



PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP NEWS

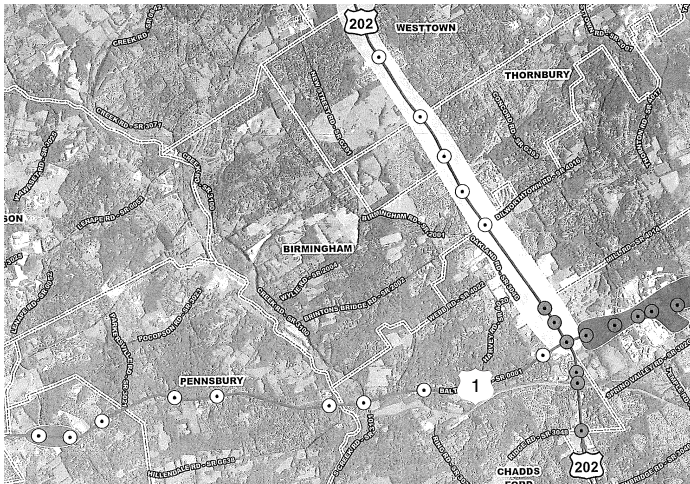
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Intelligent Transportation Coming to Route 1

An Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) is scheduled to be implemented in 2019 along Route 1 in Pennsbury Township by PennDot. The project is state and federally funded.

The traffic signal intersections at the Township Building, Ponds Edge Drive and Chadds Ford Elementary / Fairville Road will be upgraded with the Adaptive Signal Control Technology. This will adjust signal timings to real time based on traffic demand.



This is part of a project which will include signalization beginning at Greenwood Road on Route 1 in Kennett Township to the Rt. 202 intersection as well as north on Rt. 202 to West Goshen.

ITS will improve traffic flow, reduce congestion, and improve air quality. In addition this will help incident management within the corridors by providing real time information to motorists and PennDot. It will also allow PennDot to better manage operations, resulting in improved traffic flows.

Since the Brandywine Creek in this area is prone to flooding, the proposed ITS equipment will allow PennDot to monitor the situation and warn travelers to take alternate routes.

During construction traffic will be reduced to one lane on Rt. 1. One intersection at a time will be worked on. Exact construction dates have not yet been set.

- Proposed Adaptive Signals
- Existing Adaptive Signals

TOWNSHIP SPRING CLEANUP EVENTS

DATES AND INFORMATION ON PAGES 4 AND 5

**Branch Pickup
Dumpster
Roadside Cleanup**

**Shredding Event
Household Hazardous Waste
Disposal**

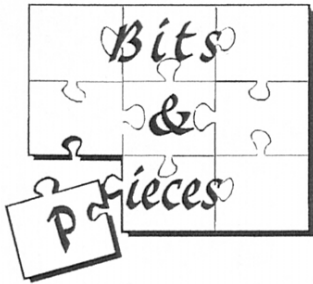
**Open Burning Regulations
Electronics Recycling
Yard Sale - ~~CANCELLED~~**

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❖ REAL ESTATE 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.

❖ SUMMER ROAD WORK

The following roads will be oiled/chipped and fog sealed — Fern Hill Road, Apple Row, Sapling Drive, Fox Run, Blue Stone Court and Drive, Conestoga Court, Chaddwyck Lane, Willow Glen and Mill Pond.

Fog Seal is a top coating applied a short time after the oil/chipping which helps to hold the chips in place and extend the life of the surface.

Also to be done this summer is the paving of Chandler Road and pipe work on Hillendale, Constitution Drive at Concord Way, Fairville Road and Cossart Road.

❖ DRIVEWAY PERMITS

These are a must for resurfacing your drive. It is the responsibility of the home owner to obtain the permit from the Township. The fee is \$75.00 and can be obtained on-line under “forms and applications” or by calling the Township Office.

Sealcoating a driveway does NOT require a permit.

❖ HORTICULTURIST TO SPEAK AT CROSSLANDS

Dan Benarcik, horticulturist at Chanticleer Botanical Garden in Wayne, PA will speak at the Kendal Crosslands Arboretum meeting on Friday, April 26 at 7:30 pm. in the Wm Penn Room of the Crosslands Center.

Chanticleer has been called the most romantic, imaginative, and exciting public garden in America. It is a place of pleasure and learning, relaxing yet filled with ideas to take home

The public is invited to this presentation whose topic will be *Chanticleer - The Art of Gardening*.

❖ REDUCE STORMWATER RUNOFF

With the excessive amount of rainfall we have had, the ground is saturated and is more prone to flooding. Here are a couple of tips to help in the future.

- 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.

❖ KENNETT LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN IN 2021

The Board of Trustees of the Kennett Library has unveiled a timeline for the construction of its new \$15 million facility slated to break ground in 2021 on the corner of State & Willow Streets in Historic Kennett Square.

The new 25,000 square foot facility will include many modern upgrades to

meet the ever-changing and evolving needs of its patrons and the community.

With the newly-approved architectural design, the Kennett Library will kick off its capital funding campaign later this year with a goal to raise the \$12 million still needed to begin construction by 2021.

❖ LONG TIME RESIDENT PASSES

Sadly, we have learned of the passing of long time resident and activist, Alma Forsyth on January 3, 2019.

Alma was a long time resident who was active in many organizations in the township over the years and will be sorely missed. She served on the Planning Commission, Rt. 52 Byway Commission, member of the League of Women Voters as well as one of the founding members of the Pennsbury Land Trust.

She would attend many a supervisor’s meeting with pen and paper in hand, updating the Board on state legislation dealing with development and the conservation of land. She was champion of a clean environment and will most certainly be missed.

Proposed Kennett Library



Pennsbury Land Trust Annual Meeting Presentation

Thursday, April 11

7:00 pm

Pennsbury Township Building

702 Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford

If you have an on-site well and/or septic system, this is for you!

HOW TO MAINTAIN A HEALTHY SEPTIC SYSTEM AND SAFE WELL WATER

Join the Pennsbury Land Trust in welcoming Tom Quinn and learn how to effectively care for your well and septic system. Tom Quinn, Environmental Health Supervisor for the Chester County Health Dept. will present an overview of private water wells and septic systems.

Come and learn about well water contaminants and their impacts and how to care for and protect your water.

Tom's presentation will also include information on septic systems. How much do you know about your septic system? Learn the do's and don'ts. Learn about the effects of flushing non-biodegradable items down the drain. Many homeowners just aren't realizing what damage they may be doing.

This event is free and open to the community, thanks to the support of PLT members. Refreshments will be served.



Planning Commission Update

The following is an update of the Planning Commission's (PC) activities since the last issue of the *Pennsbury Township News*.

A sketch plan (informal) discussion was held with the DeMarcos who expressed potential interest in purchasing the property at 415 Old Baltimore Pike.

Realtor Doug Taylor was present with two separate clients having potential interest in purchasing the property located at 1500 Pocopson Road. Both parties were interested in commercial uses for the property which would require special zoning variances.

At our January 8 organizational meeting, the PC elected Dennis Smith, Chair; Corinne Murphy, Vice-Chair and Jeff Streitl, Secretary. Lynn Luft was appointed as the representative to the Historic Commission and Brandywine Battlefield Task Force and Jim Ware was appointed as representative to the Kennett Area Regional Planning Commission.

The Township received a plan from Mr. and Mrs. Basil Anderson for a minor subdivision proposing to combine two parcels totaling approximately 41 acres and dividing them into three lots. The property is of historic significance and is located at 1691 and 1693 East Street Rd. The PC first

reviewed the the plans with Matt Houtmann, Township Engineer at our January 22 meeting and also conducted a joint site visit with members of the Historical Commission on February 9. We will further review and discuss the Anderson's plan at future PC meetings.

The PC discussed a proposed amendment to Parker Preserve for an easement for an access driveway from a single lot owned by Anthony Dambro. This planned driveway goes through the Parker Preserve dedicated open space. A meeting is planned between Mr. Dambro and Parker Preserve homeowners before the matter is further reviewed by the PC.

Richard Currie (Styer Peonies) was present at the PC's February 12 meeting to explain his application to the Zoning Hearing Board for a special exception. He currently grows fields of peonies and wishes to open the fields to the public for a 10 day period in May of each year. The PC recommended that the Board of Supervisors support the application which will go before the supervisors prior to being heard by the Zoning Hearing Board.

All township residents are welcome to attend Planning Commission meetings which are scheduled for the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 5:30 PM and are held at the township building.

Dennis Smith, Chair

TOWNSHIP SPRING

Electronics Recycling

Current Pennsylvania law bans certain types of electronics (laptops, desktops, monitors, televisions, et al.) from being placed in a landfill with municipal waste. Instead, all such electronics must be recycled in an approved recycling facility.

Municipal trash haulers are banned from mixing these electronic devices with any trash going to a landfill.

Pennsbury consumers may bring electronics to the SECCRA (Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority) landfill and dispose of them in the designated electronics collection area, at no charge. Please note that this is only for individuals that reside in the SECCRA service area and is not permitted to take electronics from non-individual sources.

You will need to notify the attendant at the "drive-thru window" in the scale house that you have electronics.

The landfill is located at 219 Street Rd. West Grove and is open Mon-Fri 7:00 am - 4:00 pm and Sat 8:00 am - noon.

Roadside Cleanup

Saturday, April 27

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.

Restrictions on Open Burning

Pennsbury Township discourages open burning, but if you must the following restrictions apply.

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.

Dumpster

Thursday, April 25 (6:30 am - 2:30 pm)

Friday, April 26 (6:30 am - 2:30 pm)

Saturday, April 27 (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 Twp.)

\$4.00 for each car tire

\$8.00 for each car tire with

CLEANUP EVENTS

2019 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 6

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

Saturday, April 27

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

Saturday May 18

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

Friday, June 21

COATESVILLE LEARNING CENTER
1635 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 7

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

Saturday, October 12

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

FOR A LIST OF ACCEPTED AND NOT ACCEPTED
ITEMS GO TO: www.chestercountyswa.org/Document-Center/View/1475

PLEASE TAKE CARDBOARD BOXES HOME TO
RECYCLE AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING

Branch Pickup

Monday - Friday, April 8-12

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 4
(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.

Historic Commission Report of 2018 Activities

The second historical property review by the Commission occurred in late spring, when new owners of the early 1800's Stephen Webb House submitted plans for an addition and renovations. Stephen Webb was a direct descendant of the first owners of the Webb Farmhouse, the pre Revolutionary 18th century stone building which marks the end of the Meadow Walk at Longwood Gardens. The Webb residence in Pennsbury is important as an example of the increasing prosperity in southeastern Pennsylvania after the Revolution. It is also an early 19th century example of the growing use of brick construction material in rural areas.

The two story Federal style farmhouse will have a 'new' front portico, similar to one shown in an early drawing of the residence before a mid 1900's renovation. An existing curved brick wall will be enclosed to provide room for enlarged kitchen and living space, extending to a new attached garage.

Single wall dormer windows and a side entry door dormer will break the wall enclosure's one story roofline. Replacement and new windows in the addition front façade and main house will replicate existing ones with the same proportioned divided lights. No exterior walls of the main brick structure will be changed, but a 19th century rear stucco addition will be resided with clapboard to match the back of the garage addition.

A third renovation project was submitted to the HC in early summer for a sunporch addition to the pre Revolutionary Peter Harvey House. The two story stone and clapboard National Register property is located on the Battle of Brandywine British supply train route. The residence is one of the best preserved surviving 18th century structures in the Township. However, it did incur damages during the Battle, which were listed in a Depredations' Claim to the Crown after the War, illustrating preservation and conservation have been ongoing commitments in Pennsylvania since the Revolutionary Period.

The proposed one story enclosed space will open the front façade of a two story mid 1900's kitchen and upstairs bedroom clapboard addition, providing a south facing breakfast and sitting area tucked a little behind the front wall of the house's stone 1900's midsection. Drawings show traditional double hung windows with architecturally divided lights of the same size as those in the main house and a standing seam copper roof, often used on historic additions with lower pitched roofs.

In September, new owners of a unique southeastern Pennsylvania two story stone example of early 1900's Colonial Revival architecture presented the last project reviewed by the Commission. Early 20th century deeds show the property was once owned by the Woodward family, whose members had farmland in Kennett and Pennsbury Townships for over two hundred years. Although the original architect is not known, the residence is obviously a creative combination of early Penn Plan and

Trinity designs used during the Colonial period. It is hoped further research will uncover more information on the original structure.

The final plans include a one story addition, which will create new and enlarged living areas along with an attached garage. The design will require replacement of most of an existing late 1900's section built by previous owners, but will not create any new entries through the original stone structure's walls. A sunporch, created in the 1900's addition, will remain.

The Historical Commission has worked this year to accommodate new property owners' objectives as much as possible while encouraging use of the resources' period exterior designs in renovations. New building materials and changing life styles present a continuing challenge with older structures' adaptation for modern use. Commission members appreciate owners' interest in preservation, and are dedicated to helping residents achieve harmonious results with Pennsbury's historic residences. The Commission's goal is preservation of existing resources, while enabling residents to enjoy living in an historic setting.

Lynn Luft, Historical Commission

Sponsored by Pennsbury Land Trust

GREEN LANDSCAPE PRACTICES FOR HOMEOWNERS

**Wednesday,
March 27, 7:00 pm**

Pennsbury Township Building, 702 Baltimore Pike

The speaker is landscape architect Margot Taylor who utilizes her 35+ years of experience in landscape architecture, resource conservation, and environmental education to design/ develop and manage an array of ecological conservation projects.

Taylor's projects use the SITES rating system for creating sustainable and resilient land development. Her presentation will discuss challenges and opportunities met, and look at how homeowners can apply these principals in their own landscapes.

PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY 2019

Board of Supervisors (elected 6 yr term)

Meets 3rd Wednesday
7:00 pm

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Dave Allen, Roadmaster
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Harry McKinney

Township Auditors

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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
5:30 pm

Dennis Smith, Chair
Corinne Murphy, V. Chair
Jeff Streitl, Sec.
Lynn Luft
Jim Ware

SECCRA & Recycling

Will Sappington

Historic Commission

Joan Gummey
Lynn Luft
Eileen Mallouk
Brenda Mendenhall
Susan Williams
Judi Wilson
Russell Drumheller,
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Rt 52 Scenic Byway Committee

Joe Carbonell

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Sallie Corbishley

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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
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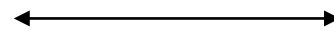
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Pennsbury Township Calendar

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 5:30 pm at the Township Building.

SCHOOL BOARD

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

MARCH

22 Friday, 7 - 9 pm — **Liberty and Libations** Tavern Night at the Chadds Ford Historical Society's Barns-Brinton House Fee. www.chaddsfordhistory.org

27 Wednesday, 7:00 pm — **Green Landscape Practices for Homeowners** Presentation by Margot Taylor at the Township Building. Sponsored by the Pennsbury Land Trust. Everyone is welcome. (see page 6)

APRIL

6 Saturday, 9 am - 3 pm — **Household Hazardous Waste Collection** at the Center for Arts & Technology Pickering Campus (see page 5)

8-12 Monday - Friday — **Branch Pickup** (page 5)

11 Thursday, 7:00 pm — **How to Maintain a Healthy Septic System and Safe Well Water** Annual meeting presentation of the Pennsbury Land Trust. Speaker will be Tom Quinn, Environmental Health Supervisor for the Chester County Health Dept. Sponsored by the Pennsbury Land Trust. Everyone is welcome. (see page 3)

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

25, 26, 27 Thursday, Friday & Saturday — **Dumpster for Township Residents** at the Township Bldg. (hours and info on page 4)

26 Friday, 7:30 pm — **Chanticleer – The Art of Gardening** Presentation by Dan Benarcik in the Wm Penn Room of Crosslands Center. Crosslands' entry is on Route 926, .25 mile east of Route 52N. Sponsored by the Kendal Crossland Arboretum. Everyone is welcome. (see page 2)

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

MAY

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

14 Tuesday — **Last Day to APPLY for an Absentee Ballot for the PRIMARY ELECTION**

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

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