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Unionville-Chadds Ford School District Tax Study Commission Recommendation

The overwhelming consensus of the Commission was that a tax shift was not in the best interest of the Unionville-Chadds Ford School District and implementation of an EIT or PIT was not advisable. It was not the Commission's desire to upset, or in any way interfere with student achievement by substantially altering the district's funding structure. Nor is it the Commission's desire to migrate from a property based taxation system to an income tax based system. After in-depth deliberations, the Commission believes that the School District would be best served by not implementing such a tax shift and retaining the present property tax system. However, since the Board of School Directors is obligated to place a question on the ballot, the Commission recommends the ballot question include a proposal for an EIT at the lowest permissible rate, currently estimated at 1.0%.

The Unionville-Chadds Ford School District would like to thank the following residents for their time and commitment to the process: Bruce B. Yelton, Chairperson, Zack R. Bowen, Vice Chairperson, James C. Romine, Secretary, Mark Berry, Robert M. Kane, Jr., Charles D. Rudershausen, Barbara L. K. Siegel, Edward V. Wandersee, and William D. Wilson.

*Robert Cochran, Director of Business & Operations,
Unionville-Chadds Ford School District*

The following referendum question will appear on the May 15 primary ballot:

"Do you favor your School District imposing a 1.0% earned income tax? The revenue generated from the tax will be used to reduce taxes on qualified owner occupied residential properties by approximately \$989, and on qualified farm buildings by approximately \$989. The school district does not currently have an earned income tax and the current rate in some municipalities is 0.5%".

A non-legal statement explaining the question will appear in local newspapers and will be posted at each polling place the day of election.

The Chester County Tax Assessment Office (610-344-6106) can tell you if your property has been qualified.

All registered voters may vote on the question, even if they are registered as independent.

**TOWNSHIP SPRING
CLEANUP EVENTS
DATES AND INFO ON PAGE 3**



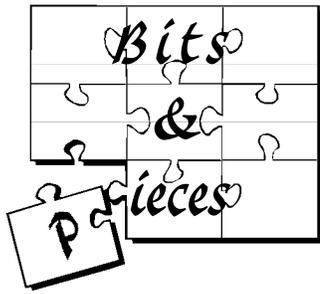
**ROADSIDE CLEANUP
DUMPSTER HOURS
BRANCH PICKUP
YARD SALE**

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❖ COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Chester County is in the process of updating Landscapes, their comprehensive plan. All residents are asked to fill out a survey. Mail back forms are available at the township office or take the survey on-line at www.landscapes2.org. It will take only about five minutes to answer the questions. Your opportunity to participate ends soon, so do it immediately!

❖ 2007 TAXES

Property tax bills for the Township will be mailed March 1. There will be NO tax increase for 2007. Taxes remain at 1.5 mils property tax and .5% earned income tax. There is also a \$52 emergency services tax for all who work in our township. Pennsbury's budget for 2007 can be found on our website at www.pennsbury.pa.us. Any tax questions should be directed to Berkheimer Assoc. at 866-309-6939 or 610-588-0965.

❖ PLANNING COMMISSION TASK

The Township Planning Commission is starting the review and update of the zoning ordinance. This will be a two year process. The Chester County Planning Commission is our consultant. The Township received a county Vision Partnership Grant of \$24,000 and the Township expenses will be \$8,000. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the Township Building.

❖ SUBDIVISION UPDATES

- Hawk's Crest conditional use was approved and they are proceeding with their preliminary plan review. It is on Brintons Bridge Road and Tom Spano is the developer.

- Pennsbury Village continues to be a subject of litigation. In March, 2006, the developer, the Township and various interested parties agreed to a stipulation which would have allowed the development to go forward. That stipulation required cooperation from Chester County (and PA) to agree to use of a portion of the Pennsbury Park. Chester County initially refused to cooperate, but after litigation was instituted by

the developer, the County, the developer and the Township entered into a settlement agreement with the County permitting the contemplated uses of the park. The agreement with the County is now the subject of a new lawsuit filed by a Pennsbury Township resident.

The Township continues to work with the County, the neighbors, the developer, the State and the Pennsbury Land Trust in order to allow the property to be developed, while trying to balance the needs and desires of all interested parties.

❖ MANY THANKS TO RETIRING VOLUNTEERS

The Board of Supervisors would like to acknowledge three volunteers for their service.

- Planning Commission members, Scotty Scottoline and Tony Sciscione, are thanked for their years of dedication and work on that Commission. The amount of volunteer time can be huge and their contribution was greatly appreciated. Replacing them are Barbara Kurowski and Mike Washko. They are both long time residents and look forward to contributing to the planning process.

- Bill Corbishley has been recycling coordinator and Pennsbury's representative on the Board of SECCRA (Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority), our community landfill, for over three years.

He has been a dedicated volunteer both at SECCRA and in promoting recycling.

Steve Eichinger will be replacing Bill as our representative on the Board of SECCRA.

❖ NEW DRIVEWAY RULES

An ordinance is being drafted to require a permit before repaving a driveway. This is to insure proper stormwater management. Please contact Dave Allen, Road Master, at 610-388-9180 before you hire that contractor for repaving. You MUST get a permit and have the work approved by the township.

This ordinance does not include the sealing of a driveway.

❖ NOTE TIME CHANGE

The Planning Commission meetings will begin at 7 pm on Tuesdays instead of 7:15.

TOWNSHIP SPRING CLEANUP EVENTS

BRANCH PICKUP

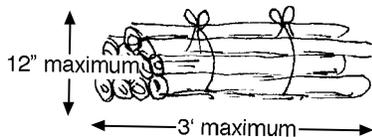
April 30 - May 4

The crew will come by only **ONCE** during the week 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.



YARD SALE

**May 5, 9am-2pm
(Rain Date May 12)**

Start sorting your unwanted household items for this popular event to be held in the Township Park. Look for a separate mailing for information on how to be seller.

DUMPSTER

**Thursday May 10 (5:30am - 3:30pm)
Saturday May 12 (9am to 5pm)
Sunday May 13 (12noon to 4pm)**

This year Pennsbury Township residents **ONLY** will have access to the dumpster and proof of residency may be asked. It will be open to the public during the hours listed above and will be manned by Township personnel.

The following charges will apply (pay by cash or check made out to Pennsbury Township):

\$4.00 for each car tire	\$8.00 for each car tire with a rim
\$10 for each truck tire	\$15 for each truck tire with a rim
\$15 per refrigerator or air conditioner - freon recovery fee	

No hazardous materials will be accepted. Refer to the information on Household Hazardous Waste collection on page 2 or contact the Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority (SECCRA) at 610-869-2452.

ROADSIDE CLEANUP

May 12

Help make our Township beautiful. Volunteers are needed to pickup trash along township roads. Bags and road vests are available, reserve supplies by calling the township office. Bags of trash may be left by the side of the roads and will be picked up by the road crew.

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

2007 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

<p>April 21 - HHW & Computers CAT Pickering Center for Arts and Technology 1580 Charlestown Rd, Phoenixville</p>	<p>September 15 - HHW New Garden Twp Bldg 8934 Gap Newport Rd, Landenberg</p>
<p>May 19 - HHW Owen J. Roberts High School 981 Ridge Road, Pottstown</p>	<p>October 6 - HHW & Computers Government Services Center 601 Westtown Rd, West Chester</p>

The Power of Green — SECCRA Power

On January 30 SECCRA (Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority) started operation of SECCRA Power, Pennsylvania's newest generator of green power.

The facility generates enough electricity to run 500 homes and will sell it on the power grid. Landfill produced gas, mostly methane, which is a byproduct of decomposing waste, runs a 16 cylinder generator. The generator will reduce the need for about 1,200 tons of coal a year.

The sale of electricity and renewable tax credits are expected to pay back the full investment in about seven years and then the income will be used to contain costs for SECCRA customers, which include residents of Pennsbury Township.



William Stullken, Director of SECCRA (left) and Bill Corbishley, SECCRA representative from Pennsbury Twp. stand in front of the new generator just before the switch was thrown and it roared to life.

When your pet goes on the lawn, remember it doesn't just go on the lawn. Rain washes pet waste and bacteria into storm drains which pollutes our waterways. So, what can you do?

- Scoop up pet waste. As long as the droppings are not mixed with litter or other materials, flush it down the toilet. This is best because then a sewage treatment plant or your septic system treats the pet waste.
- Bag your pet's waste and put it in the trashcan.
- Never put pet waste into the storm drain.
- If your community does not regulate pet waste (a scooper law) try to make it a priority of your local governing body.
- Encourage your neighborhood to provide pet waste stations. Check to see if the parks in your neighborhood have them, Pennsbury's Township Park does have them.



For more information: www.chesco.org and www.pa.dep.us

Pennsbury Land Trust 2007 Spring Programs

Family Mason Dixon Trail Hike

Sunday, April 15
2:00 -5:00 pm



Observe migrating birds, early spring wildflowers, and chorusing frogs as we hike the Mason Dixon trail between Chadds Ford and Hillgirt Farm on Cossart Road. Wear sturdy walking shoes for the approximately 3-mile walk at a moderate pace over rough and hilly ground. Meet at the small Industrial Park (by railroad tracks) on Fairville Rd. near Route 1. Optional - Bring a picnic supper to enjoy at the end of the trail. We will supply beverages and shuttle back to your car.

Registration required by April 13, parking space is limited.

Fee payable at time of program: Pennsbury Land Trust members free; \$5 for others.

Nixon Park Wildflower Walks

Thursday, April 11, 6:00 pm
Thursday, May 3, 6:00 pm

Join us for one or both wildflower walks in Anson B. Nixon Park in Kennett Square. Identify lovely natives such as trout lily, spring beauties, jack-in-the-pulpit, and umbrella magnolia. Hear about wildflower folklore, edible and useful native plants. Wear sturdy shoes. Meet at Pennsbury Township Building to carpool the short distance to Kennett Square.

Walks are free but pre registration is required at least 2 days before the program.

To register for any of the above programs call the Township Building at 610-388-7323 or email HYPERLINK "mail to:krntravers@yahoo.com" Give your name(s), phone number, number of people attending, and program(s) for which you are registering.

PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY 2007

Supervisors

(elected 6 yr term)

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

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Karen Wood, V. Chair (09)

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Wendell Fenton (11)

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Township Manager

Kathleen Howley

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Lula Mae Sears

Tax Collector

Berkheimer Associates

1-866-309-6939

Tax Collector

(elected 4 yr term)

Joann Updegrave (09)

Code Enforcement Officer

Russell Drumheller

610-388-1790

Solicitor

John Spangler, Esq.

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 (08)

Planning Commission

Meets: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays
7:00 p.m.

William Holloway, Chair (08)

610-388-2918

Stephen Bucci, V. Chair (08)

Michael Lane, Sec. (10)

George Beer (08)

Robert Crandell (07)

Barbara Kurowski (10)

Mike Washko (10)

Zoning Hearing Board

John Blankenbaker (07)

Joseph Carbonell (09)

James Porter (08)

Jim Sears, Alternate (09)

Township Auditors

(elected 6 yr term)

Donald Altmaier, Chair (11)

Adelaide Jones, Sec. (07)

Ed Southerling (10)

Traffic Safety Committee

Jim Fisher

Frank Schweitzer

Barry Levin

Ginger Mitch

Tom Scattolino

SECCRA & Recycling

Steve Eichinger

Emergency Management

Art Bielby

Barbara Camp

Dick Camp

Ben Detwiler

Charles Ditzel

Joseph Evans

Stephen Lunkins

Ginger Mitch

Jim Sears

Bob Updegrave

Reese Reynolds, Consultant

Historical Commission

Susan Hauser, Chair (08)

610-388-2308

Beth Beck (09)

Barbara Camp (11)

Bob Caputo (committee)

Janet Haldeman (07)

Lynn Luft (committee)

Robert Macdonnell (10)

Tony Sciscione (10)

Karen Wood (09)

Rusty Drumheller, non-voting

Rt 52 Scenic Byway Com.

Eric Miller (10)

Commercial Code Appeals Board

John Blankenbaker (07)

Joseph Carbonell (09)

Lance Oehler (07)

James Porter, Jr (08)

Jim Sears (09)

Vacancy Board

H.G. Haskell, III

Bayard Taylor Library Board

Susan Macdonnell

Newsletter Editor

Sallie Corbishley

Computer Assistant

Eric Barsamian

Financial Assistant

Barbara Biedekapp

Animal Control Officer

Chester County SPCA

610-692-6113

State Police at Avondale

(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 DISTRICT

(elected 4 yr term)

District C

Bruce Swayse

610-388-2706

Timotha B. Trigg

610-388-6220

Ed Wandersee

610-388-1380

ELECTED FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICIALS

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District #158

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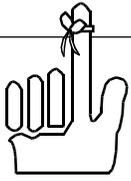
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*Get involved, become a township volunteer. A variety of committees can use your help.
Call the Township office for information.*



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 Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at the Township Building.

On the 4th Tuesdays they will be working on a review and update of the zoning ordinance.

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

MARCH

16,17 Friday 7 - 10 pm, Saturday 10 am - 4 pm — Chadds Ford Art Show at the elementary school.

22 Thursday, 7:30 pm — Pennsbury Land Trust Annual Meeting at the Township Building. The speaker will be Robert Struble, Executive Director of Brandywine Valley Assoc. Dessert will be served. Everyone welcome. RSVP (610-388-7323) is appreciated but not required.

28 Wednesday, 7:30 - 8:30 pm — Townwatch Annual Meeting at Chaddsford

Winery. Speaker is District Attorney, Joseph Carroll. Refreshmentse will be served. Everyone welcome.

APRIL

16 Monday — Last Day to register for the Primary Election.

21 Saturday, 9 am - 3 pm — Household Hazardous Waste & Computer Collection (see page 2)

30 Monday — Branch Pickup Begins (see page 3).

MAY

4 Friday — Branch Pickup Ends.

5 Saturday, 9 am - 2 pm — Yard Sale at Pennsbury Township Park (see page 3)

8 Tuesday — Last day to apply for an absentee ballot for the primary election.

10, 12, 13 Thursday, Saturday, Sunday — Dumpster Available for Residents (see page 3 for info and times)

12 Saturday, 9 am - 2 pm — YARD SALE RAIN DATE.

15 Tuesday, 7 am - 8 pm — PRIMARY ELECTION

18 Friday, 5:30 - 8 pm — Opening of Exhibit "From Revolution to Restoration" at the Chadds Ford Historical Society's Barn on Creek Rd.

19 Saturday, 9 am - 3 pm — Household Hazardous Waste Collection (see page 2)

25, 26 Saturday, Sunday, 1 - 5 pm — Hospitality Days at the John Chad and Barns-Brinton Houses. Free admission, tours and cooking demonstrations.

sara corbishley, editor

