

# PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP NEWS

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## Changes in Pennsbury Financial Management

During the past six months, the Board of Supervisors, along with our Township Manager and our independent auditor, have made a number of changes in our Township financial management practices.

We want to share these with you — not only to advise you of what we've done, but also to encourage any who hold an interest in this area to pursue it through visiting the Township Building Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Here you can review information in

detail and secure answers to any questions you may have.

In making these changes, we sought multiple objectives:

- Simplicity — Make the financial system easier for all to understand;
- Transparency — Provide clear information to any resident with a question with as much depth as the resident desires;
- Manageability — Enable us to actively and routinely oversee Township revenues and expenses as they relate to detailed annual budgets;

• Traceability — Lay out a clear trail between our operating accounts and their annual audit counterparts.

We are pleased with how well our revised management system has met those objectives.

Fund accounting has been put in place, separating our several *businesses* (Township Operation, Open Space, Capital Reserve, etc.) from one another. This alone, has been a major step toward the first three objectives. Our adoption of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Chart of Ac-

counts met the fourth objective.

A quarterly budget review is held on each separate *business* and the details of that review are posted in the Township Building during the third week of April, July, October and January. In addition, balance sheets for each are furnished to the Supervisors on a monthly basis.

In short, these changes are major and are working well. Ideas or suggestions? Let us know.

*Pennsbury Board of Supervisors*

## FUN FOR ALL AT THE TOWNSHIP YARD SALE on May 6

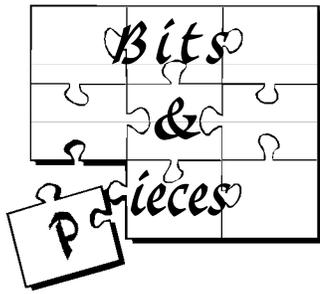


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## ❖ **KNOLL PROJECT UPDATE**

In 2003 the Township launched a major project to improve stormwater control in Chadds Ford Knoll. This is by far the largest improvement project undertaken by the township in recent years and has required a significant allocation of township revenues.

Phase One of the project was completed in 2003 at a cost of \$50,000, Phase Two in 2004 at a cost of \$113,000 and Phase Three in 2005 at a cost of approximately \$100,000.

The new curbs and drains put in place so far have been a significant improvement in controlling stormwater runoff and erosion better than previously.

Phase Four has been postponed and will be undertaken when funding is available.

The Supervisors believe that the improvements to date have been beneficial to the residents and the Township. They hope to be in a position to complete them in the near future.

## ❖ **PENNSBURY VILLAGE UPDATE**

The area around the Township building property has been cleared by the developer. He proposes approximately 97 residential units and some commercial. The Township will be meeting with the County in the near future to go over the proposed plans and various options since park property is involved.

## ❖ **TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

A draft of the updated Comprehensive Plan is available to residents on the Township website and also in the township office. A copy may also be taken home on loan since it is a large document and might take some time to review.

The Township Planning Commission has spent the last two years working on this with our consultant, the Chester County Planning Commission.

A public information meeting was held on April 25 and many residents attended. We urge you to look at this document and make comments because it is the blueprint for the future of our Township.

Please submit your com-

ments by July 1 via the internet or mail. The Supervisors hope to adopt the draft at their July 17 meeting.

## ❖ **SUPERVISORS MEETING**

The Supervisor's July 3 meeting has been cancelled because of the holiday. There will be one meeting for the month, July 17.

## ❖ **HELP NEEDED**

- PAID** — Part time office help for possibly two days a week. Must have computer skills and be familiar with QuickBooks.

- VOLUNTEER** — The Traffic Safety Committee needs members who are interested in our roads and in keeping them safe for everyone.

Contact Kathy Howley at the Township Office if interested in either opportunity.

## ❖ **CUB SCOUT CAMPOREE**

The 4th annual Camporee was held at the Township Park on May 20 for the three Cub Scout packs in the Unionville-Chadds Ford school district.

Almost 200 Scouts and their families came for the activities which included

Ultimate Frisbee, capture the flag, leather crafts, rock wall, tug-of-war, a campfire with games and skits and a visit by an EMS helicopter.

The event is designed for Cub Scouts and their families to represent back yard camping.

Chadds Ford Boy Scout Troop 31 assisted with the activities, parking and campfire skits. More than 130 scouts and family members spent the night.

## ❖ **CONTROLLED BURNING**

Pennsbury does not have a burning ordinance but strongly encourages residents who do an outdoor controlled burn to alert the fire company. The non-emergency number for fire is 610-436-4700 and for state police is 610-268-2022

## ❖ **HONEYBEES ARE ON THE MOVE**

This is the time of year when honeybee colonies are dividing and looking for new homes. A swarm may settle on a tree branch, a bush or the side of a building while waiting for the scout bees to find a suitable spot.

If you find a swarm on your turf and don't want it there, members of the Chester

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## More Bits & Pieces

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County Beekeepers Association are willing to remove the swarm. Time is of the essence for once the swarm has entered its new home, removal is more difficult.

Contact Jeff Bryer at [jeffbryer@comcast.net](mailto:jeffbryer@comcast.net) or 610-696-8448 to find a bee keeper to remove the bees.

## ❖ HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Historical Commission met on Thursday, May 4 with a full agenda. The first topic was the contribution that Commission members have made to the Historic Resources chapter of the new comprehensive plan.

This task dovetails with the Commission's continued efforts to work on the Township's historic resource survey. If you own a home that is 50 years or older and you feel that it has not been photographed for the survey, please contact Kathy Howley or Susan Hauser at 610-388-2308. Identifying the Township's historic resources enables us to analyze Pennsbury's development pattern. The survey cards are discreet and do not include the owner's name.

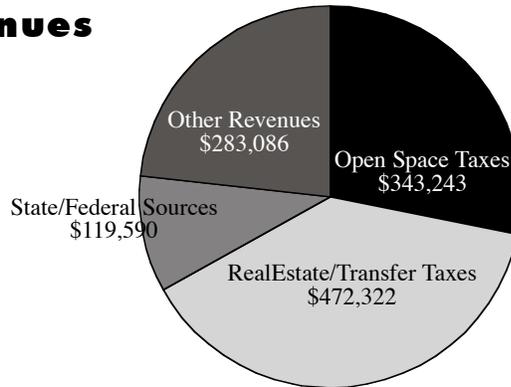
# Audit Report for 2005

PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY, PA

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT (GOVERNMENTAL AND PROPRIETARY FUNDS) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

Net Assets as of 1/1/05 ..... \$ 1,075,037

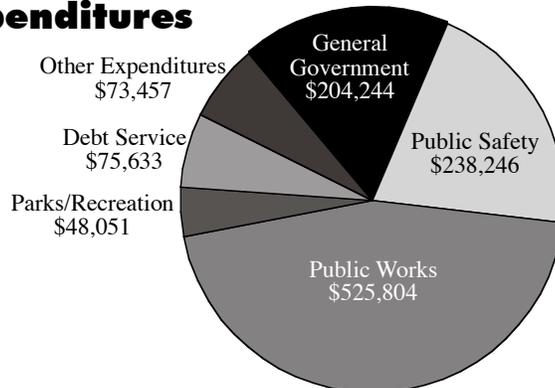
## Revenues



Total Revenues ..... \$1,218,241

*Note: Total Revenues include Open Space Taxes which are held in a separate account and were not used in 2005. On 12/31/05 the total amount held in the Open Space Account was \$619,557.*

## Expenditures



Total Expenditures ..... \$1,165,435

*Note: Total Expenditures exceeded the revenues available to meet them by \$291,151. This deficit was caused by expenditures for Phase 3 of the Chadds Ford Knoll drainage project and replacement of the collapsed bridge on Brintons Bridge Road, and was met out of bank borrowings.*

Net Assets as of 12/31/05 ..... \$1,127,843

Outstanding Debt at 12/31/05 = \$1,156,000

*Note: The outstanding debt at year end bears interest at a variable rate. If interest rates increase, as many commentators expect, Debt Service costs will increase.*

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## ► SUMMER ROAD WORK

- Oil and chip Brintons Bridge Road from Rt. 1 to Popson Road.
- Oil and chip Hickory Hill Road from Rt. 1 to Hillendale Road.
- Oil and chip Cossart Road.
- Put pipe on Chandler Rd.
- Put pipe on Brintons Bridge Road.

## ► ATTENTION KNOLL/ FAIRVILLE ROAD RESIDENTS

The drainage ditch that runs alongside the railroad tracks must remain clear of debris. Some residents have been dumping brush and clippings into this area which will impede the flow of stormwater and lead to flooding. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT ANYTHING IN THAT DITCH.**

## ► KEEP THAT SWALE

Keep in mind that a swale needs to be maintained where your driveway meets the road in order to properly channel stormwater into the gutter and keep it off the road which creates hazards. Please notify the Township if you are planning a repaving project.

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# WE ALL LIVE DOWNSTREAM

## Stormwater, Pollution & You The Connection

In natural areas, stormwater is not a problem. Nature has managed stormwater through the Hydrologic Cycle. Stormwater has been recycled since the dawn of time.

In developed areas, both urbanization and agriculture have altered the Hydrologic Cycle and the natural management of stormwater. People have tried to control stormwater runoff, but in many cases have created greater problems, increasing flooding, erosion and pollution.

Recent legislation has been passed that will require municipalities and developers to install best management practices that will help manage stormwater following the principles of the Hydrologic cycle. Practices will also be implemented that will help decrease non-point source pollution.

Non-point source pollution is all the stuff stormwater picks up as it runs over land to the sewer and eventually the stream. Non-point source pollution includes oil, sediment, nutrients and bacteria from pet waste, chemicals and nutrients from gardens and lawn chemicals, litter, etc.

Following are some ways you can help decrease stormwater runoff and non-point source pollution:

- **USE A RAIN BARREL** to capture and store rain, making it available to water gardens, washing cars, and other activities that you would use your hose for. The collected rainwater is used in place of your utility or well water, therefore reducing costs. The stored rainwater will not contribute to stormwater runoff.
- **PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG** as pet wastes can contribute nutrients and bacteria to our stream. In drinking water areas, the bacteria can form algae which is costly to treat. These costs can be passed on to you.
- **PROPERLY DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE.** Do not dump anything down stormdrains, as they drain directly



into the creek. See dates of household hazardous waste collection in the calendar on page 6.

- **MINIMIZE LAWN CHEMICALS** as stormwater can carry pesticides and herbicides into the stream. Try natural lawn care methods. If using chemicals, make sure to follow directions, and do not apply when the forecast is calling for rain.

- **PUT NOTHING BUT RAIN IN THE DRAIN.** Never put anything into storm sewers, including oil, paint, soap, debris, leaves, etc. Storm sewers do not go to the sewer plant but discharge directly into our streams. You might be pouring oil into your drinking water.

- **PLANT NATIVE TREES AND SHRUBS** along streams. Riparian buffers are the vegetated areas alongside streams. They are an important part of the natural ecosystem and vital to the health of streams and their organisms including fish, plants and other aquatic organisms.

- **WASH YOUR CAR** on an unpaved area and service it regularly to prevent leaks onto paved areas.

- **COMPOST OR RECYCLE LAWN WASTE.** Do not blow grass clippings or leaves into the street. Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down paved areas.

- **USE NONTOXIC, BIODEGRADABLE, RECYCLED OR RECYCLABLE PRODUCTS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.**



## Robbery Alert

There has been a rash of break-ins in Chadds Ford Knoll and the surrounding communities. Remember to keep your home locked and have neighbors keep a look out when you are gone.

## SPECIAL NEEDS NETWORK

Three years ago, Pennsbury's Emergency Management group, with the help of Townwatch volunteers, established a Special Need Network. This was made possible by resident responses to a questionnaire mailed to everyone in early 2003.

Those responses led to providing two important services:

- Families with special needs were given a notation in the County 911 dispatch system, allowing fire or police responders to be aware of those needs if called to the home.
- Persons with special needs, if they requested the Network to do so, were contacted after a weather event to be certain they were okay.

The Network is now being updated through a new questionnaire which all owner residents have received. If you haven't completed it, please do so and return it to the Township building. Extra copies are available there if you need one.

This program is unique to our Township. Please help us continue to help you.



# Recycle It Right



*All acceptable aluminum, metal, glass and plastic may be mixed together.*

### ALUMINUM

**Yes** Aluminum beverage cans

**No** Foil, pie plates, chair legs, aluminum siding

### METAL FOOD CONTAINERS

**Yes** Clean metal food cans

**No** Paint cans, pipe, cylinders  
Any metal which is not a food or beverage can

### GLASS - CLEAR, GREEN, BROWN

**Yes** Glass food containers  
Glass beverage containers

**No** Plate glass, mirrors, Pyrex, light bulbs, head lamps, ceramics. Any glass which is not a food or beverage container

### PLASTIC BOTTLES

**Yes** PETE #1, soda bottles  
HDPE #2, unpigmented jugs  
HDPE #2, pigmented bottles and jugs  
Numbers are usually located on the bottom

**No** Butter tubs, plastic pots, PVC, plastic sheets/bags, polypropylene, buckets  
Anything plastic that does not have a #1 or #2

*These materials should be rinsed and lids removed. Breakage of glass should be minimized. Cans and plastic containers may be crushed.*

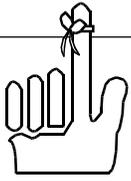
### NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER PAPERS

**Yes** Newspapers (including inserts)  
Magazines, junk mail, catalogs,  
Phone books,  
Flattened cereal boxes without plastic inserts,  
Office paper

**No** Waxed paper, metal reinforced packaging, milk cartons, metal coated papers, plastic coated papers, fiberboard, hard cover books and other heavy materials

Recycle corrugated boxes and high volumes of office paper separately

*Stack and bind with twine or bag in brown paper grocery bags.  
Do not use synthetic cords or metal to bind or plastic bags for packaging.*



# 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.

**NOTE:** There will be no July 3 meeting because of the holiday. The July meeting will be on July 17.

The Planning Commission meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:15 pm at the Township Building. The 4th Tuesday will be optional workshops at the call of the chairman.

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

### ALL SUMMER

Weekends, 1 to 5 pm — **Tours of Historic Barns-Brinton and John Chad Houses.** Chadds Ford Historical Society.

### JUNE

10 Saturday, 1 to 4 pm — **Sensitive Document Shredding.** Sponsored by Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority at their facility, 219 Street Road (Rte. 926 near Rt. 41).

### AUGUST

26 Saturday, 4 to 9:30 pm — **There's No Place Like Home In Pennsbury.** Pennsbury Land Trust's community celebration in the Township Park will have family activities til 7:30 pm and a large screen showing of *The Wizard of OZ* at 7:50 pm.

### SEPTEMBER

9 Saturday, 9 am to 3 pm — **Household Hazardous Waste Collection.** New Garden Township Building, 8934 Gap Newport Rd., Landenberg.

9 & 10 Saturday & Sunday,

10 am to 5 pm — **Chadds Ford Days.** Annual colonial fair sponsored by the Chadds Ford Historical Society on Creek Road. Free

16 Saturday, 1 to 4 pm — **Electronics Recycling.** Sponsored by Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority at their facility, 219 Street Road (Rte. 926 near Rt. 41).

### OCTOBER

7 Saturday, 9 am to 3 pm — **Household Hazardous Waste and Computer Recycling.** Government Services Center, 601 Westtown Road, West Chester.

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