



# PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP

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## VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED!

The following commissions are seeking additional volunteers:

- Planning Commission
- Brandywine Valley Nat'l Scenic Byway Commission
- Historic Commission

If you have an interest, please send your contact information and a short summary of your qualifications to the township office. Email your interest to [khowley@pennsbury.pa.us](mailto:khowley@pennsbury.pa.us).

## Road Department Report

The following roads will be oil & chipped as well as fog seal this summer:

- Whitewood Way
- McMullan Farm Lane
- Running Fox
- Ridgeway Drive
- Little Fox Lane
- Wedgewood Drive
- Cossart Road
- Old Baltimore Pike
- Hickory Hill Road from Route 1 to Hillendale Road intersection

Please remember to NOT PLANT or place anything (boulders/rocks etc) in the right of way along a public road. This is a hazard to the traveling public as well as hinders township ability to repair roads. You may be asked to remove them out of the right of way if they pose a problem.

## FREE Shredding Event

The truck will be located in the parking lot on Saturday, April 29th from 9 until noon as in previous years. This is a popular event and an opportunity to have sensitive documents disposed of properly. Bring your boxes of documents and watch the "shredding."

## The YARD SALE is BACK!

The township will host a neighborhood yard sale in the park on Saturday, April 15th, 9 until 12 noon. There will be only 30 spaces available and TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY will be allowed to sell. Proof of residency will be requested. ANYONE CAN BUY. Deadline for registration is March 31st. We will need 15-20 registrations to move forward with this event. Please see website (below) for sign up and other details.

**PENNSBURY TWP YARD SALE**

'23

*Saturday April 15 | 9 AM to 12 PM | No Rain Date*

*In the Park | 702 Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford, PA*

**MUST Reserve Vendor Space by 3/30!**

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## Tax Bills

Tax bills have been sent out the beginning of March and are due upon receipt. If you have not gotten your bill, call Berkheimer Assoc. at 610-599-3142. Please note there is a FREE SELF SERVICE OPTION on their website.

You can now look up and pay the balance due on your tax accounts at <https://customer.hab-inc.com/pub>.

## 2022 Audit

The 2022 audit of township records has been completed by Barbacane Thornton CPA firm. Township tax remains at 1.49 mils and has not changed for many years. The earned income tax rate is the same at .312% and is collected by Keystone Collections. You should have received your township tax bill at the beginning of March. If you have not, please call the Tax Collector Berkheimer Assoc. 866-309-6939. The Township Budget for 2023 was adopted in December 2022 and is posted on the township website [www.pennsbury.pa.us](http://www.pennsbury.pa.us) under township government.

## Pennsbury Land Trust 2023 Membership Appeal Reminder

The Pennsbury Land Trust is sending out its 2023 membership appeal with a special letter this year outlining its value as your community's land trust. Every land trust is as unique as the community it serves. Your local land trust's efforts are focused on Pennsbury watersheds, land conservation easements, historical landmarks and vistas within Pennsbury Twp., and education programs for members and families. If you have not already done so, please join us as a returning member or as a new member by filling out the reply card that is sent with the letter or by clicking the Join Us tab on our website: [pennsburylandtrust.org](http://pennsburylandtrust.org) to download a form. Thank you for your support!

## Planning Commission Update

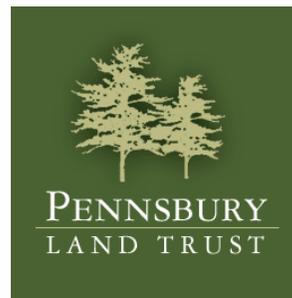
The following is an update of the Pennsbury Township Planning Commission's (PC) main activities and news since the last edition of the Pennsbury Township News:

- The PC held its 2023 organizational meeting on January 24 and the following members were elected as officers: Chair, Dennis Smith, Vice-Chair, Kay Ellsworth and Secretary, Corinne Murphy. We wish to thank Jeff Streitel for serving as Secretary for the past several years. Jeff remains on the PC along with Alan Matas and Mike Clements.
- There were several lot line change applications reviewed by the PC during this period: 1610 Cheryl Lane and 1080 Parkersville Rd., 508 and 470 Hillendale Rd., 1011 and 1021 Baltimore Pike, and 1301 and 1451 Fairville Rd.
- The PC reviewed Zoning Hearing Board Variance Applications for properties located at: 508 Hillendale Rd, 519 Baltimore Pike and 1650 Pocopson Rd.
- We also reviewed a plan for a four lot subdivision on McFadden Rd.

All township residents are welcome to attend Planning Commission meetings which are scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM in the Township Building. •

## Restoration of the John Hope House

The John Hope House is an 18th century historic house located on Baltimore Pike adjacent to the township building. We are currently finalizing the plans to preserve, stabilize and restore the home. On behalf of Pennsbury Township and the Pennsbury Land Trust, the township's Coordinating Architect for the restoration, Margo Leach, NCARB, will give a talk on its history, the investigative findings, and township restoration plans for 2023-2024. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.



Date: April 27, 2023 at 7:00pm in the Harris Room of the Township Building located at 702 Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford, PA. •



*Existing Before Restoration*



*Rendering After Restoration*



## Homeowners Guide to Healthy Habits for Clean Water

**A**s stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of stormwater. Adopt these healthy household habits and help protect lakes, streams, rivers, wetlands, and coastal waters. Remember to share the habits with your neighbors.

### VEHICLE AND GARAGE

- Use a commercial car wash, or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into your local waterbody.
- Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand, and don't rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain. Remember to properly dispose of the absorbent material.
- Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Don't dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose in the trash.

### LAWN AND GARDEN

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Avoid application if the forecast calls for rain; otherwise, chemicals will be washed into your local stream.
- Select native plants and grasses that are drought and pest resistant. Native plants require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides.
- Sweep up yard debris, rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.
- Don't overwater your lawn. Water during the cool times of the day, don't let water run-off into the storm drain.

- Cover piles of dirt and mulch being used in landscaping projects to prevent these pollutants from blowing or washing off your yard and into local waterbodies. Vegetate bare spots in your yard to prevent soil erosion.

### HOME REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT

- Before beginning an outdoor project, locate the nearest storm drains and protect them from debris.
- Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris such as concrete and mortar.
- Use hazardous substances like paints, solvents, and cleaners in the smallest amounts possible, and follow the directions on the label. Clean up spills immediately, and dispose of the waste safely. Store substances properly to avoid leaks and spills.
- Purchase and use nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled, and recyclable products whenever possible.
- Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Filter and reuse paint thinner when using oil-based paints. Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collection program or donate unused paint to local organizations.
- Reduce the amount of paved area and increase the amount of vegetated area in your yard. Use native plants in your landscaping to reduce the need for watering during dry periods. Consider directing downspouts away from paved surfaces onto lawns and other measures to increase infiltration and reduce polluted runoff.

### PET CARE

- When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local waterbodies.

### SWIMMING POOL AND SPA

- Drain your swimming pool only when a test kit does not detect chlorine levels.
- Whenever possible, drain your pool or spa into the sanitary sewer system.
- Safely store pool and spa chemicals to prevent leaks and spills, preferably in a covered area to avoid exposure to stormwater.

### SEPTIC SYSTEM USE AND MAINTENANCE

- Have your septic system inspected by a professional at least every 3 years, and have the septic tank pumped as necessary (usually every 3 to 5 years).
- Care for the septic system drain field by not driving or parking vehicles on it. Plant only grass over and near the drain field to avoid damage from roots.
- Flush responsibly. Flushing household chemicals like paint, pesticides, oil, and antifreeze can destroy the biological treatment taking place in the system. Other items, such as diapers, paper towels, and cat litter, can clog the septic system and potentially damage components. •



## REMINDER! Dogs must be on a leash while in the park.

Once again there has been several incidents where dogs have been off leash in the park and the township has received complaints.

You must have your dog on a leash when they enter the park

AND when walking in the park. It is the LAW. If other dog walkers see this violation, please speak up and gently remind people that there is a leash law. It's great to see dogs and their owners enjoying the park. The township would like to keep it that way.



## Artisan Sign Ordinance

Contractor signs shall be put up not more than 3 days before a job starts and must be taken down when work is completed. The homeowner must make sure the contractor has a permit for the work BEFORE the job is started. If you're not sure you need a permit, please check with the Code Enforcement Officer Rusty Drumheller at 610-388-1790. The township may enforce a fine if signs are left up after the work is completed and the sign will be removed.

## Roadside Clean Up Day

**Saturday, April 22**

This is a good project for neighborhood groups to clean up the roadside around their homes. It also is a great way for high school students to acquire community service hours. Vests, gloves and bags can be picked-up at the Township Building. Filled trash bags, if left on the roadside, will be picked up by the road crew.

Call Dave Allen, Road Master at 610-388-9180 to leave your location and request supplies.

## Great Communities Build Great Libraries

*Help Us Build the new Kennett Library & Resource Center*

**L**ibraries are one of the few places in our society where you can come to just be. With no expectation of purchase, membership, or dues, we are a safe space for all in our community.

We are books, but we are much more than just books—we are the connective tissue in our town, a public common for civic engagement, a vital resource to those who need access to wi-fi, computers, and digital information. We are a place to meet, learn, teach, share, connect, and expand horizons.

Plans for the new \$21.7 million, 33,425 square foot Kennett Library & Resource Center are on track to open in late Spring of 2023, and with it, endless possibilities for our community. Our new building will offer two makerspaces, a 110-seat auditorium, meeting rooms, study rooms, an audio-visual room, and more.

We're so close to meeting our campaign goal, but we still need your support. We mean it when we say, "Great Communities Build Great Libraries." Your gift is an investment in the future of our beloved community and will help us serve the public for generations. Learn how you can help at [campaign4.kennettlibrary.org](http://campaign4.kennettlibrary.org).

In 2022, the Kennett Library offered 1,000 free programs for children, teens, and adults in person and virtually. Programs like ESL classes, art workshops, family story time, nature camp, book groups, webinars, author talks, and more.

Our Toddler Nature Camp, hosted in Anson B. Nixon Park, attracted 150 toddlers over four weeks this summer. This was the perfect opportunity for children and families to connect with nature. Similarly, our lecture series with the KSQ Farmers Market returned for its second year and brought in local experts to talk about the importance of trees in our lives.

As always, we are grateful for the support of Pennsbury Township. We couldn't offer our outstanding programs or build this new library without the support of our municipal partners.

For questions or more information about donating to the Capital Campaign, please contact Mary Hutchins at 302-547-2089 or [mary@kennettlibrary.org](mailto:mary@kennettlibrary.org). For a calendar of events and programs, visit [www.kennettlibrary.org](http://www.kennettlibrary.org).

## Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway Commission

**T**he Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway Commission is proud to announce the creation of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway. The byway along State Route 52 follows routes used by Tubman and other leaders of the Underground Railroad as they led Americans from enslavement to freedom. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation announced the designation on November 9th. The dedication ceremony will be later this spring.



### SCAN HERE TO READ

"Wolf administration announces launch of Harriet Tubman Scenic Byway in Chester County"  
Author: Keith Schweigert (FOX43)



[www.fox43.com/article/news/regional/harriet-tubman-scenic-byway-chester-county-launch/521-6bf1f8a2-79c3-4701-af3f-526124b5eac8](http://www.fox43.com/article/news/regional/harriet-tubman-scenic-byway-chester-county-launch/521-6bf1f8a2-79c3-4701-af3f-526124b5eac8)



## 2023 Pennsbury Land Trust Community Naturalist Education Series

Be inspired by the beauty and value of native plants. All programs are taught by experienced biologists and horticulturists. **Free. But registration is required; space is limited. To register, call 610-388-7323.** Meet behind the Pennsbury Twp. Municipal Building, 702 Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford, 19317 unless otherwise directed in the program description.

**Sat. March 25; 10-12 noon**  
(Registration Deadline Mar.20)

### Jump-Start Your Native Plant Garden

Whether you are starting a new native plant garden or just adding a few natives to your small patio, learn about best locations, planting requirements, great selections, local sources, specialty gardens, and much more. Watch a demonstration on planting beautiful, easily grown natives in containers. Light refreshments served.

**Fri. April 21; 9am-3pm**  
(Registration Deadline Apr. 14)

### Wildflowers and Mills on the Susquehanna

As the mighty Susquehanna River created rich, sheltered habitats for a wealth of wildflowers and wildlife, it also provided waterpower for mills and transportation. Walk among drifts of Dutchman's Breeches, Bluebells, Toothwort, and Trillium while watching for eagles and migrating songbirds. Bring lunch, beverage, binoculars if you have them, and wear sturdy shoes. Meet at the Pennsbury Township Building to carpool the easy 1-hour drive to Susquehanna State Park. If you prefer to meet us at the park, please note that when registering.

**Sat. May 27; 10-11:30am**  
(Registration Deadline May 22)

### Ecologically Healthy Lawns & Lawn Alternatives

Learn about some environmentally sustainable techniques for managing lawns and even better, reducing lawn size. Take home suggestions for great lawn-alternative native groundcovers for variety of situations.

**Fri. June 16; 10-12 noon**  
(Registration Deadline June 12)

### Stream and Wetland Management

Join us for an easy 7/10 of a mile walk along a local stream observing various management situations. Learn how to analyze and implement environmentally healthy management of stream side and riparian buffer lands. Hear about the best native plants for wetlands and streams to stabilize banks, control flooding, reduce pollutants, and enhance property values by adding aesthetic appeal.

**Sat. July 15; 10-11:30 am**  
(Registration Deadline July 11)

### Pond Life on the Edge: For Adults & Children

While adults learn about best pond management techniques and beautiful pond-side native plants, children will dip for aquatic critters and learn about life cycles and creating copepod thumb prints. Suitable for children ages 6 and up. Wear shoes that can get wet and muddy.

**Fri. August 18; 6-7:30 pm**  
(Registration Deadline Aug. 15)

### Functional Backyard Habitats

Find out how to set up your property for maximum beneficial wildlife diversity. Emphasis will be on attracting birds, bees, and butterflies using varied mini habitats, multiple vegetative layers and year-round food sources.



**Sat, Sept. 23; 10-12 noon**  
(Registration Deadline Sept. 18)

### Wildflowers on the Brandywine Conservancy Trail

Enjoy a late summer walk in the meadow adjacent to the Brandywine Museum of Art, as we observe lush asters, goldenrods, ironweed, mountain mint, and other pollinator-friendly late-season native wildflowers. Find out how to add these features to your own property. Meet the leader in the back of the museum parking lot, near Rte. 1, for this walk on the Harvey Run Trail and Potts Meadow circuit.

**Sun. October 15; 1-2:30 pm**  
(Registration Deadline Oct. 12)

### Wild and Wicked Plants

Wildflowers that eat meat, beauties that are deadly poisonous, and one that can cure nightmares about snakes. Sometimes diabolical, sometimes useful: take a lighthearted look at plants that are not always what they seem to be, as we walk the township park enjoying plant folklore.

## Large Item Disposal

**Thursday, April 20 ( 6:30 am - 2:30 pm)**

**Friday, April 21 ( 6:30 am - 2:30 pm)**

**Saturday, April 22 (9 am - 1 pm)**

Large item disposal for Pennsbury Township residents ONLY, proof of residency may be required. The dumpster will be located near the maintenance garage and will be manned by Township personnel.

NO HAZARDOUS-MATERIALS OR ELECTRONICS. The following charges will apply: (cash or check made out to Pennsbury Township.)

\$3.00 for each car tire

\$15.00 for Truck / Tractor

\$12.00 AC / Refrigerator



## 2023 Hazardous Household Waste Events

**Saturday, April 22, 2023 - Phoenixville**

Technical College High School –

Pickering Campus

1580 Charlestown Rd., Phoenixville, PA 19460

**Friday, June 23, 2023 - Coatesville**

Coatesville Learning Center

1635 E. Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320

**Saturday, August 26, 2023 - Oxford**

Oxford School District Administrative Building

125 Bell Tower Lane, Oxford, PA 19363

**Saturday, October 7, 2023 - West Chester**

Government Services Center

601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA 19363

### You MUST Register

for the event. Scan QR code here or go to the County Solid Waste Authority website [www.chestercountyswa.org](http://www.chestercountyswa.org).



## Restrictions on Open Burning

Pennsbury Township discourages open burning, but if you must the following restrictions apply. **If township receives a complaint, the burning MUST STOP immediately. It cannot start up again!** Zoning Ordinance 162-1911, sets strict limitations on open burning.

- Open burning of anything other than leaves and small branches is strictly prohibited at all times. There shall be no emission of smoke, ash, dust, fumes, vapors, gases, or other matter toxic or noxious to air which violates the Pennsylvania Air Pollution Control Laws.
- Open burning of leaves and small branches is prohibited during the following intervals:
  - » On weekends and Holidays at any time
  - » On weekdays between 4:00 PM and 9:00 AM
- Therefore, open burning of leaves and small branches may only be legally conducted during weekdays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at which time the fire shall be fully extinguished.
- Before any legal open burning is conducted, the Longwood Fire Company must be informed and the fire must comply with all fire department requirements. Approval by Longwood Fire Co is necessary, but not sufficient. The Township regulations must be adhered to regardless of Longwood Fire Co approval.
- Also, Township notices regarding leaf and branch pickup carry the underlying ordinance restriction regarding open burning.
- Please be good neighbors and comply with the Township open burning regulations.

## Longwood Fire Company – A busy year!

2022 was a busy year for Longwood Fire Company—and 2023 has been in keeping with this trend. In total, Longwood Fire Company ran 1,164 fire calls and 3,486 EMS calls in 2022 (not including standbys at local sports games and community events). Last year, Longwood Fire Company responded to 135 calls for fire/rescue service in Pennsbury Township alone. Most of the responses were for various types of automatic or false alarms, motor vehicle crashes, and medical assists. For Emergency Medical Services (EMS) calls specifically, there were 326 calls for service in Pennsbury Township. In the month of January, there have been seven calls for fire service and 40 calls for EMS services. While we love responding to the needs of the community, we hope that you never need to use us!



### Here are some safety tips to keep in mind as we start to think about Spring cleaning and warmer weather:

- **Remove leaves, pine needles, and other flammable material** from the roof, gutters, and on and under the deck to help prevent embers from charcoal grills or campfires from igniting your home. Remove any dead vegetation from the areas around your house (**at least within five feet of the home**).
- Make sure **gasoline containers are tightly capped** and stored in a detached garage or shed. **Never store gasoline inside or in a container that is not manufactured for that purpose.**
- **Inspect your grills carefully** and make sure they are free of grease or fat buildup. Clean out any nests, spider webs, or other debris you may find.
- **For propane grills, check the gas tank hose for leaks** before using it for the first time each year.

Unfortunately, although call volumes are going up, volunteer numbers here and across the Commonwealth continue to decrease. In 2022, with the support of our municipalities including the Pennsbury Township Supervisors, we launched a **Volunteer Incentive Program** in collaboration with Kennett Fire Company. This program provides modest payment to qualified volunteers based on how many hours they staff in the station and how many calls they respond to. Volunteers can earn up to \$13,000 per year with this program. It is our hope that this measure helps us maintain the noble legacy of volunteer firefighting.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with our organization, please feel free to stop by the station or contact Deputy Chief Mike Wells at [mwells@longwoodfireco.com](mailto:mwells@longwoodfireco.com). As always, we thank Pennsbury Township for its tremendous support of the Longwood Fire Company. We could not do it without you! •



## UCFSD School District Update

**O**ur elementary, middle and high schools are buzzing with exciting academic and extracurricular offerings. Heralded as the “District of the Decade” in the Commonwealth by the Pittsburgh Business Times, we are all proud of our schools and with good reasons. Since it is now February, here are some highlights from the year to date and a preview of things to come.

**AUGUST** brought us a new high school Principal, Dr. Amy Jenkins. Previously an Assistant Principal at Unionville High School.

**SEPTEMBER** saw the Unionville High School Chorale perform the National Anthem at Citizens Bank Ballpark. Fifteen seniors were named as National Merit Semi-finalists. Unionville High School teacher, Natalie Carter, received a prestigious Fulbright Award.

In **OCTOBER** the Unionville High School Marching Band placed 1st at the USBands PA State Championships.

**NOVEMBER** witnessed the 1st Annual Unionville Turkey Trot. With over 300 runners participating, the run. Join us next year! Head Football Coach, Pat Clark, completed his impressive run of 19 seasons to devote his full attention to his role as Assistant Principal at the high school.

In **DECEMBER** the Patton Middle School Student Council completed Stockings for Seniors collecting items to benefit the Kennett Area Senior Center, among many other community events.

In **JANUARY**, Charles F. Patton Middle School celebrated its 50th Anniversary. The high school also held the first ever Reset, Recharge, and Rebalance day to complete midterm exams and start the second marking period. There were more than 50 activities for students to select from throughout the day.

**FEBRUARY** will see the return of the UHS Used Book Sale on the 25th -26th. The Sale is the largest PTO fundraiser and draws visitors from the tri-state area. Hillendale Elementary completed the application package to become a U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School, a federal recognition program for schools accomplishing great things in the areas of sustainability, wellness, and environmental education.

On **MARCH** 17th and 18th Chadds Ford Elementary will host the Annual Art Show & Sale. Now in its 74th Year, the event, which is open to the public, was founded in 1949 by Betsy Wyeth. The performances of the high school musical, *Once Upon a Mattress*, will be on March 16-18 and are open to the public.

In **APRIL** students in grades 3-8 take the PSSAs to evaluate areas of strength as well as additional instruction needed.

Along with **MAY** flowers, seniors will be presenting their capstone projects sharing how their experience within UCFSD has prepared and shaped them for their next journey.

In **JUNE**, we will witness the graduation of approximately 325 seniors all headed off to their next phase of “succeeding in life and contributing to society,” our district mission. •

### Branch Pickup

**Monday - Friday, April 10 - 14**

The road crew will come by only ONCE during the week so have your branches out on Monday. They will not be collected unless they are properly prepared. If you have questions call Road Master, Dave Allen, at 610-388-9180.

This program is for residents to get rid of fallen limbs or small trees. IT IS NOT TO BE USED AS A COMMERCIAL TREE SERVICE OR FOR LOT CLEARING .

The Township mulch pile is available for residents use. Contact Dave Allen to coordinate pickup or with questions.

#### Preparation of brush and limbs:

- Brush and limbs must be from your Pennsbury Township property.
- Roots, stumps and limbs with wire and/or nails will NOT be picked up.
- All brush and limbs must be in the right of way.
- Dry, dead brush and tree limbs must be tied in bundles 3' long or less. Each bundle should be not greater than 12" in diameter.
- Fresh-cut (green) limbs, 2" in diameter and larger, should be left full length, placed along roadside with large ends closest to the road, not in a random pile.
- Only 8 bundles of brush and / or tree limbs and 10 fresh cut branches are allowed per property.

### Driveway Permits Needed for Resurfacing Your Driveway

These can be obtained on line at [www.pennsbury.pa.us](http://www.pennsbury.pa.us) or call the office at 610-388-7323. Permits are NOT needed for sealcoating your driveway—only for resurfacing. The Road Department can be very helpful in advising you what to look for in a good job. Too many driveways are done with minimal materials and fall apart quickly. **THE HOMEOWNER IS RESPONSIBLE for obtaining the permit BEFORE the work is done.**



# PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP

EST. 1770

702 Baltimore Pike  
Chadds Ford, PA 19317

**Phone:** 610-388-7323

**Fax:** 610-388-6036

**Web:** [www.pennsbury.pa.us](http://www.pennsbury.pa.us)

**Office Hours:**

Monday through Thursday:  
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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Standard Mail  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Permit # 50  
West Chester, PA



## PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY 2023

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

*(elected 6 yr term)*  
Meets 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm

Wendell Fenton, *Vice Chair*  
*(term ends 2023)*  
610-388-6168

Aaron McIntyre, *Chair*  
*(term ends 2027)*  
610-388-9795

Dan Boyle *(term ends 2025)*  
484-757-9776

### TOWNSHIP STAFF

Kathleen Howley  
*Township Manager*  
610-388-7323

Pat Carpenter  
Christina Church  
*Office Staff*

Barbara Biedekapp  
*Financial Director*

### CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Russell Drumheller  
610-388-1790

### SOLICITOR

Tom Oeste, Esq.  
610-436-4400 ext. 1550

### TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Matthew Houtmann  
610-565-6363

### ROAD CREW

David Allen, *Road Master*  
610-388-9180

Pete Laws  
Michael Quinn  
Patrick Yerkes

### CONSTABLE

*(elected 6-year term)*

David E. Cox  
610-637-5621

### TOWNSHIP AUDITORS

*(elected 6 year term)*

Patrick Barron  
Adelaide Jones  
Maceo Davis

### ZONING HEARING BOARD

Greg McCauley  
Ed Foley, Attorney  
James Porter  
Bill Talman  
Alternate - Greg Williams  
Alternate - Jerry Snyder  
Alternate - William Dugdale

### VACANCY BOARD

Robert Luft

### HISTORIC COMMISSION

Joan Gummey  
Lynn Luft  
Eileen Mallouk  
Brenda Mendenhall  
Susan Williams  
Judi Wilson  
Russell Drumheller

### PLANNING COMMISSION

Meets 4th Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm

Dennis Smith - *Chairman*  
Kay Ellsworth - *Vice Chair*  
Corinne Murphy - *Secretary*  
Mike Clements  
Alan Matas  
Jeff Streitell

### SECCRA & RECYCLING

Will Sappington

### RT 52 SCENIC BYWAY COMMITTEE

Mary G. Fahner-Short

### KENNETT LIBRARY BOARD

Barbara Necarsulmer  
Todd Bruce

### COMPUTER ASSISTANT

Gary Summers

### ANIMAL CONTROL

Brandywine Valley SPCA  
610-692-6113

### STATE POLICE

Avondale Barracks  
(non emergency)  
610-268-2022

### TO REPORT ROAD KILL

On U.S 1 (PennDot):  
484-340-3200

All other roads  
(PA Game Commission):  
610-926-3136, prompt #0

### UNIONVILLE-CHADDS FORD SCHOOL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT C

*(elected 4 year term)*

John Murphy  
Erin Talbert  
Jen Brown  
District Office: 610-347-0970

### ELECTED FEDERAL AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES

U.S. Senators:

Robert P Casey  
555 Walnut St., 1st Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101  
717-231-7450  
[casey.senate.gov](http://casey.senate.gov)

U.S. House of Representatives District 6  
Chrissy Houlahan  
709 E Gay St., West Chester, PA 19389  
610-883-5050  
[www.houlahan.house.gov](http://www.houlahan.house.gov)

PA Senator District 9  
John Kane  
717-756-1548  
610-436-3320

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