

KPA Membership

The Kennett Pike Association, Inc. has a "rolling" membership; members join for one year periodically throughout the year and renew in approximately the month they originally joined. The Kennett Pike Association, Inc. currently has about 300 paid members.

In 2003, the KPA received \$25,775.00 in membership dues and contributions. Over twenty members contributed more than \$100 each and the largest contribution was \$500. Forty-six members are Corporations, Civic Associations, or Non-Profit organizations and they are listed below.

Although there are thirty-eight organized Civic Associations in our membership area, only twelve are currently members of the KPA. We urge more Civic Associations to join the KPA and support our goals of planning, preservation, beautification, and organized growth.

We are halfway through our membership renewal process for 2004 and urge all those who have supported us in the past to renew their membership for 2004. We urge you to contact us about local issues or ways in which you might help us achieve our goals.

- AAA Mid-Atlantic*
- Ronald C. Bauman, Inc.*
- Bancroft Construction Company*
- Brandywine Conservancy*
- Brantwyn Partners*
- Breidablik Civic Association*
- Buck Kennett Associates*
- Buck Road Civic Association*
- Buck Simperts Architect + Associates*
- Carl Doubet Jewelers*
- Centennial Homeowners Association*
- Centreville Civic Association*
- Christ Church Christiana Hundred*
- Christiana Bank and Trust*
- Dental Associates of Delaware*
- Diocese of Delaware-Oberod*
- EBD Management*
- Fair Hill Civic Association*
- Fairthorne Maintenance Corporation*
- Fairville Inn*
- Friess Associates of Delaware, LLC*
- Garden Club of Wilmington*
- Greenville BP Station*
- Greenville Real Estate*
- Hagley Museum and Library*
- Halsey Drive Service Corporation*
- Hindes Interests, LLC*
- 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.*
- H. H. Quillen & Company*
- Service Corp. of Westover Hills-Section C*
- St. Joseph on the Brandywine Church*
- Stoltz Management of Delaware, Inc.*
- Stonegates*
- The Ponds Service Corporation*
- Tower Hill School*
- Wachovia Securities*
- Philip B. Weymouth, Jr. Insurance*
- West Farm Civic Association*
- Westover Hills-Woods, Inc.*
- Wilmington Country Club*
- Wilmington Trust Company*
- Wintertbur*

Membership dues and contributions are the major source of funding for the KPA. As indicated in the Landscaping article in this Newsletter, over \$100,000 has been spent on landscaping and maintaining landscaping in the past three years. We again thank all our members for making this possible and we and the Community at large certainly benefit. ■

Greenville Center Expansion

Site and excavation work which started earlier this year, will continue until the end of August 2004, when a new storm water management drainage system will be completed underneath the parking areas adjacent to Buck Road and Kennett Pike. Previously, porous pavement was intended to manage storm water run off including that from a once in ten year storm. Sand and sealant which had settled in the voids in the pavement surface

had long ago rendered the pavement completely impervious. Once the drainage system is complete, the reconfigured parking lot will be re-paved.

Work also continues on the construction of a new 18,000 square foot one story building which will connect to the existing two-story building at the end occupied by the clothing store Black and White. The new retail space

will be leased to Foodsource, a division of Clemens Family Market. Currently there are two other Foodsource stores, one in Bryn Mawr and one that opened mid-July in Glen Mills. Their plan is to open the store the second week in November 2004. Like the others, this new store will be an up-scale food store and it will include sale of prepared foods to go as well as an area to dine inside. ■

BIKE THE PIKE

The KPA retained professional cycling event organizer Threshold Sports, LLC to manage the **Bike the Pike**. Threshold Sports LLC produces and manages about ten major cycling events nationwide each year including the Wachovia Cycling Series in Philadelphia.

The day-long **Bike the Pike** cycling festival was held on Saturday, October 11th at A. I. DuPont High School in Greenville. The **Bike the Pike** included 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 went through Northern Christina Hundred and neighboring Chester County while the other two courses were entirely within Delaware.

The Amoroso-Victory Pro Cycling team participated in the ride and helped set the pace for

an enjoyable day. Riders were grouped into categories based on ability, and these professional riders paced each group.

The **Bike the Pike** raised 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, burying overhead utility wires, and eliminating unnecessary and unwanted signage. An equally important goal of the **Bike the Pike** was to raise awareness and interest in the Kennett Pike corridor and to increase membership and participation in our 42 year old Association.

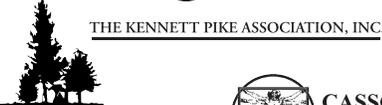
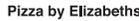
Thirty-one individuals and businesses provided sponsorship and donations to support the cost of staging this community cycling event and help raise money for future KPA beautification work and we again thank them for their support. ■

KPA Meeting in Centreville

The KPA has always supported the Centreville Civic Association's goal of achieving compliance with the posted speed limits on Kennett Pike through Centreville and improving access to Kennett Pike from the roads that intersect with Kennett Pike within the village. The temporary measures put in place to achieve these objectives may have reduced the average speed by impeding traffic, but they are un-attractive, a safety hazard, and certainly not a long term solution to the issues. These additions certainly detract from the beauty of Centreville, the culmination of Delaware's first Scenic Byway.

At the Centreville Civic Association Annual Meeting, DelDOT was presented with a copy of a petition by concerned area residents. This petition indicated that they would prefer to see Centreville's traffic problems addressed through the use of traffic signals at the intersection of Kennett Pike, Twadell Mill Road, and Owl's Nest Road. DelDOT representatives at the Annual Meeting indicated that public workshops would be scheduled, a consultant hired, and progress made on implementing a more permanent solution. Workshops will be held during the first two weeks of August and a design review committee under the direction of WILMAPCO is looking at permanent solutions for Centreville.

The KPA has concerned itself with this corridor for over 42 years. Many KPA members have expressed concerns that they are not part of the overall evaluation process. The problem affects Centreville itself, but because this is an arterial roadway linking Route 1 in Pennsylvania with the City of Wilmington, we believe including the opinions of residents from the greater area is necessary to determine the best solution and to indicate to DelDOT that this is a high priority issue. The KPA is committed to work through DelDOT and WILMAPCO to achieve a permanent but aesthetically pleasing solution. However, at the same time, we are making plans to have an open meeting in September to promote additional discussion on alternatives for a permanent solution should progress not be made through the efforts of these other organizations. A notice would be mailed in advance giving the location and the time. ■

		New Castle County
		
		
		Johnson & Johnson
Garrett Lyons, PDA	The Director Family	Dr. G. William Keller, D.D.S., P.A.
		
		
		
AAA Mid-Atlantic	C B Richard Ellis, Inc., Leigh Johnstone	Ann & Glenn Barnhill
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		

The Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway

On June 26, 2002, under the newly established State Scenic & Historic Highways Program administered by the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway was officially recognized as the "First Scenic Byway in the First State."

The Byway begins in the City of Wilmington on Pennsylvania Avenue at historic Rodney Square and runs along both the Kennett Pike (SR 52) and Montchanin Road (SR 100) to the Pennsylvania State line. The Byway is a commitment by DelDOT to work with the community to conserve, enhance, and protect the Scenic Highway and its resources. The strongest qualities of this Byway are those associated with its history and culture, which are considered by many to be of national and international significance.

The designation as a State Byway makes these routes eligible for Federal funds. Approximately one year ago, Federal Highways, through its Scenic Byways Program, awarded Delaware Greenways \$132,500 to support the efforts of the Brandywine Scenic Byway

Committee to draft and implement a Corridor Management Plan. Thanks to Secretary Nathan Hayward, a Transportation Enhancement Grant for \$50,000 was also received from DelDOT to help with the effort. The Advisory Committee guiding the plan consists of a broad coalition civic, business, tourism, historical and environmental organizations together with museums, gardens, libraries, and other institutions along the Byway. Elected officials and public agencies including DelDOT, New Castle County and the City of Wilmington are represented as well. The Advisory Committee has been working together with three local focus groups on Kennett Pike, Route 100, and the City of Wilmington to develop strategies to address conservation and enhancement, roadside character, transportation and safety, tourism, landscaping and interpretation and education.

With the leadership and tireless effort of Gail Van Gilder of Delaware Greenways,

the Committee has met numerous times throughout the past year. The dedicated team of consultants includes John Milner Associates, West Chester, Pennsylvania, and Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects. Through the Delaware Center for Horticulture, the Regional Landscape Enhancement Organization, under the direction of Rick Darke, Susan Barton and Gary Schwetz, is preparing a Landscape Management Plan as part of one of the goals, Roadside Character. This plan will include an historical inventory and perspective of the landscaping along the Byway, future overall landscape design goals, and future overall management objectives. The landscape goals are in concert with those of the KPA and the KPA has been an active participant in both the overall effort to create a Corridor Management Plan and the specific landscaping objectives as well.

The next Public Meeting will take place **September 15, 2004** at 7 pm at Hagley's Soda House Auditorium. Please plan to attend. ■

Pennsylvania News

Scenic Byway Status: Pennsbury and Kennett Townships submitted an application to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission seeking their support to make the Kennett Pike in their townships a Scenic Byway. The Chester County Commissioners and the Chester County Visitors Bureau support this application. Scenic Byway status will protect the intrinsic natural, cultural and historic resources along Kennett Pike and will connect with Delaware's Scenic Byway on the Kennett Pike.

Mendenhall Station: The Mendenhall Post Office has new facilities located in the new Mendenhall Station Development that was recently completed in the heart of Mendenhall, PA on Kennett Pike. Almost all the retail and office space has been leased. Some of the tenants include: Doctors Rootenbery and

Spranger, Mendenhall Station Cleaners, Captrust Financial Advisor, Healthy Directions, J & S Mortgages, Beveled Edge Design Center, About Consulting, and Puff Caterers. The Une Belle Vie medi spa is expected to open soon.

Pennsbury Township: A request to develop a traditional neighborhood village, which includes Pennsbury Township property, has been proposed to be developed on Route 1. If approvals are granted by the township, traffic on Kennett Pike would increase substantially by people who would live in the high-density village and work or shop in the Wilmington area. Conditional use hearings are currently going on and many Pennsbury residents have voiced their disapproval of the project. The decision by the Supervisors of the Township will be made sometime in September.

Pennsbury Land Trust: Pennsbury Land Trust has submitted grant applications to Chester County and PA State Preservation Partnership Programs to fund a conservation easement and development rights purchase on 60 acres of the Springdale Farm in Pennsbury Township. Springdale Farm is a 300 year old property and a contributing resource to the Brandywine Battlefield National Landmark. It also is a prime site for permanent protection of the underlying aquifer. The woodland protects the water supply and provides desirable habitat for birds, butterflies and wildlife in a substantial greenway corridor. A grant has been received from Chester County and if the Pennsbury Land Trust does not receive a grant from the State of Pennsylvania, they hope to receive the money required to purchase the development rights from other sources. ■

DelDOT Activity

DuPont Road: DelDOT plans to hold another public workshop on or about August 10, 2004 prior to commencement of work later in August on DuPont Road to resurface and improve the ninety degree curve between Kennett Pike and Westover Road.

Kennett Pike: Within the next month, DelDOT will begin work on Kennett Pike from Presidential Drive to Greenhill Avenue. The concrete roadway surface between Presidential Drive and DuPont road will be repaired by removing and replacing sections of broken concrete. Afterwards, the entire surface will be ground to make it uniform and to produce a grooved surface which will improve traction and reduce noise. From Dupont Road to Greenhill Avenue, the Kennett Pike will be re-surfaced except for Bridge 1B-1 near to A. I. Middle School. The bridge reconstruction that we previously reported will be done at a later date.

Montchanin and SR 141 intersection: Work continues on the intersection of SR 141 and Montchanin Road (SR 100). DelDOT and their contractor A Del anticipate completion in November, 2004. Traffic has now been re-routed so that the east and west bound lanes are on either side of the center median and final

work on the roadway surface is underway. Landscaping is to begin in September and discussions continue regarding augmenting the landscaping plan to plant canopy trees in the center median and along Montchanin Road in DelDOT's right-of-way between SR 141 and Kennett Pike on the opposite side from the cemetery.

SR 141 Corridor Management Study: DelDOT has recently met with area civic leaders and residents regarding restarting a corridor management study. A working group has been formed, with general concerns and objectives articulated. This effort is being led by Westover Hills Woods resident Mrs. Chris McEvelly, and the plan is to study the corridor from Newport to Fairfax to achieve a boulevard look over the entire length of roadway, have uniform speed, lighting, landscaping, and pedestrian and bicycle access. DelDOT has committed to aesthetic improvements for the corridor so it will look more like a tree lined boulevard. DelDOT is looking into removal of any signs referring to the word "expressway." Other major community concerns such as highway noise and truck traffic will be addressed. Another working group meeting with DelDOT and their consultants is planned for this fall. ■

Greenville Place Apartments

Ever since the adoption of the UDC in 1987, which provided that previously approved plans would sunset if construction had not previously commenced by December 31, 2002, the KPA has worked closely with area Civic Associations and residents to minimize the impact of any further expansion of Greenville Place Apartments and to ensure compliance with zoning regulations. The owner's long-term plans were to construct four seven-story apartment buildings adjacent to the railroad tracks in the back of the property across from Westover Hills Woods and Fairthorne communities. Working with the owner and New Castle County Land Use Department, the project scope was reduced from four to three buildings in the fall of 2002, but the height and number of apartment units was unchanged.

Progress was closely monitored throughout 2002 and although work commenced on a section of the Seven Mile Little Creek Interconnector Sewer that passed through the Greenville Place Apartments, the KPA felt that no work commenced on the apartment buildings prior to December 31, 2002 and the project should have sunsetted. A building permit was not issued in 2002, nor were construction drawings approved before the sunset date.

When a building permit was issued in February 2004 and construction commenced shortly thereafter, the KPA appealed the issuance of the building permit to the New Castle County License, Inspection and Review Board (LIRB). A hearing was held and as reported in the Greenville News, a decision about the matter was rendered which indicated that the KPA could only bring its complaint before the New Castle County Planning Board. The KPA believes that it was not possible to bring the matter before the Planning Board previously, because there was lack of action on the part of the owner prior to February 2004. Despite this ruling, there are additional inconsistencies that need to be rectified and the KPA intends to continue to pursue the matter with the Department of Land Use. ■



Evergreen Plan, Inc.

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Evergreen Plan, Inc. was formed in 1969, an outgrowth of the Kennett Pike Association, Inc., to provide a tax-free entity for the purpose of raising funds to develop and disseminate an urban land-use plan for Northern Christiana Hundred, New Castle, Delaware. Funds were raised in the early 1970's and \$ 70,000 was spent for preparation of a Refined District Plan for the Kennett Pike area with the intent of enabling better planning for area development in future. The Plan, later designated the Piedmont Plan, was approved by New Castle County Council on October 22, 1974 under Resolution # 74-234.

Since the initial effort, Evergreen plan, Inc., has participated in smaller study efforts and has occasionally solicited funds to replace trees and landscaping along the Kennett Pike. Evergreen plan, Inc. has maintained a not-for-profit 501 (C) (3) corporate status and hence contributions are tax deductible.

Two years ago, Evergreen Plan, Inc., was re-activated with the intent of replanting trees in rights-of-way along the Kennett Pike and possibly other area arterial roads such as Montchanin Road, Buck Road, SR 141, etc. Last year nearly \$2,000 was received from individuals and 2.0 to 2.5 inch caliper trees were planted. The average cost to purchase and plant these trees is about \$ 350. **Evergreen Plan welcomes your contributions to enable more trees to be planted along our roadways and enhance the beauty of the landscape we live with everyday.**

Landscaping

In October 2001, The Kennett Pike Association, at the request of the Department of Transportation, assumed responsibility for the Greenville-Kennett Pike medians. In the past three and one-half years, the KPA has spent over \$60,000 planting trees and landscaping Kennett Pike roadway medians, and we have spent over \$48,000 in maintenance of these areas including mulching, weed control, collecting trash, and watering.

In 2001, Stonegates Retirement Community volunteered to take care of the median in front of their entrance. The Kennett Pike Association greatly appreciates Stonegates continued cooperation and beautifully maintained median. We are also grateful to our corporate sponsors who help defray the costs associated with maintaining these roadway medians. Thank you to:

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*The Greenville Wine and Spirit Company
MBNA*

McBride, Shopa, CPA Group

Morgan Stanley, Greenville

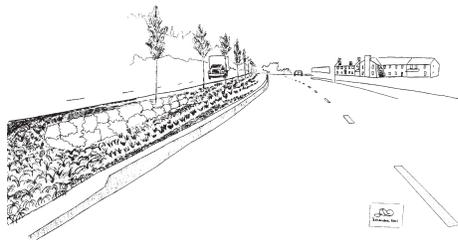
Stoltz Management of Delaware

The Landscape Committee composed of KPA Trustees and members Joanne Bahr, Patsy Bussard, Patty Hobbs, Melisa Lafferty, and Beverley Rowland, and is ably assisted by Association President, Morgan Hendry and Trustee, Glenn Barnhill. The KPA employs several different contractors. Early on a Sunday morning, you might see Mr. Fred Schmidt hard at work weeding and refurbishing. The Delaware Center for Horticulture landscaped and maintains the two large traffic islands on either side of the 141 Bypass, and continues to advise us about appropriate siting and plant material.

This May, Delaware Lawn and Tree Service spent two full days utilizing 10 men cleaning, weeding, preparing the beds, and putting down 40 yards of mulch. Incidentally, the cleanup netted 55 gallons of cigarette butts along with some small debris. It also appeared that cigarette butts had been deliberately dumped on the median at Buck Road, presumably by people waiting for the light at Kennett Pike to change to green. Shortly after the mulch was laid, there were two

mulch fires on the medians in Greenville. One benefit of this summer's rain has been to prevent more fires as well as enable savings on supplemental watering.

DeIDOT's mandate for plant material, in addition to sight restrictions, was for low maintenance, drought and salt tolerant, mainly native plants. With trial and error, rainy summers, and harsh winters, we have had to make some adjustments. We eliminated the euphorbia on Kennett Pike and Buck Road and replaced it with the hardier native switch grass, *Panicum virgatum* 'Shenandoah.' When tall native hollies made it difficult for some Kennett Pike residents to safely exit their driveways, we removed the hollies and installed the much shorter Virginia sweetspire, *Itea*, 'Little Henry.' This spring we had to replace 24 dead Inkberries, *Ilex glabra*, 'Shamrock' on the median in front of Janssen's. The harsh winter and fires on the median last summer contributed to the demise of the original plants.



Several traffic accidents destroyed trees, signs, and shrubbery on the Stonegates, Greenville Wine and Spirits, and Route 100 medians. Trustee, Glen Barnhill working with the Department of Transportation's Charles M. "Bud" Freel, arranged for insurance payments to cover replacements.

Also through the Committee, and State Representative, Deborah Hudson, the Department of Transportation will plant tall shade trees this fall in the right-of-way in front of the Raskob Foundation on Route 100. DeIDOT has promised to clean up the invasive and weedy plants and trees on the west side of the Kennett Pike/141 interchange.

Last year, we had our arborist, John M. Kerns, evaluate the viability of the American Elm at the corner of Route 52 and Buck Road. He felt there was a 50% chance of saving the Elm, although the construction site behind

the Elm had certainly compromised it. During the expansion of the Kennett Pike several years earlier, DeIDOT spent considerable money and effort to preserve the elm. Unfortunately, New Castle County and the Greenville Center's owners chose to rely on another tree expert's opinion and removed the elm.

Although we are deeply grateful to our corporate sponsors, the majority of our landscaping funds come from our member's dues. Support from both our sponsors and our members is therefore very important and without which we could not continue to maintain and expand our landscaped areas.

Our recently revived 501-C3 nonprofit corporation, the Evergreen Plan, Inc has received several tax deductible donations, specifically to plant trees. The KPA was able to install five disease resistant American Sycamore trees (*Platanus occidentalis*, 'Bloodroot') on the state right of way on Route 141 between the Wilmington and Greenville exits. Additionally, we planted two more of the same Sycamores, and one Oak (*Quercus rubra*) on the Buck Road right of way in front of the expanded Greenville Center.

Not surprisingly, we have a "wish list" of other areas to be planted. First of all, we would like the elm replaced. There is a new cultivar called a Liberty Elm which we have been told resists Dutch Elm disease. Second, Mr. Lenny Wilson, Public Landscape Manager, the Delaware Center for Horticulture, has created a wonderful plan for the 36 foot right-of-way on Buck Road incorporating another tree, plus shrubs, and ground covers. This would be beneficial from an ecological as well as aesthetic point of view, as it would help to counter water run off from the shopping center. Additionally, it would enhance and add some protection to an important intersection. Lastly, we would like to landscape the large area on the bypass as you enter Greenville from route 141 between St. Joseph on the Brandywine and the old David Stockwell Building.

The Kennett Pike Association greatly appreciates the interest and support of our Kennett Pike community in helping us preserve and enhance our own and newly designated Scenic Byway. ■



KPA Trustees

Each KPA Trustee is elected by our members to a four-year term at a KPA annual meeting, is appointed by the Board to complete an unfinished term of someone who retires, or is appointed by the Board for an interim term until the next annual meeting. The following is a list of KPA Trustees and the year their term expires.

Mrs. Joanne Babr/2006

Mr. Glenn Barnhill/2006

Mr. Richard Beck/2005 – Secretary

Mrs. Susan Casscells/2005

Mr. Robert Crandell/2007

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The Kennett Pike Association web site has been updated and soon there will be additional categories, regular posting of news of various issues facing the community, and a schedule of upcoming events, etc. Links have been 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. A number of our members have given us their e-mail addresses and we plan to communicate more by e-mail in future. If you do not want us to send you e-mails, please let us know. Please visit our web site and give us your comments and suggestions. ■

Mr. F. Hamilton Fish, Jr. – Dir Emeritus

Dr. Mark Fortunato/2007 – Treasurer

Mr. Morgan Hendry/2004 – President

Mrs. Patricia Hobbs/2004

Mrs. Ellie Maroney/2004

Mrs. Beth Moore/2006

Mr. Buck Simperts/2007

Mrs. Wendie Stabler/2004

Mr. Maynard Turk/2007

In May, Ms. Anne Wattman retired from the Board of Trustees after eighteen years. She indicated that she was leaving with a sense of accomplishment after having made a difference in the Community. The KPA will always be grateful for her many years of dedicated service and her tireless efforts to preserve the beauty of the Kennett Pike Corridor, including landscaping, eliminating unnecessary signage, working towards sensible solutions

on transportation issues, and striving for sensible development while maintaining the character of our beautiful Brandywine Valley. At one point, to emphasize her point about the proliferation of signs along the Kennett Pike, she took a photograph of every sign in both directions through Centreville. We think it must have taken four or five rolls of film, and it certainly put into perspective how signage can be overdone and detract from the beauty of the Kennett Pike Corridor in general, and historic Centreville in particular.

Also in May, Mrs. Patricia Lyons retired from the Board after serving nearly one four-year term. The KPA is grateful for the time she gave to the Association over the past four years and particularly her insight on zoning and development issues. Mrs. Lyons will also be missed.

The KPA welcomes three new members to the Board of Trustees; Mrs. Ellie Maroney, Mrs. Beth Moore, and Mrs. Wendie Stabler. ■

Annual Meeting/Town Meeting

The 2004 Annual Meeting of the Kennett Pike Association, Inc. will be held on **Monday, October 18**, 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 our theme will be "Up and Down the Kennett Pike." We will discuss the various issues facing the Kennett Pike Corridor in both Delaware and Pennsylvania, and speakers will be invited to discuss development, transportation, and preservation issues. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us on October 18th. A further announcement will be sent prior to the meeting. ■