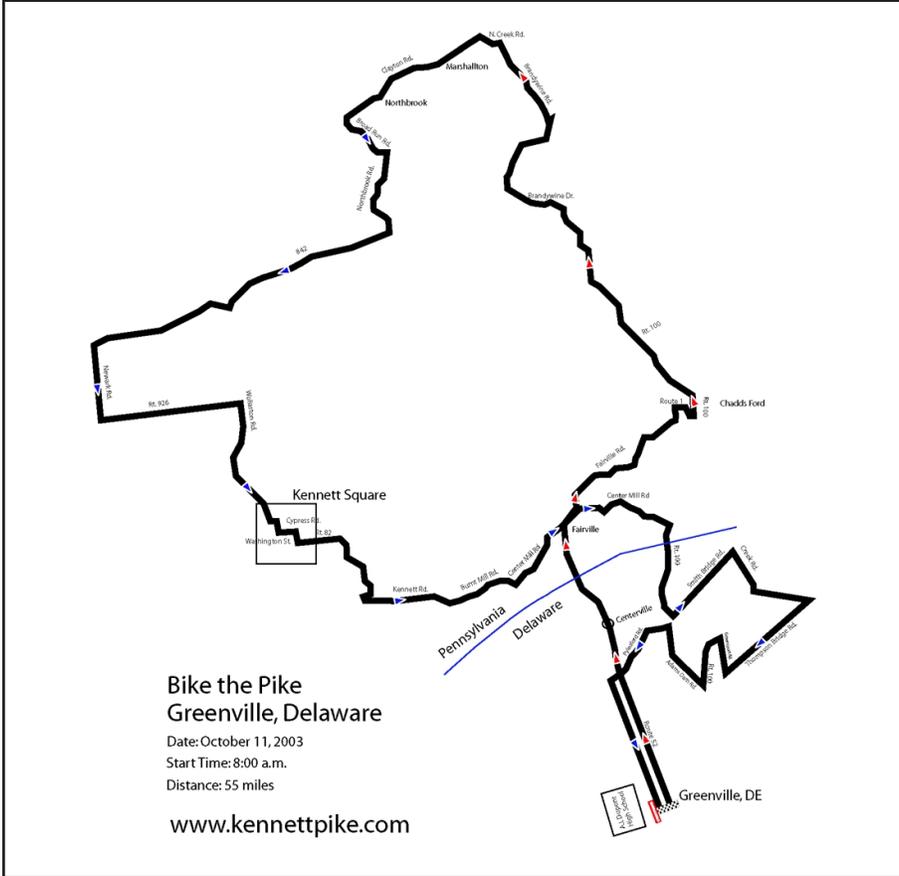
## BIKE THE PIKE Sponsors

AAA Mid-Atlantic  
All Sport Beverages  
Bancroft Construction  
Anne & Glenn Barnhill  
Brandywine Brewing  
Casscells Orthopedics – Community Leader  
C B Richard Ellis, Inc., Leigh Johnstone  
Christiana Bank & Trust  
Cliff Energy Bars  
Deer Park Spring Water  
Dental Associates of Delaware – Community Leader  
DeWees Investments – Community Leader  
Diver Chevrolet – Community Leader  
Dr. & Mrs. Robert Director – Benefactor  
Ben Fournier Photography  
Friess Associates – Community Leader  
Glenn Meade Trust  
Greenville Financial  
H. H. Quillen Associates – Benefactor  
Happy Harry's – Benefactor  
Rep. Deborah Hudson  
Insurance & Financial Services, Ltd.  
Janssen's Market  
Johnson & Johnson – Community Leader  
Dr. G. William Keller, D.D.S., P.A. – Benefactor  
Lord & Company  
Lyons Insurance  
Marvin & Palmer – Community Leader  
Master, Sidlow & Associates – Benefactor  
Med-Equip, Inc. – Benefactor  
Miller Mauro Group – Benefactor  
Morris James Hitchens & Williams, LLP  
New Castle County – Community Leader  
Pizza by Elizabeths  
Prudential Fox Roach, Susan Taylor  
Saul Ewing, LLC – Benefactor  
Schlosser & Associates  
SSS Clutch Company, Inc. – Community Leader  
Stonegates Retirement Community – Benefactor  
Tetra Tech, Inc.  
Wachovia Securities – Community Leader  
Anne & Ken Wattman

median nearest to their entrance.

This year, the KPA will have its first fund-raising event to raise money for the continuation of this landscaping work. We are grateful that DelDOT has allowed us to plant trees and landscaping in the roadway rights-of-way in order to maintain and beautify areas of the Kennett Pike, so that we may continue to enhance the ambiance of this historic roadway. The hillsides on SR 141 at Kennett Pike have been sprayed to kill invasive plants and weeds and the first five sycamore trees that were donated by KPA members have been planted along SR 141. More landscaping will be done next year with money raised from this year's Bike the Pike fund-raiser. ■

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provided by the Winner Automotive Group for use on ride day.

The **Bike the Pike** will raise funds for the KPA for continued beautification work along the Kennett Pike corridor, including landscaping and maintaining existing landscaping in roadway rights-of-way, planting trees along the Kennett Pike and adjacent roads, under-grounding overhead utility wires, and eliminating unnecessary and unwanted signage. An equally important goal of the **Bike the Pike** is to raise awareness and interest in the Kennett Pike corridor and to increase membership and participation in our 42 year old Association.

Forty-three individuals and businesses have provided sponsorship and donations to support the cost of staging this community cycling event and help raise money for future KPA beautification work. In order to become a sponsor, please contact the Kennett Pike Association at 302-655-6505 and we will send you an information package.

Registration for the **Bike the Pike** can be done by completing the registration form below and mailing it to the address shown on the form. Alternatively, registration can be done on line at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com). For more information on the **Bike the Pike** visit:

[www.kennettpike.com](http://www.kennettpike.com) or  
[www.thresholdsports.com](http://www.thresholdsports.com)

The KPA has retained professional cycling event organizer Threshold Sports, LLC to manage the first annual KPA **Bike the Pike**. Threshold Sports LLC produces and manages the Wachovia Cycling Series (formerly the First Union U.S. Pro Championship) in Philadelphia each year, as well as the Pro Cycling races in San Francisco, New York, Houston, and Georgia. This year they are organizing two "Tour of Hope" rides with

Lance Armstrong in Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles.

The Amoroso-Victory Pro Cycling team of women cyclists and the Navigators men's cycling team will participate in the ride and help set the pace for an enjoyable day. Riders will be grouped into three categories based on ability, and riders who can pace each group will be assigned. Three vehicles will be

**TO MAIL IN REGISTRATION:**

Mail with check or money order to: **Kennett Pike Association**  
c/o Threshold Sports  
Pinebrook Business Center, Suite 100A  
2650 Eisenhower Ave.  
Norristown, PA 19403

Name: (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact name and telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Ride: (Circle choice) 10 mile (\$10) 25 mile (\$20) 55 mile (\$30)

Shirt Size: (Circle one) M L XL

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$5 for kids under 14)

## Smith's Bridge

It's hard to believe that eight months have passed since the opening of the new Smith's Bridge. Given the option when crossing the Brandywine, it's worth the extra distance to go out of one's way to cross over this magnificent bridge rather than crossing further down the river. The whole project was a tremendous success and certainly is a credit to DelDOT and those in the community who participated in

the meetings and on the working group throughout the project.

Little noticed by most was the final work done this spring to relocate the overhead wires into the pre-buried underground conduit thereby adding further beauty to the bridge and the surrounding area. The KPA, in recent years, has worked to relocate overhead wires whenever possible, and we sincerely appreciate this aspect being included in the scope of work for this project, and for DelDOT following through

and completing this detail long after public attention on this project has faded away.

The KPA realizes that relocating overhead wires underground can be a significant cost. This is why we have pressed to have this work done in areas where there is significant other roadway work taking place. With DelDOT's help, overhead wires over the Kennett Pike in Greenville were put under the roadway and the KPA has asked for wires to be relocated underground on future DelDOT projects such as the Tyler McConnell Bridge project, etc. ■



*Newly reconstructed Smith's Bridge without overhead wires – Ben Fournier, Photographer*

## KPA Trustees

Each KPA Trustee is elected by our members to a four-year term at a KPA annual meeting or is appointed by the Board to complete an unfinished term of someone who retires. The following is a list of KPA Trustees and the year their term expires. Mr. Robert Crandell, Dr. Mark Fortunato, Mr. Buck Simperts, and Mr. Maynard Turk have all been nominated to be re-elected to another term.

Mrs. Joanne Bahr/2006  
Mr. Glenn Barnhill/2006  
Mr. Richard Beck/2005 – Secretary  
Mrs. Susan Casscells/2005  
Mr. Robert Crandell/2003  
Mr. F. Hamilton Fish, Jr. – Dir Emeritus  
Dr. Mark Fortunato/2003 – Treasurer  
Mr. Morgan Hendry/2004 – President  
Mrs. Patricia Hobbs/2004  
Mr. Buck Simperts/2003  
Mrs. Patricia Lyons/2004  
Mr. Maynard Turk/2003  
Ms. Anne Wattman/2006

## [www.kennettpike.com](http://www.kennettpike.com)

Our latest endeavor is the Kennett Pike Association web site. Although only a simple site at the moment, we hope in future to regularly post news of various issues facing the community, a schedule of up-coming events, etc. Links will be provided to other sites with information pertaining to our area. If you want to send us an e-mail, our address is [info@kennettpike.com](mailto:info@kennettpike.com)

Please visit our site and give us your comments and suggestions.

## Annual Meeting/Town Meeting

The 2003 Annual Meeting of the Kennett Pike Association, Inc. will be held on Monday, **October 20**, from 7:00 to 9:30 pm at Hagley Museum's Soda House auditorium. In keeping with past practice, this meeting will be open to the public and we encourage area residents to attend.

In addition to the annual business of the KPA, this year we are pleased to welcome Secretary of Transportation Nathan Hayward, III who will update us on transportation issues facing our area. ■