



PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP NEWS

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From This:
East Parcel Before Clearing

The East Parcel next to Township Building has been cleared for future trails. The property was bought in 2014 from Toll Brothers and the Township committed the land to open space. A conservation easement was placed on the entire land purchased. It shall remain open space in perpetuity.

A PECO Green matching grant was awarded last year to help with the cost of clearing this parcel. The clearing work was recently completed and the ground will be treated to

Township Improves Parcel for Park Addition



To This:
East Parcel ready for Improvement. Pennsbury Antique Mall to left in rear.

keep invasives from growing back. Grass seed as well as meadow grass will be planted and hopefully we'll have a grass trail system linking the park to this lot within the next couple of years.

An open space management plan was recently completed by Brandywine Conservancy outlining the trail system and other natural features to be included on the parcel.



SPRING CLEANUP EVENTS

Dates and information on pages 4 and 5

Branch Pickup
Yard Sale
Dumpster
Township Roadside Cleanup

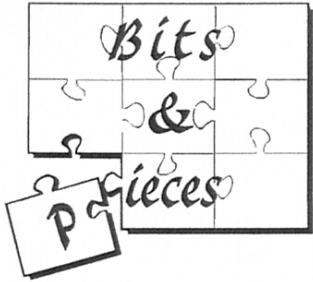
Shredding Event
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal
Open Burning Regulations

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❖ SIGN REGULATIONS

Spring is almost here and homes are going up for sale. Your realtor should know what the regulations are for posting signs but a refresher is always helpful. Sign pollution can be a problem and the home owner can help with this.

Please note that Off Site directional signs are prohibited. A property can have one ONE sale sign posted on the front lawn unless it is a corner lot in which case it can have two.

Open house signs are permitted ONLY 24 hours before the event and must be taken down within 24 hours after the event.

Illegal signs will be removed and discarded. A realtor can call the Township office at 610-388-7323 with any questions.

❖ PENNSBURY'S HISTORIC MILL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Pennsbury Historic Preservation, Inc a 501c3 affiliate of the Township invites you to participate in a unique community service — the care and use

of the Pennsbury Mill, a 100 year old hydroelectric generating mill located on Fairville Road.

Our commitment currently is to serve the local elementary schools by providing an educational program for spring field trips.

Partnering with the Williamson College of the Trades, we present hands on demonstration of natural cycles, conservation, renewable energy, and power generation and usage as part of the 4th grade curriculum.

We would be interested in anyone with a background in education, engineering, the power industry or in helping with new ideas and initiatives of our ongoing programs.

This is a fun experience with a minimum time commitment. If you would like to be a part of our team or for more information, please contact Matt Ochs at: matthew.ochs@gmail.com.

❖ SUMMER ROAD WORK AND REMINDERS

The following roads will be worked on this summer: Stockford Road, Shadow Lane, Spindle Lane, Sparrow Hawk Lane, North Ridge, South Ridge, Honey Tree Lane, Misty Meadow, Independence Way, Hanover Drive and Evergreen Court.

Do not plant or place anything in the Township right of way — 5 feet in from the edge of the road should be grass. Also keep trees and bushes trimmed back and out of the road way.

Plantings pose a hazard to the traveling public as well as Township vehicles doing road work.

DRIVEWAY PERMITS are need for resurfacing your drive. This is to make sure the swales at the edge of the road do not allow storm water runoff onto the road which can cause flooding. The permit fee is \$75.00. For questions, contact Roadmaster, Dave Allen at 610-388-9180.

❖ ANIMAL ALERT

Along with dear and fox in your backyard, you may have spotted something that looks like a dog – but it's not!

Coyotes are here and several have been seen in our area. This has not become a problem but citizens should be aware. Any questions can be answered by the PA Game Commission at 610-926-3136.

❖ NEW MEDICARE CARD

Beginning in April Medicare will be mailing new cards to all those on Medicare. Your Social Security number will no longer be on the card. For questions contact

Medicare at 1-800-633-4227

Please be alert to telephone scams which ask for personal information or money for the new Medicare cards.

❖ REDUCE STORMWATER RUNOFF THIS SPRING

- Convert a corner of your property to native warm season grasses. Their extensive roots of 3 to 7 feet deep enrich the soil and absorb many times the amount of rainwater that turf does.

- Plant a large stature tree. At maturity they intercept over 1,000 gallons of rainwater each year. Their broad-leaf canopies reduce the force of rain hitting the soil, reducing erosion.

- When you fertilize the lawn, you're not just fertilizing the lawn. Excess nitrogen and phosphorus from lawn fertilization is frequently a pollutant to streams by fostering the growth of algae which depletes oxygen levels.

❖ LONG TIME RESIDENT PASSES

Sadly, we have learned of the passing of long time resident Mark Gunderson who had served on the Township Zoning Hearing Board for many years. Mark passed away at his home on February 16 after a brief bout with cancer. Our condolences to the family.



Planning Commission Update

Since the last edition of Pennsbury Township News, the Planning Commission (PC) has:

- Concluded its work on the Brenn's two-lot subdivision application with a recommendation that the supervisors approve the request, subject to the conditions contained in Matt Houtman's final review letter. Additionally, the PC recommended that the waiver request submitted by the Brenn be granted. It should be noted that the Historical Commission was extensively involved in the review process for the subdivision application due to the historical significance of the property.

- Following an advisement by FEMA that the township's definition of "new construction" in our flood plain maps required a change, the amendment was drafted by Solicitor, Tom Oeste. A motion to recommend that the supervisors approve the revised definition was passed by the PC.

- Changed the meeting day from Mondays to Tuesdays at 5:00 PM. The 2018 elected officers are: Dennis Smith, Chair; Corinne Murphy, Vice Chair and Jeff Streitel, Secretary. The Historical Commission and Brandywine Battlefield Task Force representative is Lynn Luft and the Kennett Area Regional Planning representative is Jim Ware.

- Following reviews and discussions with the Historical Commission, the Keller's application for a demolition permit for selected historical buildings on their Springdale Farm property was reviewed by the PC and the recommendation was made to allow this to proceed due to the poor and unsafe conditions of the noted buildings. The application was reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

- With continued leadership from Jim Ware, the PC completed its work on a long term project to provide increased protection of Pennsbury Township's groundwater by unanimously voting to recommend that the supervisors approve amendments to our Zoning Ordinance that were recently drafted by our Solicitor, Tom Oeste and discussed by the PC.

- Jeff Streitel completed and forwarded to the Board, the PC's 2017 Annual Report.

All residents are welcome to attend Planning Commission meetings which are scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 5:00 PM and are held at the Township Building.

Dennis Smith, Chair



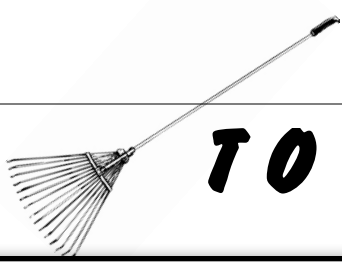
New Recycling Building at SECCRA

SECCRA (Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority) is receiving more recyclables than ever before. The building where small loads were consolidated into tractor-trailer-sized loads was too small to handle the 50+ tons per day of recycling received.

In 2017, SECCRA received a \$250,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to help defray the cost of a new building to handle the area's recycling. This building, which will fully cost about \$750,000 got started in late 2017 and will begin operation in early 2018.

Interesting Recycling Facts

- When done correctly, you may find you have less trash — when done incorrectly recycling becomes trash! To see how to do it correctly, watch a short 2 1/2 minute video at www.chestercountyswa.org and click on *recycling*, then *single stream recycling video*.
- Every four years the PA Department of Agriculture offers agricultural businesses and pesticide applicators the opportunity to dispose of unwanted pesticides safely and easily. The program is offered to different counties each year and this year will include Chester County. Called the CHEMSWEEP Program, it is open to eligible applicators, dealers and business.



TOWNSHIP SPRING

Yard Sale

Saturday, April 28
rain date, May 5
(9am - 2 pm)

Information/registration will be sent out by April 2 for sign-up so start to put aside items you wish to sell and plan to come out to the yard sale.

For information check the Township website. Weather information will be available the night before on the township phone, 610-388-7323.

There are over 70 vendor slots available, lots of free parking and good food — so save the date.

Restrictions on Open Burning

Pennsbury Township 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 in advance and the fire comply with all fire department requirements. It should be noted that 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.

Roadside Cleanup

Saturday, April 21

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 will be provided by the Township. Filled trash bags, if left on the roadside, will be picked up by the road crew. Call the Maintenance Garage at 610-388-9180 to leave your location and request supplies.

Dumpster

Thursday, April 19 (6:30 am - 2:30 pm)

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

Saturday, April 21 (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

see page 5 for hazardous waste and electronics collection information

The following charges will apply: (cash or check made out to Pennsbury Twp.)

\$4.00 for each car tire \$8.00 for each car tire with rim

\$10 for each truck tire \$15 of each truck tire with rim

\$15 per refrigerator / air conditioner (freon recovery fee)

CLEANUP EVENTS

2018 Chester County Household Hazardous Waste Event Schedule

NO ELECTRONICS WILL BE ACCEPTED

**ALL EVENTS START AT 9AM
AND CLOSE AT 3 PM SHARP**

Saturday, April 7

CENTER FOR ARTS & TECHNOLOGY PICKERING
CAMPUS (Technical College High School)
1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460

Saturday, April 21

(proof of residency may be required)
OCTORARA HIGH SCHOOL
226 Highland Road, Atglen, PA 19310

Saturday May 19

Owen J. Roberts Middle School
981 Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA 19456

Friday, June 22

COATESVILLE LEARNING CENTER
1425 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320
(Stone wall entrance - Veteran's Dr., Same entrance as
CAT Brandywine- Route 30 across from Dairy Queen)

Saturday, September 8

(proof of residency may be required)
OXFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE
BLDG
125 Bell Tower Lane, Oxford, PA 19363

Saturday, October 13

GOVERNMENT SERVICES CENTER
601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA 19380

FOR A LIST OF ACCEPTED AND NOT
ACCEPTED ITEMS GO TO:

www.chestercountyswa.org/DocumentCenter/View/1475

PLEASE TAKE CARDBOARD BOXES HOME TO
RECYCLE AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING

Branch Pickup

Monday - Friday, April 9-13

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 Roadmaster, 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:

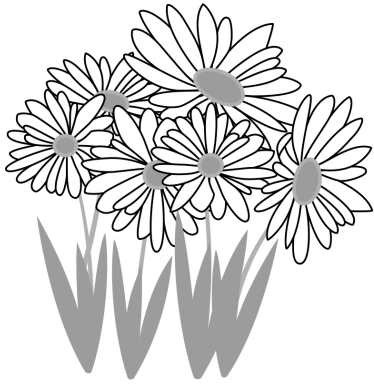
- Brush and limbs must be from your Pennsbury Township property.
- Roots stumps and limbs with wire and/or nails will NOT be picked up.
- All brush and limbs must be in the right of way.
- Dry, dead brush and tree limbs must be tied in bundles 3' long or less. Each bundle should be not greater than 12" 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.

Shredding Event

**Saturday, May 12
(9 am- noon)**

This is **FREE** for Pennsbury Township residents and will be held in the Township Building parking lot. **No commercial businesses.**

This is an opportunity for you to shred those important documents that should not be sent to the landfill. Identity theft is everywhere so take this opportunity to dispose of sensitive items properly.



Wildflowers and Mills on the Susquehanna

Friday April 27, 2018
9 am - 3 pm

Pennsbury Land Trust Spring Field Trip

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 along a section of the Susquehanna and Tidewater Canal through drifts of Dutchman's breeches, bluebells, toothwort, phlox and an unusual white trillium. See evidence of the pioneer settlers' mills and canals. Learn about the region's ecology while watching for migrating warblers and resident eagles.

Bring lunch and beverage, binoculars if you have them and wear sturdy shoes. Meet at the Pennsbury Township Building to carpool the easy one hour drive to Susquehanna State Park.

Trip is limited to 15 people. To reserve space call the Township Building at 610-388-7323 or email khowley@pennsbury.pa.us

Cost is \$10 per person/ \$5 for Pennsbury Land Trust members. Fee will be collected on the day of the trip.

The Pennsbury Land Trust Invites You!



The Waters of the Brandywine

7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 5, 2018
Pennsbury Twp. Building, 702 Baltimore Pike,
Chadds Ford, PA 19317

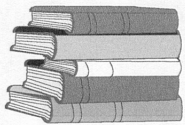
Flooding... Runoff... Erosion... Pollution...

The Brandywine has flowed through centuries of environmental changes, yet steadfastly remains the centerpiece of our local culture, landscape and economy.

How do we impact The Brandywine?
What are we doing to protect this valuable resource?
Joining us for this special presentation and Q & A.

Guest Speaker:
Janet L. Bowers, Executive Director,
Chester County Water Resources Authority

This is a FREE, PLT-sponsored event. Complimentary wine, cheese, sweets and coffee will be served.



NEWS FROM THE KENNETT LIBRARY

2017 was a record year for the Kennett Library with even more expected in 2018. The library, which serves seven municipalities in addition to Pennsbury Township, provided 1,040 free programs and for the first time since 2010 ended the year with an operating surplus.

In addition to the broad collection of print, audio, e-books and movies, the library offers programs for children, teens and adults on a wide and growing range of topics: Art Club, Toddler Music, Science Explorers, Graphic Novel Club, Computer Games, Author Talks, English as a Second Language, Poetry and Cinema Events.

Planning is underway for a busy summer of camps and programs. Check the Kennett Library website at kennettlibrary.org for the full schedule and don't forget the very popular June 2nd Bayard Taylor Home and Garden tour.

The Library is moving onward with plans for its new building, an exciting new space allowing for expansion of the library's programs as well as new opportunities to serve our communities. An agreement of sale is in place for the site at State and Willow Streets in Kennett, the property at Ways Lane was sold and architectural work and construction estimates are ongoing. Stay tuned to kennettlibrary.org for the latest information.

PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY 2018

Board of Supervisors (elected 6 yr term)

Meets 3rd Wednesday
7:00 pm

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Kathleen Howley
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Assistant Secretary

Pat Carpenter

Financial Assistant

Barbara Biedekapp

Tax Collector (elected 4 yr term)

Marge Crandell

Code Enforcement

Officer

Russell Drumheller
610-388-1790

Solicitor

Tom Oeste, Esq.
610-436-4400

Township Engineer

Matthew Houtman
610-565-6363

Road Crew

Dave Allen, Roadmaster
610-388-9180

Pete Laws
Jeffrey Miller
Patrick Yerkes

Constable (elected 6 yr term)

Harry McKinney

Township Auditors (elected 6 yr term)

Pat Barron
Adelaide Jones
Reese Reynolds

Zoning Hearing Board

Greg McCauley
James Porter
Greg Williams

Vacancy Board

Robert Luft

Planning Commission

Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday
5:00 pm

Dennis Smith, Chair
Corrine Murphy, V. Chair
Jeff Streitl, Sec.
Robert Crandell
Lynn Luft
Jim Ware

SECCRA & Recycling

Will Sappington

Historic Commission

Joan Gummey
Lynn Luft
Eileen Mallouk
Susan Williams
Rusty Drumheller,
non-voting

Rt 52 Scenic Byway Committee

Alma Forsyth
Joe Carbonell

Kennett Library Board

Catherine Elder
Barbara Necarsulmer

Newsletter Editor

Sallie Corbishle

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 US 1 - PennDot
484-340-3200

All other roads-
PA Game Commission
610-926-3136

Unionville-Chadds Ford School Board District C

(elected 4 yr term)
John Murphy
Carolyn Daniels
Greg Linder
www.ucfsd.org

ELECTED FEDERAL AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES

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Pennsbury Township Calendar

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

Supervisors usually meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the Harris Room of the Township Building, however dates may change. For accuracy, call the Township or check the website.

Planning Commission meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 5:00 pm at the Township Building.

SCHOOL BOARD

Unionville-Chadds Ford School Board meetings begin at 7:30 pm. Locations and more info at: www.ucfsd.org

MARCH

15 Thursday, 7 - 9 pm — **Mind Your Pints & Quarts** Tavern Talk at the Chadds Ford Historical Society's Barns-Brinton House Fee. Info at: www.chaddsfordhistory.org

APRIL

5 Thursday, 7:00 pm — **The Waters of the Brandywine** presentation by Jan Bowers, Executive Director of the Chester County Water Resources Authority at the Township Building. Sponsored by the Pennsbury Land Trust. Everyone is welcome. (see page 6)

9-13 Monday - Friday — **Branch Pickup** (page 5)

12 Thursday, 7 - 9 pm — **Law & Order** Tavern Talk at the Chadds Ford Historical Society's Barns-Brinton House Fee. Info at: www.chaddsfordhistory.org

16 Monday — **Last Day to REGISTER for the Primary Election**

19, 20, 21 Thursday, Friday & Saturday — **Dumpster for Township Residents** at the Township Bldg. (hours and info on page 4)

21 Saturday — **Roadside Cleanup** (see page 4)

27 Friday, 9 am - 3 pm — **Wild Flowers and Mills on the Susquehanna** Pennsbury Land Trust Spring field trip. Fee (see page 6)

28 Saturday, 9 am - 2 pm — **Pennsbury Yard Sale** In the Park. (see page 4)

MAY

5 Saturday, 9 am - 2 pm — Rain Dste for **Pennsbury Yard Sale**

8 Monday — **Last Day to APPLY for an Absentee Ballot for the PRIMARY ELECTION**

12 Saturday, 9 an - noon — **Shredding Event** in the Township Building parking lot (see page 5)

15 Tuesday, 7 am - 8 pm — **PRIMARY ELECTION**

17 Thursday, 7 - 9 pm — **To Market To Market** Tavern Talk at the Chadds Ford Historical Society's Barns-Brinton House Fee. Info at: www.chaddsfordhistory.org

JUNE

21 Thursday, 7 - 9 pm — **Enlightened!** Tavern Talk at the Chadds Ford Historical Society's Barns-Brinton House Fee. Info at: www.chaddsfordhistory.org

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