

# PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP NEWS

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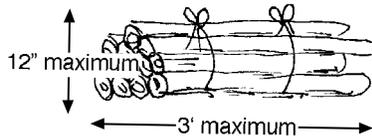
## Branch Pickup

Pick up and chipping of branches will be the week of April 25. The crew will come by only ONCE so be sure to have your branches out early.

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

*Preparation of brush and limbs* (they will not be collected unless they are properly prepared) —

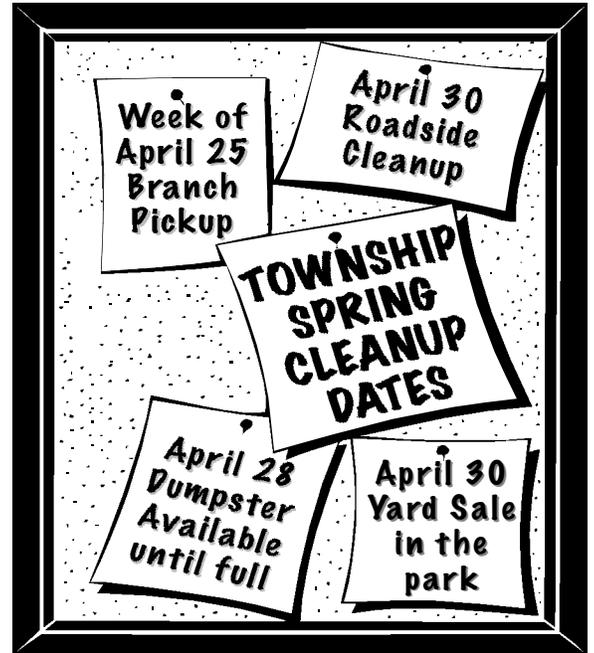
- Brush and limbs must be from your Pennsbury Township property.
- Roots, stumps and limbs with wire and/or nails will NOT be picked up.
- All brush and limbs must be in the right of way.
- Dry, dead brush and tree limbs must be tied in bundles 3' long or less and no greater than 12" in diameter.



- 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.
- Limit of 8 bundles of brush and/or tree limbs and a limit of 10 fresh cut branches per property.

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## Dumtster

A dumpster for disposal of large items will be at the township building from Thursday, April 28 until it is full.

## Yard Sale

Start sorting your unwanted household items for this popular event to be held in the township park on Saturday, April 30. Information will be sent to all residents at a later date.

## Roadside Cleanup

Volunteers are needed to clean up the township roads on Saturday, April 30. Bags and road vests are available from the township, reserve supplies by calling the township office. Bags of trash may be left along the roadside and will be picked up by the road crew.

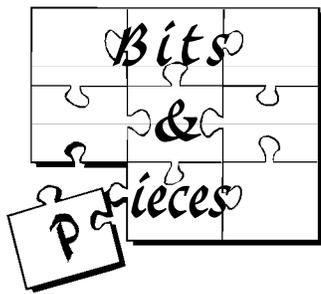
This is a great opportunity for neighbors to get together to enhance our community for everyone to appreciate.

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 Chadds Ford, PA 19317

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 khowley@pennsbury.pa.us

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 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
 Monday - Thursday  
 Kathleen Howley, Twp. Manager

**SUPERVISORS**  
 William Reynolds, Chair  
 MaryAnna Ralph, Vice Chair  
 Karen Wood



## ❖ TOWN CENTER UPDATE

The lawsuit filed by a group of residents has been given to a Perry County judge to preside over since it cannot be heard in Chester County. A hearing date has not been set.

In the meantime, the developers are continuing to get approvals for a "use by right" plan which includes a gas station and a car dealership on the lots bordering the township building. They have applied for a zoning hearing board meeting in order to get approvals for these businesses. The hearing is set for Tuesday, April 12 at 7:30 pm at the township building. The public is invited and we encourage you to attend.

## ❖ PARK ON HOLD

The park facilities project was put out to bid and estimates were received. The job was about to be awarded for completion this year when Brintons Bridge Road was closed. Money was needed for replacing the culvert and had to be diverted

from funds earmarked for the park.

Unfortunately, the township can not get the park completed this year and grant money had to be turned back to the County. The township still has one grant which will expire next year. We hope to reapply to the County and State this year for additional grant monies and rebid the job for next year.

We do have a state grant which allows us to purchase new picnic tables, park benches and trash receptacles. Look for these new items along with two barbecues in the park this spring. There will even be a pet waste disposal system in place for those of you who like to walk your dog.

Among those who have discovered what a wonderful asset our park is are the Boy Scouts, who will be using it for an overnight camping jamboree in May.

## ❖ TAX BILLS

Township tax bills were mailed on March 1st by Berkheimer Associates. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to make sure the bill was received.

## ❖ AUDIT

The township audit is being done by Tim Umbriet, CPA and should be completed

by April 1. A report will be in the next newsletter.

## ❖ CENSUS

The township was notified that some Pennsbury households will receive a survey in the mail from the U.S. Census Bureau. Each month a sample of households will receive the American Community Survey (ACS).

The purpose of this survey is to allow the Census Bureau to conduct a short form-only census in 2010 and to provide socio-economic information every year, rather

than just once a decade. Response is mandatory.

## ❖ SEPTIC SYSTEM REMINDER

Remember to pump and/or inspect your septic system every three years and send notification to the township as required by ordinance.

## ❖ E-MAIL

If you wish to be added to the township email list, send your request to: [khowley@pennsbury.pa.us](mailto:khowley@pennsbury.pa.us).

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE Collection Sites and Dates for 2005 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Bring unwanted hazardous household, automotive, home maintenance, lawn and pest control products to any of the sites on the following dates.



**April 23** Tredyffrin Township Building, Berwyn  
(Computer recycling at this event)

**May 14** Owen J. Roberts High School, Pottstown

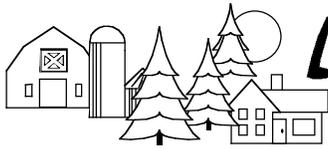
**September 10** New Garden Township Building,  
Landenberg

**October 1** Government Services Center,  
West Chester

(Computer recycling at this event)

**For information:**

call 610-344-6692 or [www.chesco.org/health/hhw.html](http://www.chesco.org/health/hhw.html).



# Land Use

## **PENNSBURY HISTORIC PRESERVATION, INC**

The township is pleased to announce the formation of a non-profit corporation which will focus on the preservation of Pennsbury's historic resources. This new organization, in parallel with the Pennsbury Land Trust, gives the township a comprehensive preservation focus. It will be self-funding, as is the Pennsbury Land Trust.

The formation has been spearheaded by Matt Ochs, Karen Wood and Kathy Howley. It will initially focus on the restoration and operation of the Pennsbury Mill. This small historic treasure is being restored to inspire fourth grade classes and to maintain a cultural heritage. Two local Boy Scouts, Russell Isenberg and Keith Kanera, have earned their eagle badges by working on mill projects.

While the articles of incorporation, by-laws and IRS certifications are complete, efforts are currently underway to staff the Board and identify volunteers with spe-

cific skills needed for the Mill restoration project. Examples include preparation of scientific educational materials on hydraulic generation and use of DC electricity, fundraising, media/publicity, building and grounds maintenance, etc. If you have any of these skills and would like to get involved in this community activity, e-mail Karen Wood at [kmwoodaia@yahoo.com](mailto:kmwoodaia@yahoo.com) or call her at 610-388-3314.

More information on the Pennsbury Mill can be found on the township website, [www.pennsbury.pa.us](http://www.pennsbury.pa.us).

## **OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION UPDATE**

In 2004, the Open Space Review Board completed its study and recommended several properties for preservation. A parcel of 20 acres and residence was placed under easement. Discussions are underway involving another 40 acres.

Open Space tax revenue collected in 2004 was approximately \$275,000 and there were no expenditures from those funds in '04.



## **DRIVEWAY RESURFACING**

In these extremely wet times, storm water problems continue to come up. Some residents who contract to resurface their driveway eliminate the swale/gutter where the driveway meets the road. By paving over the swale and eliminating the gutter, water is diverted onto the road. This water can wind up on other residents property, who then complain to the township about water on their property.

The township is looking into passing an ordinance prohibiting paving over a swale/gutter and requiring a permit for resurfacing of driveways. More on this as we research the issue.

## **BRINTONS BRIDGE ROAD CLOSED**

In late January the culvert over Bennett's Run (near Popson Road) collapsed necessitating closure of Brintons Bridge Road. Traffic has been detoured onto Chandler Road.

As is the practice of the road department, this culvert and others were routinely inspected after major

rains and floods but torrential downpours last year and this year's storm caused water levels to rise higher than expected, covering the structure's base. The deterioration was not easily evident and was not noticed.

The design of the new culvert has been completed and permits from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) are being issued. The job will be put out for bid shortly. The work should be done by June and the road reopened.

Hurricane Jeanne did much damage to our roads. We have recently been notified that Chester County will not have any mitigation money to offer townships. This is contrary to what was originally told to us. The bridge work was NOT included in the budget, therefore, park facility money had to be diverted to cover this expense, which is estimated to be around \$100,000.

## **TRIVIA**

Road crew member James Decker has an awesome collection of miniature to-scale trucks, many of which are on display in the maintenance office.

# Community Safety



## PENNSBURY COMMUNITY OUTREACH NETWORK

The Community Outreach Network, which began as a cooperative effort of emergency management and Townwatch, now has about 30 residents who volunteers call when the township is experiencing power outages, heavy snows, downed trees or flooding. Their needs vary from the elderly living alone to those with specific medical conditions.

I would like to thank those volunteers who are reaching out into the community and making calls.

If you would like to be called or want more information about the Network, call 610-388-2514 or the township at 610-388-7323.

*-Art Bielby*

## SAFETY AND SECURITY QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

Pennsbury residents recently received a questionnaire which sought to identify their level of interest in this area. It outlined a number of subjects in which—if enough people responded—one or more programs might be developed.

Results have been good. To date, 137 responses have been received, with interest running high in driver training and education, identity protection and CPR.

Pennsbury Townwatch's New Ventures Committee, chaired by Mark Girardot, is now developing a program to address these issues. He is joined in this by Harry Roosevelt, Executive Director of the Delaware Safety Council, and Bob Crandell, Chair of Pennsbury Planning Commission.

They will look at workshops, presentations and/or training programs in formulating their approach. Questionnaire respondents will be notified of the outcome of their study.

## PRIMARY ELECTION PRIMER

This year's primary election will be held on May 17. Local elections are held in odd numbered years and your ballot may include candidates for county row offices, judges and justices, school board directors as well as local officials and local election officials.

**REGISTRATION** In order to vote you must be registered. Registration is permanent unless you move, change your name or party. You can register in person at the County Department of Voter Services in West Chester, use a mail-in form available at most post offices, libraries, the township office or online at [www.dos.state.pa.us](http://www.dos.state.pa.us).

**CLOSED PRIMARY** Pennsylvania has a closed primary, which means only voters registered in the Republican or Democratic party may vote for candidates; however, all voters, including those registered with minor parties or an unaffiliated voter may vote on ballot questions.

**CANDIDATES** Township offices on the ballot will be: Supervisor (six year term), Tax collector (four year term), Auditor (six year term), Judge of Elections - one for each precinct (four year term), Inspector of Elections - one majority and one minority for each precinct (four year terms).



**WHERE TO VOTE** Pennsbury has four voting precincts — N1 at Crosslands, N2 at Chadds Ford School, S1 at the township building, and S2 at Hillendale School.

**ABSENTEE VOTING** It is important to plan ahead! A form requesting an absentee ballot is needed from the Department of Voter Services. A ballot will be mailed to you, to be returned by mail.

**QUESTIONS** If you have questions about candidates: Democratic Party of Chester County, A. Wayne Burton, chair, 610-696-5691; Republican Party of Chester County, Joseph Brion, chair, v/ 610-484-7744 (party office v/ 610-696-1842). If you have questions about registration or voting: Chester County Department of Voter Services, 610-344-6410.

# PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY 2005

## **Supervisors**

**(elected 6 yr term)**

*Meet: 1st & 3rd Mondays  
7:30 p.m.*

William Reynolds, Chair  
610-459-9234  
MaryAnna Ralph, V. Chair  
610-388-7044  
Karen Wood  
610-388-3314

## **Township Manager**

Kathleen Howley  
610-388-7323

## **Substitute Secretary**

Lula Mae Sears  
Aleida Diaz

## **Tax Collector**

Berkheimer Associates  
1-866-309-6939

## **Tax Collector (elected 4 yr term)**

Joann Updegrave

## **Code Enforcement Officer**

Russell Drumheller  
610-388-1790

## **Solicitor**

John Spangler  
610-696-2208

## **Township Engineer**

Matthew Houtmann  
610-565-6363

## **Roadcrew**

David Allen, Roadmaster  
610-388-9180  
James Decker  
Jeffrey Miller

## **Constable**

**(elected 6 yr term)**

Harry McKinney

## **Planning Commission**

*Meets: 2nd & 4th Mondays  
7:30 p.m.*

Robert Crandell, Chair  
610-388-7488  
Scott Scottoline, V. Chair  
George Asimos Jr.  
George Beer  
Stephan Bucci  
Michael Lane  
Anthony Sciscione

## **Zoning Hearing Board**

Joseph Carbonell  
James Porter  
Bill Holloway  
Jim Sears, Alternate

## **Township Auditors (elected 6 yr term)**

Adelaide Jones  
Ed Southerling

## **Traffic Safety Committee**

John Fisher  
Barry Levin  
Ginger Mitch  
Michael Soulier

## **Townwatch**

610-388-0785  
Eric Barsamian, Computer  
Help

## **SECCRA & Recycling**

Bill Corbishley

## **Emergency Management**

Art Bielby  
Barbara Camp  
Dick Camp  
Joseph Evans  
Andy Hoopes  
Terri Hoopes  
Ginger Mitch  
Bill Reynolds  
Reese Reynolds  
Cliff Sayre  
Jim Sears  
Bob Updegrave  
Dave Wittman

## **Historical Commission**

Karen Wood, Chair  
610-388-3314

Lou Dickinson  
Rusty Drumheller  
Janet Haldeman  
Susan Hauser  
Barbara Holmes  
Lynn Luft

## **Park Committee**

David Allen, Roadmaster  
George Asimos Jr  
Russell Drumheller, Code  
Enforcement Officer  
Joseph Evans  
Kathleen Howley, Manager  
Joan Stalford  
Bruce Swayze  
Karen Travers  
Richard Ward

## **Open Space Selection**

Lisa Doherty  
Paul Haldeman  
Michael Lane  
Aaron McIntyre  
Lance Oehler

## **Vacancy Board**

John Blankenbaker

## **Newsletter Editor**

Sallie Corbishley

## **Animal Control Officer**

Chester County SPCA  
610-692-6113

## **State Police at Avondale (non emergency)**

610-268-2022

## **To Report Road Kill**

On U.S 1 (PennDot)  
610-436-2091  
All other roads (PA Game  
Commission)  
1-877-877-9470

## **Unionville-Chadds Ford School District Representatives, District C (elected 4 yr term)**

Bruce Swayze  
610-388-2706  
Timotha B. Trigg  
610-388-6220  
Ed Wandersee  
610-388-1380

## **OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS**

### **U.S. Senator**

**Richard Santorum (06)**  
Widener Bldg., 1 South  
Penn Square, Suite 960  
Philadelphia PA 19107  
215-864-6900

### **U.S. Senator**

**Arlen Specter (10)**  
600 Arch Street, Suite 9400  
Philadelphia PA 19106  
215-597-7200

### **U.S. Congressman**

**Joseph Pitts (06)**  
P.O. Box 837  
Unionville PA 19375  
610-444-4581

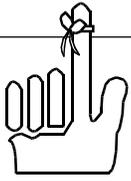
### **State Senator**

**Dominic Pileggi (08)**  
100 Granite Dr., Suite 105  
Media PA 19063  
610-565-9100

### **State Representative**

**Chris Ross (06)**  
P.O. Box 835  
Unionville, PA 19375  
610-925-0555

*Get involved. Become a township volunteer. A variety of committees can use your help.  
Call Kathy Howley at the township office for more information.*



# Pennsbury Township Calendar

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

Supervisors meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Township Building.

The Planning Commission meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Township Building.

### SCHOOL BOARD

The Unionville Chadds Ford School Board meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at Unionville High School at 7:30 pm.

#### MARCH

22 Tuesday, 7:30 pm—  
**Lecture "The Son of Washington, An American Hero",**  
C. F. Historical Society.

24 Thursday, 7 pm—  
**Pennsbury Land Trust Annual Meeting,** Gables Restaurant. State Representative Chris Ross will speak. All welcome.

29 Tuesday, 7 pm—  
**Townwatch Annual Meeting,** Chadds Ford Winery.

#### APRIL

5 Tuesday, 7:30 pm—  
**Lecture "The Wyeths: Pennsylvania's First**

**Family of the Arts",**  
C. F. Historical Society.

9 Saturday, 1 to 4 pm—  
**Appraisal Faire,**  
Pocopson School. Sponsored by Chadds Ford Historical Society. An opportunity to have antiques professionally evaluated.

16 Saturday, 9 am to 3 pm—  
**Pennsbury Land Trust Field Trip to the Susquehanna.** Call 610-388-7323 for reservations. *See Winter Newsletter.*

18 Monday—**Last Day To Register For Primary Election**

19 Tuesday, 7:30 pm—  
**Lecture "The Quaker Meetinghouse: Form, Function and Witness",**  
C. F. Historical Society.

25-29 Monday - Friday—  
**Branch Pickup, See page 1.**

30 Saturday—**Cleanup Day and Yard Sale, See page 1.**

#### MAY

10 Tuesday—**Last Day to apply for an Absentee Ballot**

11 Saturday, 9 am to 3 pm—  
**Household Hazardous Waste Collection,** New Garden Township Building.

17 Tuesday, 7 am to 8 pm—  
**VOTE Primary Election**

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