

PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Historic Resources Survey Moves to Next Phase

With the foliage out in full glory, Wise Preservation Planning, our consultant, has put the cameras away and is turning its attention to mapping and classifying Pennsbury's historic resources – nearly 200 of them.

In terms of the historic structures that dot Pennsbury's landscape, there are Pennsylvania farmhouses and farmsteads and clusters of 18th and 19th century buildings in Fairville and Parkersville, once thriving crossroad villages bustling with commercial activity.

However, some of Pennsbury's historic homes carry the names of nationally known architects. In 1927, R. Brognard Okie designed one of his classic Colonial Revival Style homes as a wedding gift for Frances duPont Rust. In a very different vein, there is a Tudor Revival manor tucked away in the Township. Built for Major K. K. V. Casey, the medieval manor was designed in 1929 by Albert Ely Ives, the architect for the H.F. duPont country house at Winterthur. Going "modern," architect Alden Ball Dow designed a house for W. Hale Charch in 1948 that is considered one of the finest American interpretations of the mid-twentieth century International Style.



Above: The Tudor Revival manor house and its Renaissance garden terrace.
Photo by Wise Preservation Planning



Right: Is this in Pennsbury Township? Yes, indeed. It's the Castle Keep rising from the lush landscaping of the manor house.
Photo by Kathy Wandersee



The 18th century fieldstone tenant house and its 18th century looking stucco addition designed by John Milner in 1967.
Photo by Wise Preservation Planning

Back to tradition, our own John Milner's first commission was an addition that he designed for a modest 18th century tenant house in 1967. John Milner began his career as a restoration architect locally and has become nationally and internationally known. But we still can claim him as our own; his firm, John Milner Architects, has its office in Pennsbury.

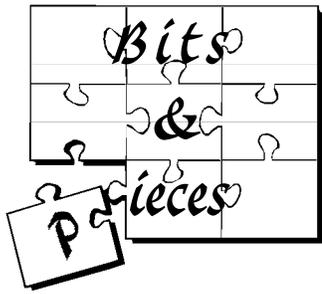
The next phase for the Historical Commission is to research and write the histories of all of the historic resources. If you have information to share, please contact the Pennsbury Township Historical Commission. Call Susan Hauser at 610-388-2308.

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❖ **2008 BUDGET**

The budget for this year is posted on the Township website.

❖ **YARD SALE**

The weather could have been a little nicer but everyone had a great time. Kudos to the committee — Bill Reynolds, Diane Matson, Connie Holland, Sarah Dayton, Jim Sears, Dave Allen and a whole lot more not named here. Everyone looks forward to this event each year and we'll be back, so save all those treasurers for the next great sale.

❖ **COMPOSTING OPPORTUNITY**

The Chester County Recycling Coordinator has notified the Township that there will be free composting bins for distribution in 2009. Several years ago the township held a seminar on the subject and distributed the composting bins to all those who attended.

The township would like to know if residents are again interested in this program. Call or email the township if you would be willing to at-

tend. If there is enough interest, the County will be notified to put Pennsbury on their distribution list for next year.

❖ **SUBDIVISION UPDATES**

The Township Planning Commission continues to work with the County Planning commission on the update of the zoning ordinance which should be concluded by year end.

Parker Preserve – the township is working on an open space management plan and conservation easement document for the 36+ acres owned by the township.

Dewson (3 lot subdivision) – reviewing preliminary plans, no approval yet.

Pennsbury Village – legal challenges continue in the court system.

Sunrise Village – exploring alternate sewage systems. No formal submission of plans.

Fiechter (3 lot subdivision) – reviewing preliminary plans, no approval yet.

❖ **PROTECTING WATER QUALITY**

The effects of your landscaping choices often extend beyond your property. For instance, choosing trees over turf can improve everyone's air and water and reduce flooding..

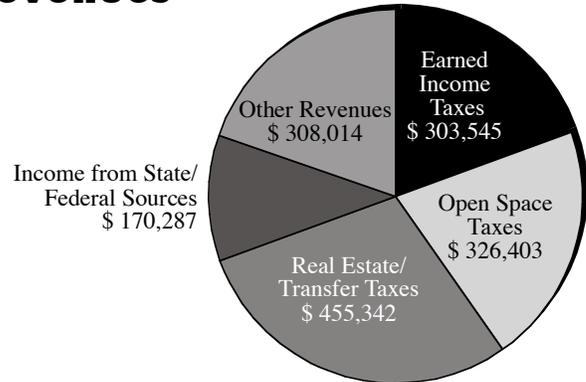
Audit Report for 2007

PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY, PA

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

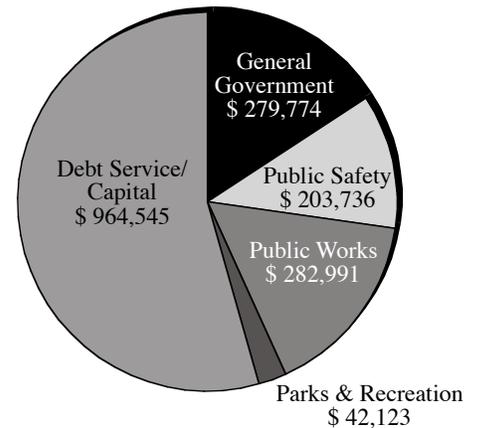
Net Assets as of 1/1/07 \$ 1,258,224

Revenues



Total Revenues \$ 1,563,591

Expenditures



Total Expenditures \$ 1,773,169

Net Assets as of 12/31/07 \$ 1,048,646

Outstanding Debt at 12/31/07 = \$ 774,000

Umbreit, Korengel & Associates, P.C., Certified Public Accountants
714 E. Baltimore Pike, Kennett Square, PA 19348



Catch the Reading Bug This Summer at the Bayard Taylor Library's Program for Children

The big news at the Bayard Taylor Memorial Library is the start of another fun summer reading program, beginning with our kickoff party June 21 at noon at Anson B. Nixon Park. This year's theme is **CATCH THE READING BUG** and there's plenty of time to catch some reading fun with all the library has planned. Children can pick up their T-shirts and packets at the kickoff party or at the library. They are invited to keep track of their reading through the summer to earn book bucks, which they can use to buy great prizes at the end of the summer. The kickoff party will include food, games, face painting and pony rides. Author JoAnn Dawson will be on hand to sign copies of her books in the Lucky Foot Stable series.

The summer lineup includes:

- Tuesday Nights June 24th to August 5th at 6pm -- Movie Night, **Catch the Movie Bug**: movies will include *Bee Movie*, *Antz* and *Bug's Life*.
- Monday June 30th 6 pm, **A Taste of Honey** – is where kids will get a taste of honey when they sample various treats made with honey and do honeybee arts and crafts.
- Thursday July 10th 1 pm, **Creepy Crawlies** – Delaware Museum of Natural History is bringing arthropods from its collection.

- Friday July 18th 2 pm, **Pesky Pets** – Winterthur Museum will show samples of critters they find in their garden.
- Monday July 21st 6 pm, **Bug Soap** – Children will participate in making their own bug soap.
- Wednesday July 23rd 6 pm, Magician Eric Paul will perform his magic according to the summer reading theme.
- Monday July 28th 6 pm, Make your own Bug Jewelry for TEENS. Snacks, music and plenty of jewelry to make with bugs.

Book Clubs:

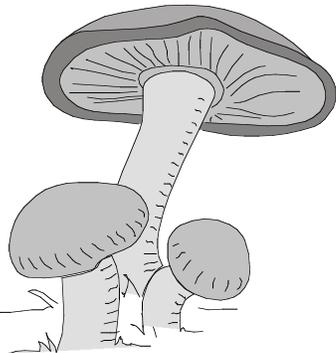
- 1st grade – 4th grade: Tuesdays 2 pm June 24th to August 5th, **Around the World with Myths and Fairy Tales**.
- 4th grade – 6th grade: Mondays 2 pm June 23rd to August 4th, **The Otherworld with Dragons, Wizards and Fairies**.

Also, story times will be held on Fridays at 10:30 for toddlers (ages 2 and 3) and Fridays at 1 p.m for pre-schoolers (ages 4, 5 and 6).

All programs are free, however space is limited and registration is required for some programs. Please call the library at 610-444-2702 for more information.

Join Pennsbury Land Trust for a Wild Mushroom Walk

SIW Vegetables is sponsoring a wild mushroom walk to which Pennsbury Land Trust members and township residents are invited. Wild foods expert, Nathaniel Whitmore, will lead a walk in search of wild mushrooms. He will discuss the identification, preparation, and use of the edible and medicinal mushrooms found. The subject of mushroom poisoning and the identification of poisonous mushrooms will also be covered. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Part of the walk will take place on the Land Trust's Haskell Conservation Easement.



When: Wednesday, October 1 from 4-6 pm

Where: Meet at Hillgirt Farm at the intersection of Cossart Road and Route 100.

Fee: Donations are accepted

To Register: Call the Pennsbury Land Trust at 610-388-7323 and leave your name, phone number, and the number of people you are registering.



Recycle It Right

All acceptable aluminum, metal, glass and plastic may be mixed together. Rinse and remove lids. Breakage of glass should be minimized. Crush cans and plastic containers. **NO PLASTIC BAGS.**

ALUMINUM CANS

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, headlamps, 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

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

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



❖ SUMMER ROAD WORK

Stockford Road, Running Fox Trail, Little Fox Road, Ridgeway Road, Raven Lane, Whitewood Way, Quail Run, Old Baltimore Pike, McFadden Road, Twin Turns Lane, Whitestone and Wedgewood Roads will be resurfaced in July.

❖ RULES OF THE RIGHT OF WAY

- KEEP PLANTS AND TREES OUT OF THE RIGHT OF WAY.
- Hanging limbs from trees or bushes which hinder sight distance should be kept trimmed.
- Blowing grass clippings onto the road is a violation of the vehicle code. They can create dangerous situations and also clog storm drains.

❖ PERMIT NEEDED

If you are going to resurface your driveway, contact Dave Allen at 610-388-9108 for a permit. This does NOT include sealing a driveway.

❖ ROAD RESURFACING

There are various kinds of materials that can be used when it is time to resurface roads.

- **Oil and Chipping** – road-

way is sprayed with emulsified oil and fiber and a layer of 1/2" stone is put on top and rolled. Great winter traction.

- **Pre-Coat Oil and Chipping** – Same as above except the stone is coated with oil before laying on the road. Pre-coat oil and chip cuts down on loose stone and dust. Great winter traction.

- **Ralumac** – A mix of stone dust, cement and emulsified oil are mixed in a truck and laid on roadway, then squeezed or smoothed. Slippery in winter weather. This process is good on a solid road, not one with alligator cracks.

- **Nova Chip** – A thin layer of asphalt open great stone and cement and emulsified oil which is laid down with a special machine.

- **Black Top Paving** – a mix of stones and hot asphalt laid with a paving machine and rolled. Slippery in winter weather.

- **Motor Paving** – Much like black top but more flexible mixture with stone & oil mixed on location and laid with the same machine that mixes the material. Good in winter weather.

- **Cold Recycling in Place** – Existing road is ground up, cement is mixed in and put down again. A top load of new asphalt is then applied.

Weather Emergencies - Hope for the best but prepare for the worst

Weather emergencies are generally minor inconveniences, but sometimes (and it has happened here) they can last for three or four days. Can you live comfortably at home for that long? If not, can you contact family, friend, or hotel -- and can you leave to get there?

A major weather event can make simple tasks difficult if not impossible. The situation may be severe enough to make it necessary to shelter-in-place or in extreme cases evacuation may be necessary. Shelter-in-place means selecting a small, interior room, with no or few windows, and taking refuge there. It also means having some necessary items on hand and available in the event of such an emergency.

Communication - How long will your cell phone last? Does your in-house phone system depend on electricity to work, or do you have an older style direct-wired phone that may still work?

Food and Water - If you can't, or won't leave -- do you have enough nonperishable food and water for at least three

days? That is, foods that can be prepared without heat and at least one gallon of water per person, per day.

Flashlights and extra batteries.

Sanitation - Water to flush toilets? Personal hygiene items and a hand sanitizer are items that are also recommended.

Battery-powered radio or TV (with plenty of batteries) - is the best way to keep track of the event.

Special needs items - medications, items for infants and pets, hearing aid batteries, and a good first aid kit are items that should be readily available.

For more detailed information on emergency preparation, we encourage you to visit the American Red Cross website (use key word search SEPA RED CROSS). This site is an excellent resource and provides some great ideas.

Above all, we urge every family in Pennsbury to recognize that weather related events can cause power outages, and ask residents to be prepared.

Pennsbury Needs You - As a Volunteer

The Township has several committees that are staffed by volunteers. To find new members the Township maintains a file of people that would be willing to serve. If you are interested, please fill out the following and either: **mail to Kathy Howley, Township Manager, 702 Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford, PA 19317; email to khowley@pennsbury.pa.us; or use the volunteer form on Pennsbury's website at www.pennsbury.pa.us**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (H) _____ (W) _____ email: _____

Traffic Safety Committee

Historical Commission

Office Help - help with general filing, answer phone, typing, covering office when manager is out.

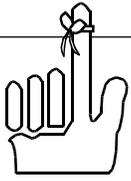
Planning Commission

Open Space Committee

My present occupation is _____

Qualifications that may be of help to the township: _____

Please note: this form will remain on file until notice from you or for a period of two years. (6/08)



Pennsbury Township Calendar

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

Supervisors meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the Harris Room of the Township Building.

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

SCHOOL BOARD

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

ALL SUMMER

Saturday & Sunday, 1 to 5 pm — **Tours of Historic John Chadds and Barns-Brinton Houses.** Costumed guides at both houses and bread baking in the beehive oven. Chadds Ford Historical Society. Fee www.chaddsfordhistory.org

Mon. - Fri., 9 am to 2 pm, Saturday & Sunday, 1 to 5 pm — **The Historic Houses Through Artists' Eyes.** Exhibit celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Historical Society and featuring original interpretations of the John Chadds and Barns-Brinton Houses by Andrew Wyeth and 30 other professional local artists. Chadds Ford Historical Society Barn Visitors Center on Creek Rd. Free (\$2 donation suggested).

JULY

19 Saturday, 1 - 4 pm — **Document Shredding Event.** SECCRA Landfill. 219 Street Road (Rte. 926 near Rte. 41.)

SEPTEMBER

6 Saturday, 1 to 5 pm — **Electronic Recycling.** SECCRA Landfill. 219 Street Road (Rte. 926 near Rte. 41.)

6 & 7 Saturday & Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm — **Chadds Ford Days.** Annual colonial fair sponsored by Chadds Ford Historical Society on Creek Road. Free

6 & 7 Saturday & Sunday, — **Mushroom Festival.** Kennett Square. Free

13 Saturday, 9 am - 3 pm — **Household Hazardous Waste Collection.** New Garden Twp. Bldg. 8934 Gap-Newport Rd., Landenberg

OCTOBER

1 Wednesday, 4 -6 pm — **Wild Mushroom Walk.** Hill Girt Farm *See page 3.*

4 Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm — **Chester County Day.** Features homes in and near Kennett Square. Sponsored by Chester County Hospital. Ticket needed. 610-431-5301, www.cchosp.com.

6 Monday— **Last day to register for November Election.**

11 Saturday, 9 am - 3 pm — **Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Computer Recycling.** Government Services Center, 601 Westtown Rd., West Chester.

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